

Committee Report

Hello everyone,

The October meeting of YELC addressed the following items:

- The Early Learning Centre restructure
- Staff Opinion Survey
- The Centre Manager's Report.
- Recommendations from the Finance Sub Committee were passed. These included plans for the remainder of the year and the model for 2025.
- Financial Reports for September were discussed and passed.
- Feedback from the Wellington Shire, regarding the Norfolk Hibiscus Tree and the removal of the green tank, was discussed.
- Admin was asked to seek grants for the shade sail for the babies room.
- No policies were reviewed this month.
- The committee were notified that Malissa Nicol would be the Acting Chair for the next 6 weeks.

The YEL Committee Meeting was held in the new 4 year old Kinder Room where members could see the program, some reflections, some assessments to monitor growth in the children, and a variety of activities planned for the children for the next day. Shantaz was available to answer our questions and explain the activities.

Managers' Report

Hello everyone,

We recently had the resignation of Christina Lithgow, Tarla Room Leader. Christina is moving on to pursue opportunities elsewhere. We are happy to announce the appointment of Carrie Wigg as our new Tarla Room Leader.

I would like to remind parents that children should be discouraged from opening the doors to their rooms and from pressing any of the exit buttons at any of our locations. This is for their safety and the safety of other children exiting the services at the same time.

The end of the year is rushing towards us and there are many things to get done. We have the end of year celebration on the 5th December in the Memorial Park. Details are available in the flyer attached to this newsletter. We have the 4 yo Kinder graduation being held on the 13th December. The 4 yo Kinder children have been attending their transition days and have been having a great time becoming acquainted with their new learning environments for next year.

Important Dates

Christmas Closure Period

Last day of care - Friday 20th Decemebr.

First day of Care - Tuesday 7th January 2025



Apricot and Coconut Bliss Balls



Make 15 mins | Serves 20

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup (190 grams) dried apricots
- 1 cup (90 grams) desiccated coconut
- 1 cup (100 grams) almond meal (ground almonds)
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste
- 2 tablespoons honey

METHOD:

Place the apricots, coconut, almond meal, coconut oil, vanilla bean paste and honey into the large bowl of a food processor and blitz until the mixture comes together.

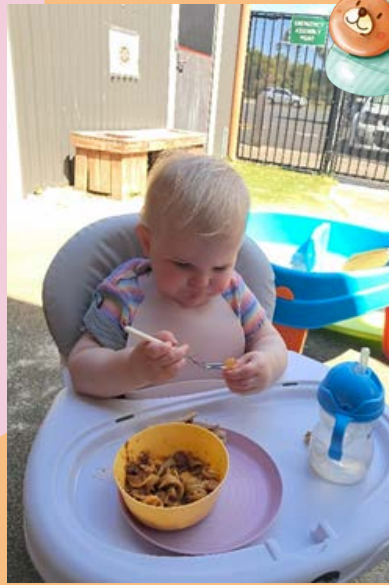
If needed, add a splash of water until the mixture is wet enough to shape into balls.

Take heaped teaspoons of the mixture and shape into balls and roll in coconut until coated.

These balls will keep refrigerated in an air tight container for 7 days. They also freeze beautiful, simply pop into a freezer safe bag or container and stash in the deep freeze for up to 3 months.

ENJOY X

Image & recipe: mylovelylittlelunchbox.com



As we begin to approach the end of the year, educators are taking time to reflect on the remarkable growth of the Ngarawert children. We are witnessing an increase in their independence, whether it is feeding themselves, taking steps and starting to walk, putting on their own shoes and socks or confidently exploring the outdoor yard.

The Language skills of the children are also expanding, with lots of new words and communication skills being used. It is so exciting for us to see the children reaching important milestones. Story time and song and dance remain favorites among the children, helping to increase and encourage their use of language in a fun and engaging way.

