

## Managers' Report

Thank you to all parents and carers for the kindness and flexibility you have shown over the past weeks when the Centre has been in the difficult predicament of needing parents to pick up earlier. We appreciate your support and have been consistently advertising for staff to address ongoing staffing issues. We remain committed to providing the best possible care and learning experiences for the children at our service. While closing off an area of the car park has impacted accessibility to the Centre, it is exciting to see works have started on the new Kinder site with the removal of some of the trees and the surveying and marking of the building site. A reminder to parents to please be vigilant about safety during drop off and pick up ensuring the children stay close while walking through the car park. It was such a pleasure to see the children enjoy book week last week with many dressing-up as their favourite characters. The book marks for children to take away and colour were also a big success.



## Committee of Management Report

August 23rd, 2023

The Committee of Management had their August meeting this week. The following points were covered in the meeting:

1. Finance: The July Finance Reports were discussed and passed. This included discussion and passing of the following recommendations.
  - Budget variance was noted due to significant increases in wages, Workcover and utilities. As a result, the proposed Long Day Care Fee \$111.00, OSHC Fee \$25.00 and Vacation Care Fee \$90.00 were passed. This increase had been flagged at the last meeting and in my report.
  - The difficulty of attracting staff to Yarram for this sector was discussed. The committee looked at the impact of proposed changed hours of operation with the service opening 45 minutes later at 7:45am, and closing at 5.30pm (no change). Occasional bookings outside of operating hours would be available with 24 hours notice given to arrange staff.
  - Changes would take place from 11th September, 2023 as per the YEL Fees Policy.
2. CM Report: The Centre Manager presented her report on the events of the month.
3. New Kinder Building: Committee Representatives on the Kinder Building Reference Group reported on the proposed timeline, proposed design for the playground, organisation of resources for the new facility, and the development of the lease of the building with the Wellington Shire.
4. HR: Leadership PDP meetings have taken place.
5. Policies: The committee reviewed and passed the following policies: First Aid, Privacy and Confidentiality, Administration of Medicine, Staff Mobile Phones, plus 5 policies from the Bush Kinder Program including Dog Awareness, Snake Awareness, Protective Clothing, Extreme Weather, and Identification and Visibility.

Regards

Malissa Nicol - Chair



## Important Dates



Sunday 3rd September -  
Fathers Day.

Friday September 29th -  
Grand final public holiday.  
The centre will be closed.

## Sun Smart

The weather is starting to warm up and we are starting to reach 3 on the UV index. Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world and infants and toddlers are more vulnerable.

If the UV reaches 3 or above hats are required for the children to play outside.

Please remember to pack hats and drink bottles for your children. If you do not wish your children to use the sunscreen supplied by the centre, please provide your own. Please remember shirts need to have sleeves, no tank tops or singlets.

We have t-shirts and hats available from the office. T-shirts are \$20.00, Hats are \$15.00. If you buy both together they are \$30.00.

For further information please refer to our Sun Protection policy which is available on our website.  
<https://yarramelc.com.au/policies/>



## Shantaz Arnol

Second in Charge and 3 year old  
Kindergarten Teacher in Bataluk

Hello, my name is Shantaz Arnol, and I have been working at Yarram Early learning Centre (YELC) since January 2020. I returned to the Centre in April after taking maternity leave and am currently undertaking the roles of '3-year-old Kindergarten Teacher' and 'Second in Charge'. I work fulltime at the centre, study part time, and have four of my own children to love and care for. During my time at YELC, I have been given many opportunities to grow my professional practice through different leadership roles. My passion for early years learning and development continues to evolve as I progress in my practice at YELC.





# Ngarawert



Ngarawert



The magical beat of the human heart was discovered by the Ngarawert children throughout science week this month. The wonder and delight, radiantly projected with smiles and concentration on the children's faces.

Book week was enjoyed by all with the group reading of the children's special books. Many dressed up as their favourite character which added colour and fun to the celebration of Book Week 2023.

This month in the Wook Gook room, the children have been busy interacting with different natural items found in our outside spaces. The children have been collecting any items they find and have had the opportunity to share their ideas and curiosities with the group during gathering times throughout the daily routine.



Wook Gook



# Wook Gook



# Bataluk



During the month of August, in the Bataluk room, we have been working on a range of different pieces for our 'exhibition' in the hallway. The artwork pieces have included shapes, forests, and wattle paintings. Recently, the Bataluk children have been learning about different shapes. Jan has brought in different resources to show the children, asking about the different shape of the resource during group times. This has led to individual drawings of each shape after group time. The shapes included were circles, squares, rectangles, and ovals. The forest collages were created with different coloured paper representing trunks, leaves, and flowers. The terminology mentioned has been used to widen the children's vocabulary and understanding of shapes, and trees.

Book week was a positive experience across the room with home dress ups and kinder dress ups ensuring the children felt a sense of belonging. Books that corresponded with the children's costumes were brought in from home to be shared with the group at group time. Book week is a great opportunity for children to share a variety of interests about different themed books with their teachers and peers.

