



Managers' Report

We would like to thank all the parents who responded to the Parent Opinion Survey, these results will now be collated and used to support the development and continual improvement of Yarram Early Learning. We appreciate all constructive feedback and would like you to feel free to contact us at any time if you have anything you would like to discuss.

A big thank you to all the staff involved in readying the service for the visitors we had for the Official Opening of the new Kinder building. The children did a great job at singing "Wunman Njinde" as a greeting to our guests and acknowledgement of country.

The weather is already starting to warm, and the UV is rising so it is time to slather on that sunscreen and slap on a hat. Parents/guardians are asked to please provide hats for their children. We have Yarram Early Learning bucket hats available to purchase from the Office.

Book week was a great success with many of the children and educators dressing up as their favourite book characters. There was mixed reception to my version of the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland with many of the staff and children not immediately recognising who had dressed up as the Mad Hatter.



Committee Report

The Committee of Management met on Tuesday the 27th for our August meeting. The Arrivals and Departure policy was discussed but no changes were made. Two new policies eSafety and Tobacco, E-Cigarettes, Alcohol, and other Drugs were passed along with the Determining Responsible Person policy which only had minor changes. If families wish to view these the policies, they can be found on our website. There are many policies that Early Learning Centres must have and keep updated. Shantaz has taken on this role which we all appreciate.

Thank you to the families who completed the Parent Opinion survey. The results were viewed and discussed. I must say they are most pleasing. On a scale of 1 to 4 all results are above 3 with most above 3.5. Well done to all staff, your work is appreciated. Amongst the results are many helpful suggestions and feedback. This will be discussed and acted on over the coming weeks.

Congratulations and thank you to all those involved in the opening of the new building. Everyone was most impressed with the four-year-olds, who sang the Acknowledgment of Country. Well done Hayley and team for preparing them.

Chair - Anne Morris



Important Dates



School Holidays
Monday 23rd to Friday 4th October

Grand Final Public Holiday
Friday 27th September

Chicken Meatballs with Pesto



PREP 15 mins | COOK 15 mins | 8 People

Chicken Meatballs:

- 1 kg chicken mince
- 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs, soaked in a 1/4 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup (125 grams) parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- sea salt and pepper, to season

Basil Pistachio Pesto

- 2 cups fresh basil leaves
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup (60 grams) pistachios
- 1/2 cup (60 grams) parmesan, grated
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 500 grams spaghetti, cooked according to packet instructions reserving 1 cup of cooking water

To make the Chicken Meatballs: Place the mince, breadcrumbs, eggs, parmesan, garlic, salt and pepper into a large bowl and mix thoroughly to combine. Take 2 heaped tablespoons of mince and roll into rounds. Heat a little olive oil in a fry pan over medium-high heat. Add meatballs and cook 6-8 minutes, stirring occasionally or until the meatballs are golden and cooked through. Set aside.

To make the Basil Pistachio Pesto: Place the basil, baby spinach, garlic, pistachios, parmesan, lemon juice and zest into the bowl of a food processor Blitz for 1-2 minutes or until finely chopped. With the motor running, slowly add the olive oil and continue blitzing until thoroughly combined (scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary)

To Serve: Pour the pesto over the cooked spaghetti with a splash of the reserved pasta water and toss to combine. Top spaghetti with cooked meatballs, fresh basil leaves and a grating of parmesan cheese. Enjoy

Recipe and image by My lovely lunchbox



The children have contributed in a few key events over the past weeks by dressing in their pyjamas and their favourite book week characters. They have looked very cosy in their pyjamas to raise funds to support children in Foster Care. Our book week characters have included Snow White, Spot the dog, Minnie Mouse, Ladybug, The hungry caterpillar, Aerial, where's Wally and Dr Seuss. The children have brought in their books for the educators to read.

We had some of our Educators on placement in the Ngarawert room. They have had opportunities to set up their own experiences in the environment for the children to discover and explore. One of these experiences is sensory bags filled with textural items including pom poms, glitter, and paint. The children are seen to be using their fine motor skills pressing their fingers into the bags and watching the motions they have created.

The Wook Gooks have had an exciting month celebrating pyjama week, teddy bear picnics, NAIDOC week and book week dress ups. There were a few excursions undertaken to the park to join in the NAIDOC week community celebrations, walks around the lake in the wetlands, and a trip to the library to borrow some books. We are looking forward to the warmer weather and getting outside more and more!



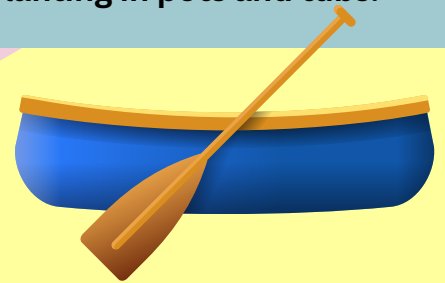
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Hi Everyone – this is my first newsletter article from the Tarla room. Thank-you to everyone who has welcomed me into the space, shown me your routines and rituals and spoken with such care and consideration about each of the children we have in the Tarla room.

