

# Yarrunga EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2019

### DATES FOR THE DIARY FEBRUARY 2019

Management Committee  
Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February @ 7.30pm

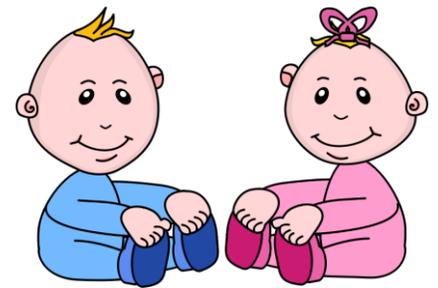
### Fee Increase:

Yarrunga's daily fees will increase to \$92 per day from the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**PHONES** - We have had our phones diverted from Yarrunga to City Central Church but we are experiencing some Difficulty in families not being able to reach us on the Phone. Please try these numbers 0417 915 106

0418 247 037

Congratulations to our Yarrunga Family that has welcomed a new addition to their family: - Jennifer, Matthew, Angus and Eleanor who welcomed a little girl Natalie Ruth, Bruce and Toby welcomed a little boy



## Project Update

Wow, we made it to City Central Church to start the year. We received our new Service Approval from the Department of Education and Communities on Thursday 20/12/18 and our Certificate of Occupancy from Albury City Council on Thursday 03/01/2019. Cutting it fine, but staff were able to have a set up day on the Friday and we were all ready for our start on Monday 7/01/19. Work has begun at our old Yarrunga and hopefully the builders will have our renovations complete by the middle of the year.

CityCentral  
Church

Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram



## Children's Educators for 2019

### Nursery/Toddler Room

Nicole Owens

Lesley Wood

Emma Murray

Serena Woods

### Junior Preschool

Terri Jones

Chrissy Clark

Belle Lowe

Molly Millington

### Pre-School Room

Debbie Stanley (feb)

Lynette Lascelles

Krystine Masterson

Natt Kramer

**Floaters:-** Julie Schilg & Carly Grintell

### CHILDREN'S T-SHIRTS

If you would like to order a t-shirt or shirts for your child/ren, order forms will be available in the office - \$12.00 each

Please see Claire, Lisa or Karen



### NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

We are all getting used to our new surroundings. We have had a great start so far, our new children are settling in and we are getting to know new routines. We started off having meals out near the kitchen but found the moving back and forth too unsettling for our little ones. Last week we have been eating in our room with plastic mats and we are all a lot more settled.

We are happy with everything so far and communicating well to solve anything that becomes a small issue.

Nicole, Emma, Serena and Lesley  
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## PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

This new space, that we have so graciously been allowed to 'live' in while our old Yarrunga is being renovated, is fantastic for catering to our daily needs.

Our room is the coolest, so we are having lots of visitors from the other two rooms and comments from adults about, 'Oh, this room is so lovely!' We've had the Junior Pre-schoolers come over if they're early to wake up or don't sleep, and the Nursery/Toddler group has come in for a music session with us as well.

The room set up works brilliantly for us as a home-away-from-home, with plenty of open shelving allowing the children autonomy and being able to see what activities/resources we have available to them.

When utilising the outdoor space, the mixing of the age groups has allowed us to see how caring and nurturing the preschool children can be, especially towards the younger babies. It gives opportunities for peer scaffolding that otherwise might not happen as we generally separate the yards.

**Krystine, Natt and Lisa.**

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## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have all had input into reviewing our key documentation before distributing it to families - Welcome Letter and 'Voices from Home'. This week we have been looking at our 'Long Term Goals for Children's Learning', and 'Teaching Strategies and Goals'.

On our 'set-up day' we discussed and decided upon our Primary care groups, particularly in relation to the children that will be with Molly/Belle - we had to take into consideration they will be taking some children to the Nursery each day (once our numbers exceed 10 due to regulatory requirements for space per child). Still working out how it will all go with both Nursery and JPS educators.

We are really pleased with our room set-up, having more space than we thought we would have. We can set up beds without having to move much furniture, and also have play spaces available to those children who do not sleep.

It has been very busy during 'family grouping' in the Preschool room each morning, and feedback from families was that it was also very loud, so we have been trialling separating before this happens, and moving our children back to the JPS room if possible, within our current Roster. We have found it easier to transition the JPS children in small groups throughout the day rather than as a whole. This week we will also start our first 'Fortnightly Group Plan'. We have gone through the new format together, documenting our ideas for the first week of care in our room diary using the headings provided.

With Chrissy transitioning from the nursery/toddler room to the Junior Preschool room has come a smooth transition for all the children who have moved up with me. This strategy has given the children a familiar face and someone who has already established relationships with them. Children have settled incredibly well, getting used to new educators. Overall a great start to the year.

**Terri, Chrissy, Molly and Belle**

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