

DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER 2017

Children's Christmas Party

Thursday 7th - 5.30-7.30

Last Day Children - 21st
December.

JANUARY 2018

First day for children will
be Monday 8th January
2018

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The last day for children to attend
Yarrunga in 2017 is Thursday 21st December.

The first day of attendance in 2018
will be Monday 8th January 2018.

FAREWELL



It is sad to report that at the end of the year we are losing one of our esteemed educator and staff member - Holly Pronk. Holly's empathy and compassion as both an educator and staff member will sadly be missed.

Holly we wish you well in your new adventure and needless to say we will all miss you.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & CONCERT

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2017



From 5.30-7.30pm.

Come along and enjoy a family sausage sizzle and get together with our families.

There will be activities and Santa will make an appearance.

Fees:

A reminder to all families that all fees must be paid up to the end of the year prior to Wednesday 13th December. No fees will be charged for the period of 22nd December 2017 - 5th January 2018.



Congratulations to our Yarrunga Family that has welcomed a new addition to their family: -
Genna, Scott, Isabel & Zoe -
welcome a baby girl Harper

Staff Training Corner

ECA LEARNING HUB:

Marking Quality Visual - Claire, Lisa, Kelly,
Krystine, Emma & Nicole

Acting Ethically - Holly

Duty of Care for Managers & Supervisors - Claire

Visual Arts & Creatively in your Curriculum - Julie

Child Protection - Krystine, Terri, Chrissy,
Nicole & Lynette

Vitasoy
The Soy Experts

it's naturally better.

Thanks to Vitasoy for
donating Rice & Soy Milk to
Yarrunga

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



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.

CARE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018

Positions for 2018 are now finalised, please check with the office to ensure you have the days requested. If your requirements change, please let Claire or Karen know ASAP to enable any vacancies to be filled. If you know anyone who would like a Friday, can you ask them to call.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2018

Executive

PRESIDENT	Kate Chandler
SECRETARY	Therese Lum
TREASURER	Carly Sheather
VICE PRESIDENT	Kimberley Prigg
VICE SECRETARY	Callum McNicol
VICE TREASURER	Mark Harry

General Committee

Genna Richter	Emma Sargent
Claire Sanson	Leah Wiseman
Emma McNicol	Lauren Hanna
Damara Ryder	Melissa Sellwood
Olivia Clark	Emma Kavanagh
	Alana Wilson

RETIRING COMMITTEE FOR 2017

Many thanks to: Emma Ginnivan
Claire Rae



SCHOOL LEAVERS:

Most of the children have already had their "Big School" visits and we wish them well for their next adventure - Primary School.

Baylee Fisher
Aneska Hay
Georgie Whitehead
Williow Elliott
Indi Mitchell
Sasha Laughton
Molly Ginnivan
Thomas Swart
Grace Knobel
Hugo Ross

Madison Kelly
Ella Beanland
Greta Naldrett
Jarvis Tobin
Lucy Wilson
Charlie Platt
Patrick Lum
Mackenzie Scott
Hallie Bosley
Tate Scott

Freya Rae
Lola Miller
Edie Nixon
Ferencz Baranyay
Benjamin Gibbons
Thomas Chandler
Jessica Browne
Bella Sanson
Moss Roseby

Also, there are a number of Yarrunga families that will leave us at the end of the year, thank you for your support and friendship over the years.



Children's Educators for 2018

Nursery/Toddler Room

Nicole Owens
Julie Schilg
Chrissy Clark

Junior Preschool

Emma Murray
Lisa Parker
Kelly Lowe
Terri Jones

Pre-School Room

Debbie Stanley
Lynette Lascelles
Krystine Masterson
Sandy Dwyer

Floaters:- Lesley Wood & Carly Grintell



SAVOURY BAKED BEANS WITH PASTA

Ingredients:

200 grams' wholemeal pasta, 1 grated onion, 1 grated carrot, 1 grated zucchini & 100 grams reduced fat grated cheese

Method:

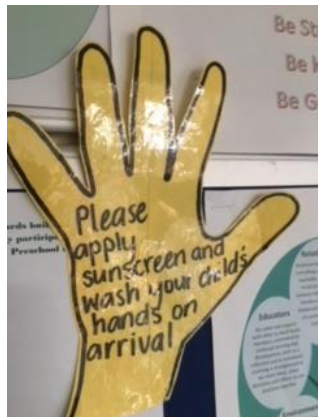
Cook pasta, while pasta is cooking combine other ingredients in a fry pan or large saucepan and bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer gently for 10 minutes, drain cooked pasta

Serve:

Serve bean and vegetable sauce on pasta and sprinkle with grated cheese

POLICIES BEING REVIEWED

The last of our policies to be reviewed for this year are to be ratified at the November Management Meeting are: - Guiding Children's Behaviour, Inclusion, Diversity & Anti-Bias and Electronic Media. Please have a read and comment.



