



## Managers' Report

Welcome to our last newsletter for the year, we would like to thank you all for your support and wish you all a safe and happy holiday period.

There is still a lot happening in the lead up to the end of the year. We have the 4 yo Kinder graduation being held on the afternoon of Friday 13th December and the 3 yo Kinder is presenting a dance on the same day.

We are holding an Information Evening for all parents and carers who are interested in attending on Tuesday 17th December please make sure to RSVP with our administration team.

It is vitally important that we have up to date enrolment information for the start of next year. If you haven't already please go to our web page and submit your enrolment or re-enrolment paperwork. We are unable to have children booked into care without a 2025 enrolment.

A reminder to parents and carers of children finishing 4 yo Kinder this year, if you require care during holiday periods you will need to go to the web page and submit an OSHC enrolment form and contact our administration team to book days. We already have limited spaces on some days and we have some day booked out.

Thank you to all the staff that contributed to the smooth running of the Childrens' Christmas Party. The face painting and Santa were definite hits with the children and the weather held out and was lovely for some time spent in the park. I hope all those that attended had an enjoyable time.

Please note that an important communication regarding fees has been sent out via the Xplor app. If you have any difficulty accessing this please contact us and we can guide and support you or provide the information in another format. Our fees policy is available on our website.

Wishing you a relaxing and refreshing break.

Sarah

## Important Dates

Christmas Closure Period

Last day of care - Friday 20th Decemembr.

First day of Care - Tuesday 7th January 2025

Public holiday

Monday 27th January

Service is closed





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early learning  
*belonging, being and becoming*



# 2025 INFORMATION NIGHT



## YOU'RE INVITED

*All 2025 families welcome*

Join us for a parent information session. A brief introduction in the community room, discussing enrolments, requirements, fees etc..

Followed up with answering any questions. Room

Leaders will then take families to their 2025 rooms to view the area and discuss individual room requirements.

## INFORMATION



Tuesday 17th December



Community Room - 156  
Grant Street, Yarram

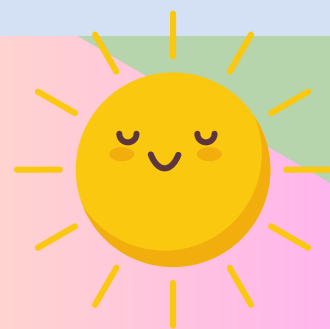


5:45pm - 7:00pm



Our last few programs, the children have enjoyed spending time in the home corner. This gives the children the ability to learn home rituals and imitate role play. Patting of the dolls and feeding bottles whilst sharing mealtimes with their friends. The love of story time is expressed daily, particularly drawing themselves to the book area. Encouraging the children to learn and extend their vocabulary whilst engaging in group time with their peers and educators. As we approach our last month with the Ngarawert children, it is a very bittersweet feeling. It has been our pleasure to watch the children evolve into their own personalities and witness their growth in their learning. From the Ngarawert team, we hope that everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Years.

The children have been spending most of the sunny days outside. This month has seen lots of arts using various mediums. The children have enjoyed creating alongside each other and forming strong connections. We have spent some time exploring our local community this month, with a trip to the supermarket, the wetlands and the recreational reserve. We have also included lots of Christmas activities. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



# Wook Gook



In Tarla Room we have been spending a lot of time outside as the weather has been beautiful coming into Summer. There has been lots of water play outside with the sprinkler in the sandpit which the children have been thoroughly enjoying.

We have been making a fruit platter each afternoon from fruit donated from Woolworths which the children absolutely love.

There has been lots of craft happening in the room with cutting and pasting and painting for Christmas.

Group times have been very moving lately with lots of singing and dancing. The children thoroughly enjoy story time with a variety of books being read. Our favourite books are from the Macca the Alpaca series.

We in the Tarla room wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Tarla

Gidi



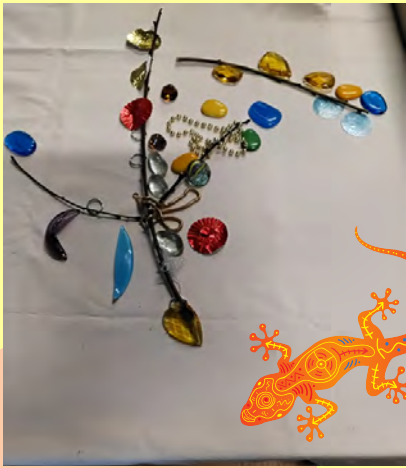
This month in the Gidi room our children have been enjoying the sunshine and waterplay in the sandpit.

They have been learning to cut up fruit for their fruit platters, each child choosing a different fruit to cut up .

The babies corner has been a big hit with all children.

And we have started Christmas craft as the children are all very excited with the approach of Christmas day .

