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Managers' Report

At the AGM in May there were some changes to positions on the Committee of Management. I would like to welcome Anne Morris as our new Committee of Management Chairperson and thank Malissa Nicol for the time, effort and energy she has contributed to Yarram Early Learning as Chairperson. Malissa is not departing the Committee of Management but has instead moved to the position of Vice-Chair. We thank Gregor MacAulay for taking on another term as Secretary and Rebekah Muir for taking on another term as Treasurer. There are three positions on the Committee of Management still open, please contact the office if you are interested in nominating. The time commitment required is 2-hours once a month.

We are looking to finalise the days on offer for Kinder in 2025 and so would like any expression of interest forms not handed in to us to be in by Friday 14th June. Please ensure that if you are expecting your child to attend either of the Kinder programs next year you have submitted an expression of interest form.

School holidays are coming up quickly and both the OSHC and Vacation Care Holiday Programs are out. Places are limited so please get in quick to ensure your booking.

ROOM NAMES

We are proud to announce we have officially named our new rooms. The 2-3 Long Day care room is named Tarla which means Little Fish in the Gunaikurnai language. The 3-4 Long Day care room is now named Gidi which means Swan in the Gunaikurnai language.



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Centre Closures



**Grand Final Public Holiday
Friday 27th September**

Cauliflower Cheese Fritters



PREP 10 mins | COOK 5 mins | 6 People

INGREDIENT

- 1 small or ½ large head cauliflower (about 3 cups)
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- ½ cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 cup milk

METHOD:

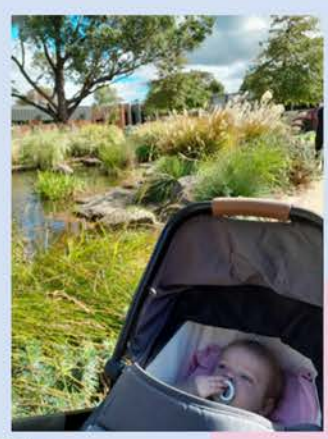
Remove the leaves and stem from your cauliflower and cut into roughly 1cm square pieces. A mix of small and large pieces is fine, some will end up as crumbs just make sure the stem parts are not too big, so they cook through.

Add all the ingredients to a large bowl except for the milk, then gradually add the milk until you end up with batter about the thickness of pancake mix evenly coating all the cauliflower. You might not need all the milk.

In a large fry pan over medium heat add about 1cm of neutral oil and heat for a few minutes. Working in batches, drop the batter into palm-sized rounds and cook until about ¾ done before flipping. It should take about 2-3 minutes on the first side and 1 minute on the next and end up golden and crispy. Drain in a sieve placed over a bowl or on some paper towel.

Repeat until all fritters are cooked, adjusting the flame for temperature as you go if it gets too hot or if they take too long.

Enjoy! (Source: www.australianeggs.org.au)



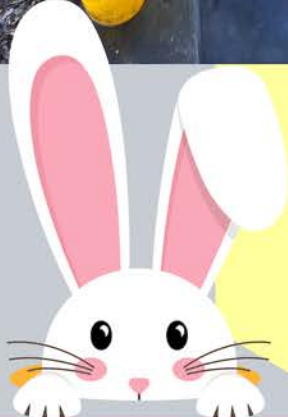
The children have had a wonderful time exploring the community. With visits to the library to read stories with the educators and going on walks. We recently received our new purchase of double prams that we can use for excursions or any emergencies that may arise. The children were very excited to venture off to the Memorial Park with lots of “wow’s” said and smiley expressions as we walked around the trail. With weather permitting, we will continue to engage with the Yarram community.

Children have been creating different shapes and paths using colour cones. They used their coordination stacking them and moving them as needed. They roll the balls between and around them. Our outside program featured role play with bikes and lawn mowers as well as balancing beams and climbing frames. The children explored the different elements, sometimes combining them. We have enjoyed the warm autumn days and have been able to have morning tea picnics outside.



Wook Gook

The children in the Tarla room had a fantastic Easter celebration and plenty of engaging activities this month! Cooking cookies and Easter crafts was a blast for everyone involved. The program introduced new areas for the children to explore, like caring and nurturing of the animals in the vet area. Activities like painting, cutting, and pasting were popular and allowed the children to get creative and express themselves. In the outdoor yard the children have had a great time with bikes, water play with the water wheels, and the new shovels and buckets in the sandpit which has been the perfect way to enjoy the spring weather.



2-3 Long Day Care



Gidi



Over the last few weeks in the Gidi Room the children have been excited to participate in creating a new program for the outdoor yard. The children chose to have the addition of "wheels" which includes bikes, trikes and wheeled seats. Some of the children also had the idea to introduce cooking into the program and alongside educators created a mud kitchen in which fresh resources are collected from the yard each day to use in the experience.