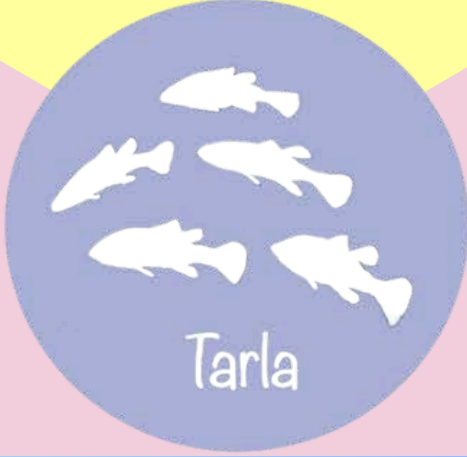
Throughout the month of October Wook Gook children have been interested in their wellbeing learning about healthy eating, which has led to an insightful excursion to our local Woolworths supermarket. Here the children learned that both vegetables and fruit contain essential nutrients that are important for their health, growth and development. As the milder weather, approaches the children have explored our beautiful community stepping out on a nature walk around the wetlands and local recreation reserve, where they collected native flora to display at the centre.



Wook Gook



The Tarla children have been very engaged in their creations this past month painting with many tools and sticking items together. We have started our Christmas spirit early by starting to paint Christmas trees with brushes and our own hands to show expression. Having their art displayed in our room the children are recognising their work and pointing it out to friends and family. The children are becoming quite proud of what they are creating and doing in our room. We have added a lot of music and movement during our inside times and riding around on the bikes in the yard. While being in the yard all the children have planted and helped build our new garden with lots of watering and collaboration. Every day the children are showing themselves to be more inspired in building friendships and confidence.



Tarla



Gidi

The Gidi room children have moved onto further learning through experimentation with fresh fruits and vegetables donated by our local Woolworths store. Using Kiddi cutters the children have been preparing their fruit snacks through out the day alongside educators and learning about the different textures and tastes of various fruits supporting our healthy eating initiative. The Gidi children have also been engaging in a range of art-based experiences within the room and have been drawing birds as seen in one of the rooms books titled 'Book of curious birds' by Jennifer Cossins. These art works are on display for families to admire within the Gidi room.

Bataluk



In the flow of visibly the Bataluk children have been captivated with the hidden wonders of the live Monarch caterpillars. Each day the children search amongst the leaves to see the changes, their growth, the shedding of the caterpillars skin to form a chrysalis and now we wait to experience the birth of the butterflies. The children have already thought about the colour of the wings through their own eyes- rainbow, yellow, purple. The anticipation and noticing, poses the curiosity of questions – how the caterpillar grows wings in such a tiny space and why are there golden dots that are a pattern around the top of the chrysalis. The children’s artistic languages with clay and drawing mediums have been mastered through a variety of images. The Bataluk children are now waiting for the ray of wings to appear with the visibility of new life with their signature butterfly.

In the Tiddalek room we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly with our very own real-life caterpillars! The Tiddalek children have been observing the caterpillars as they move through their life cycle. So far, the caterpillars are in their Chrysalis transition stage. The children are eagerly awaiting their transition into a butterfly stage. To add to these real-life observations the children have created their own life cycles through drawings and made their own moving caterpillars and butterfly photos. The children have been excited to show their families their hard work, displaying a sense of achievement and belonging within the kindergarten room. We have been busy wrapping up the end of the year and attending multiple school transition days with our local schools. Now, families and children will continue to attend these school transition days for the next few weeks in order to get ready for school in 2025! We are so excited for all of our Tiddalek children and families.



Tiddalek

Narrt



During the month we focused on different forms of art and sensory play. We made play dough and had different forms of shapes and tools to interact with. We also did magnet paintings by using nuts and bolts dipped in paint and placed on a tray. By using a powerful magnet underneath the tray, the nuts and bolts then move around the paper creating their own individual pieces of artwork. Each piece is one of a kind.

Continuing our exploration into careers:

Hairdressing requires dexterity, imagination and learning new skills (plaiting, using rollers, separating layers of hair.) This is a continuing enjoyed possible career for our children.

New quiet area:

Thanks to generosity from APS, we now have a large carpet and 3 seater couch for the children to enjoy some quiet time. The children have all enjoyed this area and some have been perusing their book club info, comparing what they might ask their parents for from the catalogue. This area will foster community between all attending children.

Interactions between children:

A child volunteered to read a story to another child while I listened to readers being read by other children in the service....sense of belonging in action!

Focus on literacy in play based learning:

A child asked to write 'Frozen' on the whiteboard, copying from the phone. This is both applying what is learned in another way, and using technology to do so.



