

YACKANDANDAH KINDER

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones happy and healthy. As we move into a new month here at Yackandandah Kindergarten, I want to take a moment to share a few important reminders and updates with you.

Arrival System Sign-In/Sign-Out

The safety of your children is always our top priority. One way we maintain a secure environment is through our daily sign-in and sign-out system. We kindly ask that all parents and authorized guardians continue to follow these steps:

- Please sign your child in and out each day using the designated system (whether it's digital or on paper).
- Only individuals listed as authorized for pick-up may collect your child. If someone new will be picking up, let us know ahead of time.

A Few General Reminders

- Please make sure your child arrives on time so they don't miss out on morning activities.
- If your child is feeling unwell, we kindly ask that they stay home to rest and recover—for their comfort and the well-being of others.

Open Communication

We are always here to support you and your child. If you have any questions, concerns, or updates to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact the office directly or speak with your child's teacher during appropriate times.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our kindergarten community. We look forward to many more days of fun, learning, and growth together.

Marisel Blefari

ENROLMENT 2026 REPORT

Marisel is now in the final stages of confirming our class and staffing structures for 2026. Once these are set, we will email letters in early September to both current and new applicant families, advising which program(s) we are able to offer for their child.

We always try our very best to match families' preferences. However, with so many applications, staff planning needs, and our licence limit of 52 children on-site each day, sometimes we can't accommodate every request.

To make sure the process is fair for everyone, we'll be using the Department of Education's selection criteria when allocating places.

UPCOMING EVENTS

16-23

BOOK WEEK

SEPT

9

5:30 pm Committee Of
Management Meeting

4YO Excursion to
Wangaratta Road Traffic
Safety School

18

FINAL DAY OF TERM 3

OCT

6

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

**Happy
Birthday**
Miles, Frank, Bonnie

POSSUM VISITING! 🐾

Summer's dad from the 3YO group spotted a baby possum the other day in one of the trees just outside our kinder front door!

What a lovely surprise from nature — keep an eye out, you might see it too!



BUSK KINDER GROUP



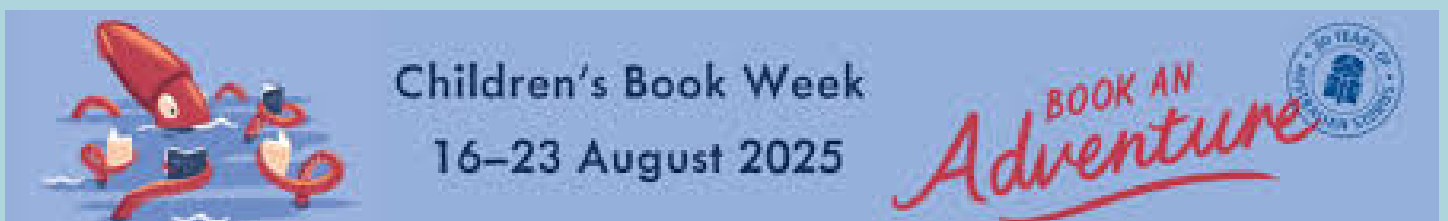
The children have been loving their time at Bush Kinder—climbing, exploring, and connecting with nature. It's been great to see their confidence and curiosity growing with each visit!

We also wanted to let you know that Kathleen will be taking some leave from 11 of August. While she is away, a familiar staff member will step in to help keep things running smoothly.

We'll miss KATHLEEN and look forward to having her back soon!

THE STAGES OF PENCIL GRASP

The stages of pencil grasp are essential milestones in a child's fine motor development, building the foundation for effective handwriting skills. As children grow, their pencil grasp evolves from simple, whole-hand movements to more refined, controlled grips, allowing for better precision and control. Understanding each stage helps us identify where children may need extra support or guidance to develop a mature pencil grasp. Here's an overview of the stages of pencil grasp development in children.



Book Week is Coming! 📖✨

As Book Week is just around the corner, don't forget to start preparing your child's dress-up outfit! Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate the joy of reading.

Each room will have its own special dress-up day:

- 4-Year-Old Group: **Tuesday, 19th August**
- 3-Year-Old Group: **Wednesday, 20th August**

We can't wait to see all the creative costumes and share in the excitement of our favourite stories!

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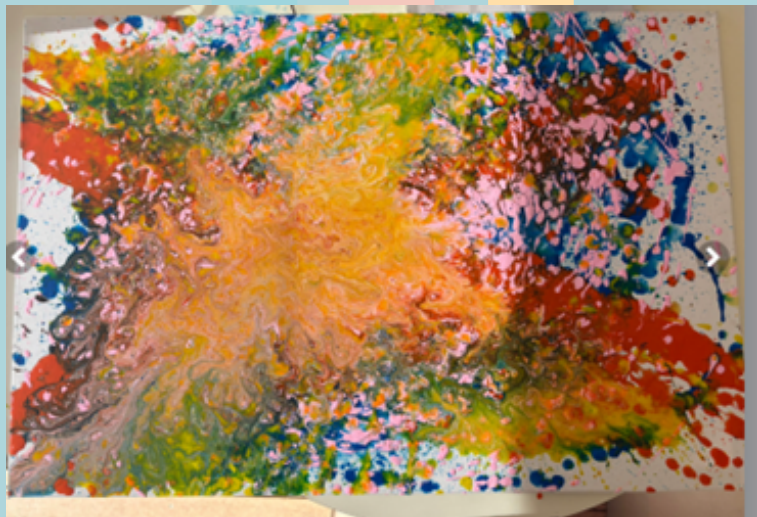
4YO ART WORK HIGHLIGHTS:

Creative Explorations in Our 4-Year-Old Groups 🎨

Our 4-year-old groups have been busy experimenting with different painting techniques – including the exciting pendulum art!

Both groups had a fantastic time exploring new and creative ways to use paint. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they discovered how movement and colour can come together to create beautiful, unique artworks.

We're so proud of their creativity and curiosity!



"Every child is an artist." : : :
- Pablo Picasso : : : : :

THANK YOU

Thank You to the Reitman Family!

A big thank you to the **Rietman** family for adding new bars to the side of our shelter! This improvement will make the shelter more practical and effective for everyday use, helping us get even more out of this space. We really appreciate your support and contribution to our kinder environment!

Mulch Helpers – You're Amazing!

A huge thank you to the wonderful Parker family for generously giving their time and energy to help spread mulch around our kindergarten grounds.

Your hard work has made a big difference—creating a cleaner, safer, and more beautiful outdoor space for our children to play and learn.

We truly appreciate your support. It's acts of kindness like this that make our kindergarten community such a special place.



NOTES

Celebrating 50 Years of Kindergarten!

Next year, our kindergarten will be celebrating its 50th anniversary – what a milestone!

We're reaching out to the community to help us gather memories from the past. If you have any old photos, stories, or special memories from kinder over the years, we'd love to see and hear them.

Please get in touch or drop by the office – let's celebrate this special occasion together!