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TERM 3, 29TH JUNE 2021

Welcome back to Kinder and to Term 3.

The children have been enjoying their kinder indoor and outdoor activities and have settled back quickly into their routines. It is a joy to see them coming together again in their groups on the mat to listen to stories, sing and participate in movement. Seeing the children increasingly feel confident to share their holiday and family experiences in group discussion illustrates their growth in social skills and knowledge. So many more hands are going up to talk and ask questions as they take their turn to share.

In noticing how much more social the children are becoming, we have observed interactions with one another in small and large groups. Group dynamics are changing and developing with discussions and children taking the role of a "leader" or an "organiser" or a "doer". Proof-positive that they have a sense of belonging in our kinder.

We will continue to work on consolidating these social skills so that the children can confidently initiate and maintain productive social play scenarios.

If you would like to discuss your child's learning progress at any time, please contact the kinder to make an appointment with their teacher or myself.

Marisel Blefari, Director

THE HAPPIEST OF JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES
TQ... Billie, Ari, Lizzie, Olivia, Rory & Hunter



SNIFFLES, SNEEZES, GREEN NOSES & WHEEZES

– please don't come to play at kinder

Whilst there are strict policy guidelines for some illnesses, others require parental consideration. During this time of COVID particularly, if your child is ill, please keep them at home to help contain the spread of viruses as best we can.



FROM HERE TO MATERNITY ...

Pre-School teacher Eliza is starting her maternity leave after she finishes teaching her last class on Monday, 16th August.

If Eliza had her way, she would keep teaching until the last possible minute – such is her enjoyment of her role and her pupils.

Every wish for a smooth pregnancy before another bundle of joy joins Eliza's young family. We can't wait for news of the arrival and if it's a boy or a girl.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OUR LENDING LIBRARY

Our green tub is out on the verandah for any donations of games, finger puppets, books etc for our lending library. Thank you to those families who have already donated items – it is very much appreciated.

SCHOOL READINESS ACTIVITIES

This term, the 4yo children will be engaging and sharing the enjoyment of language and text, whilst playing at our school area. They will develop an understanding that symbols are a powerful means of communication and that ideas, thoughts and concepts can be represented through them.

As we enter the second half of the year, it is very important that children take on roles of literacy and numeracy users in their play.

The Term 3 Program will be focussed around the children building on their self-help skills & fine motor skills:

- cutting paper or play dough
- developing a pincer grip when drawing or writing and
- having the confidence to attempt an activity and ask for assistance if necessary.

To challenge themselves, we will be asking the children to:

- firstly, try something new before going to a play station they are comfortable with
- follow instructions
- be aware of others and
- help when needed.

We will be practicing our self-help skills, which become life skills, in preparation for school ie: putting on our jackets and zipping up our bags. Sensory experiences will allow the children to relax, squeeze and squish different textures, laugh, enhance their vocabulary and make a fun mess! The variety of play spaces will allow the children to explore, role play and extend their skills on their own or with others.

CURRENT IMMUNISATION HISTORY STATEMENTS

A number of our children are due or were recently due for their vaccinations. We would appreciate parents providing us with an updated Medicare Immunisation History Statement for our records as soon as possible please.

An updated IHS is also a requirement of the 2022 enrolment process and applications cannot be processed and enrolment confirmed without this document.

WHAT PUTS A REAL DAMPENER ON KINDER PLAY? WET CLOTHES!

We encourage parents to pack raincoats, warm jackets, a beanie & gumboots in their child's bag this term, so that they can still venture out into the playground comfortably.

A spare set of winter clothing would also be a bonus, as something for your child to change into should they find a puddle or mud pit that simply had to be explored!!

May we also ask that any borrowed spare kinder clothes please be returned to your child's teacher.



SEEKING SMALL BOXES & MISC FOR BOX CONSTRUCTION PLEASE.

