



# Yackandandah Kindergarten

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## TERM 4, 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

It's Week 5 of Term 4. Wow! We are approaching the end of the year. It has been a very busy year with lots of things happening at the kinder.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those families that have supported our kinder by putting up their hands when help was needed. We have had working bees, annual fundraising events [YFF & Bunnings BBQ Stall], excursions, Sub Committee of Management lobbying of the Council to secure footpath works between Yack Health and the Kinder and there has always been a helping hand to support staff and make workloads lighter.

We are now organising the End of Year Concert that will be held at the Yackandandah Hall on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm. If families would like to help with set up in the morning; setting up chairs and displaying the children's artwork etc for this event, please let Jennie or myself know. We are also still in need of someone who can work the sound and lighting for the concert.

### TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

It is that time of the year when most 4 year olds are keen to head to school in the new year. Transition days are half-way through and children are enjoying their time with their buddies.

Children need support and encouragement to make the move a positive experience. Big school can be a bit scary as it is a new environment. The building, grounds, children and teachers are huge through a 5 year olds eyes. Classroom, toilets and routines are unfamiliar and there can be some anxiety.

If you have any questions about your child's transition to Foundation, please feel free to contact me and arrange an appointment.

## URGENT RETURN OF 4YO TRANSITION LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT STATEMENTS

Last month, *Transition Learning & Development Statements* for each 4yo child, were placed into your child's locker. The Statement document summarises a child's strengths and abilities as they start school, identifies their interests and indicates how their learning and development progress can be supported.

The Statements come in several parts:

- Section 1 – completed by the Educator
- Section 2 & Section 3 – both of which are to be completed by the family

The completed Sections 2 & 3 of this *Transition Learning & Development Statement* document were due back to the Kinder Office by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. WE ASK THAT THESE PLEASE BE RETURNED NOW!

Should you have any questions in regard to these Statements, please contact me.

Without the return of the completed sections, relevant information about your child cannot be shared with their school to assist their successful settling into their new learning environment.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's Transition Statement or transition to school, please contact me.

*Marisel Blefari*

## KINDER EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS

- ❖ 12<sup>th</sup> November: Kinder Sub Committee of Management Meeting at 5.30pm
- ❖ 13<sup>th</sup> November: School Transition Day for children attending Yack, Osbornes Flat, Wooragee, Middle Indigo Primary Schools
- ❖ 19<sup>th</sup> November: 4yo Tuesday Group excursion to YPS and to Yack Library 12 Noon – 3pm
- ❖ 19<sup>th</sup> November: Rehearsal of our Christmas concert – 4yo's attending the above excursion will go to the Public hall at 11.40am (beforehand). 3yo parents and parents of 4yo's not attending Tuesday Kinder are encouraged to bring their child at 11.45am for half an hour.
- ❖ 20<sup>th</sup> November: School Transition Day for children attending Middle Indigo PS in 2020
- ❖ 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Kinder Christmas Concert at the Yack Public Hall 5.45pm – 7pm
- ❖ 27<sup>th</sup> November: School Transition Day for children attending Yack, Osbornes Flat, Wooragee, Middle Indigo Primary Schools
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> December: School Transition Day for children attending Middle Indigo PS in 2020
- ❖ 10<sup>th</sup> December: STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY for children attending Primary School
- ❖ 10<sup>th</sup> December: KINDER OPEN DAY FOR NEW ENROLMENTS IN 2020
- ❖ 09<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December: Mango deliveries some time during this period [date TBA]
- ❖ 18<sup>th</sup> December: FINAL DAY OF TERM 4, 2019

HAPPIEST OF NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY  
WISHES TO ..... Ayla, Renn & Andie





## OUR KINDER IS AN AWARD ENTRY FINALIST FOR THE VICTORIAN SCHOOLS GARDEN AWARDS, for the Most Engaging Play Space Category !!!



### OUR BUSH KINDERGARTEN & NATURAL PLAY SPACE

## Most Engaging Garden for Play

Victorian School Garden Awards 2019



A big thank to all involved in helping to develop our garden and bush kinder. We have been selected as a finalist for the Victorian Schools Garden Awards – a new category has been included for Kindergartens and we were eligible to apply! Well done and thanks for your hard work in making a great space for our children, staff and families to share. A copy of the application is available to view at the front table.

Marisel will be attending the **Award Presentation Ceremony** at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30am. Families & children are welcome to attend.

## 2020 AFTER KINDER CARE PROGRAM BOOKINGS FOR 4YO CHILDREN

Due to strong interest expressed by continuing and new 4yo families, the kinder will again be offering After Kinder Care in 2020; Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4pm – 6pm. \$13.50 per session.

The first operating day is Thurs, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

If you would like your 4yo child to attend AKC next year on either a casual or permanent basis and haven't already submitted an AKC enrolment form to the kinder office, please contact Jen.

An AKC information handbook is available from the office and from the kinder's website

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### MANGO ORDER UPDATE

Thank you everyone for your generous support of our Mango Fundraiser. An amazing 410 trays of mangoes have been ordered from within and external to the Yackandandah community.

