



# Yackandandah Kindergarten

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## TERM 4, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Term 4 is nearly completed. I can't believe we are nearly at the end of the year. It has been a fantastic year for our Kindergarten and we have been very fortunate to have had great guests visiting our service and our lovely volunteers who have brought so much to our program. A special thank you to local YOGA guru Bron for her Monday yoga classes with the children. We have also hosted several Uni students on placement this year, which I consider is a great way to reflect on our practice and support local students. Zach, Ciara, David, Tia & Erin.

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce all staff that will be working with us in 2020:

- Jennie McKern (Tues-Wed-Thurs) Admin Officer
- Jenny Hyland (Tuesday & Thursday Classroom Aide)
- Jane Chrystie (Thursday 4YO Program teacher)
- Erin Tinney (Tuesday – Thursday – Friday) 4 YO classroom assistant and AKC)
- Claire Vale (Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday 3yo & 4yo classroom assistant)
- Anna Webb (Wednesday 3 YO teacher / Thursday 4 YO teacher)
- Kelly Reynolds (Monday – Thursday – Friday 3/4yo teacher)
- Ali Nunn (Friday classroom assistant)
- Marisel Blefari (Director- Educational Leader and 4 YO teacher on Monday and Thursday)

We are so lucky to have such great staff who are passionate and dedicated to early childhood.

These past two terms we were very fortunate to have Ngyrie Starkey deliver a great music program which culminated in a fantastic performance at the end of year concert. What a great night- all the children entered the hall singing *That's what I love about Yackandandah* and led by Jasper's dad, Kay Chinnery on guitar. The children took the bright lights of the stage in their stride and performed beautifully in front of so many people.



I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the day setting up the hall, transporting things from Kinder to the hall and then back again at the end of the night. Paul Anderson, as he has been for the past few years, was our congenial MC for the event and our sound and lighting was smoothly co-ordinated by Louise Gorham.

Finally, a huge thank you to our Sub Committee of Management - I have felt so supported by you all. I know it is hard to give up time when we are all so busy these days but your commitment in supporting our service can be seen so clearly in all the things that we have achieved for our children in 2019. I invite all the new families to consider the possibility of joining our Sub Committee or P&F group in 2020.

### KINDER 2020 NEW ENROLMENTS ORIENTATION DAY - 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

A reminder that Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December is the Kinder's ORIENTATION DAY for new children enrolling in our 3yo and 4yo programs in 2020. Children who are already enrolled with us this year and are continuing with us next year do not need to come to kinder this day.

### LATE BUT VERY WELCOME ARRIVALS TO OUR KINDER COMMUNITY

This week we welcomed Henry and Audrey Wyatt and their parents to our Kinder. They have just moved to Yackandandah and joined this amazing community.

*Marisel Blefari*

### HAPPIEST OF DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...

Grace P, Anna H, Felix A, Fela G, Sonny G & Grace S



### YACKANDANDAH KINDER - WINNER OF THE VICTORIAN SCHOOLS GARDEN AWARDS, for the Most Engaging Garden for Play Category !!!

Marisel attended the Award Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November and came home with the prize.

The prize money of \$1000 will be used for a garden watering system.

### KINDER SUB COMMITTEE DINNER WITH YACK PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Sub-Committee met for its final official meeting last month and we were delighted to meet/receive nominations from interested parents to represent in 2020. As always at this time of the year, the Yack Primary School Council has issued an invitation for our committee to join them for dinner locally. The 2019 Committee have invited those parents who expressed an interest in representing in 2020 to attend and enjoy the opportunity to meet and discuss the successes achieved this year and what is planned for next year. We hope to receive positive rsvp's from our invitees. RSVP to Jennie in the Kinder Office by 5<sup>th</sup> December please.





## RETURN OF 4YO LIBRARY BAGS AND BOOKS

4yo families, please return your child's library bag and borrowed book to kinder ASAP. If either have been lost and cannot be found, please provide a replacement item. We need to launder the library bags ready for next year and catalogue our books back into our borrowing system.

## STAGGERED START & FINISH TIMES FOR 2020 THURSDAY PROGRAM

Due to high enrolment numbers in the Thursday program, we will be running two classes – one group with Jane Chrystie and another with Marisel & Anna.

Your letter of enrolment acceptance would have stated which group your child is in. [if you've forgotten, just ask Jen]

To reduce carpark congestion at drop off/pick-up times, we will be staggering the start and finish times of these two programs.

Jane's Group :	Program start: 8.15am	Program finish: 3.45pm.
Marisel & Anna's Group:	Program start: 8.30am	Program finish: 4.00pm

## MANGO ORDER UPDATE

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. Contact Kiera by email address above if you have any queries.



## NEW IN 2020 – a new communication tool to share your child's daily learning

Next year, our staff will be using **Kindyhub**, a secure web-based software package which enables them to simplify and streamline documentation and enhance communication with parents. Using this program for each child, it will allow staff to:

- Upload photos and video, tag children, rooms and learning outcomes.
- Easily create daily reports & observations which can be personalised and shared with families.
- Automatically generate daily slideshows for each room or create unique, custom slideshows for a child or group.
- Send messages, news and reminders to families.
- Track and plan children's learning across a variety of key learning areas.
- Communicate and include families in their child's learning and development. Our families will be connected via the Parent App.

As a parent, you (and your chosen relatives) will have a secure private login to access a snapshot of what your child does throughout the day via email or the Kindyhub smartphone Parent App. This will be sent to you with photos, a daily report from your child's group and the learning outcomes they met.

