

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2016

Friday 2nd - Children's
Christmas Party and
family sausage sizzle.

Last day for 2016 will
be Thursday 22nd

December

JANUARY 2017

First day for children
will be Monday 9th

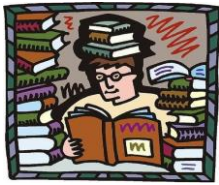
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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2016

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
CLOSURE

**The last day for the children to attend Yarrunga
in 2016 is Thursday 22nd December.**

**The first day of attendance in 2017 is
Monday 9th January**



STAFF STUDY CORNER

The following staff members have completed
courses in November 2016 as listed below: -

ECA Learning Hub Webinars: -

Supporting Child-led Inquire: Terri & Lynette

Reconciliation in Action Part 1: Jodie

Visual Arts & Creativity: Lesley

Education for Sustainability - Lynette

Outdoor Learning - Serena & Lynette

Supporting children's self-regulation Birth - 3
Serena

Other Training

Alpine Early Years - Moving through the 21st
Century: Lynette

Munch & Move Webinar: Claire & Carly





CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & CONCERT FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

From 5.30-7.30pm. Come along and enjoy a family sausage sizzle and get together with our other families. Santa will be coming and there will be activities for the children.



WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK!

How can we make our newsletter better?

What information would you like us to include?

Call us on: (02) 60217597

OR email: admin@yarrunga.com.au

POLICIES BEING REVIEWED

A number of policies and procedures are on display and due to be ratified at the Committee Meeting in January 2017.

Thanks to Vitasoy for donating Rice and Soy Milk to Yarrunga



BEPANTHEN NAPPY RASH CREAM



Yarrunga is a 'nut free' centre. It has come to our attention that the Bepanthen nappy rash cream we have been using contains almond oil, so we are no longer able to use this or the 'Sudocrem'.



QV barrier cream will be used by educators in both the Nursery and Junior Preschool for any children with a sore bottom.

New authorisation forms will be signed by every family at the beginning of 2017.

Please Tell Us!



- **HAVE YOU MOVED HOUSE,**
- **CHANGED JOBS, YOUR PHONE NUMBERS OR YOUR EMAIL?**
- A reminder to families to please update your child's enrolment details if you have moved house or changed jobs in the last 12 months. **It is important for educators to have up to date contact phone numbers for all children in case of emergencies.**
- Please see Claire to check your details or send us an email.

FEES:

All fees must be paid up to the end of the year prior to Wednesday 14th December. No fees will be charged for the period of 23rd December 2016 - 6th January 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: Your next statement will show the balance outstanding for the rest of 2016.

CARE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017

Positions for 2017 are now finalised. Please check at the office to ensure you have the days requested and also if your requirements change please let Claire or Karen know ASAP to enable us to fill any vacant positions.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2017

Executive

PRESIDENT	Kate Chandler
SECRETARY	Claire Sanson
TREASURER	Carly Sheather
VICE PRESIDENT	Kimberley Prigg
VICE SECRETARY	Therese Lum
VICE TREASURER	Emma Ginnivan

General Committee

Damara Ryder
Genna Ritcher
Olivia Clark
Alana Wilson
Sacha Knobel
Callum McNicol
Emma Sargent

RETIRING COMMITTEE FOR 2016

Many thanks to: Justine McCormack
Olivia Howard
Ben Simpson
Kasey Hathaway



Children's Educators for 2017

<u>Nursery/Toddler Room</u>	<u>Junior Preschool</u>	<u>Pre School Room</u>	<u>Floaters</u>
Nicole Owens	Lynette Lascelles	Terri Jones	Carly Grintell
Debbie Stanley	Holly Pronk	Krystine Masterson	Kelly Lowe
Lesley Wood	Emma Murray	Christine Clark	
Sandy Dwyer		Returning – Lisa Parker	

SCHOOL LEAVERS:

Those who are off to school next year have now been for their “Big School” visits, and are excited about moving on. Thanks for a fantastic year and we wish them the best of luck at Primary School.

Farewell to:

Charlie Coulter

Evie Wilson

Maeve Beath

Cayde McCullough

Nikita Farrugia-Amor

Olive Hogan

Tully Hurley

Alicia Garley

Finn Mattner

Scarlett Moon

Charlie Sigtia

Harper Howard

Maebel Wallgate

Kiara Kong

Charlie Dunsmore

Lachlan Simpson

Noah Dallinger

Ella Leonard

Xavier Lambert

Tex Wallen

William Boniface

We also say good bye to some of our preschool families that are leaving Yarrunga at the end of the year and thank them for their support and friendship over the years.



NURSERY NEWS

Hello everyone

We are preparing for the end of the year we will be doing Christmas craft. We have many children starting to do transition visits to the junior room, they will all get to have a turn by the end of the year.

We have been having lots of fun with water and pouring the water on our garden for sustainability.

Can you please remember to name your child's items it makes it easier when we have relief staff in the room.

Please check our lost property for items that you may be missing.

Thanks

Nicole, Kelly, Carly, Holly, Serena and Sandy

nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au



JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Wow it's December! What a lovely and fun filled year of learning we have had together. We have been on many community excursions and had plenty of learning highlights. Thank you to all our families for the continuous input throughout the year. We are all very excited about our concert on Friday the 2nd of December. We have been practising every day and love singing our favourite song of the year. All Individual learning assessments have been completed and books are being finished to present at our Christmas party. We have been busy getting creative for Christmas and are preparing our veranda for a Christmas theme.

