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## TERM 1, 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

The 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. *Using their name tags helps the children support their literacy skills.*

Please consider having a name tag at home for your child so they can practice their name.

Also, we have been doing a lot of drawing, painting and craft. I have been encouraging the children to try a tripod pencil grip, by reminding them to have a “pinchy-pinchy” pencil hold. A good tip is to put a sticker on the pencil and ask the child to cover it with their finger. Also, rubber pencil triangles are available at the newsagency – this will help your child with correct pencil grip in the pre-writing stage.

Cutting skills are a very important part of fine motor skills. Please make sure your child has their own craft box of pencils, markers, crayons and scissors (left-handed, spring coil etc). There is a large range of scissors on the market to support each child's needs.

These are all skills that we will continue to work on during the year.

Some ideas to support these skills, which can be done at home, are:



Roll playdough into a long snake and ask children to do their letters  
[use their name tag]



Give children magazines and ask them to cut out part of a face to make  
silly face masks



Threading pasta, beads, cereals and/or templates with holes to make  
bracelets.



Play ball games [throw and catch]

Marisel Blefari

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR HAT PLEASE!**

- all children must come to kinder with a hat until the end of April.



# Term 1 Calendar Dates

- 11 Feb: 11am Halve Waste Team visit to kinder
- 11 Feb: 5.30pm Kinder Sub Committee of Mgmt meeting at kinder
- 13 Feb: 11am Smiles 4 Miles Oral Health Promo Team visit
- 27 Feb: FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS – REGISTER FOR APPOINTMENT
- 27 Feb: 6pm KINDEr WELCOME CONCERT & PICNIC [bring a plate]
- 09 Mar: KINDEr CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 15 Mar: KindeR's BBQ sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Wodonga
- 17 Mar: 5.30pm Sub Committee of Management Meeting at Kinder
- 20 Mar: KindeR Fundraising BBQ stall at the Yack Folk Festival  
KindeR children walking in the YFF Street Parade
- 27 Mar: FINAL DAY OF KINDEr. Normal finish time of 4.00pm

## COMMUNICATING WITH OUR FAMILIES VIA KINDYHUB

We are all very excited for the impending KindyHub launch, which we expect to go live from 4pm this afternoon. After 4pm, KindyHub administration will send an online invitation to those parents who have returned their consent forms, to join/register to receive a secure private login to access snapshots of what your child has done during the day.

This week, staff have been uploading photos, videos and observations of the 3yo & 4yo groups which will all be available to parents once they have their login. We hope you enjoy this extra communication tool and please bear with us as we fine-tune our skills and work towards creating unique, custom slideshows etc.

If you have not returned your KindyHub Consent Form, you will not receive an invitation to join the group. ANOTHER COPY OF THE CONSENT FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.

## YACKANDANDAH FOLK FESTIVAL : 20 – 22 March

### Ω Marching in the street parade ....

This year's theme is **The Dish Pig... 'pigs might fly'!**

Staff will be planning headdress/costume ideas in the coming weeks. Once we know more details on the theme and therefore what colour clothing the children will need to wear, we will advise parents via email and a note in their child's locker.



### Ω Help needed on our BBQ Stall Fundraiser on the Friday evening

We are Looking for a co-ordinator for this annual fundraiser and volunteers to help with cooking/serving and packing up. Our bbq runs from 5pm to 9pm and we will be serving sausages & veggie burgers with onions in bread.

If you'd like to help co-ordinate or can help for a 1.5 hour shift or even a 1 hour shift, it would be of enormous help. You can sign up on the helper sheet in the foyer.



## AFTER KINDER CARE

Our 4yo children in this program are settling in nicely and enjoying their extra time in the familiar environment of Kinder. Erin & Kelly have been working a free-play program and adjusting activities to meet the children's requests.

We currently have places available either on a permanent [regular] booking or casual bookings on the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday program days. Occasional or casual care bookings are available - Ring the kinder to discuss. Payment is \$13.50 cash at the time of pick-up.



# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

## SHOW NIGHT

6pm on Thursday,  
27<sup>th</sup> February.

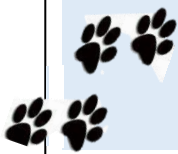
YOU'RE INVITED TO COME ALONG TO SEE YOUR CHILD'S ARTWORK AND HEAR THEM SING. Meet our staff and Kinder Cmtee parents and your child's friends! We're having a picnic, so please bring along a plate to share and join the fun. Bring a plate to share. *RSVP attendance list is in the foyer.*

### Responsible Pet Education Program coming in June

On 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June, a pet educator from this program will visit kinder with her dog to talk to the 4yo children about dog safety. The focus is to teach our children skills and strategies on how to stay safe around dogs.

We will have DVD's & songs about the program if you'd like more info.

You can also visit their website for more information [www.pettown.vic.gov.au](http://www.pettown.vic.gov.au)



### FREE DENTAL SCREENING APPOINTMENTS ON THURS, 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

If You have signed up on the appointment list in the foyer for a FREE check-up with one of the Albury Wodonga Health dental staff, please remember that if you have not already returned the dental service screening consent form, you must bring it to your appointment on the day.

Check-ups will be of 10-15 minute duration and will be held in the Maternal & Child Health Room at the front of the kinder building. Parents please accompany their children.

