



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Management Committee
Meeting - Wednesday 17th
October.

Yarrunga's AGM -
Wednesday 21st November
2018

Renovation Update

We are still waiting on the DA to be
approved by Council,
hence there is still no date for
commencement of the renovations.

YARRUNGA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S AGM WILL
BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY
21ST NOVEMBER 2018

ALL PARENTS ARE MOST WELCOME TO
ATTEND

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
during this period.

POLICIES NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB PAGE

We have added some of our Policies to the Web Page for your information.

To access the Policies you will be required to enter a pin - (we have chosen an easy one - Yarrunga's postcode). When you have a moment have a read and let us know what you think.

A list of ALL Policies is displayed in foyer and are available on request.

Policies will be reviewed as required, your feedback will be sought and used to help us reflect on our daily practices.

WET BAGS

We have purchased a bulk order of wet bags for your convenience for children's wet clothes to go in when they have an accident or are wet from water play.

They are available from the office for
\$10 or two for \$15



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 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.

POLICIES BEING REVIEWED

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

- Parent/Guardian, Electronic Media and Environmental Policies and the Staff Confidentiality Statement. Please have a read and comment.

Yarrunga can now be followed on Facebook and Instagram



Free flu vaccines for children under 5

NSW Health is offering free influenza (flu) vaccine for children between 6 months and under 5 years of age to protect them and the wider community from flu. Infants and young children are most likely to spread flu and suffer complications, particularly when large numbers are in close contact, such as in early childhood services.

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.

CHILDREN'S FAVOURITE MEALS

If your child/ren have a favourite meal at home, could you please let us know so that it may be incorporated into our menu's.

WOODSTOCK CRT

A concerned resident in Woodstock Crt has asked that families slow down whilst dropping off and picking up their children.

The resident feels that families are travelling too fast to stop if a child or anyone accidentally steps onto the road.



Congratulations to both staff members who have delivered baby boys during the month:-

- Deb, Jack & Grace welcome Max and
- Jess & Tyler welcome Theodore

Also to Kylie & Brett, Isla & Charlie on the birth of Pippa

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Spring is in the air and we are enjoying all this wonderful season has to offer!

To supplement nature, play and learning at Eastern Hill Reserve we have introduced a number of projects for children to explore growth, texture, colour and environmental change:

- Cultivating sunflower seeds in glass jars
- Exploring the properties of plant structure using light
- Examining different rock formations with magnifying glasses
- Experimenting with the magic of colour in painting and drawing activities using different mediums

Through these projects' children are developing skills of observation, prediction, documentation, reflection and further planning. Our walls are covered in posters depicting their learning!

During September we have also spent time tending to our vegetable plot at the community garden. We picked some snow peas and enjoyed them with our afternoon teas platter. With footy season drawing to a close there has been great interest in team sports and ball games, and we have taken every opportunity to utilise the grassed area at the back of Yarrunga to practice fundamental movement skills.

You may have noticed a growing interest in construction lately. We have reintroduced the woodwork bench and the children are enjoying mastering power tools to build models. The most rewarding part for us is noticing the pride they show in their accomplishments and watching them share and play with their completed models.

Transition to school:

Last week our older children visited Albury Public School to familiarise themselves with 'big school' before formalised orientations begin in term 4. Mrs Dicketts and her kindergarten class invited us into their room for some classroom activities before we went on a tour of the grounds. We took lots of photos and created a book for the children to share.

We have been invited to St Pats in October and have also been contacted by St Anne's. We will keep you posted with times, dates, etc.

Welcome baby Max!

Congratulations to Deb, Jack and Grace on the birth of a beautiful baby son and brother.



Krystine, Tenille, Belle and Julie

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NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

Hello Families,



Our nursery/toddler room has been out and about exploring our environment, Chrissy took four children to the community garden and they enjoyed watering and looking at the plants.

We have a CSU student starting with us on the 15th November, Tara so we look forward to welcoming her into the room.

We have been exploring Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (S.T.E.M) with magnets looking at patterns and shapes and colours of the magnets. Some of the children are making 3D shapes and putting them onto the fence.

Our younger children are on the move exploring the environment around them as they hit developmental milestones of crawling and walking.

Please let us know if you are not receiving our room newsletter as Nicole had to re-enter all addresses as our computers got updated and we lost all our contacts.

Please remember to pack some layers of clothing, the weather is warming up and we may need to change throughout the day.

Thank you everyone



Nicole, Chrissy and Lesley
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Roasted Pumpkin, Leek, Thyme and Bacon Bake

Ingredients: 600g peeled butternut pumpkin, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup olive oil, 1 leek halved and sliced, 200g sliced shortcut bacon rashers, 1 tbsp thyme leaves, 2 cups sunrice medium grain rice - rinsed, 1 litre campbells real chicken stock - salt reduced & 50g crumbled feta.

