



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Yarrunga's Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 21st

DECEMBER 2018

Children's Christmas Party

Thursday 6th 5.30-7.30

Last Day for Children -

Friday 21st December

JANUARY 2019

Children return - Monday

7th January 2019

YARRUNGA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM

WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY

21ST NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM

GUEST SPEAKER- GENNA RICHTER

Genna is a Speech Pathologist and

Will be speaking on

Communication Milestones 12 mths - 5 yrs

ALL WELCOME

CARE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019

We are finalising care requirements for next year and are hoping that if anyone has any flexibility in their days to be able to move to a Friday. At present we are struggling to fit everyone in on the days requested. I would love to hear from you if you are able to make the change.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & CONCERT

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2018

From 5.30-7.30pm

Come along and enjoy a

Family sausage sizzle and get together

with our families.

There will be activities and Santa will make an appearance.



Project Update



We are excited to share with you that we have been successful in our Development Application with Albury City Council, regarding the major refurbishment works planned for Yarrunga. This is a key milestone within the project and allows us to confidently go to market to find a construction partner to make this project a reality.

To ensure the safety and wellness of all children, families and staff during the construction phase of the project we have determined that the best course of action is to move Yarrunga's operation to a temporary location. We have searched high and low, far and wide to find the best facility to accommodate our Yarrunga community.

Our efforts have been rewarded and we are in the final stages of approval for our nominated temporary location of City Central Church on David Street, Albury.

The facilities of City Central Church deliver on all our needs and is in a fabulous location with close proximity to Woodstock Crt and enabling excursion opportunities within central Albury.



CityCentral
Church

We are fortunate to be partnering with an organisation that is both understanding and accommodating. We look forward to introducing you to this location and will come back to you with more information on opportunities to do so.

The balancing act is timeline. We are making every effort to minimise the disruption to you - our valued families - and are striving to have everything in place for a clean start in 2019. Our hope is that our first day of operation in the new-year, Monday 7th January, will be in our temporary location - City Central Church. This hinges on a couple of key approval steps being delivered in somewhat ambitious timeframes, but we are working hard to make this a reality.

We are excited about the transformation that awaits Yarrunga in 2019 but understand that it brings with it some disruption. Please, should you have any concerns or would simply like to know more, do not hesitate to reach out to Claire or Lisa.

COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT

Any family or families that have an issue with either Yarrunga and or Yarrunga Staff can view the Complaints and Feedback Policy on our website www.yarrunga.com.au.

YARRUNGA'S CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The last day for children will be Friday 21st December 2018

and the first day for children in 2019 will be Monday 7th January.

Please organise your holidays or leave early so that you are covered for care in this period.

Fees:

A reminder to all families that all fees must be paid up to the end of the year prior to Wednesday 12th December. No fees will be charged for the period 24th December 2018 - 4th January 2019.

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
EMAIL?**

NUMBERS OR YOUR



- 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: -

Employer Responsibilities - Lisa & Karen

Performance Management - Lisa

PROCEDURES BEING REVIEWED

The procedures to be reviewed and ratified at the November Management Meeting are:

- Dealing with Bodily Fluids, Nappy Change, Rest & Sleep, First Aid Report Form, Storage Areas and Staff Illness, Injury or Incident. Please have a read and comment.

Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sweet Chilli and Chicken Noodle Salad

Ingredients: 250g gluten free vermicelli rice noodles, 250g skinless barbecued chicken breast – shredded, 2 lebanese cucumbers – halved, seeded and cut into sticks, 2 carrots

– cut into sticks, 250g cherry tomatoes – quartered, 125g snow pea sprouts, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mint, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup coriander, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup basil leaves, to make dressing – 1 large chilli (deseeded, finely diced), 1 glove garlic (crushed) 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 1 tablespoon gluten free fish sauce & $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lime juice.

Method: Place noodles in large saucepan of boiling water and simmer for 4 minutes, until softened. Drain noodles, refresh in cold water and drain again – set aside.

Meanwhile, make sweet chilli dressing – place all ingredients into a food processor or blender and puree until smooth – set aside. Place noodles, chicken, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, snow pea sprouts and herbs into a large bowl, add spicy dressing, toss to combine, serve immediately.

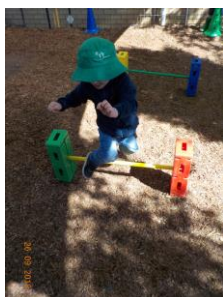
Munch and Move

In October we focused on leaping. The Junior Preschool room used the hurdles to learn and practice their leaping skills in the top yard. The Preschool children also practiced leaping over the hurdles as well as different landmarks around the yards.

In November we will be focusing on striking a stationary ball. If anyone has any old T-ball sets, we can use that would be appreciated.

Thanks

Emma ☺



NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

What a busy month we have had in the Nursery/Toddler room.

We have been doing transition visits to the Junior Preschool room in preparation for the beginning of next year. We have been taking four children up at a time with one of our Educators, we started off with half days and have recently progressed to full days, so the children have an opportunity to experience all the routines and transitions throughout the day. The children have really enjoyed the visits.



In the room we have also been introducing "Big Book" story time and small group times as well as sleeping on stretcher beds, sitting on chairs, drinking out of cups without lids, all to aid in the transition process.

We have been very fortunate to have a wonderful student from CSU Tara doing her placement in our room, who has been a wonderful addition to our room, we shall miss Tara when she finishes her placement.



Now that the weather is warmer, we have been doing lots of water play, so please pack plenty of changes of clothes.



Nicole, Chrissy and Lesley
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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

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Wow time is certainly flying and the end of another wonderful year is drawing to a close. During October much of our learning has focused around construction and science activities with natural mediums such as sand, water and clay.

Woodworking continues to inspire creativity and skills of problem solving and perseverance.



We have also been learning new words and songs through our Wiradjuri language and culture sessions with Aunty Ruth and Tenille's knowledge of sign language. We can't elaborate but can say we are practicing for our Christmas performance in December!



Transition to school:

Our older children were fortunate to spend time in the open learning classroom at St Patricks Parish School. We listened to a favourite story, joined small groups

with the kinder class for some craft activities and then participated in a Music/Movement experience. It was wonderful to see some friends from last year's preschool class and they were very helpful in making us feel most welcome. Next week we will be attending a performance at Scots School by the junior classes which will also be of great benefit as our pre-schoolers continue to familiarize themselves with *big school* environments.

We have also been invited to a kindergarten targeted Language and Literacy PD session at St Pats and trust this will be as beneficial for educators and children as the Numeracy session held earlier in the year. Please let Krystine know if you would like some resources in preparation for school next year.

As an addition to our small group intentional teaching experiences our older group will be focusing on healthy food choices for lunch boxes during the coming weeks using the *Magic Lunchbox* early childhood educator resources from the NSW Department of Health. Children will have an opportunity to bring their own lunch boxes if they wish which will give children and families (more so those who don't attend an independent preschool) opportunity to explore healthy food choices and practice sustainable packaging options. We will keep you posted...

Krystine, Tenille and Belle.
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Educational Leader & NQS Report

Assessment and Rating Visit

We have now received the draft reports from our Assessment and Rating visit in September. The Rating Outcome and Evidence Summaries have provided detailed feedback on each of the seven quality areas in the National Quality Standard and overall Yarrunga has presented exceptionally well with all areas rated as meeting the NQS and six (6) of the exceeding themes noted. This has been a mammoth effort on the part of all connected with Yarrunga (*children, families, educators and the wider community*) as the revised National Quality Standard requires that each of the standards in every quality area are assessed against the three (3) exceeding themes of:

1. Practice is embedded in service operations
2. Practice is informed by critical reflection
3. Practice is shaped by meaningful engagement with families and/or community

Yarrunga's areas of strength include:

- **Overall Summary Comments**

- Educators' ability to collaboratively work as a team

- **QA3 - Physical environment**

- Demonstrating an ongoing commitment to sustainability and community connections reflecting Yarrunga's geographical location
- Community engagement in the design of the new premises

- **QA6 - Collaborative partnerships**

- Active presence in the local community
- Transitions and inclusion for all children
- Commitment to the principles and practices of the Early Years Learning Framework

- **QA7 - Governance and Leadership**

- Governance supports the operation of a quality service
- Philosophy
- Actively seeking family input and drawing on the voices of educators and community members
- Effective leadership builds and promotes a positive culture of professional learning

The summary also provided us with recommendations for future improvements which can progressively implemented. We are currently working towards implementing indoor/outdoor programs in all rooms (*indoor and outdoor play experiences being offered concurrently*) which will allow for greater choice and further develop skills of autonomy. Educators have included strategies in the Action Research sections of their curriculum reflections and will be asking for input from both families and children.

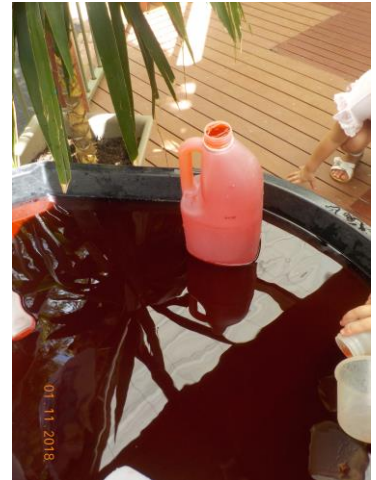
Thank you

Krystine

JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are recommencing our visits with the residents of Borella House over the next two months on November 10th and December 12th - if your child hasn't already been on this Excursion they will get an opportunity to do so on one of these dates.

We have also started to include lots of Water Play in our program again, so we would appreciate you keeping spare clothing in your child's bag so that they can get changed out of their wet clothes - sometimes your child may need to do this twice throughout the day as outdoor play is included in both our morning and afternoon routine. There are also still Yarrunga 'wet bags' available from the office for \$10.00, or two for \$15.00. Through this play the children have been learning concepts such as empty and full, sinking and floating, as well as sustainable practices by recycling the water they have played with on either the plants in the garden or the pots on our verandah.



In line with our SunSmart policy, please ensure that your child's shoulders are covered by clothing when they are at Yarrunga. There is lots of great advice and free resources for families on the SunSmart website www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

We have started our group Transition visits to the 3-5 Preschool room, and the children have adapted so well that we have been staying the whole day instead of just half a day. Simultaneously we have also enjoyed having the Nursery educators and children come up to the JPS room for most of the day.

Congratulations to Natt on completing her studies - she has been attending classes every Wednesday night after work for the last twelve months, as well as completing assessments at home, and is now the proud owner of a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care! Terri will be on Leave for the next two weeks - relaxing poolside in Bali!



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United Nations Convention on a child's right to play

Article 31 You have the right to play and rest.

When I play, I use my imagination,
I characterise, I explore, I discover,
I organise, I lead, I delegate, I contribute
and relate my ideas, I question,
I compromise, I follow.

I work both cooperatively and independently,
I create, I socialise, I practice caring and
sharing, I regulate my emotions, I indulge
my senses, I re-enact my experiences
and tell stories through games. I negotiate
and problem solve.

I am making sense of my world
and my place in it.

I AM LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
FOR I WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE
ONE DAY.



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