We had more high winds last week which brought down branches which we have been using for different purposes. Decorating inside and outside, oars for the canoe and waving around to investigate the wind through the leaves.

We have also been enjoying our new outdoor program where Carrie has implemented different learning experiences for the children. A new climbing frame and slide, waterplay, teddy bears picnic, water colour painting and soon we will begin some spring planting in pots and tubs. –

Christina



Tarla



Gidi



Gidi



This month in the Gidi room the children have been participating in a lot of outdoor play, including building with normal blocks and with foam blocks, climbing and sensory play. We also celebrated Book Week which the children enjoyed coming in with their dress ups on. The magnet pads have also been a huge hit with the children.

Bataluk



During August, the Bataluk room has been engaging in the 'Walking Out' program and visiting the local Wetlands, Yarram Memorial Park, and the Community room for PMP. We are kindly asking families to ensure they have their children arriving at kindergarten between 8:30-9am so that we can be organized to leave for our 'Walking Out' program. The program allows children the opportunity to engage with the natural environment, connect with the local community and explore the world around them.

The Bataluk children spent a lot of time and effort on their fathers/special persons artwork. If any families captured the moment between the child giving their artwork to their special person, we are asking that they please send the picture into the Bataluk email so that we can collate these with portfolios.

A reminder about hats and sun safe clothes due to the rising level of the UV. T-shirts, shoulder covering dresses and enclosed shoes/sandals are safe but spaghetti strap singlets and open toed shoes are not appropriate for kindergarten

Our Tiddalek children have been enthusiastically exploring the rich diversity of cultures within our classroom and the wider community. Through sharing our knowledge of language and dance, we've been celebrating the unique qualities that make each culture special.

We also celebrated Book Week, and inspired by Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson, the children have been experimenting with creating their own potions! This has sparked a lot of imagination and fun in the classroom

In addition, the children have been exploring the changing seasons and weather, using paints and oil pastels to beautifully express what they see and feel. Their creativity has really shone through in these artworks!

Some of our children have enjoyed exciting school visits to Yarram Primary School and Alberton Primary School. These experiences have been truly energizing, and we look forward to a few more visits in Term 4. We will be sending out the upcoming dates shortly



Tiddalek



Narrit



During the last month we have been focusing on Sensory play and the children have thoroughly enjoyed our Kinetic sand. We have also purchased a new card game called 'Piles'. The children are enthusiastically playing this game every day building on their strengths, as this game focuses on memory, problem solving and picture matching. We have also been placing out new puzzles which educators have been happily assisting children to solve as they are challenging for some of our children. School holidays are fast approaching. The vacation care program has been finalised and sent out via Xplor. Please contact 5182 5190 or email admin@yarramelc.com.au to book you child/ren in for care.

One of our children, with help from her peer, added a bird seed feeder to one of the trees in the school's yard (with permission of course). She'd saved up to do this; it was encouraged by mum at home, and shows the child's growing awareness of her environment and how she can contribute to it personally, and sharing that with others in our group.

A family holiday in New Zealand prompted learning about the world. Using the world map in our room we were able to locate New Zealand. When dad came for pick up, she showed him how far her plane had flown. This is part of encouraging family belonging and her place within our world.

We also played outside with balls of various sizes. We learnt new skills and worked on our hand-eye coordination.



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MINDFUL ENERGY USE

Encourage your family to be more mindful of energy use throughout the day. This goes beyond simply using energy-efficient appliances; it involves conscious choices about when and how energy is used.

Turn off lights and unplug devices when leaving a room, and make use of natural daylight whenever possible. During colder months, open curtains to let sunlight warm your home naturally, and in warmer months, use natural ventilation to cool down your living spaces. Teach your family to appreciate the beauty of a candlelit dinner or a game night without electronic devices, reducing energy consumption and creating a more intimate atmosphere.

Source: nanani.world



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

Your paragraph text
In this version of tag, as you catch and tag someone, they must freeze until someone else touches them and they are unfrozen.

This is best played with the whole family.

Chasing games teach children to move their bodies in space effectively (not bumping into people and objects as they move) and improve their speed and reaction time.

Source: empoweredparents.co



Places To Visit

Sky High Mount Dandenong September Children's Festival

September School Holidays every week day from
Tuesday, September 24th to Thursday, October 3rd 2024 (Excludes weekends and public holidays)

All activities, rides and entertainment are FREE

Please note a parking charge still applies for all vehicles that use our car-park
The daily schedule may change due to weather conditions and availability of performers

Enjoy activities ranging from Bouncy castle, mini golf, treasure hunts, pony rides, circus workshops and stilt walkers. The Sky high maze is available to visit at an additional cost.
Please see <https://www.skyhighmtdandenong.com.au/whats-on/september-school-holidays/>
to discover what the activities are on each day.

The Bistro is also open for lunch.