Bataluk



In the Bataluk room we have been building connections with the local community. We had a visit from the Wulgunggo Ngalu people who came and sang songs with our three-year-old kindergarten children, played the didgeridoo and danced. The children danced as Tuk the duck, Borun the pelican, Bunjil the eagle and the Bataluk lizard, just to name a few. The children were engaged with and exposed to Aboriginal perspectives from our local community members.

During May, the Bataluk children created bouquets of flowers for their mothers or special person. Their bouquets were made of fresh donated flowers, wrapping, and ribbon of their choice. The children also made flowers out of salt dough and natural resources. The children enjoyed this learning experience, building their sense of identity through expressing their feelings and thoughts. Educators were able to observe the building of stronger connections and a sense of belonging through their positive words and the expressions of satisfaction on the children's faces, once their projects were completed.

Over the past few months, our children's curiosity has flourished during our nature kinder sessions. They've been enthusiastically creating campfires and huts, discovering sap, and observing various insects. Their excitement and wonder in exploring the natural world have been truly inspiring. We have been bringing this back in to the kinder room and exploring seeds, plants, and different parts of nature.

We continued our focus on the Heggarty's Phonics Program. The children are beginning to pick up on rhyming words, sandwich words, and the sounds of letters. It's been wonderful to witness their growing confidence and interest in phonics.

We have also been engaging in our Kimochis program. Our friends Bug, Huggtopus, Lovey Dove, and Cat have already become familiar to the children, and this week we began exploring Clover. Their stories and emotions are helping our children understand their own feelings and how to express them.

Recently, we have begun diving into colours! The children are learning about primary colours and shades, discovering what to mix to create secondary colours. They were thrilled to experiment with different paints and see the variety of colours they could create. This journey in nature, language, emotional literacy, and colours reflects our Reggio Emilia philosophy, where the environment acts as the third teacher, and children are encouraged to explore and learn through their interests. We look forward to continuing these enriching experiences.



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During the school holidays, we ran vacation care. We were very busy, and the days were jam packed full of activities.

The children particularly enjoyed the Easter egg hunt and cupcake decorating. They had the opportunity to relax during PJ and Crazy hair day.

We held a science day. We discovered how rain clouds are formed and investigated the strength and properties of eggs by attempting to crack an egg using various weights. The children really enjoyed this activity. We attended the Regent Theatre in Yarram and watched Rio 2.

The children were able to access the gym and using skipping ropes became a favourite activity. Recently the children enjoyed creating for Mother's day/Special Persons day. The children were excited to make something special for their mothers. We have also enjoyed a lot of sensory and science activities using shaving foam and orbeez.

This term we have been building on the idea of telling others about ourselves using pictures. We had children draw pictures of their animals to tell others how important they are. We also had children draw pictures about the big storm that came through town earlier this year and the impact it had on their animals and things around their homes.

One child who completed the storm drawing then went on to design his dream house. Some of the children decided to turn their drawings into books.

These artworks allow the children to communicate and express themselves in a non verbal platform.

Recently Alberton Primary School held their school athletics carnival, some of the children loved it so much that we replicated some of the activities at OSHC.



Ngurran

MAKE YOUR OWN CLEANING PRODUCTS



Turn cleaning day into a science experiment and mix up some non-toxic sprays and solutions to use around the house with your child. Combine baking soda with warm water to create a deodoriser or simple kitchen cleaner, and use it to wipe down the inside of your microwave or refrigerator. Or, mix dish soap with warm water to clean the countertops.

When you make your own cleaners you save money, reduce your toxic load and reuse bottles you would have usually thrown out! You can find a large range of recipes <https://www.bhg.com/homekeeping/house-cleaning/cleaning-products-tools/homemade-cleaners/>

5 Minute MOVES

Making Bridges

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

Core strength activities can be fun. Show your child how to make a bridge by lying on your back, keep knees and feet together while lifting the buttocks off the ground. This exercise strengthens the muscles around the hips and back, which are all part of the core.

Ask your child to hold the bridge position for a few seconds.

Increase the time, or the number of repetitions, as your child improves. Make it fun by driving toy vehicles under the "bridge" or have a bridge challenge.



Feedback 
is always welcome

Places To Visit

Rosedale Bush Market

First Saturday of the month -

6th July 2024

33 Lyons Street - Rosedale

Dino Safari

Dinosaurs are stomping into Wilson Botanic Gardens.

June 28th to July 7th.

There will be 2 night time events. A Dino walk on 29th June and a movie night on 6th July.

Wilson Botanic Gardens in Berwick.
668 Princess Hwy, Berwick, VIC, 3806

<https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/news/dino-safari-roars-into-wilson-botanic-park>