

Managers' Report

It has been very exciting to observe the new kindergarten building coming together beside the Centre. We have had a lot of excitement from the children and families about the new building and what it will look like. The new building will help to facilitate extra kindergarten spaces and will be a great education space for the community to access.

We have also been experiencing a few illnesses within the Centre recently. We kindly ask that if your child is experiencing any flu/sick like symptoms that you keep them home until they are symptom free. If your child has been to the doctor for any illness, we kindly ask that you inform the centre so that we can monitor these.

We are pleased to announce that YELC will be holding a Christmas party. This will take place in the Yarram Memorial Park, on the 7th of December from 5:30-7:00pm. Families have been sent a communication about this via Xplor. We kindly ask that the expression of interest forms are filled out by Monday the 27th of November to help us cater for the event.

We would also like to inform families that we are working very hard to model the rooms for 2024 and that we will be in contact with families soon regarding their child's place at Yarram Early Learning.

Kind regards,
Shantaz Arnol - Assistant Director



Committee of Management Report

October Committee Meeting

The committee met to discuss the following points:

Finance: September Finances were approved. The variance was discussed. A budget for fitting out the new room was reviewed, extended and approved. Finance Sub Committee is working on the 2024 Draft Budget.

New Building: Members of the Management Group have toured the new building after its arrival two weeks ago and shared photos with other committee members. Everyone is very excited about the expansion and the idea of more space for the children to learn and play and more places available for families.

Centre Manager's Office: This is ready to be used. When Maternal Health has moved to their new location, the Centre Manager will follow suit.

Grounds and Maintenance: The damage to the fence from the extreme winds was discussed. Sarah is getting quotes to repair the fence. The ELC is also going to employ a Maintenance Person on a regular basis to help with the upkeep of the grounds.

Policies: The committee passed the Staff and Educator Health and Wellbeing Policy, The Fundraising Policy and the Supervision of Children Policy.

Regards
Malissa Nicol – Chairperson

Important Dates



- Last day of care: Wednesday 20th of December.
- First day of care: Tuesday 9th January.

Christmas closure

- Vacation care will run on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th.
- Last day of OSHC at Alberton Friday 15th of December



Meet the

NGARAWERT ROOM LEADER

ABOUT ME

Hello

My name is Donna, and I am happy to have joined the wonderful Ngarawert team this year. Many of you will already know me, as I was born and raised right here in the township of Yarram.

I attended School locally and raised my family here.

This will be my 5th year with Yarram Early Learning. During this time, I have had the pleasure of working in the

Bataluk (3-4-Year-old), Ngarawert room (8 weeks - 2-year-old) and the last few years as Room leader in the Wook Gook room (2-3-Year-old).

This year I have returned to Ngarawerts as Room leader, where I have focused on establishing a positive trusting relationship with you and your family. Together we have worked towards nurturing your child's wellbeing, development and their understanding of the world.

MORE INFO

- I value my family and friends
- I live in the local area with my husband and together we raised five children.
- I love all animals and currently have a Horse, Cows, parrots, Budgies, Turtles, Chooks, fish and four adorable Dogs
- Education - Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care



Donna Vollmer



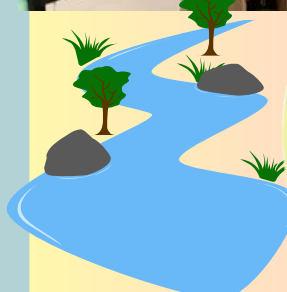
Ngarawert



R U Ok? These words can make a difference to someone's day, On the 14th of September The children in the Ngarawert room painted with only Yellow in representation of R U Ok day, whilst Staff continued to support our babies' emotions and that of their Families. The sun has been shining and the outdoor yard has proven popular with the children, In particular the sandpit where the children have enjoyed digging, scooping and dumping sand with the big trucks.

