

# yarrunga

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

## MARCH NEWSLETTER 2018

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### MARCH 2018

Management Committee Meeting - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.  $\frac{1}{2}$  day Public Holiday. Centre will close at 12 midday

#### EASTER BREAK

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### FEE INCREASE

Yarrunga's daily fees will increase to \$89 per day from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

A letter explaining the increase has been emailed to all families.



### *YARRUNGA WILL BE TAKING PART IN "CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA"*

*WE WILL BE CLEANING UP ALONG THE BIKE PATH BEHIND YARRUNGA BETWEEN 10.00 - 11.00AM*

*ALL FAMILIES MOST WELCOME, PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US IF YOU HAVE THE TIME BRING YOUR GLOVES*



### *ALBURY GOLD CUP - FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2018*

Yarrunga will close at 12 midday  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED  
PRIOR TO 12.

## Authorisation Forms

As these forms are a requirement of the Education and Care Services to have them updated yearly, those families that have not returned their completed forms for 2018, please do so ASAP.



Congratulations to our Yarrunga Families that have welcomed a new addition to their family:

- Carla, Dallas, Pepper & Frankie - welcome a baby boy Tex
- Rachel, James, Alicia, Zac - welcome a baby boy Samuel

**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](mailto: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 Learning Hub Webinars:-

Stem in Early Childhood - Deb, Belle

Making Quality Visible - Deb

Industrial Relations - Rights and Responsibilities - Karen

Industrial Relations Webinar - Karen

Workplace Mental Health - Lisa

### POLICIES BEING REVIEWED

The policies to be reviewed at our ratified at the March Management Meeting are:

- Environmental Policy, Health Policy, Safety Policy and Curriculum Policy. Please have a read and comment.



## Carrot and Sultana Loaf

### Ingredients

Canola or olive oil cooking spray  
1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups wholemeal self-raising flour  
1 tsp mixed spice  
1/2 cup raw sugar  
1/3 cup sultanas

1 cup (1 medium) grated carrot  
140g tub apple puree  
2 x large eggs, lightly beaten  
1/3 cup canola oil  
1/2 cup reduced fat milk

### Method

1. Lightly grease a small 12cm x 22cm loaf pan with cooking spray and line with baking paper to cover base and extend up sides of pan.
2. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced).
3. Sift flour and spice into a large bowl, adding husks left in sieve to the bowl. Set aside 1 tbs of the raw sugar for topping. Stir in the remaining sugar, sultanas and grated carrot and make a well in the centre.
4. Add apple puree, eggs, oil and milk and stir until combined.
5. Spread mixture into prepared pan, sprinkle with extra sugar and bake in preheated oven for 50-55 minutes or until cooked in centre when tested with a skewer.
6. Stand loaf in pan for 10 minutes then turn onto a wire rack to cool. Serve sliced.

**Note:** The eggs can be removed and substituted by 1 Teaspoon of Baking Powder & Bi-Carb Soda

### NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

Thank you for the donations of plants, you will notice them in coloured pots hanging on our verandah.

The children are all settled and forming strong relationships with all educators, some days you will notice, we are very busy settling new children in.

Munch & Move - we are practicing running with the children, up and down ramps out the back.

Thank you to the families who were able to come to our parent/educator meetings. We have set goals for all children now.

Please label clothing/bags/bottles/formula for easy identification.

Also if you could let us know an approximate time you will be picking up your child so we are able to cater to their needs in the afternoon (such as needing bed/feed).

Please ensure your children are wearing clothing with sleeves, this is part of our sun smart policy.

Please update your child's food list as they are trying new foods, so we are able to give more variety.

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

## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

You will notice our displays inside and outside throughout the year - highlighting the children's current interests, and documenting aspects of children's learning and development. Please also have a look at our Floor Book daily, which is located on the low wooden table as you enter our room from the foyer, and we also leave the Day Sheet on our Nappy Change bench for you at the end of each day that details your child's routine.

### **PHOTOS**

We have several 'lost' dummies and some clothing in the coloured basket on top of the children's lockers. Please have a look through these items next time you drop off or pick up your child. We suggest to families that you name all your child's belongings - with fifteen (15) children attending each day in the JPS room it can sometimes be difficult for educators to ensure all items are returned to the correct bags.

