

YACKANDANDAH KINDER

MAY 2026 Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2.

We hope all families enjoyed a restful and happy break and are feeling refreshed for the new term ahead. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to kindergarten and see their excitement as they reconnect with friends, settle back into routines, and begin another term of learning and discovery.

Term 2 promises to be a busy and exciting time, filled with opportunities for growth, creativity, and new experiences across all of our programs. We look forward to continuing to support the children as they build confidence, independence, and strong relationships with their peers and educators.

We would also like to thank all families for your continued support and involvement in our kindergarten community. Your partnership is greatly valued and helps create a positive and nurturing environment for all children.

Throughout the term, we will share updates about upcoming events, learning experiences, and important dates. If you ever 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 are looking forward to another wonderful term together.

MARISEL BLEFARI
Director

Upcoming Events May

20 Kinder Committee Meeting

10 Mothers Day

29 Yackandandah kinder
50th Aniversary

Upcoming Events June

2 Visit from Halve waste 4yo
groups

16 Oral Health Promotion 4yo

22 Oral Health Promotion 3yo

ARRIVAL UPDATED

This is a reminder to please ensure all children are signed in and out correctly for each session. If sign in/out is missed or completed incorrectly, families may be asked at the next session to provide further information.

We have noticed that some families are skipping the sign in/out process in the mornings. We will be following up with those families via email in the coming weeks, as it is very important this process is completed accurately.

If you are unable to sign your child in or out, please reach out to the office for assistance.

2026 STAFF NEWS

There have been no significant changes in our rooms this term.

We would like to warmly welcome Mel Carne to the team as an assistant from SCOPE. After a long search, Mel has been appointed to support children with additional needs in our 3-year-old and 4-year-old rooms.

A reminder that our teachers and staff are always happy to arrange a meeting to discuss your child's learning or wellbeing. You can contact us via Storypark, email, or by arranging a time to meet in person. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to have a chat.

MEET MEL



I am Mel I live in Yackandandah I am a foster carer and has a strong passion for supporting and caring for children. I enjoys being actively involved in the community and has a warm and welcoming approach with children.

Happy mother's Day!

KINDER KITS



Our 3-year-old group received the Kinder Kits from the government last month. We hope the children and families have enjoyed having fun at home with all the books, toys, and activities.

We hope you enjoy the beautiful craft the children have made for you. Each piece has been created with love, care, and lots of excitement as the children thought about the special people in their lives.

Thank you for everything you do and for the important role you play in your child's life. We hope your day is filled with love, joy, and special moments with your family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ELYSE, ALICE & VIOLET,



ANNUAL KINDER PHOTOS

The annual photos were completed in the last week of April. We appreciate any feedback you would like to share with Visual Portrait.

We hope all the families who participated are happy with the children's photos. The children had so much fun during the sessions, which made the experience even more special.

We can't wait to see the photos!

If any families would like to share their group photo with us, we would really appreciate it. Please send it to our email at Yackandandah.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au. We are hoping to use them as part of our 50-year celebrations.



FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISING



We would like to say a big thank you to all families who chose to participate in this fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to provide valuable resources and experiences for our children.

We collected \$180 AUD, which will be used towards purchasing new resources for the kindergarten.

THANK YOU

MELAMINE PLATE FUNDRAISING 4YO GRUOPS

We are excited to be running a Pictureproducts Melamine Plate fundraiser and would love you to join in.

Your child's special artwork will be transformed into a durable, high-quality melamine plate that can be treasured for years to come. These plates are both practical and decorative, making them a lovely keepsake for families.

Children can create their design using photos, markers, paints, or handprints. You can also order multiple plates, making them a wonderful gift idea for grandparents and other family members. We look forward to seeing the creative designs your children come up with!

The cost is \$30 per plate, and this fundraiser is available JUST to families in the 4-year-old groups.



CFA EXCURSION 3YO GROUPS

Our 3-year-old teachers, Sam and Jane, organised the first excursion for our 3-year-old groups, and they were so proud of how the children responded. They had the best day visiting the town CFA Fire Station.

Thank you to the parent volunteers on the day — we could not do it without your support.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
CELEBRATE

Yackandandah  Kindergarten

Nurturing our Future
Since 1976

50TH YEARS

— 1976 – 2026 —

50TH ANNIVERSARY *Celebration*

Join us as we celebrate five decades of learning,
growth, play and community.
Honouring our past, celebrating our present
and inspiring our future.



DATE

Friday 29 May 2026



TIME

10:30 AM



VENUE

Yackandandah Kindergarten
30 Isaac Avenue,
Yackandandah

*We would be honoured by your presence
as we commemorate this special milestone.*



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We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Wednesday, 13 May 2026

9 am to 4 pm

Opposite the Yackandandah Hotel, William Street

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