

Yarrunga EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE 2018

Management Committee
Meeting - Wednesday 20th
June

Queen's Birthday Holiday
Monday 11th June.
Yarrunga will be closed

Thursday 14th June -
Pyjama Day Breakfast
7.30-8.30am



Yarrunga can now be
followed on Facebook
and Instagram



The New Child Care Package

MORE SUPPORT FOR MORE FAMILIES

All families will need to log on and
Register NOW for the new 'Child Care Subsidy'
system beginning 2nd July 2018.

A family's eligibility does not automatically rollover
to the new system so it's really important that you
complete the Child Care Subsidy assessment now.
If you don't, then subsidy cannot be paid to
providers/services on your behalf.

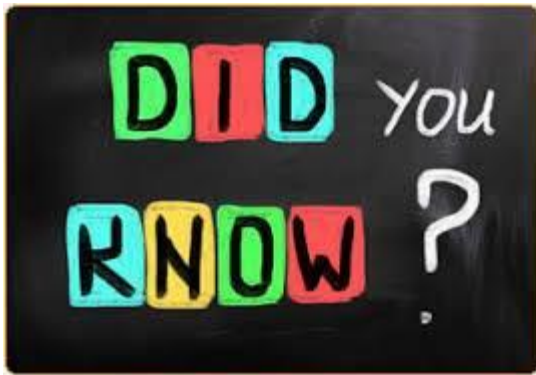
www.education.gov.au/childcare

WET BAGS

We have purchased a bulk order of wet bags for
your convenience for children's wet clothes to go in when
they have an accident or wet from water play.

They are available from the office for \$10 or two for \$15

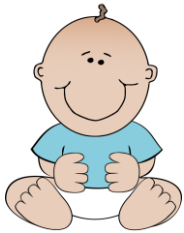




Did you know...

- We have places available on Fridays in our Preschool room. If anyone is interested in an extra day or knows someone looking for care, see Claire, Lisa or Karen.

-We also offer occasional days, if you need an extra day from time to time let us know, we may be able to help.



Congratulations and welcome to the Yarrunga Family

- Our Netty & Damian with big sister Tarlia welcome a baby boy Henry

Change to start of Day:

From Tuesday 12th June, Junior Preschool and Preschool groups will start in either the JPS Room or the Top Yard for the winter months, as the top yard has less shade cover early in the morning.

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.

Staff Training Corner: -

ECA Modules:

Supporting child self-regulation - birth to 3 yrs: Chrissy; Changes to the NQF: Debbie; Environments for learning - Indoor-learning Spaces: Debbie, Nicole; Routines & Transitions - embracing opportunities for learning: Carly; Education for sustainability: Belle

Toilet Training: Terri & Nicole

Yarning Circle: Terri & Nicole

POLICIES BEING REVIEWED

The policies to be reviewed at our ratified at the June Management Meeting are: - Inclusion, Diversity & Anti-Bias & Enrolment Policies. Please have a read and comment.



Join us for a Pyjama Day Breakfast at Yarrunga.

When: Thursday 14th June 7.30-8.30am

Why: To raise money for Give Me 5 for Kids.

Funds raised go towards medical equipment and/ or items which will enhance children's experience at Albury Wodonga Health.

Bring: A donation for Give me 5 for Kids

RSVP: By Tuesday 12th June

****All children are invited to wear their pjs for the day for a gold coin donation.**



Yarrunga children will be doing mud activities on Thursday 28th June for "National Mud Day". Please pack extra clothes for your children on that day.

NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

Wow $\frac{1}{2}$ way through the year already!!

We have just started writing your children's $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly assessments and these will be sent out at the end of the month. We would then like to invite families to come in a meet with educators to discuss your goals for your child for the remainder of the year. Interview times will be early next month.

We have been enjoying the lovely weather and getting out in the sunshine as much as possible, which has included having lunch out in the Preschool yard while they have been on excursions.

We have been focusing on gross motor skills, climbing up and down stairs using the Preschool steppers, ball throwing, balancing and running.