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

It has always been part of our phased environmental sustainability and preservation plan, that we continue to re-vegetate our outdoor environment. This week, our Bush Kinder and 4yo Wednesday & Friday groups are planting out native shrubs and grasses in bush kinder and the playground. Together with Tristy, Kathleen & Ali and Finch's mum Megan, they are learning about the importance of re-vegetation and the benefits their efforts will reap in the short and long term. By the children participating in the planting and placement of the tubes, they will gain a sense of pride in their contribution and a greater care in seeing them thrive.

On a grown-up level, the benefits to the bush kinder and playground environs are:

- Reduced Maintenance. Equipped with natural protections, native plants are resistant to disease, drought, and pests and grow happily without the need of pesticides.
- Soil and Water Conservation. Native plants' growth habits keep soil in place, store water where it's most needed, and stop storm water from running off into waterways.
- Refuge for Wildlife. Planting natives allows us to build natural habitats custom-designed to accommodate our local fauna and insects.
- Versatile Plant Groupings. There are native plants (many with multi-seasonal interest) suited to every planting site; we've chosen ones that grow in dry shade, sun-drenched rock gardens & boggy wetlands,



A FEW THINGS WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE PARENT HELP WITH

- ❧ A tip-run with the rubbish items we have stacked just inside the kinder side gate.
- ❧ A green waste tip-run [or two] with the Bush Kinder prunings.



If you can help with any of this, we would be delighted to hear from you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT T-SHIRTS



Its only 118 sleeps until our kinder Christmas Concert !!!

Like last year, the children will be proudly wearing their personally painted t-shirt in the concert. These t-shirts will also feature in the art display at kinder in the week prior to the concert.

A parent has kindly offered to bulk purchase the plain white t-shirts [at a cost of \$5 per t-shirt], to save parents running around individually. A sign will be placed at the verandah desk for parents to indicate if they wish to have a t-shirt sourced for their child and the size required.



Friendship



Confidence

Construction



Mud Play

Teamwork



2021 Fundraising Apron/Tea Towel

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Yackandandah Kindergarten is putting together a uniquely designed **Class of 2021** apron & tea towel. The design features drawings by the 3 & 4 year-olds. All the drawings are arranged into two commemorative designs and screen-printed onto the apron and tea towel. Each item will feature either our 3yo or 4yo drawings.



The children enjoy doing their drawing and will love to see the finished product and find their picture and name. Both aprons and tea towels will be a fabulous reminder of your child's early years with all his/her friends' drawings and names. They are a great present idea for grandparents, family or put away to bring out on your child's 21st birthday!!

The cost is **\$22 for an Apron and \$13 for a Tea Towel**. The aprons are black fabric with white screen printing and the tea towels are white fabric with coloured screen printing. Orders can be placed using cash or funds transfer. FUNDS TRANSFER payments are to be made to Yackandandah Primary School. CASH can be handed into the Kinder office. To order, complete this order form and payment method and drop it back to Kinder.

Orders must be received at Kinder by DROP-OFF FRIDAY, 20TH AUGUST so we make our early September delivery date.



KINDER CLASS OF 2021 APRON/TEA TOWEL ORDER

If paying CASH, please enclose payment with your order.

Funds transfer to Yackandandah Primary School: Bank a/c details WAW BSB 803-070
A/c no 48135 **Reference:** Kinder Apron/Towel and your surname.

My Payment Method (please tick): Cash ☐ Funds Transfer to YPS ☐

FAMILY NAME: _____

Number of 3YO Tea towels Ordered (\$13 each): 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ if more please specify

Number of 3YO Aprons Ordered (\$22 each): 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ if more please specify

Number of 4YO Tea towels Ordered (\$13 each): 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ if more please specify

Number of 4YO Aprons Ordered (\$22 each): 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ if more please specify

TOTAL AMOUNT (@ \$22/Apron & \$13/Tea Towel) \$ _____

Office Use Only:

Order Form received on:	
Payment Received on:	Order delivered:

