

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October 2019

Management Committee
Meeting Wednesday 16th
October @ 7.30pm

Yarrunga open day-
Saturday 12th October
@9.30am

November 2019

AGM- Wednesday 20th
November @ 7pm



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2019

YARRUNGA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

ALL PARENTS ARE MOST WELCOME
TO ATTEND

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.

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



DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

It is hard to believe we are in October already, and beginning to prepare for the end of 2019. The last few months have brought about a lot of change at Yarrunga. We left the church after 8 months at our temporary home and have now settled into our beautiful, refurbished Yarrunga.

We farewelled Terri, as she moved on to explore opportunities outside of Yarrunga. We also very sadly farewelled Claire, after 19 years at Yarrunga. Over the last 2 and a half years I have been lucky enough to work alongside Claire in the office, essentially learning from the best, as part of her succession plan for Yarrunga. Claire and I have been job sharing the role of director since July and I feel very privileged to have stepped into the role full time since her retirement at the end of August. You will continue to see Claire's face around as she works casually at Yarrunga, and remains a strong support, and mentor for myself.

I understand that change can bring challenge and uncertainty, so I would like to heartfully thank all our families for your patience, understanding and support over the duration of this very busy year! If at any stage you have any concerns, suggestions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our door is always open 😊

Lisa

director@yarrunga.com.au



LAMB AND NOODLE HOT POT

Ingredients:

500g cubed lamb, trimmed
1 onion, chopped or grated
1 green apple, diced, skin on
1 large carrot, diced or grated
2 sticks celery, chopped
1 tsp curry power
1x 440g tin lamb and vegetable chunky style soup
1 large tomato, chopped
250g small shell pasta, cooked and drained

Method:

1. Combine in large saucepan, all ingredients except pasta.
2. Bring to the boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer 45 minutes or until tender.
3. Stir in cooked pasta, reheat and serve.

NURSERY/TODDLER NEWS

We have loved being back at 'Our' Yarrunga. We have had the opportunity to get out and about in our local community with the Junior Preschoolers and heading along the bike path to see the world around us. The children have particularly enjoyed waving to the traffic when we go to the bridges.



We have been enjoying the sunshine and spending time in our yards. We have had lots of indoor/outdoor play for the children to be able to choose where they would like to play and being able to have loose parts to take with them.

Briana (CSU student) has been with us for a couple of weeks now and will finish up in the middle of the month. The children have loved spending time with her and getting to experience the activities she has planned during her placement.

Please remember to pack lots of appropriate spare clothes now the warmer weather is arriving, and all items labelled.



We will start to get in to messier and water play as well.

We have been getting creative and exploring with paint, chalk, drawing, goop, playdough and lots of other textures and experiences the children have enjoyed but also been hesitant to get messy.



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



**Congratulations to our Yarrunga family that has welcomed a new addition to their family: -
Ben, Emma and Lottie have welcomed a baby girl Bobbi.**

PRESCHOOL ROOM NEWS



Wow bike week has been amazing! We have loved having the children so excited to participate in riding their bikes with their peers on the bike path behind Yarrunga. A big thank you to the families for the extra workload, when already needing to

get ready for the day to then pack your loved one bikes or scooters also. The children have learnt to push themselves and build encouragement to ride and follow the traffic safety limits. The children are enjoying using the physical gym down the bike path also, as they take risks and build confidence to climb the bars and try too swing along the monkey bars. They have also loved using the punching bag and activity stations. (Munch and Move).



Potions have continued to be a big hit with the children creating smelling sensory concoctions. The children have resourced their own flora/faulage from the trees behind or at Yarrunga to add to their recipes along with herbs, spices and coloured water. Some have made pastes with the mortar and pestles and others 'Perfumes'. They have

shared ideas and their experiments and have participated in mathematical concepts of mass and quantities. Some peers have resourced clipboards to write down their ingredients. We will continue to extend on this over the next month.

Mica, the student will be here for another week, she has incorporated music time with her singing and ukelale and children are often requesting the 'Hello' song.

We are continuing to accept donations in our foyer for Junction Support Services of hygiene products, light globes and unopened baby items/books, these will go to families who unexpectedly find themselves homeless.



Krystine, Natt, Netty and Deb.

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JUNIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS



What lovely month we have had in the Junior Preschool room, with the change in weather we have been able to get out and about, exploring our community, going for walks out the back of Yarrunga. A couple of times we went out with the Preschool children and had a turn riding scooters. What a fun time we have been having. We have also been doing some planting as a group.



We recently changed our room around a little bit to allow more space in our home corner area which has been a huge area of interest with our children. We added toy fruit and vegetables and have also added some



doctor props that have prompted some lovely play sequences.



In our Junior Preschool program we are going to be introducing more loose parts play. If our lovely families can bring in some items that they find at home or from out and about we would love some donations. This could be anything from large buttons, spoons, cotton reels, magazines, boxes (nothing with nuts or eggs due to allergies within the room), natural materials, material off cuts, pipes, tubing, wood off cuts, anything that will provoke interest. Thankyou, your assistance would be very much appreciated.



