

YACKANDANDAH KINDER

September 2026 Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and wonderful Term 3, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support and involvement in our kindergarten community.

Throughout the term, we have been grateful for the many ways our families have supported the children's learning and experiences, particularly through volunteering for special activities, events and excursions. Your involvement helps create meaningful opportunities for the children and strengthens our kindergarten community.

We would love to continue seeing our families involved in our kindergarten activities, and we sincerely appreciate the time and support you contribute to our children's experiences.

As we reach the end of Term 3, we would also like to thank everyone for a wonderful term filled with learning, exploration, creativity and connection. We hope all our families enjoy a well-deserved break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Term 4.

Warm regards,
Marisel Blefari
Director
Yackandandah Kindergarten

Upcoming Events September

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Beechwoth Honey
Excursion 4yo Programs

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Committe Meeting
Staff Meeting

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End of term 3

Upcoming Events October

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Start of term 4

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Committe Meeting

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Transition to School Days
Yack Primary

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**BILLY,
ABIGAIL, HUNTER,
ALMA, TAYT, ELVIE,
ISLA & LAKYN**

Bush Kinder Program 2027

As previously communicated, our 2027 Bush Kinder Program will run on:

- Tuesday – 4-year-old group
- Wednesday – 3-year-old group

We still have some places available in our Tuesday 4-year-old group.

If your child is interested in joining the Tuesday Bush Kinder program, please send us an email to let us know. We need to reach a minimum number of children to ensure we can have the required two educators running the program.

If we do not receive enough enrolments, we may unfortunately need to reconsider running the Tuesday group.

We would also appreciate it if you could share this information with any friends or families who may be interested in Bush Kinder for 2027.

Thank you for your support, and please contact us if you have any questions.

Why Choose Bush Kinder?

- Supports children's social and emotional development through meaningful outdoor experiences.
- Encourages creativity, imagination and curiosity through nature-based play.
- Builds children's physical skills, confidence and connection with the natural environment.
- Provides a unique outdoor learning experience that complements our 3 and 4-Year-Old Kindergarten programs.
- Delivered by trained and experienced educators who support children's learning through play, exploration and discovery.



where
nature
nurtures
every child.

There is a whole world of discovery to be explored through the plants, trees, rocks, sticks, animals & mini beasts!

Children experience open-ended interactions, spontaneity, risk-taking, exploration, discovery and connection with nature in Nature's classroom.

Outdoor Play

Nature-based learning

Yaekandandah  Kindergarten

Bush Kinder Program

A Nature-Based Outdoor Kindergarten Program



Help Shape Our Outdoor Play Space

We're excited to continue planning improvements to our outdoor play environment!

Thanks to the amazing support from our fundraising efforts, we have funds available to enhance our outdoor spaces for the benefit of all children.

We still need more families to join our small working group to share ideas and help shape this exciting project. Anastasia from the Committee of Management has kindly offered to be part of the group, and we would love to have a few more families involved.

You don't need any special experience—just ideas and an interest in creating a wonderful outdoor space for our children!

If you're interested, please send us an email to let us know.

We'd love to hear from you!



2026 STAFF NEWS

As we come to the end of Term 3, we would like to provide a quick update regarding our kindergarten team.

There are no staffing changes for Term 4. Our team and current staffing arrangements will remain the same as they have been throughout Term 3.

We would like to thank our wonderful staff for their continued dedication and support, and our families for their ongoing support of our kindergarten community.

We look forward to another great term together!

Volunteer Update – Good News!

We have some good news for our families who would like to volunteer at kindergarten excursions and activities!

Following a discussion and clarification at our recent Committee Meeting, parents who are volunteering on a one-off basis do not need to complete the National Child Safety Training. However, volunteers will still need to have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) to participate in excursions and activities.

If you are volunteering regularly or on several occasions, for example, helping with rehearsals or other kindergarten activities throughout the term, we recommend completing the National Child Safety Training.

Committee members who person in management or control are required to complete the training.

We are very grateful to all our families who volunteer their time and help make our excursions, activities and special events such wonderful experiences for the children.

2026 Fathers Day

The 4YO Claudia's Group enjoyed a little Father's Day celebration with their dads, sharing a lovely breakfast together. 🍳☕

Happy Father's Day to all the amazing dads!



WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE CLASSROOMS

Book Week

From 22–28 August, we celebrated Book Week at kindergarten!

The children had a wonderful time dressing up as characters from their favourite books on one or two days and sharing their favourite stories with their peers. It was lovely to see their creativity and enthusiasm, and our team also did a fantastic job getting into the spirit of Book Week with some wonderful costumes!

As part of the celebrations, our 3-year-old group went on a walking excursion to the library. The children did an excellent job walking together with their teachers and following the safety instructions along the way.

A big thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for supporting us on the excursion. Your help is greatly appreciated and helped make the experience a positive and enjoyable one for the children.



Bee Excursion Highlights

On Tuesday, 1 September, our children had a wonderful experience visiting Beechworth Honey! 🐝🍯 It was a very exciting day, especially getting 42 children safely onto the bus and ready for their adventure. The children had a fantastic time exploring, learning and enjoying this special experience together.

A very big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who came along and supported the children throughout the excursion. We truly appreciate your time, help and enthusiasm in making the day so enjoyable and memorable for everyone! ❤️





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

Yackandandah Kindergarten Mango Fundraiser is NOW LIVE!

Our mango fundraiser is now open!
Thank you for supporting Yackandandah Kindergarten.



Trash size: 7kg



Cost: \$30 per tray



Orders due: 30 October



**Delivery: Expected late November /
early December (date to be
confirmed closer to the time)**



Pick-up location: Yackandandah Hall



Scan the QR code to place your order



-- Payment --

Once you have completed your order, please make
payment via Electronic Funds Transfer to:



**Yackandandah Primary School
Westpac
BSB: 033-222
Account: 018848**

Please use MANGO + the surname of the person
listed on the order form as the payment reference.

RE-CREATIONS OP SHOP *Fashion Parade*

FRIDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2026

6.30pm for 7.00PM

IN THE YACKANDANDAH SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE



Fabulous fashion for men, women and children modelled by Yackandandah locals and available to purchase at fantastically affordable Op Shop prices. Re-love and look great for less!

TICKETS: \$15 each OR \$20 WITH 3 RAFFLE TICKETS [cash or EFTPOS]
and include a sweet & savoury
supper with wine, tea & coffee

PURCHASE AT THE DOOR OR FROM THE
RE-CREATIONS OP SHOP in Wellsford St
TUESDAY - SATURDAY FROM 10AM.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING
PROJECTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

