



## JUNE NEWSLETTER 2019

### Project Update

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY JUNE 2019

Queen's Birthday Long  
Weekend Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
- Yarrunga will be closed

Management Committee  
Meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
May @ 7.30pm

Well it is going to happen but when will be the question?? The fit out of the internal is due to be completed in the next couple of weeks but we are required to have a disability ramp which we are hoping to complete prior to moving back. The outside yard needs lots of work and we are hoping that it will all be completed by the end of July.

We will move back and settle in prior to having an open morning in September where you will be able to bring through families and friends.

- Keep an eye on our Facebook page for a survey/poll regarding what families would like Yarrunga's environment to look like.

#### New flooring in all areas



#### New decking connecting all rooms



Shared Directors Position - at the May Management Committee meeting it was passed that from the 1<sup>st</sup> July Claire and Lisa will share the Director's roll.

### CHILDREN'S T-SHIRTS & JUMPERS

If you would like to order a long sleeve t-shirt, shirts or jumpers for your child/ren, order forms will be available in the office - Long sleeve Shirts \$15.00, Jumpers \$25 each

Please see Claire, Lisa or Karen



Congratulations to our Yarrunga families that have welcomed new additions to their families: -

Carlitta, Heath and William on the arrival of their baby girl and sister - Zoe

Ciara, Matthew and Florence on the arrival of the baby boy and brother - Fionn

### Spaghetti with Chicken Bolognaise Sauce



Ingredients - 250g Chicken mince, 1 small zucchini grated, 1 small carrot grated, 2 cups sliced mushrooms, 550g pasta sauce, 300g spaghetti &  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup grated parmesan cheese

Method - Brown chicken mince in a little oil, add vegetables and sauté for a few minutes.

Stir in pasta sauce and simmer gently for 20 minutes. Cook spaghetti in boiling salted water. Combine sauce with cooked spaghetti and sprinkle with parmesan cheese

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.

## NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS



We had a fantastic excursion to the Children's Park at the Albury Botanical Gardens on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. Despite the cold and wet weather, we rugged up and made our way down there. The children were fascinated by the dinosaurs and enjoyed exploring all the parks play spaces. We made a book of our excursion for the children to re-visit each day. A couple of the children are even wanting to go back for a play. Thank you to Emily and Chris for coming along with us and to

Carly and Rachael for loaning us prams for the day.

Now the weather is getting colder we would like you to pack extra warm clothing so we can still take the children outside for a play. Please remember to label all clothing as we take layers off during the day and the children do have access to the bags.

Please remember to pack a drink bottle filled with water and place it in the drink bottle basket when you arrive. Even though the weather is turning cold the children still need to keep their fluids up especially with the heating on.



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### 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

This month has seen the cold change come in. Brrr please ensure coats/jackets are provided, beanies and gumboots are also a great idea as we go out in all weather. It is beneficial for our health and learning to be outside. It allows us to participate in big movement, risk taking and learning.

Blake has been with us for the past week, he is from CSU, completing a practical element from his studies. The children have taken a real shine to having him in the preschool group and have enjoyed new experiences implemented by Blake, such as the school bus and School house.

We have upcoming excursions to Wonga Wetlands and our local Woolworths supermarket. This supports community learning and Reconciliation week, Grounded in truth. Our annual trip to Wonga Wetlands will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 10.45am to 1.45pm with a b-b-q lunch and lots of hands on activities with John the wetlands supervisor. We would love some parent helpers and if you have some free time next Thursday please let educators know. Siblings are welcome. The Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Discovery tour is organized for the following Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June and will introduce students to a variety of fresh fruit and veg with a tasting platter and activities we can include back at Yarrunga.



Big interests this month were sensory play, creating dough and soap slime, Lego challenges and inquiry into how planes work and how to draw tutorials. Storytelling and recall has developed as we retell rhyme and song with finger puppets. The Enormous Turnip was introduced as a follow up to our Community Garden project and has been particularly popular. Outside there has been great interest in ball play such as soccer with the introduction of a reflex activity using a ball on a string, along with Blake's intentional teaching of kicking skills.



We explored the theme of National Reconciliation Week 2019 by examining this year's poster and the meanings behind the images. Children's thoughts were documented with 'Peace' 'Caring' 'Sharing' and 'Truth' being at the forefront of their comments.

Please remember any additions / comments you would like to include in our learning cycle are always welcome. Our fortnightly plan is located on the bench.

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

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## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hello Families,

Wow! It's June already, isn't the time flying?!

In May we have been exploring friendships and collaborative play, playing games together with a sense of purpose and common goal. We have been discussing using our kind words and what it means to be a friend, this month we will be continuing this.

During Reconciliation week we explored Aboriginal Peoples culture from across Australia, reading books, singing songs and engaging in artwork. You can see some of our beautiful creations hanging above our lockers.

"There's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing" - Sir Ranulph Fiennes (Adventurer).

Well we are now well and truly into the cold weather, so we please ask that you dress your child to the weather conditions, lots of layers is best. We will still be heading outdoors to play and explore our environment so please pack a coat or jacket for your child. On rainy days please feel free to send a raincoat and gumboots to Yarrunga with your child - we can still take small groups of children outside for a play in the light drizzle.

Lately our children have been demonstrating independence when dressing themselves and packing away belongings, this sometimes means that clothes end up in the wrong bags, please clearly label all belongings that come to Yarrunga so that we can make sure they return home in the correct bag.

Shortly you will receive your child's Summative Assessment via email from their Primary Carer. A Summative Assessment is an overview of your child's learning and development in comparison with the Early Years Learning Framework. We will also again be offering Parent Educator Meetings in July, more details to follow.



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**Drop Off Times - families please remember that 8am is the earliest that you can drop your child/ren off.**

### **Educational Leader Report update**

This month we are focusing on indoor environments in preparation to return to Woodstock Ct. "A carefully thought out and well-designed environment is an important precondition for good practice"

At our staff meeting we brainstormed as a team what we want Yarrunga to look/ feel like now that we have a blank canvas to work with, and how we will achieve this. Some examples from educators are:

- Calming
- Homely
- Familiar
- Uncluttered, clean and organised.
- Stylish
- Respectful
- Natural
- Inviting

Each room team will critically reflect on their learning environments throughout June, including collecting the voices of children in their room. The voices of our youngest friends will be collected through observation.

We value and encourage your input. We will be creating a Facebook pole/ survey monkey as an easy way for you to have your say- so keep an eye on our Facebook page!

Alternatively, you are welcome to email us your input on what you would like Yarrunga to look/ feel like on our return to Woodstock Ct.

Lisa

Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram