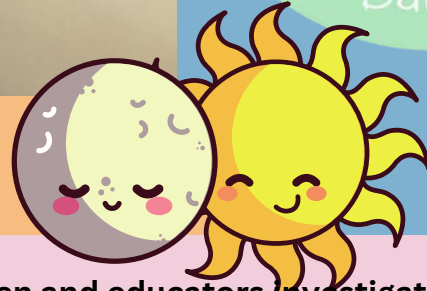
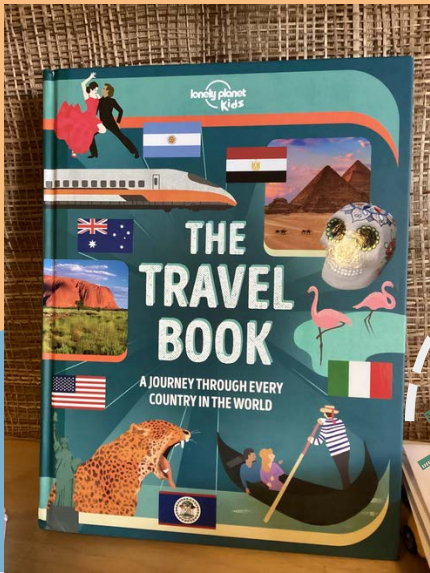
This month the children in the Wook Gook room have enjoyed painting with cooling, calm blues, and white paint. They have been putting their interpretation of a river down on paper. This has also led to some discussions on what a river is and whether the children have ever seen a river in real life. We have displayed these beautiful art works in the foyer outside our room for all to admire.

The children have also been playing with soft playdough and the inside sensory sand, other children have played in the quiet area with the books and teddy bears, taking a break and listening to a story, or making up their own stories with the activities set up in the room.



Wook Gook

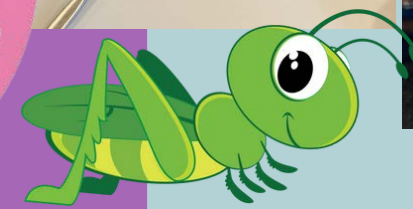
Bataluk



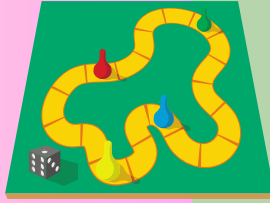
Throughout the month of August, the Bataluk children and educators investigated many new learning intentions. These included exploring the sun and the moon. The children created their own sun's and moons out of cut up paper, glue, chalk, and utilised stimuli as reference. These artworks were taken out to our 'Bataluk exhibition' to showcase the children's work.

We have also welcomed Hannah back to the Bataluk room this month. Hannah has shared her stories about travelling all over Europe and Asia. This has prompted an inquiry into geography and where we are placed in the world.

These school holidays, we have been having a blast! For Science day, the children loved the process of seeing how slime is made and the affects of bubbles in different contexts. We also experimented with how to make edible bugs with seasonal fruit on PJ day, then watched A Bug's Life. We have all been looking forward to Term 4 where we will get to have more school transitions and Nature Kinder bus excursions to see more of our beautiful Country.



Tiddalek



Throughout the start of September, the children played a lot of board games, card games and did a few craft activities. We also took advantage of nice weather and got outside some of the afternoons. The last 2 weeks of the month were the school holidays where the children did a variety of things including some cupcake decorating with Renee from Sweet Tooth creations, a couple of excursions around town as well as to WynCity and the Eureka Skydeck and some days spent at the school.

These are pictures of a child using a previously constructed area in the sandpit during school lunchtime, made for the use of the dinosaurs the school has for the children's imaginative play.

The area now was to be a 'vet' area for this child to share with others in our OSHC session. The pale areas on the dinosaur's skin are patches of wet sand applied to 'help the dinosaur recover from his illness', something the child had thought up himself and wanted to share with others attending. With some open-ended questions, we were helped to understand how the child had added his own imaginative play to what was already used during school time.

Value:

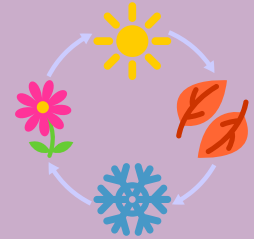
Play-based learning encourages children to use what they know and add to it, called 'scaffolding'. For this child, it was what he'd been building during school lunch play (engineering), then adding to it by extending the use of that item in the sandpit to build on things he'd experienced with his own pets going to the vet for medical care.

The fact this was generously shared with others in the session of OSHC means the value is proven for play-based learning to nurture and foster imagination, sharing and possible future aspirations.



Learning about calendars with your child helps toddlers learn and become familiar with temporal concepts, new vocabulary, number sequencing and patterns.

You can talk about each month in the year, which are summer months, which are Winter. When is your birthday, when is your siblings' birthdays? Write in special dates and countdown to big events. You might even like to create your own calendar. You can use a WORD template or create one and have it printed through VISTA print.



5 Minute MOVES

NINJA WARRIOR

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

Create a Ninja Warrior obstacle course in your backyard!