Delivery will occur roughly a week before Christmas, though this is dependent upon ripening, and pick-up will be from the Yack Public Hall in the High Street (as well as a drop off point in Beechworth).

The Mango Co-Ordinator Kiera Maybury [yackmangosa@outlook.com](mailto:yackmangosa@outlook.com) will inform you by email of the exact delivery date.

## WELCOMING OUR NEW FAMILIES INTO OUR KINDER COMMUNITY

Enrolment interviews have largely been completed, with just a few scheduled next month for families moving to Yackandandah. Since October, our new families have received an emailed copy of our newsletter, so that they can be up-to-date with kinder activities and plans for 2020.

## FINALISATION OF YOUR 2020 KINDER FEES

If you have not already done so, we ask that you please finalise your payments or payment arrangements with the Primary School Business Manager, Sandra McKibbin prior to the end of term. Thank you.

## TERM 4 FINISH DATES

4yo final day of term is Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm. AKC will operate as normal.

3yo final day of term is Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.

Kinder staff will be here on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, for the annual end of year clean-up.

## KINDER CHRISTMAS CONCERT – what the children need to wear

This year's concert has a musical and Australiana theme and the children's songs and props will colourfully reflect this.

*We ask that children please come along to the Public Hall at 5.45pm dressed in BLACK pants/skirt/shorts, with a single-colour bright t-shirt [no logo] or long sleeve top. [kinder t-shirts are ok if turned inside-out]*

The concert starts at 6.00pm and concludes at approx 7.00pm. The children's artwork will be on display to view before and after the concert. At the conclusion, join us on the forecourt lawn with a picnic supper to socialise and wait for the arrival of Santa.



**We could really use some help with displaying the children's artwork in the Public Hall foyer on the morning of the concert. And helpers to stow chairs, sweep and dismantle the artwork afterwards. Any takers out there ?? Pls let Jen or Marisel know.**

## KINDER UNIFORM ORDERS FOR 2020 NOW BEING TAKEN

Order forms are available from the kinder foyer uniform display or by request [just contact Jen in the Office].

If you wish to purchase a t-shirt, windcheater and/or hat and receive them prior to the end of term, we would ask that order forms be returned to the office by 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019.

We welcome parents to view the display of garment sizes and colours in the foyer. [Idea: make up a I'm Starting Kinder pack as a Christmas present for your child, with a bag, lunch box, drink bottle, t-shirt & hat].



# Would you like to join the 2020 Kinder Committee Of Management ?

We would like to invite any interested parents to attend our 12<sup>th</sup> November Committee meeting – to meet the current committee and learn more about what this Committee does. [5.30pm in the Kinder building NEXT TUESDAY]  
Please let Jen in the Office know if you'd be interested in coming along.  
If you are definitely interested in representing [we won't talk you out of it ☺]

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.



## Yackandandah Arts Festival Program for 2019 Friday 6 December thru Sunday 8 December 2019

Program for 2019 Yackandandah Arts Festival			
Date	Event	Venue	Organiser
Friday 6/12/2019 4.15 pm	Official Opening & Welcome to Country	Star Hotel	David/Vanessa
Friday 6/12/2019 5.00 pm to 10.00 pm Free event	Community Event Big Night Out Summer Concert & BBQ	Star Hotel garden stage Yackandandah	Richard Pearce
Saturday 7/12/2019 9.00 am to 2.00 pm	High Country Christmas Fair	Memorial Gardens Yackandandah	Vanessa/ David
Saturday 7/12/2019 Time to be advised	Author presentation	Yackandandah Library	Indigo Shire and Yack Writers Group
Saturday 7/12/2019 7.15 pm to 9.30 pm Free Event Booking required	Flickside Film Screening '2040'	Public Hall Yackandandah	Tim Evans
Sunday 8/12/2019 9.00 am to 10.00 am	Poets Breakfast	Rusty Bike back yard	Steve Masters
Sunday 8/12/2019 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm	Violindigo kids' violin	Public Hall	David Pietsch
Sunday 8/12/2019 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm Booking required cost associated	Theatre show 'A Christmas Carol'	Public Hall	Highway 61 Theatre production company Melbourne
Sunday 8/12/2019 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm To be Confirmed	Community Christmas Party	Memorial Gardens Yackandandah	Lions Club
Saturday & Sunday	Open Studios	Artists Studios open to the public	Kevin Poyner & existing artists
Friday & Saturday	Late night shopping	Main Street	Traders
Weeks leading up to Festival	Children's Environmental 'Wish Tree' Workshops	Yackandandah Library	Library staff & school staff from Yack, Osborne Flat & Wooragee State schools

Note: Program subject to change at discretion of the organisers

Yackandandah Arts Festival is sponsored by





# ORIENTATION DAY

For newly enrolling  
3 & 4 year old children

We are offering an “Orientation Day” for our new kindergarten children and parents who start their kinder journey with us in 2020.

You will have a chance to meet your child’s educator and other families, as well as find out more about your kindergarten.

Bring a hat and water bottle.

**When:** Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Where:** Yackandandah Kindergarten  
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**Time:** 10.00am – 11.00am

