



MAY NEWSLETTER 2019

Project Update

If you have taken a drive down Woodstock Ct recently, The countdown is happening - we apparently have around 7 weeks to go before we will be moving back. Staff were able to have a walk through last week and they are excited to see the changes in all rooms. Keep an eye on Facebook and we will start putting some photos for you to see what it will look like.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY 2019

Management Committee
Meeting Wednesday 15th
May @ 7.30pm

Ready for painting



I wonder what our entry will look like when finished...



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



Reminder - support your families to receive the correct Child Care Subsidy

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

The easiest way for families to keep your (and your partner's) details accurate and up to date your income estimate is by using your Centrelink online account through myGov, or the Express Plus Centrelink app.



ANZAC BISCUITS

Ingredients: 125g butter, 1 tbsp golden syrup, 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 2 tsbsps boiling water, 1 cup rolled oats, 1 cup desiccated coconut, 1 cup plain flour & 1 cup sugar.

Method:

- Preheat oven to 160c.
- Prepare all ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
- Combine all dry ingredients in the large bowl and create a well in the centre.
- Melt butter and golden syrup in a large saucepan over a low heat.
- Mix the bicarbonate of soda with the boiling water in a small bowl, add to the pan and stir in, then off the heat.
- Pour liquid mixture from the saucepan into the well in the centre of the dry ingredients. Mix until you have a moist but firm consistency.
- Drop teaspoonfuls of the biscuit mixture onto your baking trays.
- Bake for 20 minutes, then remove and set aside to cool.



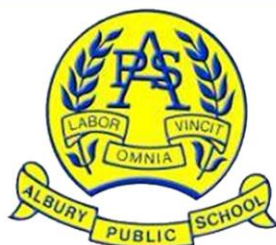
Quality
literacy
program



Hands on
engaging
lessons



Self-motivated
learners



ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL

WE ARE NOW TAKING 2020 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

2020 Kindergarten Parent Information Session will be held on
Tuesday 30 July at 7pm in the School Hall.



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School Tours

Term 2 Tuesday 14 May 9:30am
Tuesday 18 June 9:30am
Term 3 Tuesday 6 August 9:30am
Tuesday 10 September 9:30am



Kindergarten Orientation Days

Session 1 Wednesday 30 October
9:30-11:00
Session 2 Wednesday 6 November
9:30-12:30
Session 3 Wednesday 13 November
9:30-2:30pm

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NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

Hi to all our families, WOW! It's hard to believe that we are in the month of May already. We have had such a busy month. Nicole is back from her well-deserved holiday and the we are very happy to have her return. Serena, Tash and Lisa did a great job filling in while she was away, while Lesley and Emma took charge of the planning for your children.

We have been very lucky with the weather so far this month and we are doing our best to get outside when whenever we can to enjoy the fresh air. Our older children love to get out and practice their gross motor skills, IE: climbing, balancing and running. Last week some of children went for a community walk in the quad pram to have a look at Yarrunga's progress. Please remember to send in appropriate outdoor clothing to make this more enjoyable for your children.

Inside our children have been playing with blocks building them up and knocking them down. Some are showing an interest in drawing which has been a part of our ongoing program. It is great to see them taking the texta's off the shelf by themselves or pointing to them for us to get them down.

Our home corner is very popular with the children pushing the dolls around in the prams, wrapping them in blankets and we appreciate the many cups of tea being made for us by the children as they explore the tea set. Our prams are occasionally being turned upside down and sat on so we have brought some bikes from the storage shed for the children to ride.

We are hoping to organize an excursion to the Botanical gardens. The date has yet to be decided but it will most likely be a Monday. This may depend on helpers to assist with the children. If you are available on a Monday morning and would like to volunteer your services, please let the nursery educators know.

This week we have the McCormack's here taking photos of your children. If you have given permission for your child to be photographed and would like us to change them into different clothes for the occasion, please let us know.



Nicole, Emma, Serena and Lesley
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PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

We've been out and about to go and see the "Old" Yarrunga, we saw the tracks we used to walk on and are ready to go "Home".