Your home is full of objects you can use for the course, buckets, ladders, play equipment, heavy cans, ropes, hula hoops. You can also mix the obstacle race with a treasure hunt. Include obstacles that involve agility, jumping, balancing, climbing, crawling, strength and teamwork. Check for safety and have fun!



Our service is working towards good oral health for our children
Help your kids to brush their teeth twice a day



Clean well

How to brush teeth

- Use a pea sized amount of toothpaste on a small head, soft toothbrush.
- Use low fluoride toothpaste (for children aged 18 months to 6 years).
- Use regular fluoride toothpaste if your dentist or oral health professional tells you.
- Aim the toothbrush bristles; at an angle towards the gum line.
- Move the brush in small circles over each tooth.
- Repeat for the inside surfaces of all teeth.
- For the back teeth, brush backwards and forwards.
- Spit out the toothpaste after brushing.
- You do not need to rinse, as the small amount of fluoridated toothpaste left in your mouth after spitting continues to protect against tooth decay.



Electric toothbrushes also do a good job of cleaning teeth.

VEGGIE PACKED CHICKEN BOLOGNESE

PREP 5 mins | COOK 30 mins | SERVES 6



INGREDIENTS

1 onion
2 carrots
2 zucchinis
1 stick celery
3 garlic cloves minced
80 g bacon pieces
500g chicken mince
400ml passata
200ml chicken stock
60ml milk
2 tbs tomato puree
1 tbs white wine vinegar
1 tsp sugar
2 bay leaves
1 tbs oregano
salt and pepper
400g spaghetti
parmesan to serve

METHOD

1. Finely chop onion, grate carrots and zucchini.
2. Fry the onion, carrot, zucchini, celery, bacon, and garlic in 1 tablespoon of olive oil for 3-4 minutes until softened.
3. Turn the heat up to high and add the chicken mince. Fry until the chicken mince has changed colour. This will take roughly 3-4 minutes.
4. Add in the passata, stock, tomato puree, milk, white wine vinegar, bay leaves, oregano, sugar, salt and pepper. Simmer for 25-30 minutes.
5. Cook pasta to instructions
6. Add grated parmesan and a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

Tip: Add a can of chopped tomatoes for extra veggies.

Enjoy x

Recipe and image from mylovelylittlelunchbox.com

Seeking Qualified Educators

If you are interested in working for Yarram Early Learning and are either Diploma or Certificate qualified, we would love to hear from you!!

Please come in and speak to Sarah in the office or call 5182 5190





Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday 16th of October, Anna and Spot visited the kindergarten to teach your child the importance of brushing teeth, eating good food and drinking water. We read a story and played games about healthy eating and oral health. We hope your child enjoyed the visit, and will enjoy showing you how they can brush their teeth with their new toothbrush and tooth paste.

If your child has not visited the dentist within the last year, we recommend they have a check up as soon as possible.

FREE DENTAL CARE

Did you know that children aged 12 or under are eligible for FREE general dental care at Central Gippsland Health?

- No concession cards are needed
- Emergency appointments available
- No waitlist for children

What is included in general dental treatments?

- Dental check-ups and cleaning of teeth
- Dental X-rays
- Fissure sealants and Fillings
- Root canals
- Extractions
- Stainless steel crowns

Call the clinic today on (03) 5143 8130

Central Gippsland Health's Hospital Dental team operate from:

Monday to Friday, 8am - 4:30pm.

Reception is not staffed between 12-1pm and the clinic is closed on public holidays.

Better Together. cghs.com.au

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Come Celebrate Christmas with Us

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join the wonderful team at Yarram Early Learning to celebrate Christmas. Santa will be visiting, have your wish lists ready! Sausages in bread- \$1.00 each. Please complete the expression of interest form to help us cater for the event.

2023

THURSDAY

07

DECEMBER

5:30PM - 7:00PM

YARRAM MEMORIAL PARK
312-322 COMMERCIAL RD, YARRAM

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN WILL NOT BE IN THE CARE OF YARRAM EARLY LEARNING STAFF AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.



Expressions of Interest for the 2023 Christmas Party.
Thursday 7th December 2023
5:30pm to 7:00pm

Please complete this form and return it to the office by Monday 27th November.

Child's /Parent's Name:

How many adults will be attending?

How many children will be attending?

How many sausages in bread will your family require?
(Sausages in bread will be \$1:00 each).

Does your family have any dietary requirements?