

Managers' Report

We had a visit from the 'Recycleman' Reuben who attended the centre on Friday the 19th of July in the Tarla, Gidi and Tiddalek rooms. The children were engaged and excited and staff provided positive feedback of the value of the incursion. Reuben was very positive in his feedback about the children and how they engaged with the show. Many of the rooms participated in the NAIDOC week celebrations at the Yarram Memorial Park, the children and educators enjoyed this time out of the Centre and we had some lovely feedback from families about this excursion as well.

Ruby Battersby, one of our Certificate III educators, is moving away and will be finishing up on Wednesday 31st July, we thank Ruby for her time and commitment to the Centre and wish her all the best for the future.

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement we will be sending out a Parent/Guardian survey for feedback about areas that demonstrate our strengths and areas that we can focus on for improvement. The survey will be sent out via email and we would appreciate all families attempting to complete it. The greater the number of responses we get, the more impactful the data collected, this will then inform our focus moving forward.

We participated in a Pyjama week from 29th July to 2nd August so that all the children across the Centre have the opportunity to participate. This event raises funds to support literacy and educational opportunities for children in foster care. If you have a cause that is close to your heart that you would like the Centre to support please contact us either via phone on 0351 825 190 or via email to admin@yarramelc.com.au, we would be happy to look into adding causes that are important to our community onto our already established list of charities/fundraising days.

Committee Report

The Management Committee met for the July meeting. The meeting was most productive with seven members present. Thanks also to Sarah Gregory, our Manager and Shantaz Arnol, second in charge, who attended. While their role is not that of a voting committee member, they bring items to the agenda and contribute to discussions in order for the committee to make decisions that best benefit the Centre. We would like to welcome Caroline Kimber to the Committee of Management, we look forward to working with her.

The risk analysis component of the Emergency Management Plan was passed. This will be updated on the website shortly. The structure of our programs for next year were discussed. Parents will be informed of this in the next few weeks. If families know of any families wanting to enrol their child for next year please urge them to contact the Centre immediately.

Families who have a child beginning school next year are reminded that they are to contact schools for enrolment forms. While YELC has passed on your expression of interest forms it is not their role to distribute enrolment packs

Anne Morris
Chair



Important Dates



Official open day for the new
Kinder building
11:55am Friday August 16th.

Attendance by appointment only.

Grand Final Public Holiday
Friday 27th September

Bacon French Toast



PREP 10 mins | COOK 15 mins | 6 People

INGREDIENTS

5 cups of bread, cut into 2cm cubes
3 rashers bacon -diced
Oil spray
Maple Syrup - optional

Egg Mixture

3 eggs
1 1/4 cups milk
1 tsp sugar
2 pinches salt

METHOD

Combine the Egg Mixture ingredients in a bowl and whisk until combined. Add bread cubes and mix well. (If using fresh bread, set aside for 10 to 30 minutes in the fridge. If using stale bread, set aside for 20 minutes to overnight. If you're in a rush, use your hands to gently squeeze the cubes to help them absorb the egg mixture faster.)

Preheat oven to 180C.

Spray a medium fry pan with oil spray and heat on high heat. Add the bacon and cook until just starting to brown. Remove bacon from fry pan and drain on absorbent paper.

Spray 6 holes in a muffin tin. Mix the bread-egg mixture to evenly disperse the egg mixture that will have settled at the bottom of the bowl.

Divide 1/3 of the bread-egg mixture between the 6 muffin cups. Sprinkle with half the bacon, then press the mixture down with medium pressure using the back of a spoon.

Top with the remaining bread mixture. Each muffin should be slightly mounded even after lightly compressing them. The bread cubes on top will puff back up when you bake it.

Sprinkle with remaining bacon. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until the top is golden brown. Let rest for 5 minutes before removing from the muffin tin.

Serve with maple syrup, if using.

Recipe and image by Recipe Tin Eats



The children have been building beautiful connections and friendships with one another. Interacting with words and laughter whilst they explore the environment together.

We have enjoyed time outside when the weather permits. Going on walks around the community, exploring the outdoor environment driving vehicles and climbing the play equipment. The children are showing the educators their newfound skills and their continuous growth and learning.

July has been full of sound and rhythm. Not only does music, song and dance help celebrate knowledge, language, and culture, it provides hours of movement, sound, and fun. Wook gooks just love to jump, twist, stomp, tap and shout out newly learned lyrics. Perfect for absorbing any restless energy during cold wet days.

Supporting sustainable practices Wook gooks are breathing new life into ordinary household items. Think of all the craft activities you can create with ordinary everyday items such as food containers, buttons, wool, newspapers and rolls of cardboard. Rather than see them go to waste or into a bin for kerbside collection, encourage them to save any unused items for craft. This not only prevents items ending up in waste and landfill, but it teaches children that items don't necessarily need to end up in the bin if they are not used anymore. This is subtle way of encouraging repurposing and recycling creating lifelong sustainable habits.