We initiated a holiday program for the children, and educators, to have some respite from the usual busy daily routine of and from everyday life. Some of the children come several times a week and are here for long periods of time, so it's nice for them to have a rest from the structure as well.

This benefits both the children and educators by allowing that extra bit of freedom to choose what we want to do and eliminating many group times.

"There's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing"
Please make sure that your child/ren have spare sets of clothes, now that it is getting colder and starting to rain more (we hope) we would like for the Children to still benefit from being outdoors. It doesn't matter what the weather, we want to be able to have the children exploring nature and its natural elements whilst having fun at the same time. There's nothing more fun than jumping into puddles in gumboots.



Thank you to all the Mothers and Grandmothers that came in for Mother's Day, it was a great turnout and we hoped everyone had a lovely time



Krystine, Natt, Netty and Deb.
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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome cold weather brrrrrr! In the Junior Preschool Room, we are still enjoying going outside to burn off energy and explore our outside environment. We have enjoyed some collaborative play where some of our children have begun to show more interest in working together as opposed to parallel play where they play alongside. It has been wonderful to watch as our children are moving through these stages of development. Playing in and jumping in puddles has also been quite popular with our children so please ensure to pack lots of changes of clothing including changes of shoes. Winter Jackets are also beginning to be needed due to the change in weather.

Many of our children are showing interest in using the toilet and occasionally will have accidents and for this reason we would really appreciate extra pairs of undies, bottoms and socks and shoes as we have very limited spare supplies.

We have created a display of family photos - please send yours along to add to our collection.

As part of our program we cooked ANZAC biscuits which was a popular activity that explored many concepts including turn-taking, measuring, mixing and pouring to name a few. The best part was when we got to eat what we made for afternoon tea! YUMMO!



A big Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mothers and we hope that you have a lovely day. Your children have made something very special for you which will be placed in your child's bag.

On Wednesday 8th May we had our first incursion with the Music Man which was an absolute hit with our children.



Terri, Chrissy, Molly and Belle
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Educational Leader Report

Quality improvement:

Over the past month we have been reflecting on our own practices, in particular; how we engage in professional partnerships and professional conduct. We have identified two areas within these that we would like to refine, these being Personal Critical Reflection and increasing the opportunities for Peer Mentoring.

Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF):

All rooms are now adding the 'learning intentions' from the group plan to their weekly photo highlights to ensure visible links to our curriculum. Thank you to the families who have provided feedback on this, as always, we value your input. Educators are now preparing to write mid-year summaries on your children's learning and development - it is hard to believe we are this far into the year already!

Over the next month we will be looking at Learning Environments in anticipation for our move back to Woodstock Ct. Learning Environments are one of the eight key practices in the Early Years Learning Framework and the Physical Environment is one of the seven quality areas in the National Quality Standards. Well thought out learning environments have the potential to underpin good practice across all Quality Areas. Educators and room teams will be reflecting on and brainstorming what they would like our environment to look like and how we can utilise our new, refreshed spaces while maintaining the 'homely' feel we pride ourselves on.

Lisa



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.

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.



Fresh Costs Less

Potatoes

Fresh potatoes per 150g = 50c
 Frozen chips per 150g = 70c
 Potato chips per 150g = \$3.75



Everyday Foods Cost Less

Breakfast Cereals

Rolled oats per 30g = 15c
 Corn flakes per 30g = 60c
 Muesli/cereal bar per 30g = \$1.50



Everyday Foods Cost Less

Chicken

Raw whole chicken per 100g = 66c
 BBQ chicken per 100g = 80c
 Pre-made chicken kebabs per 100g = \$1.70
 Fried chicken take away single drumstick = \$3.00



Fresh Costs Less

Snacks

Apple per 50g = 30c
 Sultanas per 40g = 50c
 Fruit bar/strap 50g = 95c
 Chocolate bar per 50g = \$2.15

Cost comparison source: <https://data.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au/dataset/eating-for-better/eating-for-better/eating-for-better>

