



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MARCH 2019

Management Committee
Meeting Wednesday 20th
march @ 7.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 22nd march - $\frac{1}{2}$ day
Public Holiday. Centre will
close at midday.

EASTER BREAK

Friday 19th April to Monday
22nd April

Crazy Hair Day!

Wednesday 13th March - Tuesday 19th March

Bring a gold coin donation and your craziest
hairstyle to raise money for the
Leukemia Foundation



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

ROOM PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Each room emails out a weekly photo collage of the group engaged in play and learning.
Please let room educators know if you are not receiving these 😊

Project Update

CityCentral
Church

If you have taken a drive down Woodstock Ct recently,
The project is reported to be on track, the framing for the new office and foyer has been completed, Disabled Toilet is being tiled, Nursery has had a wall removed to open the area, laundry has been moved to the bottom area and we now have a door on the western wall of the Preschool Room.

Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram



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



CCS GOVERNMENT REBATE:

The Department of Human Services has commenced communications with families to encourage them to review their income to make sure they are receiving the correct Child Care Subsidy percentage.

Dear Families

It has been seven months since the new Child Care Subsidy started! It is a good time to check in on your family income estimate. Make sure it is up to date and reflects your and your partner's income for the whole financial year.

If your estimate is lower than your actual income, you may get a debt, which you will have to pay back. It is also a good time to check and update your activity test if your circumstances have changed.

The easiest way to update your family income estimate is by using your Centrelink online account through myGov, or the Express Plus Centrelink app.

While you are there, do not forget to make sure your and your partner's activity details are up to date too.



ALBURY GOLD CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2019

Yarrunga will close at 12 midday

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED

PRIOR TO 12 MIDDAY



NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

We are excited to say that we have been out and about exploring our wonderful yard with the Nursery/Toddler room, we are using our evacuation cot as a way to transport the younger babies outside, it is working very well, and they are loving the change of scenery.



Outside provides us with the opportunity to explore our gross motor skills through climbing and exploring through our senses with water play and sand play.

Please ensure you pack spare clothes in your bags as we can get a little messy throughout the day practicing self -feeding or just water play.

We are looking for some items for our heuristic treasure basket play such as old scarves, materials, curtain rings, containers, measuring cups, sieves, kitchen items, scoops, anything like that that children can use to explore.



Nicole, Emma, Serena and Lesley
nurserytoddler@yarrunga.com.au

Special thanks to Red Air (Emma and John Ginnivan previous family) for the use of the portable air conditioners for the last couple of months in the Nursery Toddler Room. They were a life saver for us.

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

February has seen us venture out into our local community frequently, based on children's interests and planned curriculum experiences. We have invited our Nursery/Toddler and Junior Preschool friends to the library, walks around the block to practice road safety awareness and to look at the shops and local landmarks. During these outings we have also been fortunate to be invited into the David Street pet shop and participate in the Woolworths supermarket tours. We really are an attraction ourselves in our bright coloured vests and our children are so attentive and represent Yarrunga in such a professional manner that we are proud to be a part of such a wonderful program!



Learning about sustainability and healthy lifestyle practices as we visit the supermarket to buy produce for afternoon tea.



Colour exploration has also been a highlight in our learning during February as we have been experimenting with 'primary' colours and mixing them using finger paint to make 'secondary' colours. We planned this experience to cater for all learning dispositions within our group as we noticed many children enjoying the textural component of 'mixing it up' with paint splotches. We are exploring ideas and theories using imagination, creativity and play.

Thank you to all our wonderful families for your ongoing support with ideas for community outings, recycled materials for our collage area and always being available for a quick catch up regarding your child's day.

Just a quick reminder to ensure your child has comfortable walking shoes as we will continue to venture out and about as much as possible. Labelled belongings also help us to locate and return clothing, especially when layers are being removed in this seasonal weather.

Krystine, Natt, Netty and Deb.

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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to March everyone.....hasn't that come around quick!



Thank you to all our families who were able to join us in our Parent Educator Meetings which give us the opportunity to collaborate and develop goals for your child's learning and development for the first six months of the year. We really appreciate having your input. If you were unable to make these meetings but would still like to discuss these with your child's Primary Carer, please organise to have a chat at either drop-off or pick-up time.

Throughout our curriculum we have been looking at colour recognition. We have been learning to identify and/or name colours through a variety of learning experiences such as routines like the children choosing what colour hat they want to wear, everyday discussions about colours in their environment and retelling the story 'Where Is The Green Sheep?' with knitted props. We also set up coloured discs near the jouncing board outside for the children to land on while they practiced their Fundamental Movement Skill (FMS) of Jumping.

Recently we have also begun to take out small groups for walks into our local community. Our first walk was to the Library where the children had the opportunity to practice what we had been learning about being safe near roads, as well as choosing some books from the library to borrow. We aim to go on an Excursion once a week, on alternate days, taking different children out each time.

As of the 7th March Chrissy will be away on holidays for a month. She is going on a cruise and is looking forward to the break away with her family. Molly and Belle will be picking up some extra days to cover while Chrissy is away.



Terri, Chrissy, Molly and Belle
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Parent/educator meetings:

Feedback from the parent/educator meetings has been really positive with the exchange of information helping to build relationships and inform planning. Educators have also been able to speak with families via telephone, email and catch ups during drop-off or pick-up. Please remember that we are always available and can meet at other times if you want to discuss any aspects of your child's wellbeing and development.

Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF):

In response to our modified group planning format we have been discussing how best to represent the key elements of the Early Years Learning Framework:

- Learning Outcomes
- Principles, and
- Practices

Our aim is to ensure we meet regulatory requirements whilst providing all families with content that is informative, attractive and easily understood.

****We will have two learning examples on display in the foyer and would greatly appreciate your input via a preference vote.***

As always any suggestions or feedback about our practices is always welcome and very much appreciated.

Thank you,
Krystine

One Pot Pasta



Ingredients: 1 Tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, 1 chopped brown onion, 1 finely chopped carrot, 1 finely chopped celery stalk, 4 trimmed and chopped shortcut bacon rashers, 2 finely chopped garlic cloves, 600g beef mince, 1/3 cup tomato paste, 2 x 410g cans crushed tomatoes, 3 cups chicken stock, 250g dried pasta & $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped fresh parsley leaves.

Method: Heat oil in a large heavy-based flameproof casserole dish or non-stick saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrot and celery - cook stirring occasionally for 3 minutes or until onion starts to soften. Add bacon - cook for 3 minutes or until golden. Add garlic - stir to combine. Add mince, cook - breaking up mince with a wooden spoon for 5 minutes or until browned all over. Stir in tomato paste, tomatoes, stock and thyme sprigs, cover, bring to the boil - add pasta, reduce heat to medium and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes or until spaghetti is tender and sauce has thickened, stirring mixture every 5 minutes. Remove from heat, add parsley, season with salt and pepper, stir to combine. Serve with chopped parsley and parmesan.



Children Drop-off and Pick-up

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

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.