Quick reminders: Please ensure your child is wearing sunblock on arrival as educators will reapply every 2 hours. We have also been having plenty of water play to keep so plenty of spares clothes would be great. Please label all belongings. We have a large basket of lost property that will be going to charity.

We look forward to sharing many more learning experiences and building new relationships in the new year. Merry Christmas and Happy New year from all of the Jnr preschool educators. Deb, Chrissy and Lynette.



Thank you Deb, Chrissy and
Lynette
juniorschool@yarrunga.com.au

EDUCATIONAL LEADER & NQS REPORT

QIP Update:

I am pleased to announce that 2016 has demonstrated the dedication and commitment of our team as we continue to improve the quality of our practices using the principles of the National Quality Framework:

- The rights and best interests of the child are paramount
- Children are successful, competent and capable learners
- Equity, inclusion and diversity underpin the framework
- Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are valued
- The role of parents and families is respected and supported
- Best practice is expected in the provision of education and care services

Our drive for change is based on sound evidence that the early years of children's lives are significant for their present and future health, development and wellbeing. Throughout the year all educators have reflected on their own and our centre team professional practice by engaging in ongoing conversations and staff meeting activities during review of the National Quality Standard, and our Quality Improvement Plan which clearly shows how far we have progressed since our last assessment and rating visit in 2013.

We currently have four individual improvement plans in progress which are located at the back of our QIP in the foyer:

- Upgrade of service facilities
- Sensory garden
- Environmental education
- Industry networking

Educational Leader News:

During November we have investigated how we can best provide documentation of children's learning to families following on from our Family Survey in October. We are now in the process of building on your responses and setting goals for 2017, which will be advised early next year.

On behalf of myself and our Yarrunga team, thank you to all of our wonderful families for your input and support throughout the year which has ensured continuous quality improvement.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

Krystine Masterson

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

November has seen lots of 'water play' as the weather has soured. Initially we had many requests for *colour* to be added to our water troughs, which then evolved into *colour mixing* and *sensory exploration*. Educators extended learning with opportunities to explore primary and secondary colours further using experiments and a variety of tactile experiences including coloured goop. As the children have immersed themselves in play and exploration we have noticed their curiosity and desire to find out more constantly growing, and have begun an '*I Wonder*' poster to document and display their questions and research findings.

Our transition to school plan has included stories and activities about starting school and healthy eating "*The Magic Lunchbox*". Children are still able to bring their lunch boxes for the remainder of the year if they wish, and please remember this is entirely up to you with regular lunches still being served each day.

Finally, as we are busily preparing for our end of year celebrations it comes with a little sadness and lots of well wishes that we will be saying goodbye to some of our children and families for the last time. It is always at this time of year, when we reflect on children's progress and how far they have come as we write our end of year assessments that we feel great pride in seeing each and every child mature, which has been possible through the respectful relationships we have built with our wonderful families.

For those families leaving us we wish you well in your future endeavours, and for those returning we look forward to another exciting year full of fun and learning.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year!



Thanks, Terri, Emma, Alana, Belle, & Krystine, Preschool@yarrunga.com.au

A Quick Bite ...

Handy tips for shopping on a budget

- ⇒ Make a meal plan and shopping list...and stick to it.
Avoid the temptation to buy foods not on your list.
- ⇒ Don't shop when you're hungry...shopping on an empty stomach can lead to buying items you don't really need.
- ⇒ Use your eyes...the most expensive items in the supermarket are at eye level. Look up and down and scan every shelf for bargains.
- ⇒ Cook meals from scratch rather than buying pre-made meals.
- ⇒ Grow your own. A vegie garden can provide an abundance of produce for next to nothing.
- ⇒ When buying fruit and vegetables buy in season when they're cheaper and fresher.



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A Quick Bite ...

Fun free games - Stuck in the mud

1. This game is for 4 or more players.
2. Pick someone to be "it."
3. When "it" tags someone, they are stuck in the mud and can't move.
4. To get unstuck, someone else has to crawl through their legs.
5. If a player touches the stuck player's legs when crawling through them, they are stuck too. When everybody's tagged, the game is over.
6. Last person to be tagged is "it" in the next round.



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A Quick Bite ...

Fun free games - Refrigerator Tag

1. This game is for 5 or more players.
2. Pick four objects to be bases and give each base a name:
 - ⇒ "Don't like it,"
 - ⇒ "Love it,"
 - ⇒ "It's OK,"
 - ⇒ "Never tried it."
3. Pick someone to be "IT."
4. "IT" stands in the middle and the players stand on any base they want.
5. "IT" calls out the name of a food. Players then have to run to the base that describes how they feel about that food.
6. "IT" tries to tag a player before he or she reaches the base.
7. The player who is tagged then becomes "IT!"



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A Quick Bite ...

Buying fruit and vege in season

Buying produce in season is a great way to save money. They're fresher, cheaper and taste better. To save money this month look for:

Cabbage	Strawberries
Peas	Cherries
Spring Onions	Lemons
Zucchini	Mandarins
Snow peas	Oranges
Garlic	Plums
Beetroot	



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BACK SOON...

A Merry Christmas to all our families and a Happy and Prosperous New Year and we will see you all on the Monday 9th January 2017 when Yarrunga re-opens.



Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$70 for school-aged children and \$50 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive
or phone 13 13 02