The children have made afternoon tea from recipes sent in by families, a big thank you for your help and if you want, you are welcome to send in more as the children have really enjoyed the cooking experiences. Autumn leave pasting was another activity the children enjoyed and it was a great opportunity for learning textures, colours, size and about autumn and why the leaves change colours and fall from the trees.

As per our weekly highlights, you would have noticed that we have ceased excursions to Borella House until after winter due to the risk of spreading coughs etc to the elderly. We are continuing excursions to our community garden to prepare our winter crop of vegies.

We have some older children doing transitions to the JPS room and we have welcomed Jack, Blake and Clea into our room.

Please continue to bring warm clothing for your child as we are getting outside as much as possible now and please label their clothes as we have had children with the same jumpers etc, so we can return these items to the rightful owners.

Continue to feel free to approach any of the staff with any concerns about your child at any time and thank you for your continued advice about your child's needs and input.

Nicole, Chrissy and Julie
nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au

JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

We welcome Natalie to our team in the JPS room - Natalie has worked at Yarrunga on a Casual basis for some time, but will now be full-time in the JPS room. Natalie will take over the role of Primary Carer for Kelly & Lisa's group.

We would appreciate you labelling all of your child's belongings so that items can be returned to the correct child's bag - initials are fine. You may also need to change over the spare clothes in your child's bag to suit the changing weather conditions.

With the cooler weather upon us we still go outside (weather permitting), and are able to play on our verandah during inclement weather as we have protection from our outdoor blinds. It is a good idea to send a jacket, beanie and boots with your child each day so that they can keep warm and dry whilst playing on the verandah.

Terri, Emma and Nat

juniorpreschool@yarrunga.com.au

Munch and Move

In May, we focused on hopping. At first, we started practicing balancing on one leg and bending our supporting leg before swinging our arms to hop. The Junior Preschool children had some difficulties to begin with but once they got their confidence they were able to hop with varied landing techniques. In the Preschool room, we added obstacles for the children to navigate through whilst hopping. They displayed confidence and agility whilst manoeuvring through the course.

In June, we will be focussing on overarm throwing.



PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

We have had an extremely busy and productive month within the Preschool room; we had a little change within the room regarding staffing. Tenille has dropped back to 4 days a week, with this Annabelle (Belle) will be replacing Tenille on the Thursday permanently. This has been put into effect to ensure stability for the children and a familiar face.

We started the month off with creating our mother's day gifts before celebrating a beautiful mother's day morning tea. We would like to thank the mums, nans and aunties who came and joined us. We understanding trying to get time off work can be complicated.

This month we have participated in a few excursions and a couple of incursions. The children went on an excursion to Wonga Wet lands and participated in bird watching and site seeing.

Healthy Harold came on Thursday 31st of May; the theme of the show was healthy hearts. Harold went into discussion about how we could be kind, to recognise emotions and how we can regulate our own. The children responded with some great questions and answers. Please see our floor book for more information.

5th of June we were lucky to have a puppet show present to the service "The dinosaur who lost his roar". The room was filled with laughter and smiles as the show went on. The puppets left a message with the children at end touching base on emotions. Remembering to be kind!

Wednesday the 6th of June the Preschool room will be going on an excursion down to Botanical gardens, at the park we are lucky to have guide from Albury city council to walk through and experience a sensory activity. The children will be encouraged to touch, smell, look, hear aspects of the park and reflect on those experiences. Keep an eye out in our floor book on how the room went.

On the 12th of June our Wiradjuri language and culture co-ordinator will be returning to teach her classes Tuesday's mornings. We are excited to have this starting up again as the children have been requesting and learning homework left by Ruth.

Educators have begun to do mid-year assessments; we encourage families to book a parent-teacher interview to discuss end of year goals and progress of your child/ren.

Thank you for another fantastic month.