Ngurran



This is a classic math activity that requires only two materials: pipe cleaners and beads. This activity helps to develop motor skills and basic counting abilities. There are a few ways you can do this activity with Your child. You can simply count each bead as you thread them onto the pipe cleaner. You could thread beads onto a pipe cleaner and your child count them as they take them off. You can introduce a die and thread the number of beads you roll or use numbered playing cards and thread the number you see on the card you draw. This is a great activity for all ages, have fun.

Your paragraph text
Beads Counting

5 Minute MOVES

Bubble Pop

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

You will need a bottle of bubbles and a bubble wand.

It doesn't matter what age you are bubbles are always enjoyable and a fun way to engage children. Begin this activity by blowing some bubbles and ask your child/ren to pop all the bubbles they see. They will have to run and jump to catch all the bubbles.

Once you think they have exhausted bubble catching, ask your children to lay down. Blow bubbles over them and ask them to pick a bubble and watch it drift and glide until it eventually pops all on its own.



Events



Yarram Agricultural Show 2024

Show Day - Saturday 23rd November
Yarram Recreation Reserve from 9:00am.

Horse Show - Sunday 24th November
Won Wron Recreation Reserve from 7:00am

<https://www.yarramshow.com/>

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/>



YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE YARRAM EARLY LEARNING
**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**



THURSDAY
5:30PM 05 7:00PM
DECEMBER

YARRAM MEMORIAL PARK
312 - 322 COMMERCIAL RD, YARRAM

SAUSAGES IN BREAD AVAILABLE - \$2.00 EACH.
PLEASE COMPLETE THE EXPRESSION OF
INTEREST FORM TO HELP US CATER FOR THE
EVENT

**Please note: Children will NOT be in the care of
Yarram Early Learning Staff at the Christmas
Party**



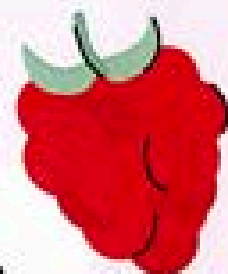
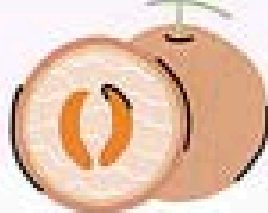
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR
THE 2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER
5:30PM - 7:00PM**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND
RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY
25TH NOVEMBER OR CALL 5182 5190
TO NOTIFY THE CENTRE OF YOUR
ATTENDANCE.**

- **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 \$2:00. TO BE PAID AT THE PARTY. GLUTEN FREE AND VEGAN AVAILABLE. PLEASE SPECIFY)

- **DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE ANY OTHER DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?**



HOW TO ADD MORE FRUIT & VEG INTO YOUR DAY

Eat a piece of fruit with breakfast & lunch

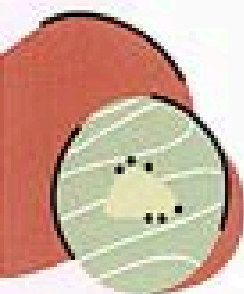


Eat raw veggie sticks- carrot, capsicum, celery with tzatziki dip

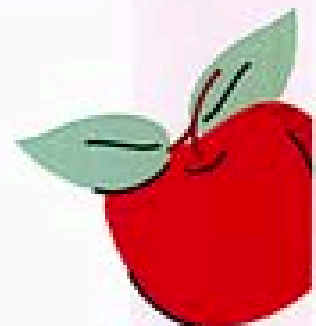


Eat rainbow fruit & veg - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple

Try different fruit & vegetables



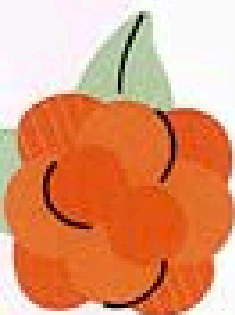
Make fruit or veg muffins, slice, cake, muesli bars, pancakes



Put fruit into your water bottle to add flavour

Berry Delicious Smoothie:

**1/2 cup strawberries, 1/2 cup blueberries,
1x strawberry yoghurt pot, 1x cup light milk,
2x ice cubes, blend until smooth**



Vegetarian Wrap Pizza:

**1x Wrap, 1x tbsp tomato paste,
1/2 cup mushrooms, 1/2 cup red capsicum,
1/2 cup pineapple, 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese,
Bake 180C 15-20min**

