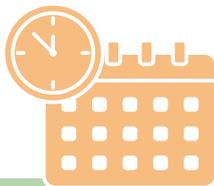




Important Dates



- Good Friday - April 7th. (The centre will be closed).
- Easter Saturday - April 8th
- Easter Sunday - April 9th
- Easter Monday - April 10th (The centre will be closed).
- 4 year old kinder vacation care and OSHC vacation care - 11th April - 21st April.
- Anzac Day - Tuesday April 25th. (Centre will be closed)



Committee of Management Report

The Committee of Management met last week. During the meeting, we went through the regular reports from the Sub Committees, the Centre Manager's Report, an Update on the New Kinder Building, and discussed Risk Management.

Finance - presented a draft of the Annual Accounts as of December 31st in preparation for the Audit which is now taking place. A summary of the Bank Balances and statements were presented to the meeting. Finance passed a quote for further maintenance on the West End of the playground. Grounds and Maintenance - The committee discussed the maintenance work that had been done in the playground and visited the site. We also discussed the proposed repair to the fence by the Wellington Shire and further maintenance.

Policies - The following policies were reviewed and passed - Dealing with Infectious Diseases, Sustainability, Governance and Management Policy, Emergency and Evacuation, and Nutrition, Oral Health and Active Play.

Centre Manager's Report: The Centre Manager gave a report on the month's events, including continuing strong numbers, the installation of new cots and high chairs in the Babies Room, and a new fridge in the same area. The report covered the Gastro Outbreak and the management of the centre during this time, and the planned Vacation Care Program for OSHC and Kinder children.

Sarah also gave us an update of the renovations for relocating the Maternal Health Centre and the setting up of a Manager's Office in the Centre.

Reference Group for the New Kinder Building - our Representatives on this group were excited to present drawings of the new building and a site plan.

Curriculum and Programming Support - Previous 4 Year Old Kinder Teacher and Educational Leader, Jo Nunn, has returned to the Kinder in an advisory and support role to develop Curriculum, Programming and implementation with the Educators.

Alberton OSHC - The Alberton OSHC will commence on April 24th with the possibility of Vacation Care happening as well. Bookings are through YELC on 0351825190 and Ros Hudson will be managing the site.

Regards
Malissa Nicol - Chair



Our first newsletter for 2023! Thank you for your patience and understanding towards our very new administrative team. There has been a lot of learning and growth undertaken here at Yarram Early Learning and not just by the children. The amount of new information that one person can absorb is just astonishing.

A reminder that on drop off and collection children need to be signed in and signed out of the centre. If for any reason you are unable to do this, please just let an educator or the staff at reception know and they can ensure this happens.

We appreciated your support through the difficulties of the gastro outbreak - it is lovely being able to have parents/guardians/carers back into the centre for drop off and collection. The excitement on the faces of the children when they are able to share their learning and experiences is a joy to behold.

There are lots of exciting programs coming up and children will be accessing some of the beautiful outdoors environments that are local to Yarram including Yarram Memorial Park, the Wetlands and the Yarram Botanical Gardens. These are terrific educational resources that we have right at our door, allowing us provide unique and valuable learning experiences for the children in our care.



**Thank you for your support of Yarram Early Learning.
Sarah Gregory
Manager**

Ngarawert



Sensory activities and play, help to create strong foundations for our Ngarawert Infants and Toddlers, which in turn, creates a fun learning environment for them to be themselves and grow independently.

During the month, the children have enthusiastically participated in sand play, and enjoyed finger painting, paint sticks and drawing.

Keeping in mind, for children to get the best out of their sensory experiences, we will be letting them run with their imaginations, which will mean dirty clothes! We strongly recommend that children have multiple changes of spare clothes to ensure they are sent home clean and tidy.

Our Wook Gook children have been enjoying the lovely weather, spending as much time as possible outside, playing with blocks and searching for four leaf clovers.

The children have been engaged in many activities including painting and waterplay.

We have been working on fine motor skills, by using safety knives to cut fruit and vegetables.



Wook Gook

Bataluk



This month we have completed many fun activities. We attended the Kids Day Out! They had a petting zoo, a jumping castle, and many other fun activities.

The children have really enjoyed going to the community room playing obstacle games, the floor is lava, sleeping bunnies, along with other group activities. They have been learning to walk with their buddy and how to stay together.

They have also absolutely loved bugs this month, both outside in nature and within the room.

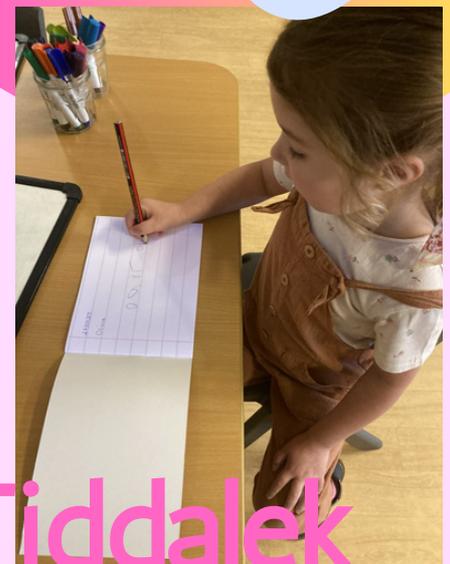


Over term one we have been focusing on building relationships with our new teachers and educators and have now built some beautiful new friendships.

We have settled into our new routine and have been learning about the seasons, days and months of the year. We have also been exploring our emotions and feelings through books, group discussions and play.

Term 2 we are looking forward to extending our program to include full days of Nature Kinder which are on Tuesdays and Thursdays and then on Monday and Friday we will be visiting the library and the community room for our Perceptual Motor Program. This program is movement based and it assists children to improve their eye/hand and eye/foot coordination and balance.

Each morning our children are learning to write their name with the support of an educator.



Tiddalek



Narrit

Welcome back to our returning students. We would also like to welcome our new students who have settled in well. Throughout term 1, the children have had many opportunities for free play, gym games and cooking experiences. We are enjoying getting to know the children individually on personal levels to learn more about their interests and likes to support and plan our program. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Easter and we can't wait for everyone to join us over the school holiday program. Thank you, from the OSHC team.

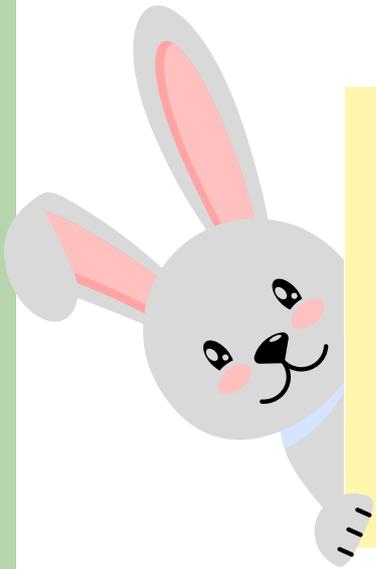
Community Events

TARRA FESTIVAL

Yarram and Port Albert - 7th-10th April
Commercial Road , Yarram

Yarram Easter Carnival

Saturday 8th April
Yarram Rec Reserve
1:30pm - 7:30pm



5 Minute MOVES



KICK AND CATCH

Short simple activities to get some active minutes in the day.

Head out into your backyard or down to your local oval with a ball or two. Take turns kicking the balls as far as you can and then running to 'catch' them. Try to catch them before they stop rolling. Next try to kick to one another and catch the balls.



Feedback
is always welcome