Hand wash and Sunscreen Stations

In each room/verandah you will find a station that will have tissues, sunscreen, gloves, alcohol-based hand rub for your convenience.

Hand hygiene is one very effective way to control the spread of infection. We encourage all parents and children to wash their hands and their children's hands when they arrive at the centre and when they go home, so germs are not taken home with you.

Also wash your hands after applying your child's sunscreen, either at home or when you arrive in the morning. Educators will reapply every 2 hours to protect your children's skin.

Sustainability Newsletter

This last month in cooking the children have made mint honey chocolate chip pancakes, they did not like them to begin with however we added more grated apple and honey and the children requested more when they had run out.

Our garden classes have consisted of planting beetroot, cucumber donated (seeds) from Sasha and grandma. Thankyou. We have planted a drought tolerant garden next to the top yard sandpit. It is growing well. Cared for our citrus trees to better improve our fruit.

In learning classes, we have branched out into the local community to harvest celery and the remainder of the silver beet. We went for a local walk to collect branches, seeds and other nature to add to our bee hotels. We made our bee hotels we had a lot of children participate in this activity all learning how to manipulate drills and use wire cutters with safety. They did an amazing job adding bamboo, pine cones, seeds, cable tying the mesh to the front. Drilling holes. please feel free to come and see what's happening in our garden.



Lynette

NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

Wow! it's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. We are looking forward to our Christmas party on Thursday the 5th December and hope that you are all able to attend. The children in the Nursery/ toddler room have been busy practicing their songs for the concert and are excited to show their families.

The centre purchased some new resources for the nursery / Toddler room. The children have appreciated extending their own play with the big wooden blocks that have multiple purposes. Lots climbing skills are developing on our new indoor gym equipment which has been fun for all including the younger babies. (see photos)

Our older children have been having orientation visits to the junior preschool room and practicing being big children by sleeping on stretchers. There are no cots in the junior preschool room. We are learning to how to drink from a big cup without a lid and to scrape our own plate after meals.

Families can support their children's by

- *Allowing them to sleep without a sleeping bag.
- * Two year olds like to do it for themselves. Try to allow time for them to have a go.
- * Encourage your child to walk into Yarrunga so they feel like a big kid.

We hope you find these few suggestions are helpful.

We would like to wish you all a very Christmas and safe New year.



Deb, Nicole, Lesley, Kelly, Serena and Sandy
nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au

JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

In the last month the children have been working hard to get end of year family gifts ready and learning our songs for the Christmas party.

The educators have been working hard to complete your child/rens end of year assessments and journals to ensure they are ready to send home.

We have attended the Sharing Culture workshop with the pre-schoolers, where the children were educated about different Wiradjuri words and cultural dancing. We also had Nadine from The Family Vet Centre attend to give us a reptile display. The children learnt about different types of reptiles (Lizards, Snakes, Frogs) and how to hold and care for them, and not to share germs between them as they can get very sick, so the children washed their hands between holding each of them.

We have had the fire truck visit the children were very engaged in the learning class. "We need to get down low and go, go, go!! Afterwards the children were able to inspect the fire truck and spray the water cannon hose.

We wish all families a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from the Junior Pre-school room.



Thank you Lynette, Emma and Holly
juniorschool@yarrunga.com.au

EDUCATIONAL LEADER & NQS REPORT

QA4 - Staffing Arrangements:

Shared Leadership Update

After reflecting our trial of 'shared leadership' over recent months' educators have decided to continue this initiative next year. In making this decision we have considered the positive outcomes that shared leadership has created for children, families and educators, and how we have supported each other to overcome small challenges that have arisen along the way. Thank you to families who provided a response to our Parent Survey Last month indicating that you also support the diversity in programming for your child's learning. When room teams are finalised for 2018 there will be some 'fine tuning' to ensure our professional practice meets the needs of each curriculum group.

QA6 - Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities:

Links between engaging with communities and quality education and care

Ensuring that Yarrunga is 'inclusion ready'

Educators are currently reflecting on professional practices that support secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships with each child and family and the organisations within our local community. Our focus is on how these are interrelated and beneficial for the support and wellbeing of all children and families. At our November staff meeting we brainstormed the following questions:

- **How does Yarrunga promote learning experiences interactions and participation to build on children's strengths and encourage involvement?**
- **How will we engage with families in the community who do not currently access ECCC services?**

It was pleasing to hear educators consistently referring to our philosophy in action which demonstrates our stake holder values in this quality area! We now have a number of ideas to explore further and add to our Quality Improvement Plan. If you have any suggestions (particularly relating to the second point) please don't hesitate to speak with Claire, myself or your room educators. Your knowledge and community experience ensures we maintain a focus that is contextual to Yarrunga, our families and community.