We have recently gained new additions to our Junior Preschool Program with our new fish in our fish tank. We are in the process of trying to name our new family members. Any suggestions from our lovely families would be greatly appreciated. If you could email those suggestions that would be wonderful.

Chrissy, Molly, Belle and Jay.
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Educational Leader Report

During September room teams continued to reflect on how they implement simultaneous indoor/outdoor play for their own groups as well as how a whole of Centre approach allows for children of all ages to play and learn together by opening the gates between the top and bottom yards. It has been established that indoor/outdoor play is now occurring within individual rooms on a daily basis and that the gates between our two big yards are frequently opened in response to children's voices and spontaneous teachable moments. We can now confidently say that *BEST PRACTICE is EMBEDDED INTO PRACTICE* and celebrate this as an area of strength for our Yarrunga community!

In response to our move back to Yarrunga and the availability of all resources, all of the time, for all children, it has been vital that we look at how we program for group and individual learning to ensure we capture the voices of our children, families and community, which is the ethos of our Yarrunga Philosophy. During our October staff meeting all educators participated in a reflective activity regarding who is *advantaged / disadvantaged* by continuing to use our current methodology of forward planning and the same for the reintroduction of Floorbooks and Wall Displays. After some debate and clarification of ideas ALL educators agreed that the Floorbook / Wall Display approach reflects our Philosophy best. We will use the rest of 2019 to create a shared vision for the documentation of children's learning in consultation with children and families. Educators will be approaching families with some open questions to gain their perspectives on practice and children will have input via circle discussions and observations of how they display and revisit their own learning.

Exciting news is happening on the partnerships front as we are once again establishing our relationship with the residents of Borella House. We are anticipating our first excursion on Monday 21st October and are very fortunate to now have upgraded facilities which will allow our friends to visit us; meaning the value of intergenerational care can be of benefit to all!

Krystine

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.

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;

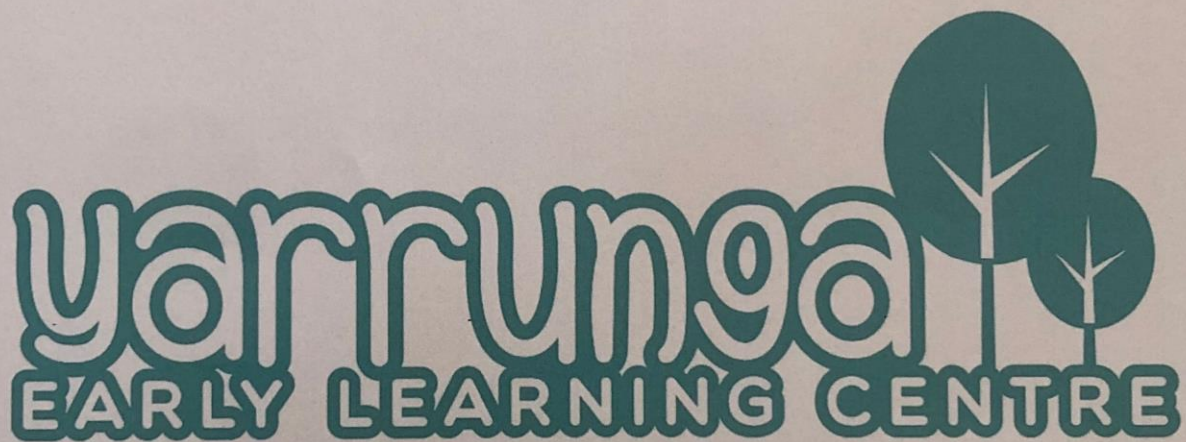
Notification of Complaints and Incidents (Other than serious Incidents) as required by the Education & Care Services National Regulations – through the National Quality Agenda IT System (NQA IT System). Log in to access the portal.

A scanned copy of the written complaint will be uploaded prior to submitting the form electronically.



Lucky
door
prizes

Face painting
Live music
Activity stations
Open house



Join us at the centre
371 Woodstock court
East Albury, to see our
newly refurbished
space for a fun filled
morning

Saturday
October
12th 2019
9:30-12:30





This FREE interactive workshop aims to enhance parent's understanding of their children's behaviour and provide practical strategies in supporting behavioural change and emotion coaching.

- Do you have a child/children aged between 0-12yrs?
- Does your child struggle with big emotions and being calm?
- Do you find that your child's behaviour is sometimes challenging because of their emotions?
- Do you sometimes find it difficult as a parent/carer to help your child calm down which impacts on their behaviour?

Then this group is for you!

Centacare South West NSW, will be running an information session for parents who are wanting to learn about how to help their child be calm and better manage challenging behaviours.

Where: Centacare Albury Office 449 Olive Street Albury

When: Monday 14th October 2019

Time: 9:30am - 2:45pm

Cost: Free

Target Group : 0 - 12yrs

Facilitator: Sam P

Bookings essential call 1300 619 379

Tea and Coffee provided

Call today to book your spot!

**For further information or to register your interest please contact Centacare South West NSW
1300 619 379**

Or email info@centacareswsw.org.au