



# Yackandandah Kindergarten

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## TERM 1, 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

Welcome to our second newsletter of the pre-school year. We hope you are all looking forward to working alongside us in this exciting developmental stage of your child's learning. Each month our Program Plans will be displayed outside on the parent noticeboard for all to view. Please feel free to discuss any area of these Programs with your child's teacher.

Our learning through play will continue to progress well throughout our monthly activities. The children will continue to build on new skills daily; please encourage these at home.

Our 4yo children have been doing activities where they need to recognise their name tags, identify the sounds of language, letter – sound relationships and the concept of print. Identifying and naming difference emotions / colour mixing using water droppers, taking turns engaging in shared games with rules / small world play; creating and acting out scenes/scenarios real and pretend / Construction / Puzzle & Activity / Literacy & Numeracy corners / Group Time.

Our 3yo program has been introducing the children to ice painting using red, blue & yellow ice cubes to explore with solids and liquids. Play doh; manipulating the dough using fingers, hands, rollers and cutters to build fine motor skills and small hand muscles. Music and movement (preparation for our Welcome to Kinder Show Night / Library Corner / Home Corner for the children to play in a solitary, parallel or social play stage – taking turns and developing language.

Bush Kinder is now in its second week and is currently at capacity with 14 children thriving on outdoor play and exploration. Tristy, Kathleen and the children are photographing & identifying bugs and finding out their English and Japanese names, building cubbys, talking about our BK safety rules and experiencing small risk taking, imagination, conflict resolution, gross and fine motor development. Everyone seems happy to swap iPads, computers and toys for trees, mud and dirt!

Whilst kindergarten marks an important transition, it is important that children still get to be children. Kindergarten life is sweet, with all the fun and exciting activities. Let's gear up for a successful year!

*Marisel Blefari & Staff*



# Term 1 Calendar Dates

- 16 Feb: 5.30pm Kinder Sub Committee of Mgmt meeting at kinder
- 18 Feb: 10.00am Halve Waste Team visit to our 4yo program
- 25 Feb: Smiles 4 Miles Oral Health Team visit to our 4yo program
- 03 Mar: FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS – REGISTER FOR APPOINTMENT
- 04 Mar: 6pm KINDER WELCOME CONCERT & PICNIC [bring a plate]
- 08 Mar: KINDER CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 09 Mar: 5.30pm Sub Committee of Management Meeting at Kinder
- 25 Mar: 10.30am Responsible Pet Ownership Visit from Helen and her Labradoodle Chai
- 01 Apr: FINAL DAY OF KINDER. Normal finish time of 4.00pm

## COMMUNICATING WITH OUR FAMILIES VIA KINDYHUB

All parents should have received an online invitation to join/register to receive a secure private login to access snapshots of what your child has done during the day. In these past early weeks of term, staff have been uploading photos, videos and observations of the 3yo & 4yo groups which parents should be accessing. We hope you enjoy this extra communication tool.

## AFTER KINDER CARE IN 2021

After Kinder Care for our 3yo and 4yo enrolled children is now administered by the Yackandandah Primary School, in the very capable hands of AKC Co-Ordinator Siobhan Moore.

The program, held on-site at the kinder, aims to provide children with the opportunity to interact and co-operate in a safe environment with their peers and to provide a relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere in which the children can participate in activities relevant to their needs/interests.

Enrolling: Prior to bookings being accepted, all families need to complete an Enrolment Form via the Iparent Portal link <https://app.kidsoft.com.au/p/YackandandahPrimaryOSHC/find-a-place>

Bookings: You can make/cancel these through the Iparent portal link or else contact the Primary School Office 02 6027 1431 or email the AKC Co-Ordinator [Siobhan.Moore2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Siobhan.Moore2@education.vic.gov.au)

The Kinder will not be accepting enquiries for booking management for AKC; all contact must be made through the Primary School please.

♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten

**SHOW NIGHT**  
6pm on Thursday,  
4<sup>th</sup> March.

YOU'RE INVITED TO COME ALONG TO SEE  
YOUR CHILD'S ARTWORK AND HEAR THEM

SING. Meet our staff and Kinder Cmtee parents and  
your child's friends! We're having a picnic, so please bring  
along a plate and join the fun. RSVP attendance list is on the  
verandah sign-in desk.

## LITTLE JOBS AT KINDER

- ✚ Thankyou to the McNicol Family for putting together our new wooden craft trolley. It's now in Room 2.
- ✚ Installation of a tap needed – with our wicking beds in place & planted, we are in urgent need of a tap to be installed nearby. Would any of our families have plumbing skills and be willing to help out with this job?
- ✚ Bush Kinder tidy-up needed – in preparation for our Show Night, we are seeking helpers for mowing, weeding and general tidying of our bush kinder. If you can help, please let Jennie or Marisel know.



