

yarrunga

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER 2019

Yarrunga's Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 20th

DECEMBER 2019

Children's Christmas party
Thursday 5th December
5.30-7.30

Last day for Children -
Monday 23rd December

JANUARY 2020

Children return - Monday 6th
January 2020

YARRUNGA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S AGM
WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2019
@ 7.00PM

GUEST SPEAKER – LEAH WISEMAN
Leah will speak on Mental Health

ALL PARENTS ARE MOST WELCOME
TO ATTEND

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & CONCERT

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2019

From 5.30-7.30pm

Come along and enjoy a family sausage sizzle
and get together with families.
Santa will be there and there will
be activities for the children



Fees:

A reminder to all families that all fees must be paid up to the end of the year prior to Wednesday 11th December 2019. No fees will be charged for the period 24th December 2019 - 3rd January 2020.

Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram



STAFF NEWS

We have our new Early Childhood Teacher, Alana Smith starting at Yarrunga on 25th November 2019 in the Junior Preschool Room. Alana has previously worked at Yarrunga as a casual teacher. We look forward to welcoming her to our team 😊

YARRUNGA'S CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The last day for the children will be Monday 23rd December 2019 and the first day for children in 2020 will be Monday 6th January.

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

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 Lisa or Karen



DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Being a not for profit, community-based centre means that Yarrunga is run by a Management Committee of families and interested community members. It is the decision making exercised by our committee that makes community management different from privately owned centres or those managed by a corporate chain. Having a management committee of families means that all the decisions being made are made for current children, staff and families of Yarrunga rather than a "one size fits all" approach. I encourage all interested parents to join our management committee which meets once a month. It is a great opportunity to be involved in decision making for Yarrunga, as well as to get to know other families and members of our Yarrunga community.

If you think you might be interested in joining our committee or would like any additional information, please come along to our AGM on Wednesday 20th November, or see me prior to fill out a nomination form.

Lisa

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Recipe of the month

Cauliflower Chicken Casserole

Ingredients

500 g cauliflower, 400g Campbells Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cream, $\frac{1}{2}$ barbecued chicken - skin and flesh shredded (bones discarded), 1 cup frozen peas, 4 springs sliced onions, $\frac{1}{2}$ loaf garlic and olive oil sourdough bread or pane di casa bread, 50g melted butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped continental parsley and 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups grated vintage cheddar.

Method: Preheat oven to 200c, grease a 12-cup capacity ovenproof dish. Cut cauliflower into small florets and thinly slice stems and place in a microwave-safe dish, add 1/3 cup water, cover and microwave on high for 6-8 minutes or until tender, drain. Whisk soup, cream and 1 cup water together in a large bowl until smooth, add chicken, peas, spring onions and cauliflower, season with salt and pepper, mix well, spoon mixture into dish. Tear bread into 2cm pieces, toss with melted butter, parsley and cheese. Scatter over the cauliflower mixture and bake for 30-35 minutes or until golden and bubbling.

NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS



Staff news in the nursery -Lesley is away until further notice, we are keeping staffing consistent within the room. Emma is going on annual leave for two weeks starting Friday the 8th November we hope she enjoys her holiday 😊 Serena and Lisa Ph will be filling in where possible. We are busy writing end of year assessments for all our children these will be in their books ready for the children's Christmas party on Thursday 5th Dec.

Sophie from CSU has one more week left of her nursery placement we have enjoyed having her with us.



Our children in the nursery have been enjoying lots of water play outside as the weather is getting warmer, washing the baby dolls has been popular within our group. The junior room has given us their toy kitchen to use in our room there has been lots of cooking and exploring happening, we have been given lots of yummy treats to eat and drink throughout the day.

Please ensure clothing is labelled as we do have to change children after water play or painting and clothing may get mixed up.



Its warming up so please also pack enough clothing to suit all weather, we do have a few items on standby but very limited.