We've been having such a vibrant and bustling time in Tiddalek these past few weeks!

Your child might have already chatted about "Hugs" after their Kinder sessions. Hugstopus, is a lovable Komichi friend who's here to support the children to recognize and regulate their emotions.

Throughout Term 3, we've been on a fascinating journey exploring life cycles, currently delving into the world of bees. Our young explorers are truly captivated by the transformations that unfold throughout these life stages, as well as the intriguing differences and similarities among various insects.



# Tiddalek



# Narrt



During the month of August up at OSHC the children have taken a huge liking to imaginative play creating their own games and playing shops, they participated in some group skits as well as some STEM and some water colour painting. As always, the gym is a huge hit as well as some of the new board games that we have got.

We also did an emergency lockdown drill with the children to facilitate the children's confidence and skills in an emergency.

Term 3 school holidays are coming up, if you would like to book your child/ren in please contact the office as some days are limited for spots.

In our room this month we've been making use of outside time as much as the weather will allow, including using the sand pits for long jump and trying new skills on the bars.

Ngurran is a room that uses a lot of board and card games...with purpose.

Uno Flip is a 2 sided version of Uno, with new cards and rules. It's so popular that we are 'obligated' to play it each session, first thing when we get in the room and sometimes while we are still snacking! A number of the children have either purchased or will purchase the game for home. I see this as a connection between school and home.

We also use a game called 'Rummy-O', this is a sequencing maths game that requires addition, strategy and concentration. Feedback from parents is that this is another popular game that the children would like to have at home.



# Ngurran



## BE SMART WITH E-WASTE



E-waste is a broad term used for any kind of electronic or electrical product that has a plug or battery that has come to its 'end of life'. It includes everything from TVs, computers and mobile phones to batteries and kitchen appliances.

E-products is perhaps a better way to refer to them because they are certainly not waste. In fact, they often contain valuable materials like plastic and precious metals including gold, silver, platinum, nickel, zinc, aluminium and copper. These materials can easily be recovered and recycled into something new, which prevents electronics being made from new or 'virgin' materials. Recycling your old electronics keeps these materials in use in the circular economy and out of landfills. If you need to dispose of any E-products contact your local council or Planet Ark to locate your closest recycling drop off location.  
<https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/education/ewaste>

## 5 Minute MOVES

### CRAWL CHASE

When was the last time you got on your hands and knees and crawled like a baby? Give it a go, it is quite tiring and is a great brain workout too.

This activity is simple and requires no equipment just a little space. It is tag on all fours, take turns being 'in' everyone gets into crawling position and crawls away trying to avoid being tipped! Have fun.



The staff at Yarram Early Learning would like to send out a very special thankyou to Woolworths Yarram for their weekly donation of fruit.



## Events in Gippsland

**Storytime at Yarram Library - Every Thursday at 11:00am**

**2023 Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show  
7th to 9th September**

**Leongatha Memorial Hall, McCartin Street, Leongatha VIC, Australia**

**2023 South Gippsland Dairy and Farming Expo  
6th and 7th of September.**

**Korumburra Showgrounds, Cnr South Gippsland Highway & Charles Streets, Korumburra**





# Banana Choc Chip Muffins

PREP 15 mins / BAKE 20 mins

Makes 12  
METHOD



1. Preheat oven to 200 C and line a muffin tin with 12 papers. Set aside.
2. Place the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat and cook until the butter is melted, foaming and turned brown and smells nutty. Set aside to cool slightly. Place the flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, bicarb soda and salt into a bowl and whisk to combine creating a well in the centre. Set aside.
3. Into a separate bowl place the brown butter, eggs, yoghurt, vanilla and mashed bananas and whisk to combine. Pour the wet ingredients into the well of the dry and using a wooden spoon stir until just combined. Do not over mix. Gently fold through the chocolate chips.
4. Evenly divide the mixture between the prepared muffin tins. Place the caster sugar and cinnamon into a small bowl and stir to combine. Sprinkle each muffin with a little cinnamon sugar.
5. Bake muffins for 15-20 minutes or until golden and when a skewer inserted removes cleanly. Enjoy x

## INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup (190 ml) butter
- 2 1/2 cups (375 grams) plain flour
- 1 1/4 cups (260 grams) dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ground
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon bicarb soda
- pinch of salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) Greek (or natural) yoghurt
- 2 tablespoons vanilla bean paste (or extract)
- 2 bananas, mashed
- 1 1/2 cups (260 grams) dark chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons caster sugar (or demerara sugar)
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon, ground

Recipe and image from [mylovelylittlelunchbox.com](http://mylovelylittlelunchbox.com)

## ★ Seeking employment? ★

Yarram Early Learning is seeking the following:

- Diploma qualified educators
- Certificate qualified educators
- People who are interested in studying to become an educator while they work
- Support workers - to help additional needs children



For more information  
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