# Bataluk

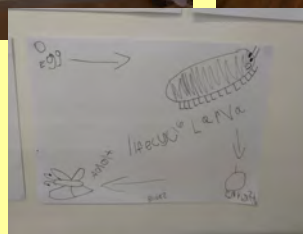
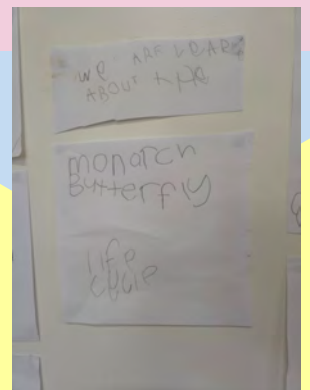


It's December, which means Christmas trees go up, fireworks light up the sky for the new year ahead, but we also say farewell to our Bataluk children who carry the memories of their 2024 pre-kinder journey as they embark on a new adventure of 4-year-old kinder in 2025. During term 4 our children have re-explored the topic of lizards using beautiful materials like glass pebbles and shiny objects to collage their own silhouette of lizards and have done the same with Christmas trees the past week, all whilst practicing our celebration dance. Our Celebration Dance is the finality of the children's learning journey where the Bataluk children are now ready to spread their wings and fly to the Tiddalek space for the next part of their journey. The celebration dance is a representation of a white egret bird that all the Bataluk children have had the pleasure of seeing when we journey over to the wetlands for nature kinder throughout the whole year. When asked "What do you enjoy about going to the wetlands?" the children's answer is always "seeing the white bird".

We would like to say a big congratulations and how very proud we are of the children's efforts and we wish you the best of luck in your new adventures and we would like to thank all the parents for their feedback and contributions throughout the year.

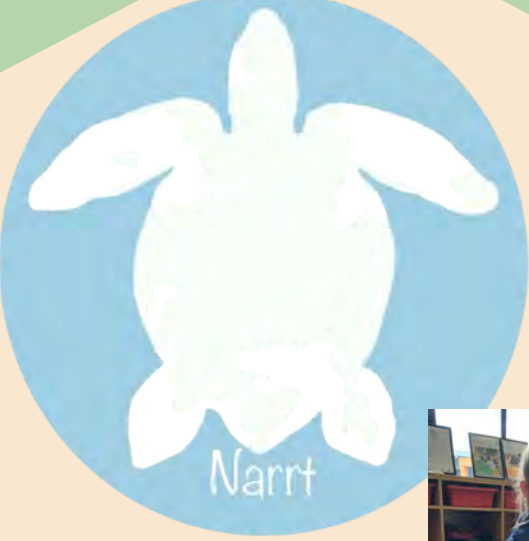
Well, the time has nearly come to say goodbye to our 4-year-old kindergarten children as they embark on their new journey to school. During Term 4 the children have spent a lot of time and effort completing learning tasks within the classroom. Our inquiry project 'The life cycle of a butterfly' had the children intrigued, engaged, and asking many questions about what was going to happen next. Through utilising a range of different learning areas such as literacy and language, science, the Arts, and the use of ICT the children were able to confidently explore our inquiry project and will be singing a song about their butterfly learning, at the upcoming graduation.

Our graduation will be held in the kindergarten environment between 2-3pm on Friday the 13th of December. We hope to see you all there to celebrate your child's achievements. We want to take a moment to say a big congratulations to our Tiddalek children and we wish you all the best for your future school learning. A big thanks to the families for their support and feedback to our teachers and educators throughout the year.



# Tiddalek





Over the past few weeks the children have been working on making Christmas cards for all the residents of St Elmo's and Crossley House. This activity will build our relationships within the community and hopefully the residents will appreciate a small gift from the children.

The children are also getting excited for the end of school and looking forward to the holiday program beginning which starts from Tuesday 7th of January. Thank you all for a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

We have been exploring outside role play (mum's and dad's) as well as making paper planes and decorating them with glitter glue.

Concentration is helped when we assemble a complicated jigsaw over time.

With health in mind, we've been discussing our skeletal system, so our magnetic skeleton puzzle helps us understand our bodies better, especially when considering what our bodies absorb for healthy bones.

Our focus in our OSHC at APS is our ability to read well, a skill we carry for life. Because the children are in our service and may not get the chance to do their readers at home after OSHC on those nights, parents request their children do their readers and any sight words in OSHC. We have some champion readers in our group, right from prep we are proud of.

While all of us are inside, we listen to 'chill' music to help us all remain calm and enjoy our learning. Sometimes we dance to it too!!





This year don't buy wrapping paper or Christmas cards make your own or better yet use art already created.

Collect your kids drawings and paintings – After your child's art has spent its time on the fridge, tuck it away ready to be used as wrapping paper or as apart of a Christmas card. Family friends and family will love receiving gifts and cards created with love.

If you do have to buy cards or wrapping paper – Choose cards and paper not wrapped in plastic. Check that items you are buying are made of recycled materials. You could even try sending e-cards this year.

Decorations – Many of us reuse our decorations year after year already but if you are planning on buying new ones this year why not try making some instead.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/au/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/eco-friendly-christmas/>



### The after dinner walk

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

Maybe a little more than 5 minutes however, very worthwhile. After dinner is finished for the night take a walk, down your street, to a local park. It doesn't have to be a long walk but getting out into the fresh air while the days are long can be a great way to get some extra movement into your day.

Walking after meals improves overall well-being, help digestion, and reduce blood sugar levels. Doing an activity as a family post meal can also give you a chance to unplug and connect. Why not wait until dark and check out your local Christmas Lights displays.



**Feedback**   
is always welcome

# Events

## Melbourne's Christmas Wonderland

The Magic Returns in 2024

An immersive walk through experience where every magical Christmas moment is brought to life

Melbourne's Christmas Wonderland will run from November 29 to December 24, 2024.

Each session time goes for 3 hours

Best suited for children under 10

Location: Under the Big Top at Station Street, Caulfield East, VIC 3145

For more information and to purchase tickets, please follow the link below:

<https://www.melbourneschristmaswonderland.com.au/>

