



YACKANDANDAH KINDERGARTEN | APRIL 2025

FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we venture into the second term of this year at Yackandandah Kindergarten, as always, it is our pleasure to keep you informed about the latest developments, upcoming events, and achievements from our vibrant kindergarten community.

As we reflect on the first term, we are filled with pride witnessing the growth and accomplishments of our little learners. From mastering new skills to fostering friendships and embracing challenges, each child has made significant strides in their educational journey. We celebrate their achievements and commend their dedication to learning.

Our dedicated team of educators has been diligently crafting engaging and enriching learning experiences for our students. In the second term, we are excited to introduce new themes, activities, and projects designed to inspire curiosity and ignite a love for learning. From creative arts and hands-on science experiments to outdoor adventures and storytime sessions, there's something special planned for every child at Yackandandah Kinder.

Our Four Year Old children will be enjoying a number of excursions this term:

- 8 May: A walking excursion to Yackandandah CFA Station to meet the firefighters, see the trucks & equipment and learn about what they do.
- 19 June: Bus excursion to Beechworth Honey, Beechworth Chinese Gardens and Wooragee PS.

We would like to express our gratitude to all parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we are truly grateful.

As we embark on this exciting journey through the second term, let's continue to work together in nurturing the bright minds and beautiful spirits of our young learners.

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank parent Lauren Frith for her extremely generous donation of natural learning resources to the kinder. These beautiful resources are made from materials and environments found in the natural world and will be used by the children to enhance their learning & development and encourage sensory exploration and creativity.

Marisel Blefari & Staff

APRIL HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

George, Isabelle, Bay, Maeve, Isabella, Walter, Florence & Benaiah



2025 TERM 1 CALENDAR

- 22 April TUESDAY - TERM 2 COMMENCES
- 25 April ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – KINDER IS CLOSED
- 28 April – 1 May KINDER PHOTO DAYS [order online with Vision Portraits]
- 06 May 5.30pm Committee of Management Meeting
- 08 May 4yo Groups Excursion to Yackandandah CFA Station
- 10 June 5.30pm Committee of Management Meeting
- 19 Jun 4yo Groups Excursion to Beechworth Honey/Chinese Gardens & Wooragee PS
- 03 July FINAL DAY OF KINDER TERM 2 | NORMAL PROGRAM FINISH TIMES
- 22 July FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

2026 KINDER ENROLMENTS HAVE OPENED FOR CURRENT FAMILIES

In early April, we opened 2026 enrolment to current families. Please return your forms ASAP to ensure the best chance of securing the days/programs you want, before we open applications up to the wider community on 29 April. After 28 May, non-returned applications from current families will not have first preference over newly applying families.

At the end of last term, all currently enrolled families of 3yo children were emailed a 4yo enrolment application. Families who have a 3yo child they wish to enrol for 2026, please either download the enrolment form from our website or ask Jen in the office for a 3yo application form.

If you are interested in only enrolling a child in the non-funded Bush Kinder Program for 2026, you can also download the Bush Kinder enrolment form from the website or ask Jen in the office for a copy.

New 3yo applications must include copies of birth certificate, immunisation history statement and medical plans where necessary. Families with 4yo children whose teacher recommends a second year of funded kinder, are asked to see Jen in the office.



KINDER PHOTOS | Mon, 28 April – Thurs, 1 May

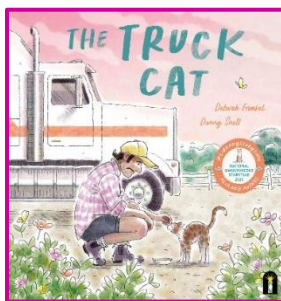
Don't forget you need to register for photos by 23 April please!
See the instructions flyer later in this newsletter.



HELPERS FOR OUR 4YO EXCURSION IN MAY

We will be seeking adult helpers for our upcoming 4yo walking excursion to the Yackandandah CFA station in High Street on Thursday, 8 May.

- Jane's group will be walking from kinder at 9.40am and returning by 11.20am
- Lisa's group will be walking from kinder at 11.10am and returning by 12.45pm



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Kinder looks forward to ISC Librarian, Margaret coming to read for us.

TUES 20 MAY FOR 4YO CLASSES | WED 21 MAY FOR 3YO CLASSES

The Truck Cat is a story about cats and humans, immigration & identity, and homes lost and found. Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other – and, in doing so, might find more than they expected ...

BANK ACCOUNT FOR KINDER FEES & UNIFORM PAYMENTS

Yackandandah Primary Bank: Westpac
BSB: 033-222 Account: 018848

ALPHABET PILLOW JUMPING



If your children need to burn off some energy, this letter activity could be perfect.

