

Managers' Report

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025. We hope you had a safe and restful holiday break and that the start of the year is going smoothly.

I can't believe that we have already been back for a month and January is over. It has gone so fast. The children seem to be settling in and it is a joy to see their excitement with the new equipment and activities they are accessing in their new rooms.

I'd like to welcome any new families to the Yarram Early Learning community and welcome back all of the families returning for 2025.

We have held the first Committee of Management meeting for the year, and I would like to thank all members for their continuing support. If you have an interest in becoming a Committee of Management member please contact our office staff to collect a nomination form.

We are hoping to hold a working bee later this term, to get some jobs done in the outdoor yards of both buildings. Some of the jobs needing doing include topping up the sandpits, topping up the mud kitchen in the Kinder yard, topping up mulch in both yards, weeding and trimming of grass and plants. If you are interested in participating please stop at the office and provide the office staff with the days and times that would suit best, we will collate the information and set a date to get the most support possible.

We are working toward establishing a stronger connection with community this year and as part of that goal are looking at ways that we can encourage family and community participation. If you have any hobbies you would like to share or ideas on other ways we can encourage and support community involvement you can speak directly to the Room Leader in your child's room or email us at admin@yarramelc.com.au.

Looking forward to a wonderful year.

Sarah Gregory
YEL Manager

Important Dates

Public holiday
Monday 10th March
Service is closed

Public holiday
Friday 18th April
Service is closed



Sweet Potato and Feta Frittata

PREP 30 mins | COOK 20-25 mins | SERVES 5



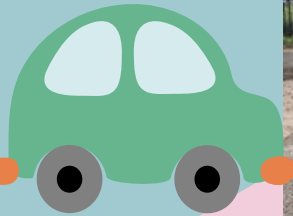
INGREDIENTS

- 1 large, sweet potato, peeled and chopped**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper**
- 8 eggs**
- 1 cup milk**
- 120grams ham or pancetta, chopped**
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped**
- ½ cup cheddar, grated**
- ½ cup parmesan, grated**
- 80 grams feta, crumbled**

METHOD

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Place the sweet potato on a baking tray lined with baking paper, drizzle with olive oil and season with sea salt and pepper.**
- 2. Roast for 20 minutes or until golden and cooked.**
- 3. Meanwhile, place eggs and milk in a large bowl and whisk to combine. Add ham/pancetta, parsley, cheddar, parmesan and feta and gently stir to combine.**
- 4. Place the cooked sweet potato in the bottom of a lined 20cm x 30cm pie/baking dish. Pour the egg mixture over the top of the sweet potato and bake the frittata for 20-25 minutes or until puffed and golden.**
- 5. Allow to cool slightly before cutting into squares to serve.**

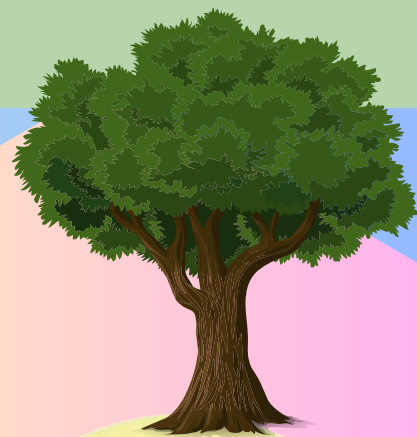
Source: Image & recipe '[My lovely lunchbox](#)'



Welcome to all our Ngarawert Children and Families. We have had a wonderful month of building relationships with the children, providing comfort and collaborating with families to ensure all children have a positive experience during their time in care. The children have been busy exploring the indoor and outdoor environment whilst engaging in experiences on offer.

We have several children returning for their second year in the Ngarawert room. The children have showcased to their educators their broadened vocabulary and newly developed skills.

Wook Gook room children have been busy forming new relationships with their educators and peers over the past few weeks of January using multiple experiences within the indoor and outdoor programs that are designed to promote opportunities for social bonding and scaffolding of relationships. One of these experiences is the 'Walking Out' program that all Wook Gook children will experience across the coming weeks that involves educators and children exploring the community together using the baby bus prams.



Wook Gook

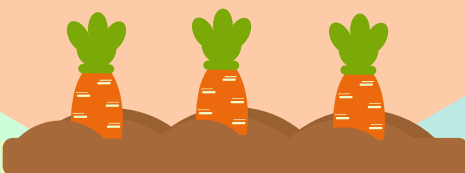
A big welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our existing and returning families. We are looking forward to a very happy and eventful 2025, filled with fun, laughter and exciting new challenges for everyone in Tarla room.

Leading into 2025, we thank our team of educators for their commitment and dedication to children's learning and thank all families for your continued support and partnership in assisting us to positively influence learning and build genuine, lasting relationships.

We also extend a warm welcome to each and every child attending Tarla room, the happiness we experience every day as we see you playing, investigating and learning is truly fabulous. We can't wait to see the expressions of wonder and joy on your faces, as we observe you play and learn in 2025!