## SHARED FRUIT & VEGIES

Thank you to our families for bringing in fruit and vegies for snack sharing, as part of our Healthy Eating Program. This sharing of a variety of foods has prompted much interest and discussion amongst the children and the realisation that their family might also be growing foods which they would like to bring in.

## KINDER PRODUCE BASKET

Our produce basket [located at the front door of the kinder] sells excess kinder-grown eggs and vegs. If you have any surplus fruit, veg or eggs which you might like to donate to the Kinder for sale, please speak with our staff.

## NEED A KINDER UNIFORM?

Pop into the kinder office and see Jen for an order form and to check out garment sizes. Payment options are CASH to the kinder office or Funds Transfer to YPS.

## 4YO PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

### – PARENT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

We have several excursions coming up this year and we need volunteer helpers for these to go ahead. You must provide a current *Working with Children Check* – this can be done online at no cost for a Volunteer WWCC.

An excursion helper sign-up sheet will be on the sign-in table when we need helpers.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to ...

**JANUARY:** Bobby,  
Oscar, Lara, Penny  
& Halle

**FEBRUARY:** Aurora,  
Dylan, Judd, Judd,  
Kinu, Skye & Dash



## Jane's 3yo Group



## Bush Kinder Group



## Anna's 3yo Group





## Leigh's 4yo Group



## Eliza's 4yo Group



### PICKING UP & DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILDREN

Drop off time is a very important time of day, where the children talk about and share their news with staff & each other – all part of preparing their social skills for school.

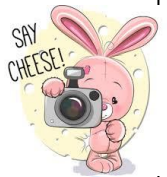
The programs are structured around these times and it is disruptive to the children to be picked up too early (they become visibly upset when others leave).

Also, a reminder that when dropping off children, to leave **quickly and quietly**. It can be disruptive when parents are milling around.

If you think or know you will be more than 10 minutes late to collect your child from their kinder program, then your child should be booked into the AKC Program please.

### A HEADS-UP ABOUT KINDER PHOTOS

Kinder photos are scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> MAY.



At the start of Term 2, photography company and photo order information will be distributed to families.

Photos will be taken that week over the course of 4 days; Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Tristy's Wed Group



## Tristy's Friday Group





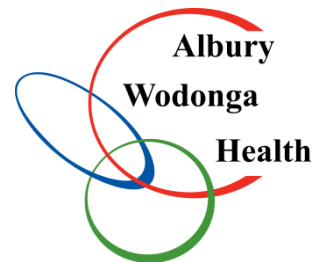
Parents, please apply sunscreen to your child before they come into kinder each program day.

AS PART OF OUR SMILES 4 MILES ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM HERE AT KINDER, WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR ALBURY WODONGA HEALTH DENTAL SERVICE TO CONDUCT FREE DENTAL SCREENING APPOINTMENTS FOR OUR 3YO & 4YO CHILDREN ON WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH.

SCREENING APPOINTMENTS RUN AT 10 MINUTE INTERVALS COMMENCING AT 9.50AM THROUGH TO 3.30PM.  
BOOK VIA THE SCREENING APPOINTMENT SHEET ON THE VERANDAH SIGN-IN DESK.



Albury Wodonga Health Dental Service  
*Dental Screening Program*



Dear Parent/guardian,

To complement the work conducted by Albury Wodonga Health Dental Services, Oral Health Therapists and Dental Assistants will be visiting your service to conduct a screening program.

*Why does my child need a dental check?*

All children are at risk of developing tooth decay, 1 in 3 children aged five and under who attended Victorian public dental clinics in 2010-11 experienced tooth decay. Dental decay is the most prevalent Australian childhood disease and the 5<sup>th</sup> most common cause of hospitalisation in 0-4year olds. The good news is that tooth decay is largely preventable. Establishing sound oral health and healthy eating habits from an early age provides the best chance of maintaining good oral health into adulthood

Staff specialising in dental treatment for children will attend your service to carry out a range of preventive services including:

- Oral health screening
- Dental hygiene advice
- Fluoride varnish applications to early signs of dental decay if detected

Participation is **voluntary** with **no cost** to families. If your child requires further assessment a referral will be provided for your child to attend the Albury Wodonga Health Dental clinic.

Your child's involvement in this program is completely voluntary and you may withdraw from the program at any time. All kindergarten and primary school children are eligible for free dental treatment at Albury Wodonga Health dental clinic. Information gathered is confidential. You will be informed if it is recommended that your child requires further dental assessment or treatment. You will be notified when staff will be attending your kindergarten/school.

**Please complete and sign the screening consent form [avail next to the appointment schedule clipboards] and return it to the kinder office.**

For any further enquiries please contact Albury Wodonga Health dental clinic: Address: 155 High St Wodonga; Phone: (02) 6051 7925.



Enjoying moments of solitude can help children recognise their individual achievements. Some of our activities are purposefully designed for one to increase capacity, self-regulation and opportunities for new learnings.



## Our wonderful new wicking beds

Did you know that wicking beds were originally designed for use in Ethiopia with the aim to increase food production whilst using approximately 50% less water ?