If you haven't brought in a family photo as yet it is not too late to do so, and we would also appreciate you returning the *'Voices from Home'* sheet that you received from your child's Primary Carer at the beginning of the year - please let us know if you need another one!

It is beginning to cool down in the mornings now, and as we start outside each day your child may require some warmer clothing at Yarrunga - layering is the best option as daytime temperatures are still quite warm. If your child is toilet training, we also recommend that you pack several changes of clothing in their bag each day.

Terri, Emma, Kelly and Lisa  
[juniorpreschool@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:juniorpreschool@yarrunga.com.au)

### Munch and Move

In February we were able to utilise the grassed area out the back to focus on running. The Junior Preschool and Preschool children participated in running races, games that involved running and some stretching during our cool downs. When I spent time with the Nursery/Toddler children we focussed on all types of movement including pulling themselves up on furniture, crawling and fast walking which create a foundation for the children to build their gross motor capabilities which will lead to them being able to achieve running.

In March we will be focussing on catching

Emma ☺

## PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

As you will have noticed in our weekly highlights March has seen a big focus on inquiry-based learning through ongoing projects:

- Shadows and light
- Story stones and puppetry
- Construction with open-ended materials
- A/W Community Rocks

Our venture to Collins Park last Friday was a huge success with the playground equipment posing lots of challenge and managed risk-taking which builds children's resilience and self-confidence to practice and master new skills. The children have requested a picnic lunch and lots of games next time!

Our Small Groups are supporting children to develop social skills of turn-taking and listening, and we have linked this with the use of story stones to build confidence in expressing ideas in a group setting. It has also been fantastic to see how imaginative story-tellers are as they build upon each other's interpretations.

Ruth Davy's has recommenced her Wiradjuri language and culture sessions using story, song, authentic Wiradjuri artefacts and games. After only one session our children are thoroughly intrigued, and already using some language through animal names ie: Emu - dinawan.

We are currently planning community excursions to Borella House, Eastern Hill for some nature play and exploration learning, Albury Library Museum to supplement Ruth's Wiradjuri language and culture sessions. We will keep you posted with upcoming dates.

*\*Please let educators know if you are not receiving our weekly highlights and we can easily correct this.*

Lynette, Krystine, Deb & Sandy  
[Preschool@yarrunga.com.au](mailto:Preschool@yarrunga.com.au)

## EDUCATIONAL LEADER & NQS REPORT

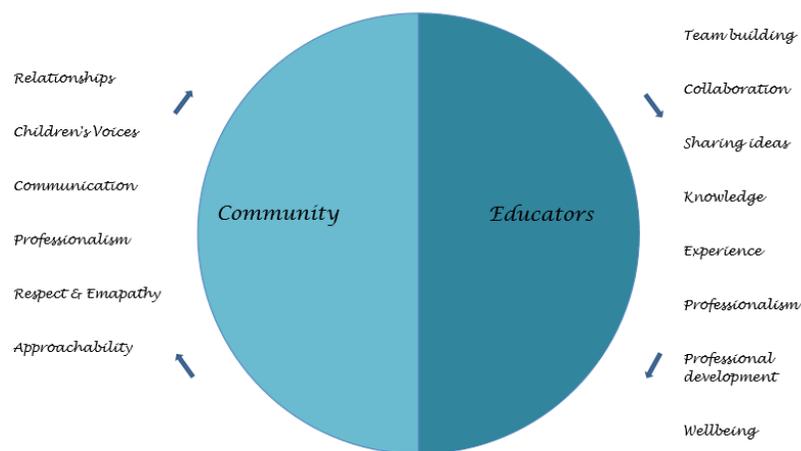
### *Quality Improvement:*

February has seen all educators reviewing their practices against the National Quality Standard Areas 4 - Staffing Arrangements and 7 - Governance and leadership. A part of this process includes review of Yarrunga's Philosophy statement with best practice including input from children, families and educators. When this occurs we ensure our Philosophy reflects a shared understanding of the role of Yarrunga among children, families, educators and our community.

