

# Yackandandah Kinder

## May News Brief

### DEAR FAMILIES

By next week we will have welcomed 36 families back to physical kinder attendance. It has been lovely to see how returning children are integrating back into the program and seeing the webex learning sessions "from the other side".

We are delighted that many of our 3yo & 4yo children at home are continuing to participate in our twice-daily Webex streaming sessions. We are thoroughly enjoying receiving photos and stories from children participating in the daily activities at home. The *Take Me Home* bags with activities for the whole week ahead continue to be available from the kinder foyer each Monday.

*An example of how we share our program activities on Kindyhub and receive photos/stories back from our families:*

### TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

This activity was for 3yo kindy on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Set up a rug and put out the teddys/toys and plates & cups and enjoy a teddy bear picnic. You can do this inside or outside and if you want to set it up as a morning tea activity, you can use real plates and the food your child was going to have for morning tea.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Teddy bears or other toys, a rug or large cloth, play cups & plates and food, or real cups & plates [this could become morning or afternoon tea].

**LEARNING AREAS:** Imaginative Play. Sharing Play

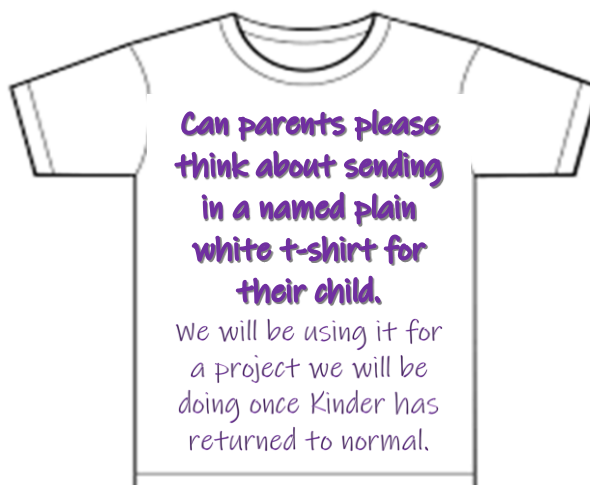


**Penny & friends picnicing at Kinder**



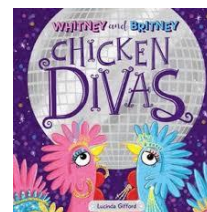
**Audrey & friends picnicing at home**

*Marisel*



### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME 2020

We will be uploading a video to Kindyhub of our staff reading this book on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am. Read along with us!



## SIGNING YOUR CHILD OUT OF AFTER KINDER CARE

We urge parents collecting their child from after kinder care, to please sign their child out. The AKC register is located on the foyer desk and it only takes a minute to record the time and your signature.

## COVID-19 SCHOOL RESTRICTIONS BEING LIFTED

You will be aware that the Victorian Government has now announced a plan for schools to transition back to on-site learning.

Whilst this announcement applies to schools, we do anticipate that Kinder families who have chosen to be at home might now wish to return to kinder over the coming weeks.

Our kinder, as all Early Childhood Educational Centres, is permitted to and has been operating for all families who wish to attend.

Our current risk mitigation strategies [Lining up on the x on the entry verandah, parents farewelling their children at the door, the leaving of lunchboxes & drink bottles in bags, temperature taking on arrival and mid-way through the program, hand washing, hand sanitising, social distancing etc, exiting at pick-up time through the side gate] will continue as they have been since the start of Term 2. You should be aware that this means the drop-off process will take just a little longer and we ask for your patience.

If you wish your child to return to kinder, would you please contact the office via email to confirm resumption dates.

## KINDER PHOTOS

**The new photo dates will be 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October. Morning Sessions.**

We will re-issue a covering letter and envelope at the start of Term 3. You are welcome to use the order envelope you currently have, to reduce our paper trail. *Don't have a photo envelope? Let Jen know.*

**2021 Kinder enrolment Expressions of Interest forms and Enrolment applications are now being taken. Available online and from the Kinder Office.**

**ENROL FOR OUR 3YO & 4YO FUNDED PROGRAMS**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic primary schools are unable to offer open days where families can tour schools prior to enrolling for primary school in 2021. However, you are able to contact all primary schools directly to ask any questions or arrange interviews. Principals of any government school will be more than happy to speak directly with you regarding enrolling in Foundation in 2021.

Contacts for schools near Yackandandah are:

### Osbornes Flat Primary School

Principal: Sarah Kohne  
Ph. 0401 044 080 or (02) 60271415

### Yackandandah Primary School

Principal: Michael Edwards  
Ph. 0432 073 966 or (02) 60271431

### Middle Indigo Primary School

Principal: James Farley  
Ph. 0432 060 414 or 02 6026 9235

### Wooragee Primary School

Principal: Brendon Peisley  
Ph. 03 5728 7207

## SCHOOL READINESS – A Positive Transition to School Webinar for families

**A 1-hour positive transition to school info session using Webex, on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 7pm – 8pm.**

**Facilitator:** Laraine Catlow from Gateway Health

**Presenter:** Anna Hession OT

**Kinder Host:** Marisel Blefari

### Topics:

- The concept of school readiness
- Social & emotional / Physical & Independence skills
- Brain development
- Daily routines
- Making the decision
- Starting school – important tips
- Early intervention
- Emotional intelligence
- Checklist

**Webex code to join the meeting is**  
[eduvic.webex.com/meeting/blefari.maria.s](https://eduvic.webex.com/meeting/blefari.maria.s)



**THE HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ...**

**Patrick Kellaway, Spence Reynolds & Mia Lockett**











