

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the wide range of learning experiences the children have been engaging in throughout the first part of the year to support their learning, communication and play development. Staff and children have also participated in a few awareness celebrations, which have been enjoyed by all.



World Hearing Day

Hearing Awareness Week was March 1 - March 7, 2025.

World Hearing Day was March 3, 2025.

The theme this year was "Changing mindsets: Empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all".

For more information please visit: <https://worldhearingday.org/>



Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day

This year we celebrated Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day on Friday 21 March. Children and staff wore orange and/or silly socks and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of Auslan story telling. A sense of belonging is an important part of the Early Years Learning Framework.



Make March Purple for Epilepsy

On Friday 22 March, we invited staff and children to wear purple in recognition of Purple Day, a global initiative dedicated to raising epilepsy awareness. Purple decorations and activities were found all around Yeerongpilly ECDP.



Parent Handbook

Our parent/carers handbook is available on our Yeerongpilly ECDP website. You can access this at any time to check on information relating to our programs. If you would like a hardcopy please request a copy from the office.

<https://yeerongpillyecdpc.eq.edu.au/supportandresources/formsanddocuments/documents/parent%20handbook%202023.pdf>

Family Auslan Classes

We are providing two opportunities to engage in Family Auslan Classes this term. Classes are a fun way to engage with others and learn /practice some Auslan in a safe comfortable environment.

- Wednesday (fortnightly) online Zoom classes with a Teacher of the Deaf at 10.30am (contact admin to register for online classes).
- Friday morning in the staff room at 9am with an Auslan Language Model.

Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Outreach Week update, is now term 2 week 4.

Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Outreach Week for term 2 is week 4 (Monday May 12, Tuesday May 13 and Wednesday May 14).

During this week, teachers will have the opportunity to offer outreach to children aged 3 to 5 years attending a child care or kindergarten. Our aim is for all the Teachers to visit their students (aged 3 to 5 years) in their mainstream setting at least once a year, in addition to the support provided throughout the year.

During Outreach Week there will be NO individual sessions, however playgroups and the two-day group programs continue as normal.

Yeerongpilly ECDP Teachers are attending Partners in Practice Professional development June 2 to June 4, 2025.

The Department of Education Statewide Services has organised a three day conference in Brisbane. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Teachers to gain targeted, in-person professional learning opportunity in areas of Blind/low vision, Deaf/hard of hearing and Physical impairment. We will have alternative Teachers covering our playgroups and Tuesday / Wednesday group program. There will be NO individual sessions this week.

Monday Auslan Playgroup: Angie Brayshaw

Tuesday Toddler Playgroup: Angie Brayshaw

Monday and Tuesday at Indooroopilly C&K: Julie Woodcock

Tuesday and Wednesday group program: Evelyn Heape

Voluntary Financial Contribution

Yeerongpilly ECDP is a State Government facility resourced to provide a core educational service with no cost to families. To enhance our programs parents may choose to make a voluntary financial contribution towards the costs of arts and crafts supplies, cooking materials and playgroup morning teas.

A suggested guideline for the contribution is \$10 per term for families accessing individual sessions and playgroup, and \$20 per term for families accessing the group program.

Envelopes for payment are available from the office or your child's teacher.

School Transport Assistance Program for Students with Disabilities.

Under this scheme, all students who attend an ECDP are eligible for a Conveyance Allowance paid directly to the parent/carer to assist with the travel costs between home and school. The allowance is calculated based on the distance to your nearest specialised ECDP (this may not be Yeerongpilly ECDP). The Conveyance Allowance is paid twice a year in June and December, directly into the parent's nominated bank account.

If your child regularly attends the centre weekly, including individual sessions and playgroup, or group program, and you would like an application submitted for 2025 please contact the office.

Yeerongpilly ECDP Private Facebook Group - How to join?

Enter 'YECDP Facebook Group' into the search bar of your device. You can request to join and will be asked to answer a few basic questions to screen requests for approval. Please ensure you answer all 4 questions, including agreeing to the group rules. If you have any problems joining, please see Melissa or your child's teacher.



Important Upcoming Dates

Friday May 2	Hearing Australia Visit
Monday May 5	QLD Labour Day Public Holiday - ECDP is closed
May 12, 13 and 14	Outreach Week - NO Individual Sessions
Tuesday May 20	QCH Cochlear Implant Team visit
Wednesday 21 May and Thursday 22 May	National Simultaneous Story Time
Friday May 23	Under 8s day excursion up at Yeronga SS
Tuesday May 27	Hearing Australia visit playgroup
June 2, 3 and 4	Partners in Practice week - NO Individual sessions
Friday June 13	Hearing Australia Visit
Week 10	NAIDOC week celebrations
Friday June 27	Last day of Term 2
Monday July 14	First day of Term 3

Thank you

All the staff at Yeerongpilly ECDP