***\*Please take a moment to complete a very quick and simple survey monkey so we can include your input into the review.***

To supplement Quality Improvement, we have also developed our Values statement for 2018 and the Educational Leader Goals to support educators in their curriculum planning.

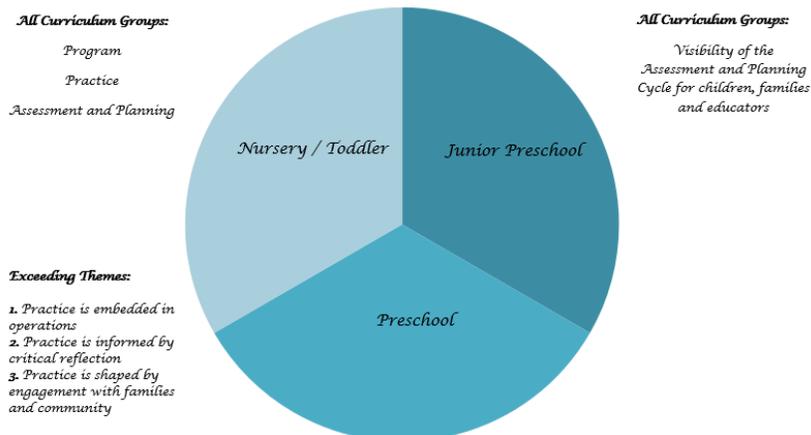
### *Yarrunga Values 2018*



*Developed in consultation between staff, educators & committee representative - 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018*

### *Educational Leader Goals: February - June, 2018*

#### *QA: Educational Program and Practice*



*Developed in consultation with curriculum teams through room visits and programming checks - Jan/Feb 2018*

## Sustainability-

Our Stephanie Alexander kitchen garden classes have been productive with the children engaging in cooking Dutch pancakes, carrot and sultana loaf from our Munch and Move program.

Our Garden classes we have been to visit our local community garden in Broad Street, the children helped to weed and water the gardens, build a scarecrow with the educators and pre-prepare our garden for planting.

Learning classes have consisted of learning about saving water and pollution in our water ways and learning to manipulate kitchen utensils through artwork.

Thank you to those families who met down at the community garden to have photos taken to support our local t.e.a.c.u.p project.

Thank you Lynette .

All families will need to log on and register for the new 'Child Care Subsidy' system.

We would hate to see any of our families having to pay full fees for not being registered by end of June.

Hoping you have found a few minutes to check out the website:

[www.education.gov.au/childcare](http://www.education.gov.au/childcare)

Australia Government | CHILD CARE PACKAGE

# The New Child Care Package

MORE SUPPORT FOR MORE FAMILIES

From July 2018, three things will determine how much subsidy the Government will contribute to your child care fees.

- 1 Combined family income  
how much your family earns
- 2 Activity level of parents  
how much you work, train or volunteer
- 3 Type of child care service you access

To find out more, and to estimate what your new subsidy might be, visit [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare)

## A Quick Bite ...

### Buying fruit and vege in season

Buying produce in season is a great way to save money. They're fresher, cheaper and taste better. To save money this month look for:

Cabbage	Strawberries
Peas	Cherries
Spring Onions	Lemons
Zucchini	Mandarins
Snow peas	Oranges
Garlic	Plums
Beetroot	



For more information visit

[www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/health-promotion-1](http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/health-promotion-1)

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Health  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District



## A Quick Bite ...

### Are You Looking for Different Lunchbox Ideas This Year?

Try these quick and easy lunchbox ideas from our Mix and Match tip sheet. Go to our website to download more.

Just pick a fruit, vegetable, dip, main, snack, and water. You can mix and match each day!

Apple + Carrot sticks +  
Salsa dip + Chicken &  
avocado wrap +  
Yoghurt + Water

Rockmelon + Snow  
peas + White bean dip  
+ Left overs + Rice  
crackers + Water

Strawberries + Baby Corn + Spinach dip + Mini Quiche +  
Popcorn + Water



For more information visit

[mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy](http://mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy)

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