Thanks everyone

Nicole, Emma, Serena

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PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Following our bike riding experiences during October we invited a guest speaker from Cycle Station Albury to come in and talk to the children about bike safety. Paul gave a very informative talk followed by some practical experience with a selection of scooters, balance bikes, bikes with training wheels and two wheelers. We also examined different safety helmets. Key learning included:

- Helmets must have 5 ticks to meet safety standards
- Ring your bell and say "passing" when you come across another rider or pedestrian
- Check your tyre pressure once a month
- Carry a drink bottle (these can be attached to the frame)
- A tall orange flag makes you more visible
- Watch out for driveways
- Your parents can ride with you on the footpath until you are 13 years old

We have prepared a certificate of appreciation for this wonderful community support and Cycle Station has asked to post some info from the session on their webpage (*children's identities will remain confidential*).



Other community connections have included an Indigenous cultural and music performance by Gwenda and a visit to Scots School for their K-2 matinee performance "A Tree for Me". Our older preschoolers have also begun their school orientations and have enjoyed sharing their experiences with the rest of our class. If you have any photos they would be very much appreciated as we have created a photo wall which the children are very proud of.

With the warmer weather much of our play and learning has centred on water play and construction in the sand pit. We have been building elaborate channels with bamboo pipes and diverting water in different directions. This has seen some great teamwork as children have shared their ideas and collaborated to solve problems.

Krystine, Natt, Netty and Deb.

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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS



Hi Families,

We are beginning the process of winding up for the end of the year, starting Christmas craft and finishing up our individual learning journals. We are excited to welcome our new team member Alana who will be joining us at the end of the month, and we would like to thank Jay who has been in our room for the last month or so and has built beautiful relationships with the children.



Our children have really shown a sense of belonging in our room this month, requesting a 'pet shop' where our home corner was. They are enjoying this space; we are gradually adding to this area and would appreciate if any families had spare soft animals to donate. Decorating this area has been a hit! Using glitter and paint to make some decorations.

Craft has been a hit, with children mastering the use of the tape dispenser and scissors to cut paper. We would like to start box construction to extend on this interest, donations of boxes would be great! (due to Anaphylaxis allergies please no egg, nut or dairy products).

We have an abundance of lost property at the moment, please check the basket above the lockers for anything that might belong to your child.

Thanks,

Belle, Chrissy, Molly and Jay

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NO FOOD FROM HOME! A reminder that we have children attending Yarrunga with severe allergies to egg, dairy, nut and sesame. Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We want to do our best to keep those at risk safe.

Please refrain from bringing food from home.

If you are bringing treats to share for your child's birthday please check with room educators for allergies prior.

Educational Leader Report

Documenting Children's Learning:

During October educators have been seeking input from children and families regarding the use of large floor books and wall displays as a form of documenting learning. Our aim is to create a shared vision representing the voices of our Yarrunga community about how, what, why and who we document for. The review process was supplemented by having two 4th Year CSU Students who were asked to use a Visual Diary as part of their course requirements.

Educator feedback regarding the implementation of these books included our youngest children (Nursery/Toddler) being immersed in pictures of themselves and their educators playing and learning throughout the day. Older children made more direct entries into the books through reflective comments, drawings and work samples - their choice.

We will now spend the remainder of the year practicing different techniques to really capture the essence of children's learning through their eyes. Please don't hesitate to speak with your child's educators if you have any questions or ideas about how we can present your child's learning.

Community Connections:

As you may be aware, we have been utilizing the bike path behind Yarrunga for some bike/scooter riding practice with our preschool group. This has been an extremely popular activity with all children and their educators. To supplement learning Paul from Cycle Station Albury come to Yarrunga to give us a talk about bike safety. We immediately noticed children recognizing bike etiquette such as ringing the bell to pass others as they put their learning into practice during our outings. We can't thank our wonderful families enough for providing the bikes for us to be able to implement this experience. Additionally, as we plan for community learning we are now very much aware of how we can give back to the community by involving them in the planning and evaluation process. We aim to incorporate more outings of this kind for the Nursery/Toddler and Junior Preschool groups.

Borella house residents are coming in for morning tea next Wednesday 13th November and we are all really excited to finally have our friends come to us thanks to a newly refurbished Yarrunga.

Krystine

If parents 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.

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