Method: Preheat oven to 180°C, cut pumpkin into 2cm pieces, toss in 1 tablespoon of the oil, place on a large oven tray lined with baking paper and bake in oven for about 25-30 minutes or until tender, remove. Meanwhile, heat remaining oil in large

flameproof casserole dish over medium heat, add leek and bacon, cook stirring occasionally until soft. Stir in Thyme then sunrice rice, add campbells stock, bring to boil, cover with lid, transfer to oven. Cook in oven for about 25 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed, remove, stir in pumpkin and sprinkle with feta.

JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS



The JPS children have been spending lots of time outside in the last couple of weeks making the most of the warmer weather. We have also been able to enjoy having our Lunch outside on the deck before transitioning inside for sleep/rest - with these children have also choosing to sleep outside on the verandah as well. We would appreciate you providing two spare sets of clothing in your child's bag for

changes after water play - we provide this throughout the day so sometimes your child may need to be changed twice.

Many thanks to our families that supported our 'Footy Colours Day' fundraising event. Unfortunately, due to the weather we were unable to go out the back and have a kick of the footy, with the children instead spending time in their individual rooms with their parent or grandparent.

Just a reminder to please let both JPS educators and the Office know if you will be away for any reason - we do have families that request additional days so will fill vacancies that we may have, particularly during school holidays.

Our older children will be beginning to have transition visits to the preschool room in the coming months in preparation for 2019.



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Together with Toddler

PARENT-CHILD GROUP PROGRAM

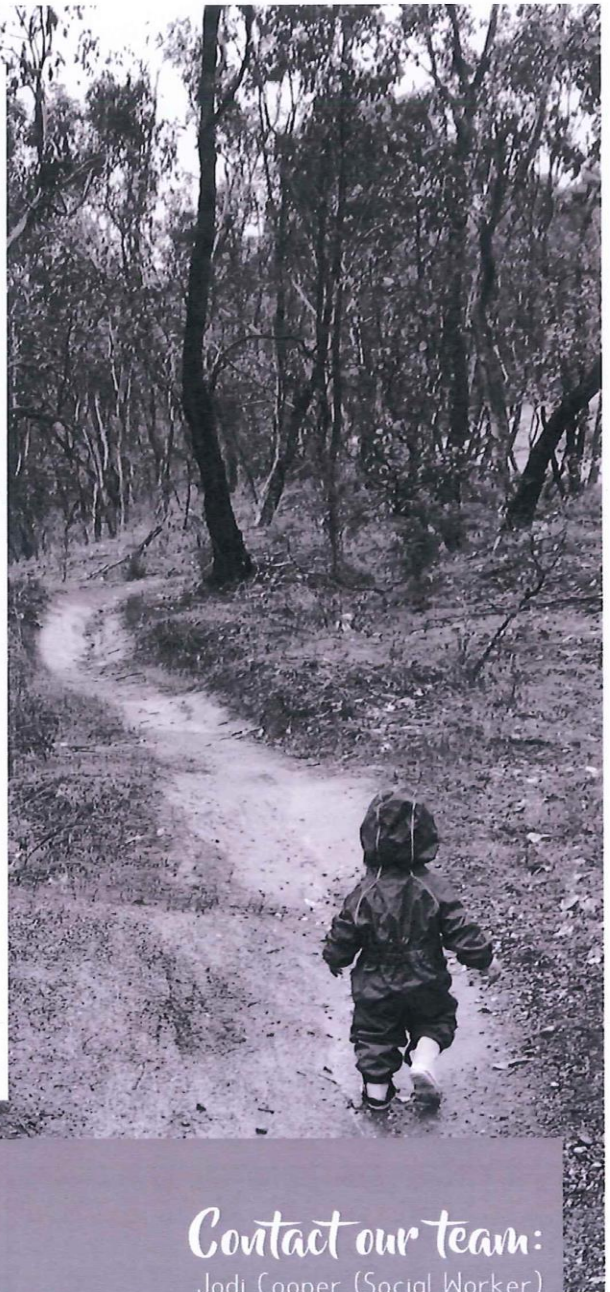
Together with Toddler: Term 4
Saturdays. 9:30-11:00am
27th October - 8th December 2018
Inspire Health Albury
Fees: \$200 per term

Facilitated by Follow My Lead, 'Together with Toddler' is an opportunity to observe, discover and enjoy your toddler with intensive support from our team.

The program provides a supportive space to practice being with your toddler and to work through any struggles together through play.

You may be interested in joining if:

- You are the parent/guardian of a toddler aged between 18 months and 2 ½ years old.
- You are looking for a gentle, inviting space for you and your toddler to visit each week.
- You would like to strengthen your connection with your toddler.



FOLLOW MY LEAD
THERAPY SERVICES

Contact our team:

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