



## JULY NEWSLETTER 2019

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 2019

Management Committee  
Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
July @ 7.30pm

### Staff update:

As from this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Jungeun Park will be replacing Carly Grintell who is dropping a day in preparation for her Parental Leave.

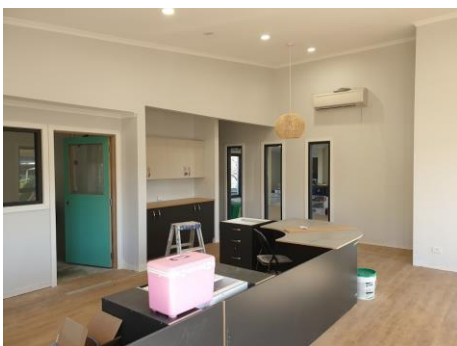
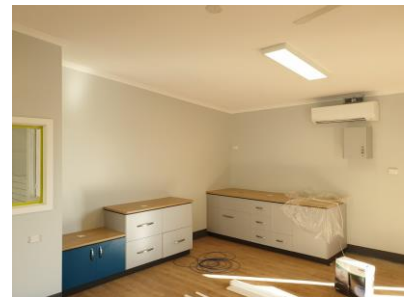
Carly will be going on Parental Leave from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Jungeun will cover Carly's three days from that date.

**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 or 0418 247 037.

## Project Update

If you have taken a drive down Woodstock Ct recently,  
It is getting close.

At our recent site meeting the builder informed us that the inside works will be complete by 12<sup>th</sup> July and then we just need to have the disability ramp and decks etc completed in the following 2 weeks. So if all goes to plan we hope to be moving back early August.



Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram



### CHILDREN'S T-SHIRTS & JUMPERS

If you would like to order a t-shirt or shirts or jumpers for your child/ren, order forms will be available in the office - Shirts \$12.00, Jumpers \$25 each

Please see Claire, Lisa or Karen



### **RECIPE** *of the* **MONTH**

#### Tomato Soup with Croutons

**Ingredients:** 60g butter, 30g chopped bacon, 1 large diced onion, 2 medium diced carrots,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup plain flour, 60g tomato paste, 4 cups fresh stock or canned consommé, 1 bouquet garni, salt & pepper,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup fresh cream, cut parsley & fried croutons.

**Method:** Sauté butter, onion, bacon and carrots in large saucepan for 4 minutes. Stir in flour and cook 1 minute, blend in tomato paste and hot stock, bring to boil, add bouquet garni and season lightly, simmer covered for 20 minutes. Remove garni and puree soup, correct seasonings, stir in cream and sprinkle with cut parsley.

**Croutons:** 1 cup 1cm bread cubes and 1 cup cooking oil Method - heat oil in frying pan, add bread cubes, toss and cook until golden.

***Reminder: Keep your family healthier this winter***



Did you know the flu shot is free for children from 6 months to under 5 years old?

Colder days and chilly nights have set in and flu season is here. A flu shot is the best prevention, but don't forget there are some simple steps to keep you and your family healthier this winter and stop the spread of flu.

Wash your hands frequently. Talk to your doctor or health worker for more information, or visit [health.nsw.gov.au/flu](http://health.nsw.gov.au/flu)

Dear families,

As you would be aware, we are getting ready to return to Yarrunga - yah. With this brings packing up of Albury City Central Church, if anyone has any packing boxes, we could use could they please drop them off to us.



## NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

It's hard to believe that another month has passed and that we are already in July, we have been fortunate with the weather which has enabled us to get out more and explore the big equipment in the yard as well as getting out and about in our community. Last week we went for a walk around the block and attracted lots of attention from members of the public. We called in to the local pet shop who allowed us



to look at the many varieties of tropical fish and their two big parrots. The children were very impressed at their many bright colours.

We have introduced Duplo to our curriculum as an extension of our block area to challenge fine motor, hand eye co ordination and problem solving.



Our half yearly summaries are now complete and have been emailed to families. Family feedback is appreciated, we will set a time soon for parent teacher meetings to set goals for the children. Some of our children are going to transition to the junior room and will begin having visits this week in preparation for their new room.



Nicole, Emma, Serena and Lesley  
[nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au)



### Children Drop-off and Pick-up

Please remember to drive carefully and slowly as children and Educators must cross the driveway to access the playground.



## PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

It was sad to farewell Blake our CSU Student last week. The children have really enjoyed the experiences he created out of their interests and strengths, particularly role play our home corner with school uniforms and writing props. Blake also created a school bus with the children which not only expanded this theme but extended road safety awareness with stop and go signs and a pedestrian crossing. Many of you will also be aware that Blake's ball skill practice has been a big hit with the Intentional Teaching of Fundamental Movements and excursions to the local park. The children are continuing to challenge each other with team sports, and we have even noticed them transferring their understandings of broader community sports in their play such as shepherding safely and consulting on the creation of teams!

Excursions to Wonga Wetlands and our local Woolworths supermarket for the Kids Discovery Tour were both hugely successful. At Wonga we participated in a variety of environmental activities including revegetation around the Wiradjuri campsite, bug and bird spotting with binoculars, exploring invertebrates from the waterways and viewing nature through microscopes using computers. The B.B.Q. lunch and bus ride are always favorites!



The Woolworths Discovery Tour provided a wonderful opportunity for us to learn where our fresh food comes from, how it is stored and how to be sustainably responsible with our waste. We finished with a fresh fruit tasting and plan to follow up at Yarrunga with food preparation experiences that include the importance of including a 'rainbow' of fruit and vegetables in our diet every day. Last Wednesday we made pumpkin soup for lunch after a suggestion from Frankie. Delicious!!!