Wook Gook

This month in the Tarla room we have had a wonderful time exploring our indoor and outdoor spaces. During this program we enjoyed exploring the doctors area in dramatic play, different paint rollers in the art area and sand dough with different shells. We have also embraced the cold rainy weather getting outside in our gumboots and rain pants and continuing to play in the outdoor space. Over the school holidays we also enjoyed going out to the park, the children enjoyed challenging themselves and exploring the different areas of the play ground. During Naidoc week the children enjoyed attending the smoking ceremony and the dancing put on at the memorial park.



Tarla



Gidi



This month we have made use of the beautiful weather when we can and spent as much time outside as possible! We spent the time playing ball games, riding bikes or climbing to keep warm and experimenting with water play. We also had the Recycle Man visit to show the children how to care for their environment. For more information please visit

<https://recycleman.com.au/>

Bataluk



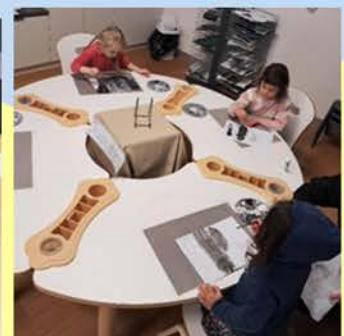
During the next month, the Bataluk room will be engaging in PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) in the community room. Through a variety of exercises and experiences, PMP helps children to develop their hand eye coordination, gross motor skills, balance, and physical development. The Bataluk room will also be participating in nature kinder over the term. The children will be wearing their bright orange fluoro vests and heading over to the Yarram Wetlands. Nature kindergarten develops the children's connection with community and their respect for the environment. PMP and nature kindergarten will take place flexibly during kindergarten days. We have been enjoying the new outdoor environment on the sunny winter days utilizing the swings, climbing the forte, jumping across the steppingstones and constructing in the mud pit. We look forward to the next term of learning.

We are now into Term 3, and I am thrilled to share how wonderfully your children have embraced the exciting changes we've made to our program. Each morning, our children break into groups for intentional teaching stations, and it has been a joy to watch the children engage and learn in this new format.

Following our exploration of primary colours, we are now delving into the shades of grey and the beautiful colours of winter. This has sparked great curiosity and creativity among the children. Additionally, we have begun constructing a tree to display family photos as part of our exploration of diversity, identity, and belonging.

We were also incredibly lucky to have Recycle Man visit us Friday 19th July and teach us about recycling. He even showed us one of his superpowers! The children were completely captivated by him as he taught us how to identify the recycling symbol on plastic and why its important to take care of our planet.

Our holiday program was a tremendous success, filled with exciting activities that the children are still buzzing about. It's wonderful to see the lasting impact of these experiences on their enthusiasm and learning.



Tiddalek



Narrit



A photo taken by one of the children.

During the last month the children have had the opportunity to participate in the vacation care program. We were able to relax and have movie days, a photography day and a cooking day where we made Chocolate coconut balls and Sausage rolls.

We also had an incursion in which two Tae Kwon Do instructors came and gave the children some basic instructions on self-defense. We also enjoyed watching Manou the Swift at the Regent Theatre and the children got to decorate individual canvas pencil cases and were able to take them home.

The children really enjoyed the photography day. They took photographs of the outside environment. We then printed the photos, and the children decorated their own photo frames. They can now proudly display their photographs in the home environment.

We took advantage of the relatively good clear weather to explore how our foam aeroplanes behaved in the light wind. We modified the planes behaviours by moving the back wing to a higher slot to see what it would do to the plane's flight path. We then tried different ways in which to throw the planes to see if wind, wings etc altered the plane's flight...and why. One child even lined us all up to see if he could 'loop-the-loop' around us all...and succeeded!! Exploration and investigation can be fun!!

When there is only one child left, the subject of where we fit locally comes up for discussion. We imagined how we would design a town for our use. You'll note we included Woolies!! This is a fluid project; it covers the 'where do I belong' part of our curriculum we're exploring...at the children's pace of course!

Your child's belonging, being and becoming is an ongoing 'project' in our OSHC. It takes many forms, can be slow in its pace from an adult's point of view, but that's how it should be: each child owns their own pace of being, belonging and becoming, and we adults are along for the ride. Parents, don't underestimate your wonderful contribution to your child in this regard!



Ngurran



SNOWBALL THROW ALPHABET GAME

Paper, tape and ping-pong balls OR ball pit plastic balls are all you need for this game of “snowball” throwing from Mom Inspired Life. Tape a bunch of letters to a wall, call out the sounds and have your kids throw the snowball at the letter represented. As an added bonus, kids get to work on their coordination as well as their alphabet.

Source: Mom Inspired Life



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!



Feedback
is always welcome

Places To Visit

Maru Koala and Animal Park

Book an Animal experience, visit the Animal park, play a round at Pirate Pete’s Mini Golf and stop for lunch at the Homestead bistro.

9:30am-5:00pm

Last Entry one hour before closing time.

Closed Christmas Day.

1650 Bass Hwy, Grantville VIC 3984

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