There are still a few appointment times available – to enquire, please either call into the kinder and check the list or phone the office for times available.

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT BUNNINGS WODONGA

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

This tasty fundraiser is scheduled to run between 9am and 4pm on the third Sunday in March. We are looking for parents who would be happy to give some of their time to help organise and cook/serve. We do this every year and so have an operating manual that fully covers what needs to be done and all the necessary permits have been obtained. This makes it so easy to run!

We are seeking parents to volunteer their time for a 2½ hour shift on the Saturday to cook, serve and clean: 8.30am – 11.00am, 11.00am – 1.30pm & 1.30pm – 4.00pm. We need a minimum of 4 helpers per shift please. There is a roster sign-up sheet in the Kinder foyer, or you may prefer to email Jen in the office. Many hands make light work and our Kinder wish list come true!



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.

## SHARED FRUIT & VEGIES

Thank you to our families who have been 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

We will soon be starting up our produce basket again [located at the front door of the kinder] with 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.

**SEEDLINGS** – if you have any vegie seedlings surplus, we would be very grateful to receive and cultivate them in our vegie patch.

## KINDERGARTEN FEE STATEMENTS

The Primary School has now issued Kindergarten fee Statements for Term 1. If you have any queries about your fees or wish to arrange a payment plan, please contact YPS Business Manager Sandra on 0271431 or via email [Mckibbin.Sandra.K@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Mckibbin.Sandra.K@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## NEED A KINDER T-SHIRT, HAT OR WINDCHEATER?

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.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...

### JANUARY:

Ruby L, Paddy M, Finn S, Jed W,  
Oscar B, Lara H & Penny M

### FEBRUARY:

Richie B, Amelia G, Jim M, Ewan M,  
Oscar M, Beau R, Archer C, Kinu E,  
Dylan H, Judd M, Skye R



## PICKING UP AND 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 and 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 early (they actually 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

Traditionally, we schedule kinder photos for Term 2 – MAY.

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

Photos will be taken over the course of 4 days; at this point they are likely to be on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of the same week.

Once we have the dates locked in, we will share this information with you.

## PERMISSION FORMS NEEDED BACK TO KINDER PLEASE

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

## YACKANDANDAH KINDER IS A NUT-FREE CENTRE

The kindergarten currently has children who are 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 and co-operation by not sending any snacks 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.

## 4YO PROGRAM EXCURSIONS – PARENT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

We have several excursions coming up this year and we need volunteer helpers for these to go ahead. Please consider putting your name down for an excursion [we have a 1:5 ratio of staff to children]. You must provide a current *Working with Children Check* – this can be done online at no cost for a Volunteer WWCC.

If we have insufficient parent helpers, the excursions could be cancelled as we cannot legally take the children without the required ratio. An excursion helper sign-up sheet will appear on the foyer desk whenever we need helpers.

10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## **PARENT PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF KINDYHUB IN 2020**

Dear Parents

As part of our commitment to providing your child the best early learning experience, we're proud to announce **Kindyhub** to our Early Learning Service!

Kindyhub is a digital communication tool, allowing us to easily share your child's early learning experience with you at the end of each day. Our educators capture your child's achievements throughout the day via Kindyhub with photos, notes and stories. Kindyhub saves us time, in-turn allowing us to spend more time with your child.

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. It will have a cost of \$15 per child per year and will be added to your fees as an IT Levy.

The key with Kindyhub is to ensure it compliments the face-to-face communication we already have when you visit us. Our face-to-face communication is undeniably one of the most important aspects of maintaining great relationships between our educators and your family. Kindyhub is here to enhance communication and provide the parents that are unable to visit us with photos and information about the child. For further information regarding Kindyhub you may visit [www.kindyhub.com.au](http://www.kindyhub.com.au)

We require your written consent to use your personal information for the communication. Please promptly complete and sign the 'Parent Permission' form attached. If you would **not** like to receive this communication, please contact me to discuss this as soon as possible.

We would love your feedback and any suggestions you may have to improve communication and parent engagement.

Thank you,



**Marisel Blefari**

Director, Yackandandah Kindergarten

## PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR THE USE OF *KINDYHUB* AT YACKANDANDAH KINDER IN 2020

I/We, the Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the terms of use and give consent for my personal information to be used as part of the communication purposes for delivering information to the nominated Parent/s & Guardian/s of my child/children for participation in the centre's communication tool via Kindyhub. I understand that the information is protected by The Privacy Act 1988 under Australian Law.

### Terms of use for sharing information

Sharing information outside of Kindyhub, whether it be documentation or your children's photos, is at the discretion of the family. Families are responsible to make sure what is shared is in the best interests of their children. Your child may be included in group experiences that can be viewed by the families of the other children in the group. In these instances, it is prohibited to share or upload any photos or information without the consent of those children's families.

### Nominated Parents/ Guardians:

<b>Child's Name:</b>	
<b>Child's Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Days attending:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday	
<b>Parent/ Guardian 1 (Primary Carer: Y / N )</b>	
Name:	Relationship:
Email:	
Signature:	
<b>Parent/ Guardian 2 (Primary Carer: Y / N )</b>	
Name:	Relationship:
Email:	
Signature:	