Use removable tape to write one giant letter on each one. Then use packing tape to secure each plate to a pillow and spread them around the room. Have the kids start on one side of the room and try to jump to the other without touching the floor. As they jump to each new pillow, have them say the letter or letter sound.

SUNSMART POLICY

Please apply sunscreen to your child before every session. Even in the cooler weather UV ratings are often still extreme. Sunscreen is available in the foyer for you to apply if you forget to do it at home. Please speak to the teachers if your child needs their own brand – don't leave sunscreen in children's bags as it is difficult for us to monitor who touches it. A wide brimmed hat is also required every day.

FOOD AT KINDER

As per our healthy eating ethos, please ensure you keep sweet treats (chocolate, lollies, cakes) for home. We prefer water for kinder – so please no milk drinks, juice and cordial.



WHAT TO WEAR AT KINDER



We get dirty, we run, climb, get wet, paint and dig in the sandpit. Please dress your child in comfortable clothes. Leggings, shorts, elastic waisted pants, t-shirts, jumpers/hoodies, trackpants are easy & comfortable. Runners & closed-toe sandals are the best footwear. No thongs or Crocs.

In Bush Kinder we prefer a hat, sturdy shoes and long-sleeve tops and pants. Insect repellent applied if your child is sensitive to bites.

SPARE CLOTHING

All children require a full change of clothes every session. Providing a wet pack /waterproof bag is also handy to put wet/soiled clothes in.

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO KINDER EVENTS RECENTLY ...

Bush Kinder Working Bee – 6 April

A power of work was done by a small but very dedicated band of workers during the holidays. We sincerely thank Louise & Jacob Rietmann, Rachael & Louis MacPherson-Wood, Trent Osborne, Nik Hazeleger and staff member Kathleen Withers for their efforts whipper snipping, mowing, removing dead and fallen tree limbs, weeding, general clean & tidy and erecting the shelter in bush kinder. To anyone whose names have been missed, we also thank you for giving your time and energy to our kinder.

TO ALL OUR AMAZING PARENTS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME TOWARDS OUR SNAG SIZZLE, A HUGE THANK YOU!

Stall Co-ordinators Extraordinaire – Mim & Claire.

Onion Choppers – Amanda, Megan, Brie & Maryori.

Esky Loaners – Malinda, Tim, Brie & Brent.

Super Snag Team – Mim, Claire, Emma, Jeremy, Rhiannon, Shaun, Cam, Jen, Matt, Maryori, Elizabeth, Elise & Celia.

Folk Festival BBQ Fundraiser – 21 March



YACKANDANDAH FOLK FESTIVAL



MARCHING TO THE BLUES BEAT



Register for photos!

PHOTOS DAYS: 28, 29 & 30 APRIL & 1 MAY

1. SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO

visionportraits.com.au/photos

2. ENTER THE PASSWORD

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3. FIND YOUR KINDER/CENTRE
AND BUY YOUR TICKET



The photographer will only take photos of registered children so **YOU MUST REGISTER BY NO LATER THAN WED, 23 APRIL**



VISION PORTRAITS' head office will assist all families with viewing & ordering and will communicate with you directly. Please contact us, not the kinder, with any queries etc.

We're excited to visit your kinder/centre soon to take some great natural photos

Don't miss out! You **MUST** register to ensure photos of your child/ren are taken - we have limited spots available per day.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL.

Registration is \$40 & redeemable towards your photo order. Print prices start from \$15 and digital downloads from \$20.

Once registered, we will take around 25 photos of your child on your photo day with lots of variety, and make photos available on password-protected private galleries for you to view & order.

Any questions, please email info@visionportraits.com.au

Check out our Google Reviews to see what other families are saying.

If you wish to register your child for photos in their funded or their Bush Kinder Program days, please choose the appropriate date in the link.

Mon 28/4: 4yo BK & Sam's 3yo Group

Tue 29/4: 3yo Tue BK & Lisa's 4yo

Wed 30/4: Claudia's 3yo Group

Thurs 1/5: 3yo Thur BK & Jane's 4yo



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Kinder/Childcare Memories Pricelist

- Each child will have approx. 25 photos in their gallery
- \$40 registration can be for single items or a credit towards one of our great value packages
- Sibling photos & discounts!

\$15
Prints



\$20

Digital photos



Mini Print Album \$75

- One album
- Five 5" x 7" prints

Mini Digital Album \$105

6 digital photos available via digital download.

Classic Album \$125

- One album
 - Twelve 5" x 7" prints
- Your choice of twelve 5" x 7" prints in a kinder album.

All Digital \$150

All of your images (average 30) ready to download immediately.

Starter Park \$40

- Three 5" x 7" prints

Singles

\$15 - 5x7 print

\$25 - 8x12 print

\$20 - Blank Album



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THANK OUR AMAZING SPONSORS**



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**THANK
YOU**