Staff are currently learning this digital communication tool in preparation for next year, so that they will be ready to share your child's early learning experience with you. Each child will need to be entered into the **Kindyhub** system and we will be seeking your written consent to use your personal information for the communication. An emailed letter and permission form will be emailed to you in the next week and we ask you to promptly complete and sign the parent permission form attached. If you do not wish to receive this communication, please contact Marisel to discuss as soon as possible.





# Our Christmas Concert





Have you seen our chicks lately? They've certainly grown.  
3 have joined our chooks & the others have gone to their new homes.



## A wedding party for Erin ... kinder style





# CODE RED DAYS

The way kindergartens and schools in Victoria respond to bushfires has been revised.

New fire danger ratings and warnings have been introduced in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools, and children's services, identified as being at highest bushfire risk will be closed on days declared by fire authorities to be CODE RED.



## YACKANDANDAH KINDER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE AT HIGH BUSHFIRE RISK.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three-days notice of a planned closure. We will contact you directly by either email, letter and/or phone [as well as on our kinder closed group Facebook page] with advice on planned closures.

## TO SAVE CONFUSION, ONCE A KINDER CLOSURE HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO YOU, IT WILL NOT BE REVERSED.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help families plan alternative care arrangements for their child.

No staff will remain on site when the kinder is closed by the threat of fire. The kinder will be 'off limits' for staff and families on CODE RED DAYS and no one should visit the kinder to collect anything or for any other reason. We will also cancel any offsite activities (such as excursions) and After Kinder Care if the activities are at risk. *Note that for parents with school-aged children, there may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.*

On HIGH FIRE RISK days, families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the safest option when a CODE RED DAY is declared is to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

### ***What can parents / families do?***

Make sure your family's Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our kinder is closed. Make sure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers and emergency contacts authorised to collect your child. Keep in touch with us by reading our emails, Facebook posts, newsletters and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff. The Yackandandah Primary School, as the kinder's Service Provider can also be contacted for information 02 6027 1431 Principal, Michael Edwards.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.

You can access more information about school closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see [www.education.vic.gov.au/bushfires](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/bushfires).

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

# 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

30 Isaacs Avenue [02 6027 1560]

**Time:** 10.00am – 11.00am



# TERM 4 FINISH

3YO Program finishes at 2.30pm on Wednesday,  
18<sup>th</sup> December.

4YO Program finishes at 4.00pm on Tuesday,  
17<sup>th</sup> December.

After Kinder Care will run as usual 4pm – 6pm  
on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

# TERM 1

Staff return on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January.

3yo Wednesday Program commences on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.

4yo Program commences on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January:

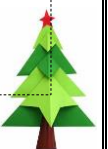
Jane's Group: 8.15am – 3.45pm

Marisel/Anna's Group: 8.30am – 4.00pm

Term Dates: 29 January – 27 March

In early January 2020, families will receive a newsletter via email, providing all the information needed to start the new kinder year.

Kinder uniform is available to purchase from the Office up until 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thereafter, it will be available again once Term 1 commences.







COME TO THE COURTHOUSE ON THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TO SEE THE CHILDREN'S ARTWORK ON DISPLAY.

# YACKANDANDAH ARTS Festival

## Arts Festival Program

6-8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Date	Time	Event	FREE Event	Booking Required	Venue	Organiser/s
Fri 6th Dec	5.30pm	Official Opening by Cathy McGowan	✓		The Star Hotel Garden stage	Tim Evans
	5.30pm - 10pm	Big Night Out Summer Concert	✓		The Star Hotel Garden stage	Richard Pearce
		Late Night Shopping	✓		Main Street	Chambers of Commerce & Traders
Sat 7th Dec		Artist's Open Studios	✓		Artists open studios	Handsome & Co, John Dermer Kirby's Flat Pottery, Gordon Dickson Studio Gallery, Sluga Gallery, Yack Station
	9am - 2pm	High Country Christmas Fair	✓		Memorial Gardens	Vanessa Welsh & David Thorpe
	10am - 5pm	'Intergenerational' Art Exhibition	✓		Court House	Vanessa Welsh
	10.30am - 11.30am	Author Presentation Rachael Kable	✓		Yackandandah Library	Indigo Shire & Yack Writer's Group
	7pm - 9.30pm	Flickside Film Screening '2040'	✓	✓	Public Hall	Tim Evans
		Late Night Shopping	✓		Main Street	Chambers of Commerce & Traders
Sun 8th Dec		Artist's Open Studios	✓		Artists open studios	Handsome & Co, John Dermer Kirby's Flat Pottery, Gordon Dickson Studio Gallery, Sluga Gallery, Yack Station
	9am - 10am	Poet's Breakfast	✓		Rusty Bike Café	Steve Masters
	10am - 2pm	'Intergenerational' Art Exhibition	✓		Court House	Vanessa Welsh
	1.30pm - 2pm	Violindigo, student's violin performances	✓		Public Hall	David Pietsch
	2pm - 3.30pm	Climate Change Theatre Action 2019 'Letters To Greta'	✓	✓	Public Hall	Brendan Hogan
Weeks leading up to the Arts Festival		Children's Environmental 'Wish Tree' workshops			Yackandandah Library	Library & school staff from Yackandandah, Osbornes Flat & Middle Indigo schools
		Weaving Project			Community Centre	David Thorpe

May be subject to change at discretion of organisers

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