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# Yackandandah Kindergarten

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## TERM 1, 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

### COVID19

There is no doubt that the COVID19 virus has now impacted upon how schools operate. Our kinder, like the Yackandandah Primary School, will abide by all advice coming from the Chief Medical Officer and the Department of Education. This includes cancelling excursions and incursions, promoting regular handwashing and basic hygiene. Our families can assist us by listening to the advice around hygiene and keeping your child at home if they are ill. [Thank you to those families who are already advising us if they are keeping their sick child home].

At this point in time, there has been no indication that either the Primary School or the Kinder will close. Should this change, we will inform you immediately. Our After kinder care program for 4yo children will continue to run to the end of this term.

Please remember that as the situation develops, advice may change. Rest assured that we will inform you of any changes as soon as possible.

### ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE EARLY LITERACY & NUMERACY CONCEPTS

Everyday activities you can do with your child to help develop their literacy and numeracy skills:

- **Play word games.** Do this when out together such as 'I Spy' in the car. For young children you can use colours such as "I spy with my little eye, something the colour RED."
- **Paint and draw.** Art allows children to express themselves. As your child learns more words you may notice their paintings or drawings become more detailed.
- **Sing songs or nursery rhymes.** Do this while taking a walk, packing away toys or in the car.
- **Dress up.** Children can practise their language and communication skills by playing 'make believe'. [Please try to avoid superheroes].
- **Do a puzzle.** Puzzles are a great way for children to learn about sizes, shapes and colours.
- **Play with blocks.** Concepts of size, numbers, patterns and problem solving can be explored by playing with blocks. You can help extend your child's mathematical and spatial concepts by giving them paper, pencils and a ruler for drawing their block buildings.



- **Ask your child open-ended questions.** This encourages them to practise expressing themselves and lets them know you value their thoughts.
- **Think out loud.** This helps children learn about how you solve problems.
- **Read books.** Reading together can be a special and relaxing time. It can help your child enjoy reading from a young age and give them a head start at school.

Sharing information about your child's interests and development with their early childhood teacher will help make kindergarten a happy place and a positive experience for your child. Also, it is vital that if your child has been referred to other professionals or early intervention services that you share any information that is supplied to you, so the early childhood teacher can also support your child's needs at the kinder.

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**KINDER finishes at 2.15pm next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**



## Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus

- **WASH** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. DRY with paper towel or hand dryer.
- **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- **ISOLATE** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
- **PHONE** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
- **DON'T** wear a face mask if you are well.
- **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
- **GET** the flu shot (available April).
- **SHAKING HANDS** is optional!



Find out more  
[www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

If you are concerned, call the  
**Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)**  
 Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

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# Our 3yo group experimenting with food dye to change the colour of flowers



## PARENTS – WE'D LOVE YOU TO ADD YOUR INPUT INTO KINDY HUB

Did you know that its easy to share a quick story and photo of your child/family activity on Kindy Hub? Just like educator Kelly Reynolds did earlier this week, when she shared her photo and short story on Spencer's experience meeting a camel train in Myrtleford.

Take a photo on your phone, log into Kindy Hub and tag your child – simple!

We'd love to see our families engaging with us via this secure media platform. With holidays coming up, there would be so many things you could share!

## 2020 KINDER SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Committee of Management meets once a month to assist staff with on-going management of the kindergarten. We discuss fundraising, maintenance of resources, planning for the future, legislative requirements (such as reviewing policies), finances and any other items of business.

### Our 2020 Committee:

Chair: Kiera Maybury

Minutes: Jennie McKern

Committee: Michael Edwards, YPS Principal / Marisel Blefari, Kinder Director / Denita James Hillier / Jane Murphy, Elise Bulman, Brendan Washington, Jervis Whitley

The Committee meetings are open for any member of the kinder community to attend. You are also welcome to provide feedback or topics to be raised with either myself, Jennie (Administrator) or Kiera Maybury (Committee Chair).

A minimum of 24 hours' notice prior to the meeting date is required, of an item to be raised under New Business on the Committee Agenda, is required. Items received later than this will be taken under advisement and added to the following month's meeting agenda.

## PACKING SPARE CLOTHES FOR KINDER

Just a reminder to include a spare change of clothes for your child in their bag each time they attend kinder. It is important to make sure that spare clothes are relevant for the season and still fit. Please have a check to make sure the right spare clothes are coming with your child.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...

MARCH:

**Eli Bogetti**

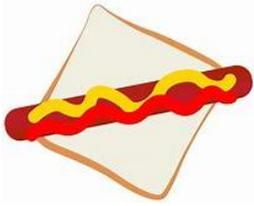
## KINDER IS LOOKING FOR CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

Would you be interested in volunteering some of your time at our Kinder? We would like to hear from you. Yackandandah Kindergarten runs Monday to Friday between 8:30am to 4:00pm. The children always love to meet new friends and learn from others.

Some skills that you might like to share with us [times flexible]:

- Reading to the children
- Teaching children to knit, crochet or sew
- Cooking or baking with the children
- Garden or help in the vegie patch
- Sewing / Woodwork / Art / Music
- Chat with the children during snack time

A working with children check is required. Yackandandah Kindergarten can help with the process at no cost for volunteers.