Next week we will be incorporating NAIDOC Week experiences into our curriculum to build awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories. There are some major community celebrations planned, however the majority of these are on the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> July so we are limited with community outings but will keep you posted with experiences at Yarrunga.

As always thank you for your ongoing input into children's play and learning. Toys from home are no longer taking precedence over books which we love to read throughout the day. Clothing has also been effective in warding off the winter cold as we play outside and participate in excursions.

Thankyou Preschool Team,

**Krystine, Natt, Netty and Deb.**

**[preschool@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:preschool@yarrunga.com.au)**

## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have reached the halfway mark of the year and are eagerly awaiting to "go to new Runga" as one of the children told us they wanted to do the other day.

We welcome our new families to Yarrunga, as well as some additional children to the JPS room who have transitioned from the Nursery. We also prepare to farewell some of our older JPS children as they move up to the 3-5 Preschool room.

As of next week, Belle will be heading up north for a fortnight on a well-earned break to the warmer weather of the Gold Coast. We will have our JPS July **Parent Educator Meetings** towards the end of this month once Belle returns from Leave. We will email you with further details closer to this time.

Molly has been doing lots of **Cooking** with the children on her days at Yarrunga (Monday & Tuesday), making new **Playdough** at the children's request, and **Scones** to share for Afternoon Tea. This week Terri also brought in her **Apple Slinky** machine-the children have been fascinated



to watch as it peels, cores and cuts their very own whole apple for Afternoon Tea. Belle has been implementing some of her recent training with the children by experimenting with objects that **dissolve in Water**. Chrissy also made a **Dinosaur Factsheet** as a follow-up to the children's ongoing interest. These experiences provide many and varied opportunities for our JPS group to explore **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths,)** and you will see this learning documented in children's **Individual Learning Journals (ILJ)**.



We continue to provide opportunities for the children to learn and practice **self-help skills**. Given the time of the year, we have relocated our little green bin, a tissue box and hand-held mirrors to our low wooden table so that the children can practice wiping their own noses and disposing of their tissue in the bin. We have also been promoting cough and sneeze etiquette.

Last week we took another group of mainly younger children to the **Library for Story Time**-and borrowed some more books for educators to read at **Group Time**, or for children to read themselves during **Small Group Intentional Teaching** time. We also loved meeting **Buttercup** the miniature pony, and giving her an 'instant makeover' with ribbons, face paint and sequins-many thanks to Tana, Donald and Mabel in our 3-5 Preschool group for coming for a visit to Yarrunga.



It is not too late to send in your **Family Photo** for us to add to our display-the children love looking at all the photos throughout the day and pointing out their family members to educators and peers. If you would prefer, you can email your photo to us we can print it. Our JPS email address is: [JuniorPreschool@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:JuniorPreschool@yarrunga.com.au)



**Terri, Chrissy, Molly and Belle**  
[juniorschool@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:juniorschool@yarrunga.com.au)

## Educational Leader Report

This month we continue to look at Environments, both indoor and outdoor, in preparation for our move back to Woodstock Ct. We have reflected on how we:

- Involve children in planning, setting up and modifying the environment.
- Plan to use the physical space to support the children in building relationships.
- Arrange indoor and outdoor environments to support children's access to materials and equipment.
- Ensure environments are inviting for children, while still providing opportunities for self selection and multiple uses of equipment.

**If any families have feedback or ideas for improvement regarding the above points, we would love to incorporate your perspectives. Please email your feedback to [admin@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:admin@yarrunga.com.au) or your child's room email.**

All educators have been working hard to complete mid-year summaries for each child. These outline the progress your child has made throughout the first half of this year and help to facilitate future goal setting collaboratively between educators, children and families.

Once you have received your child's summary, you will be offered a mid-year parent educator meeting which provides an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their primary educator.

Lisa

## NO FOOD FROM HOME!



A reminder that we have children attending Yarrunga with severe allergies to egg, dairy, nut and sesame. Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We want to do our best to keep those at risk safe.

Please refrain from bringing food from home.

If you are bringing treats to share for your child's birthday please check with room educators for allergies prior.

If parent have any concerns or complaints, please follow the attached Grievance Policy

## **Grievance Policy**

### **1 Informal Resolution of Grievances**

Initially any grievance raised will be approached in an informal manner. (Informal Procedure for Resolution of Grievance). If required, an appointment time with the Centre Director and/or President of the Management Committee Kathryn Chandler (phone 0457 717 624) to discuss the grievance can be arranged.

### **2 Formal Resolution of Grievances**

2.1 In the event informal processes are unable to be used or informal processes fail to achieve a satisfactory outcome for any of the parties involved in the grievance, the formal process will then be used. Determining whether the grievance will be handled formally is at the discretion of the Director/President of Management Committee based on feedback from the concerned parties at the conclusion of the informal stage (Formal Procedure for Resolution of Grievance).

2.2 **When a formal resolution of grievance is pursued, all interactions must be documented by the Director (Complaint form), signed (by Director and or parties involved), and a copy given to each party concerned.**

2.3 Any allegation that the safety, health or wellbeing of a child has been compromised, or relating to a staff member, the details of action taken in response to a complaint will be recorded and kept in a confidential place.

### **3 Regulatory Authority – ACECQA**

3.1 The Nominated Supervisor or Certified Supervisor will notify (within 24 hours of the complaint being made) ACECQA of a complaint that alleges

- a serious incident has occurred or is occurring while a child is being educated and cared for by Yarrunga.
- the National Law and/or National Regulations have been contravened.

The required Forms to be completed are;

**Notification of Complaints and Incidents (Other than serious Incidents)** as required by the Education & Care Services National Regulations – through the National Quality Agenda IT System (NQA IT System). Log in to access the portal.

A scanned copy of the written complaint will be uploaded prior to submitting the form electronically.