Krystine, Deb, Tenille, Belle & Sandy
Preschool@yarrunga.com.au

EDUCATIONAL LEADER & NQS REPORT

Following on from our review of 'inclusive practice' and how this supports children's wellbeing, we have been focusing on daily routines and how we meet the descriptors for best practice in the National Quality Standard and the Early Years Learning Framework. I have been visiting rooms to observe and discuss how educators use every day routines as opportunities for learning and strengthening relationships. It has been wonderful to see the interactions that occur between educators and children as they go about their day, and I aim to share this during our July staff meeting with a slide show and video presentation with input from each of the rooms. This way we can celebrate our strengths and share strategies, as much of what occurs within individual rooms is not visible to others.

Through a general exchange of ideas during this month's staff meeting, we identified that we have not been recycling our food waste and visiting our vegetable patch as individual groups frequently enough to embed sustainability into everyday practice. We agreed that to embed sustainability into our curriculum is more than a reliance on our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and Belle's sustainability classes and will now create an action plan for our QIP.

8 Ways of Aboriginal Learning:

We are all very excited to have Ruth Davys recommence her Wiradjuri Language and Culture lessons next Tuesday. As a commitment to one of the guiding principles of the National Quality Framework '*Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are valued*', educators have also been researching the connections between Aboriginal perspectives in the classroom and the Principles, Practices and Learning Outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework. We believe that inclusivity and acceptance of all cultures begins with our youngest citizens, our children. You will be introduced to these connections over the coming months as educators gradually include symbols and supporting actions into their curriculums. Acknowledgement of Country is a daily practice in both our Junior Preschool and Preschool rooms and our Nursery/Toddler room is keen to adopt this practice also. Here are examples of some of the symbols you may see in documentation and learning environments:



Story Sharing



Symbols & Images



Land Links



Community Links

If you have any feedback or questions please do not hesitate to speak with educators. We value your feedback!

Krystine

Sustainability

Hi,

This month we have been busy planting, we visited our plot at the community garden and planted garlic, spring onions, carrots and beetroot. We will visit again soon to check on growth, do some weeding, and watering. In the nursery garden, we have planted silver beet and spring onion, which we hope to pick soon and use in our lunches.

In the kitchen, we have made Lemon and coconut slice for afternoon tea, with lemons from our tree in the preschool yard, the children enjoyed the citrus taste.

We explored the life cycle of a seed/plant and noticed our own daffodils sprouting. With the cooler weather upon us we also started looking at weather and the water cycle, we made our own rain gauge to put out in the yard. We will investigate the water cycle further in coming weeks.

This month also saw us acknowledging National Reconciliation Week (27/5-3/6); we made scones with the native ingredient Wattle seed. Each day in the preschool room, we read the book '*Sorry Sorry*' written by Anne Kerr, which allows children to explore the story of the Indigenous peoples of Australia, in an accessible way for children.

Coming up in June we will be looking at our vege gardens at Yarrunga and harvesting produce to use in the kitchen. In celebration of World Mud Day on Thursday 28th June, we will be exploring the wonders of mud! If your child attends on Thursday, please pack a change of clothes and a 'wet bag' to send home dirty clothes.

Belle.



DID YOU KNOW?

Physical Activity

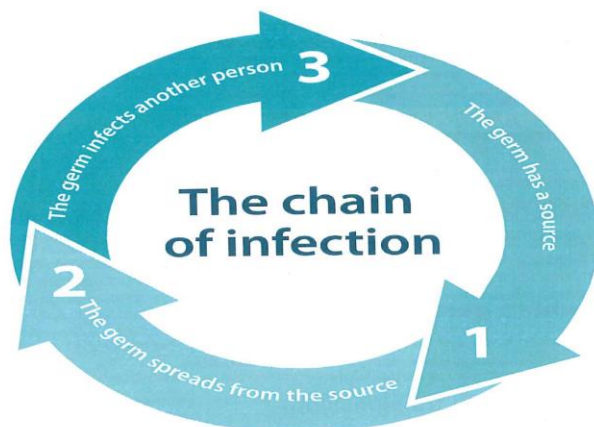
For infants, physical activity means tummy time, reaching, pulling, pushing and grasping.



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eat well, get active



HAND WASHING

You can break the chain of infection at any stage by insuring hand washing on arrival and departure