## SIMPLY SNAG-A-LICIOUS FARE, SERVED BY THE KINDER

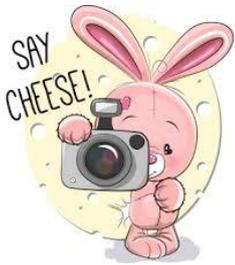
On Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, a small but energetic group of parents manned the sausage sizzle at Bunnings Wodonga and served 400 sausages and onions in bread and a range of icy beverages to the willing masses shopping at the store. Our ever grateful thanks to the event co-ordinator **Elise Bulman** and the following parents who gave generously of

their time and enthusiasm to raise funds for kinder classroom resources:

**Mel Carne, Jane Dowsley, Tom Colcott, Cathy Allan, Ruth Raymond, Michael Bulman, Jervis Whitley, Jenny Garvey & Alex Wyatt.** An impressive \$968.35 was raised after expenses and the cash float were deducted! Thank you.

## BORROWING LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN IN THE 4YO PROGRAM

Next term, children will receive their own library bag for use this year. Children will be able to borrow during their session and share their chosen story at home, returning the book next time they come to kinder. We hope you enjoy using our library.



## A HEADS-UP ABOUT KINDER PHOTOS

PHOTO DATES NOW CONFIRMED FOR 11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY [Mon, Tues, Wed]

Briony Hardinge photo order information envelopes will be distributed to families shortly.

Photos will be taken over the course of those days, with the 14<sup>th</sup> May being our back-up day in case of poor weather. Those children who only attend on a Friday, will receive a note asking if they can come in to kinder on a particular day and time, to join their age

group photo. Children are asked to wear their kinder t-shirt or a non-logo'd one please.

## PERMISSION FORMS NEEDED BACK TO KINDER PLEASE

- KINDYHUB Consent Form - years 3 & 4yo
- BUSH KINDER Permission Form - Years 3 & 4yo

Spare forms avail from the foyer information board.

## NORTH EAST WATER EDUCATION VISIT TO KINDER – Planned for Term 2

North East Water is currently offering water education presentations for early childhood kindergartens and childcare centres within our service area. We have been fortunate to secure a visit by one of their Education Officers in mid May. Both our 4yo groups will participate in this 40-minute presentation.

Specifically aimed at four year olds, it includes:

- Background to water in the world
- Big book story of Whizzy, a water drop's journey through the water cycle
- Useful water wise tips that the children can put in place at home and at your site

Meeting a few 'local' characters who share how they use water in our community. This includes a farmer, gardener, chef, doctor and ...the 'Queen'!



**The Yackandandah Primary School Bursar sent Kinder Fee Statements out to families last Friday. Outstanding Term 1 kinder fees need to be paid by the end of this term please, unless you are on an agreed payment plan.**

**Kinder finishes at 2.15pm next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**

## Term Planner Term 2 –2020

Term	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	<u>13 April</u> <b>EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<u>14 April</u> <i>TERM BEGINS</i>	<u>15 April</u>	<u>16 April</u>	<u>17 April</u>
Week 2	<u>20 April</u>	<u>21 April</u>	<u>22 April</u>	<u>23 April</u> <b>NEWSLETTER</b>	<u>24 April</u>
Week 3	<u>27 April</u>	<u>28 April</u>	<u>29 April</u>	<u>30 April</u>	<u>01 May</u>
Week 4	<u>04 May</u>	<u>05 May</u>	<u>06 May</u>	<u>07 May</u>	<u>08 May</u>
Week 5	<u>11 May</u> <b>PHOTOS</b>	<u>12 May</u> Sub-Committee meeting 5.30pm <b>PHOTOS</b>	<u>13 May</u> <b>PHOTOS</b>	<u>14 May</u>	<u>15 May</u>
Week 6	<u>18 May</u>	<u>19 May</u>	<u>20 May</u>	<u>21 May</u> <b>NEWSLETTER</b> <i>NE Water Incursion for 4yo Group</i>	<u>22 May</u>
Week 7	<u>25 May</u>	<u>26 May</u>	<u>27 May</u>	<u>28 May</u>	<u>29 May</u>
Week 8	<u>01 June</u>	<u>02 June</u>	<u>03 June</u>	<u>04 June</u>	<u>05 June</u>
Week 9	<u>08 June</u> <b>QUEEN'S B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<u>09 June</u> <i>RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP VISIT</i> Sub-Committee meeting 5.30pm	<u>10 June</u>	<u>11 June</u> <i>RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP VISIT</i>	<u>12 June</u>
Week 10	<u>15 June</u>	<u>16 June</u>	<u>17 June</u>	<u>18 June</u> <b>NEWSLETTER</b>	<u>19 June</u>
Week 11	<u>22 June</u>	<u>23 June</u>	<u>24 June</u>	<u>25 June</u> <i>HEALTHY ACHIEVEMENT TEAM PYJAMA BREAKFAST</i>	<u>26 June</u> <i>LAST DAY TERM 2</i>