Last year, we started looking at this brilliant innovation for our kinder as a way to more reliably grow fruit, veg and herbs. We know from experience that the planting is the easy part of the process and that keeping the produce alive and flourishing is the real challenge !

We now have 5 wicking beds in-situ; water reservoirs installed, beds filled and planted out with lettuce, chives, silverbeet, cucumbers, sunflowers, broccolini and peas.

All of this has been achieved by parent **Donna Hall** and we are immensely grateful for her time, efforts and knowledge. Under her tutelage, we are looking forward to saving time and water whilst producing lush, healthy and unstressed veggies regardless of the heat of the season. Fingers crossed for bumper crops !



## YACKANDANDAH KINDER IS A NUT-FREE CENTRE

The kindergarten currently has a child who is anaphylactic to nuts and products containing nuts.



We are very conscious of our duty of care to ensure the safety of these children whilst attending kinder and we actively encourage our families to become peanut and nut allergen aware and to help staff maintain an environment that will minimize the risk of exposure to nut allergens. In the event that accidental exposure may occur, the Kinder has an emergency response First Aid procedure in place.

Avoidance of peanut/nut products is the cornerstone of management in preventing an anaphylactic reaction in a child suffering from a nut allergy.

Your assistance is vital and due to these health risks, we ask for your understanding & co-operation by not sending any food with your child containing NUT PRODUCTS.

It is just a matter of double-checking food labels before putting snacks in the child's lunchbox. It is recommended that ALL NUTS should be avoided as most nuts are processed with peanuts & therefore cross contamination may occur. It is also possible to have an allergy to more than one kind of nut. Parents are also asked to ensure collage materials (eg boxes/plastic containers) are free from possible contamination by washing thoroughly or shaking out crumbs/dust etc.

**GUMBOOTS AT KINDER .....** Can parents please label their child's boots pls.





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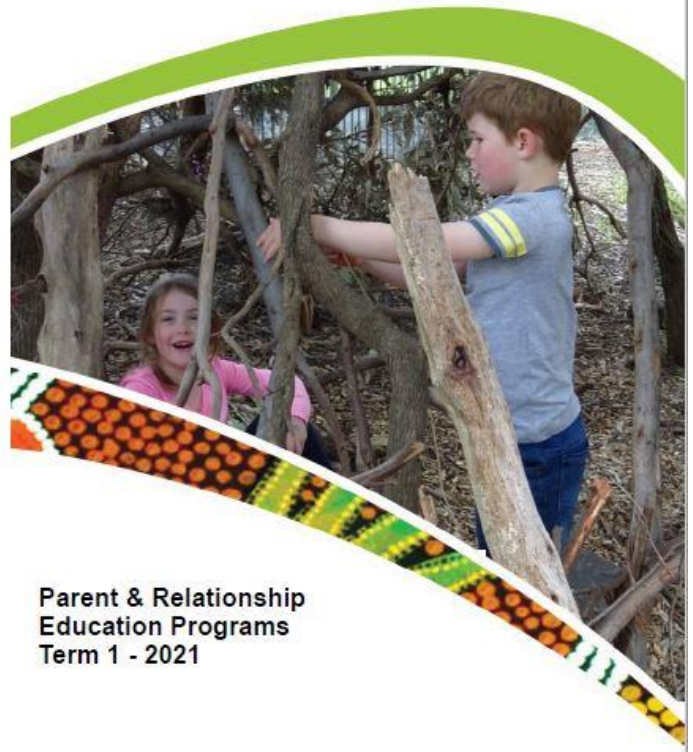
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## Parent & Relationship Education Programs Term 1 - 2021

### Parent & Relationship Education Programs –Term 1, 2021

(bookings essential for all programs)

Program	Venue	Date	Time	Phone:
Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS)	Free call telephone service	Ongoing	day & evening appointments	1800 880 660
WODONGA				
Tuning in to Kids emotionally intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	Gateway Health Training room (G10) 155 High St, Wodonga	Saturdays 27th February to 27th March 2021	10am - 12pm	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888
Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting (10+ years)	Gateway Health Training Room (G10) 155 High St, Wodonga	Tuesdays 23rd February to 30th March 2021	6pm - 8pm	
Bringing Up Great Kids	Gateway Health Training Room (G10) 155 High St, Wodonga	Thursdays 25th February to 1st April 2021	10am - 12pm	
Mother Goose (0-2 years)	Gateway Health Conference Room (B1) 155 High St, Wodonga	Wednesdays 3rd February to 31st March 2021	10:30am -11:30am	
ONLINE via ZOOM				
Emotion Coaching Connecting With Our Teens (10+) (2 hour workshop)	Online via Zoom (invite via email)	Tuesday 19th January 2021	10am - 12pm	Intake Team (02) 6022 8888

Please note that registrations for group programs is essential as spots are limited due to Covid-19 safety protocols. Please contact our intake team on (02) 6022 8888 for any questions or to register your interest.