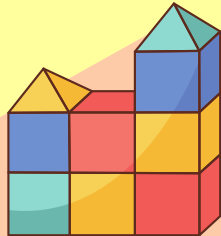
Gidi



Our Gidi room welcomes children to 2025, to feel safe and supported with peers and educators in their new environment.

Our veggie garden has started with the children's involvement as they have helped to cart soil and water to plant a variety of fruit and vegetables. Children throughout the term will be able to observe the natural process of planting- right through to harvesting our own food.

Bataluk



Welcome to 2025. We have been settling into our room well and learning our new rituals. The past few weeks we have been working on shapes, colours and numbers with puzzles, drawings and group discussions.

The children have been enjoying playing with the magnetic tiles with lots of buildings and towers being created.

We have also been talking about fruit and vegetables and what the children like to eat. We had a group discussion about where we grow vegetables and what we have growing in our gardens at home. The outside yard has been very busy with the children all exploring the new areas to play, the swings have been very popular along side climbing and slides.

We went for our first Walk Out program to the community room for PMP. All the children joined in and did so well engaging in the activities with jumping and balancing skills being used.

We welcome any contributions to the program. We look forward to sharing the learning journey with all the Bataluk families and sharing the children's learning daily.

The 4-Year-old Kinder room would like to welcome you to 2025.

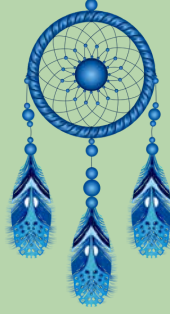
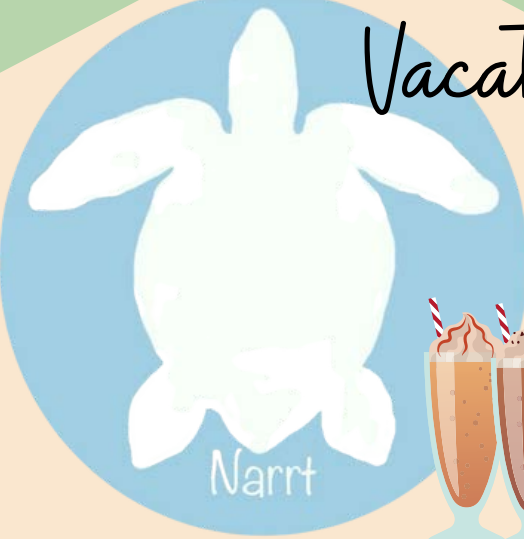
We are pleased to meet lots of new friends this year and everyone has settled in beautifully. These first few weeks have been all about getting to know each other and learning the new routines for our new room. Over the coming weeks of first term, we will be getting to know our educators and peers, by doing small group and individual experiences, such as portrait drawings, which will build upon relationships and develop a sense of belonging within our kinder community. We are looking forward to watching the growth and development of all of our Tiddalek friends



Tiddalek

Vacation Care

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Vacation Care has been running for the month of January and some of the children from Alberton OSHC (Ngurran) have joined us. During the first week we decorated biscuits, watched a movie at the Regent Theatre, held a games day and we had a Tae Kwon Doe instructor come out to teach the children. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning this artform.

Week two consisted off board games, and a cooking day where we made Lemonade Spiders. The children were amazed at how fizzy the spiders became after adding the lemonade to the ice cream.

We explored the town by spending some time visiting the Court House Gallery where the children were able to experience and see some wonderful art completed by members of our community. We also visited the Coffee Palace and had milkshakes and Woolies where we purchased items to make our afternoon tea. During week 3 the children planted vegetable seedlings which helps us become sustainable. The children were able to take home their seedlings, to watch it grow and finally produce vegetables they can later eat. We also made bath bombs and dream catchers.



Ngurran

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Timed Scavenger Hunt

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

Hide five tennis balls around the house and write five different exercises on four different pieces of paper and place it under each tennis ball, such as 20 jumping jacks or 10 push-ups. When the child finds the tennis ball, they must complete the exercise and bring the tennis ball back to “home base”, which is wherever you are. They have five minutes to bring all five tennis balls back to the home base.



Explore Raymond Island



Departing from Paynesville the Ferry to Raymond Island is free for pedestrians and those arriving by bicycle, or you can take your car for a small fee.

There are plenty of options for fishing or lazing on the beach. Accommodation is also available if you would like to stay for a few days.

Raymond Island is home to abundant wildlife including Koalas, Kangaroos, Echidnas and many different bird species. Koalas in particular thrive.

Departing from the Ferry Park, there is a 1.2km Koala walk which can be explored. Bike hire is available from ‘Ride the Koalas’ located behind the Ferry Park. two and four seat bikes are available.

For more information regarding fees and departing timetables, please follow the link below:

<https://raymondisland.net.au/aboutRI/index.html>