Wiradjuri language and culture sessions

Ruth Davys has recommenced her sessions and fortunately is able to alternate her days due to more flexibility in her availability. Now every child can experience this worthwhile learning through face to face interactions with Ruth and follow up curriculum experiences with educators.

Krystine

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

The pre-schoolers have really enjoyed exploring lots of water play during these warmer days. They have been working collaboratively to dig deep holes and channels, and watching the water flow through them. They have also been burying the sandpit equipment, loose parts, themselves or each other - much to their delight and amusement. They also can't wait to get up to the top yard each day to access the water pump! Our recent addition to our room - stick insects, have generated lots of interest. The JPS have also come down to look at them and handle them if they want to.

We attended our last Excursion to Borella House for the year on Monday - many thanks to Barbara and Krystine for providing this wonderful opportunity for both our children and educators, and also to the residents of Borella House.

The children have been working very hard on making and preparing their special Christmas surprises for you - and are very excited about our Christmas Party this Thursday night. We have also been going up to the top yard and practicing our Concert songs on the deck as a group each day.

Lynette organised Albury 203, Mate Street Fire Brigade to come to Yarrunga on Wednesday, November 15th. The children learnt key fire safety messages and also had an opportunity to get in the fire truck, and have a turn spraying the fire hose - they even cleaned Claire's car for her, with her in it! Krystine has made a display of the day's events on our Preschool Curriculum noticeboard.

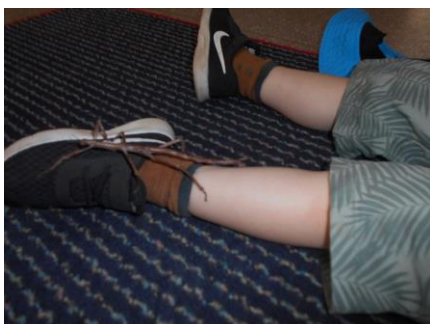
Clancy's Mum Nadine Miller from the Family Vet Centre also visited us and the JPS last Friday along with some scaly friends - she brought several different lizards, a snake and frogs to show us. Nadine told us all about each animal and how to care for them, then we had a touch if we wanted to.

The JPS children that will be moving up next year have all had an opportunity to have a Transition Day in the 3-5 Preschool room.

Many thanks to the families with children attending school next year in providing a lunchbox over the last two weeks - the children have enjoyed this experience and are now very confident with this process.

Merry Christmas to you all!

We wish all of the children leaving Yarrunga for 'big' school or preschool next year our best wishes - we will miss you! And we look forward to another great year with those children that will be returning, and our new 3-5 Preschool children.



Terri, Krystine & Chrissy
Preschool@yarrunga.com.au

A Quick Bite ...

What are ... Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS)?

Are Fundamental Movement Skills a skill in the sense that they need to be taught and ultimately 'mastered'? The short answer is 'yes'. Being skilled in certain movements can help children in many ways.

Fundamental Movement Skills are developed over time and, if taught correctly, can help children gain confidence in many sports and leisure activities. This impacts on social skills, acceptance, self-confidence and motivation for children to follow a healthy journey throughout their lives.

There are 13 different Fundamental Movement Skills such as overarm throwing, running, catching, jumping and leaping.

Through the Munch & Move and Live Life Well @ School programs children are given the chance to learn and practise these skills at their age level.

For more information visit

www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/health-promotion-1

Live Life Well
@ School



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District



A Quick Bite ...

We are a breastfeeding friendly centre

You can breastfeed anywhere that suits you and your baby and this of course includes our centre. Your rights to do this are protected by law.

One of the key messages of our Munch & Move program is to "Encourage and Support Breastfeeding". It is also one of the recommendations in the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.

We support not only your right to breastfeed on the premises, but also to express your milk for baby to have through the day. We will provide you with a welcoming atmosphere and the support of our trained staff.

If you need any information about breastfeeding your baby at the centre or leaving your expressed breast milk with us, please contact the centre director.

For more information visit

www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/health-promotion-1

Live Life Well
@ School



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District




Breastfeeding welcome here



Australian Breastfeeding Association
www.breastfeeding.asn.au

The Resource Levy that our families paid at the beginning of the year has been used to purchase some wonderful resources for the children to use in the different rooms.





SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM
JANUARY 2018

☒ Life skill ☒ Fun
☒ Water awareness ☒ Safe


The Office of Sport delivers Royal Life Saving Society's national Swim and Survive program in regional areas of NSW where limited learn to swim opportunities exist.

Lessons cater for children aged 18 months to 12 years and provide everything from water awareness through to developing strokes and endurance. Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for nine consecutive week days.

Prices for nine lessons are \$72 for school aged children and \$51 for pre-schoolers (prices exclude pool entry).

Learn to Swim

More Information
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive | 13 13 02
fb.com/DOSSwimandsurvive




WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH
ALL OUR FAMILIES A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR.
THE CENTRE WILL RE-OPEN
ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY
2018

