

YACKANDANDAH KINDER

JUNE 2026 Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Families,

Welcome to June!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families and community members who joined us in celebrating the Kindergarten's 50th Anniversary on Friday 29th May. It was a very special occasion, and we were delighted to share this important milestone with so many past and present families, educators, and friends of our kindergarten community.

The celebration was a wonderful reflection of the strong connections, memories, and sense of community that have been built over the past 50 years. We truly appreciate everyone who contributed their time, support, stories, and enthusiasm to help make the event such a success.

As we move through Term 2, the children continue to enjoy a range of engaging learning experiences, opportunities for creativity, and time to strengthen friendships and confidence within their programs. It has been lovely to see their ongoing curiosity, growth, and excitement each day at kindergarten.

We also thank families for your continued support and involvement in our kindergarten community. Your partnership plays an important role in creating a positive, inclusive, and nurturing environment for all children.

Throughout the month, we will continue to share updates about learning experiences, special events, and important reminders. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning or wellbeing, please feel welcome to speak with your child's educators or arrange a meeting with me.

We look forward to continuing another wonderful term together.

Kind Regards
MARISEL BLEFARI

KINDER ARRIVING HOURS

Dear Families,

It is important for children to arrive at kindergarten on time each day. Being punctual helps children develop a sense of responsibility, routine, and readiness for learning.

To minimise disruptions to activities and group learning that have already begun, Maryori will now assist with late arrivals and settle children into the program as smoothly as possible on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive on time each day so they can fully participate in all learning experiences from the beginning of the session.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Upcoming Events June

- 10 Staff Meeting
- 16 Oral Health Promotion 4yo
- 22 Oral Health Promotion 3yo
Dental screening
- 26 End of term 2

Upcoming Events July

- 13 Start of term 3

There are no changes to staffing this term, and everything will continue as usual.

We are pleased to share that Julia is doing a wonderful job at Bush Kinder. An opportunity has also come up through SCOPE for her to support the 4-Year-Old group on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are excited to see her continue to contribute across both programs.

We also want to let families know that our teacher in the 3-year-old and school readiness group will be on leave during Term 3 and Term 4.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a suitable replacement teacher, and further information will be shared with families as soon as it is confirmed.

♥ Farewell to Kerry Smith

Sadly, we would like to inform families that Kerry Smith will be retiring at the end of this term.

From Term 3 onwards, she will no longer be part of our kindergarten team.

We sincerely thank Kerry for her dedication, care, and valuable contribution to our kindergarten community over the years. She has made a lasting impact on children, families, and staff, and she will be greatly missed.

We wish Kerry all the very best in her well-deserved retirement.

♥ We will miss you, Kerry!



Free Dental Screening

As part of Yackandandah Kinder's Oral Health Program, we are offering the opportunity to book a 10-minute FREE dental screening for your child

DATE: MONDAY 22nd OF JUNE

LOCATION: Maternal & Child Health Room at the front of the Yack Kinder building [30 Isaacs Ave, Yackandandah]

PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE SCREENING WITH THEIR CHILD.

Please take an AWH Dental Service Screening Consent form to complete from the sign in /out desk and return to kinder by 11TH June at the LATEST.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FORREST, AUGUST,
FINLAY & SAM.

KINDER HONEY FUNDRAISING

Our educator Kirra has been very busy this term supporting our bee project! Together with Neil, she helped harvest honey from our kindergarten hives and has been leading many bee-related learning experiences with the 3-year-old groups.

We were lucky to collect plenty of honey from our kinder bees, and with the children's help, we decided to package it into jars as a fundraiser to support the ongoing care of our hives and bees.

A special thank you to Olivia from Claudia's 4-Year-Old group, who designed the honey label! 🐝

If you would like to purchase some delicious kinder honey, it will be available outside the kindergarten:

- 🍯 Small jar – \$5
- 🍯 Large tub – \$15

Just CASH Please.

Thank you for supporting our bee project! ❤️🐝🌻



HALVE WASTE INCURSION

We recently enjoyed a Halve Waste incursion, where the children learned all about recycling, reducing waste, and caring for our environment.

Through fun, hands-on activities and songs the children explored what goes into different bins and discovered simple ways we can all help reduce rubbish at kinder and at home.

It was a great learning experience that supported our ongoing focus on sustainability. 🌍❤️



🍷 WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE CLASSROOMS

Jane's 3-Year-Old group has been busy making their own bread this term! The children enjoyed measuring ingredients, mixing the dough, and watching the bread rise before baking.

This hands-on experience supported early maths, science, and fine motor skills while encouraging teamwork and independence.

The best part was tasting their freshly baked bread together! 😊🍞



Sam's The 3-Year-Old Mixed Group has been busy working on projects inspired by events and experiences happening around the kindergarten. The children have explored topics such as our special possum visitor and Yackandandah Kindergarten's 50th Anniversary celebration.

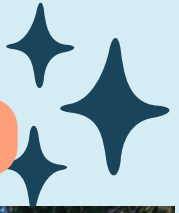
These projects have encouraged curiosity, creativity, and meaningful conversations as the children learn more about their kinder community and the world around them. 💖✨

We recently took part in the National Simultaneous Storytime 2026 on Wednesday 27 May.

This year's book, Luna Roo: The Kangaroo Baller by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, illustrated by Jake Minton, was enjoyed by children across Australia at the same time.

The children loved joining in this national reading event and exploring Luna Roo's inspiring story about teamwork, resilience, and following your dreams. 📖💖





What a wonderful day celebrating 50 years of Yackandandah Kindergarten! 🧡

It was lovely to welcome current and former families, past students, educators, and community members to share memories, reconnect, and celebrate this special milestone together.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day so memorable. We are especially grateful to the former students and educators who returned to share their stories and be part of the celebration.

Thank you for being part of our kinder community. Here's to the next 50 years! 🌿



Yackandandah
Primary School

Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2027




APPLICATIONS
CLOSE
**FRIDAY
31 JULY 2026**



All Victorian government primary schools follow a statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year.



If you have a child starting primary school in 2027, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 31 July 2026**.



It is important to submit your enrolment application to us on time as it will ensure your child is included in all transition activities if offered enrolment at our school. This also allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities, and ensures your child has the best start to school.



For more information, please read about how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.



If you would like to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) in 2027, please contact our school office on **0260 271 431** to book a school tour.

*A great start
for a bright
future!*



WE ARE FAIR



WE ARE LEARNERS



WE SHOW RESPECT