

YACKANDANDAH KINDER

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful school holiday break. It's been lovely to see the children return full of energy and excitement for another month of learning, fun, and discovery at Yackandandah Kindergarten.

School Readiness and Learning

This month, our educators are focusing on building children's independence, confidence, and social skills. For our 4-year-old group preparing for school next year, we'll be providing experiences that promote problem-solving, resilience, and a love of learning. We'll also continue sharing resources and guidance to support families through this important transition.

Looking Ahead

We're looking forward to another month filled with laughter, exploration, and new achievements. Thank you for being such an important part of our kindergarten community.

Warm regards,

Marisel Blefari

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

6

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

15

5:30 pm Committee Of
Management Meeting

NOV

4

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

DEC

5

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

9

ORIENTATION MORNING
for newly enrolled 2026 children.
No normal programs running.

**Happy
Birthday**

**Ruben V, Noah,
Reuben, Stevie, Arlo
Jack & Maia**

ENROLMENT 2026 REPORT

We're excited to share that we have received 76 enrolments for next year! All family interviews have now been completed, and children have been allocated to their rooms for 2026.

We still have a few vacancies available for Thursday Bush Kinder, so if you know a family who might be interested, please encourage them to get in touch with us.

We're feeling well-prepared and looking forward to another wonderful year ahead at Yackandandah Kindergarten!

STAFFING CHANGES IN TERM 4

We don't have any significant staffing changes this term. The only update is that Erin Tinney 3yo Group is enjoying her maternity leave after welcoming her beautiful baby girl – congratulations, Erin! We look forward to having her back next year.

TINY ART SHOW

Our kindergarten children have been expressing their wonderful creativity through art this term, which is why we decided to take part in the Tiny Art Show!

The Tiny Art Show is a community art project hosted by libraries, where participants create small artworks on mini canvases to be displayed for everyone to enjoy.

Our children were so proud to share their creations, and their tiny masterpieces are now on display at the Yackandandah Library.

If you have the chance, please pop in and take a look – it's a lovely celebration of community and creativity!



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🎨 MYRTLEFORD SHOW



🎨 Our Young Artists Shine!

Some of our children have been showing off their creativity on canvas, and their artwork will be entered into the Myrtleford Show on 25th October. Last year, we were proud to come 3rd place, and this year we're aiming for first place – fingers crossed! 🍀

🎨 END OF THE YEAR CONCERT – UNDER THE SEA!

It's hard to believe how quickly the end of the year is approaching! This year, our concert theme will be **“Under the Sea.”** 🐡

Our kindergarten children have already begun learning songs and preparing for this special celebration that we look forward to every year.

The educators will be in touch with families soon to ask for help with props and costumes, and of course, if you have any fun or creative ideas, please feel free to share them with us!

We can't wait to dive into this exciting event together and celebrate the wonderful year we've had!



What Are Our Groups Up To?

3YO SAM'S GROUP New Projects!

Sam's mixed group is working on two exciting projects this term!

The first is creating their very own upcycled garden here at Yackandandah Kindergarten. What a wonderful way to care for our planet – go, kinder friends! ♻️ Recycling and reusing are always great choices.

The second project involves fertilised eggs! 🐣 Sam has set up the incubator with 24 eggs, and the children are eagerly waiting to see what happens next. We can't wait to share this amazing journey of learning and discovery with the group – fingers crossed for some fluffy arrivals soon!



SPRING

IS HERE

🌻 Gardening Fun in the 4-Year-Old Group

Our 4-year-old groups has been busy gardening and making the most of the fantastic weather we've had lately! The children have been planting sunflowers and caring for their very own "potato hair" and "chia hair" projects. 🌱

One group planted potatoes and decorated them with grass-like "hair," while the other used chia seeds – and they're already starting to sprout! It's been wonderful watching the children's excitement as their plants grow each day. We can't wait to see how tall and wild their garden creations become!



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MANGO FUNDRAISING

The Yackandandah Kindergarten Mango Drive is back for 2025!

Please follow this link for information and to order your delicious mangos for 2025 (delivery expected end of Nov/beginning of Dec):

<https://forms.gle/DGrs85w6uV4QS8VjZ>

Form will close on 30 October 2025.

Any questions, please contact Sarah Crispin



We are happy to share that we found a volunteer that will take over this role next year Than you Monica Rote from 3yo Room .

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL DAYS

Starting Wednesday, 15th October, children from Yackandandah Primary School, Wooragee School, and Osborn Flat School will begin their transition mornings.

These sessions help children settle into their new school environment and feel confident as they prepare for the next step in their learning journey.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Please save the date for another year of spook-tacular fun!

It's always fun to see the kids of Yack dressed up and the amazing decorating efforts around town, so I'll be coordinating community trick-or-treating again this year!

More details to come soon, but everyone's invited to get involved:

Host a Trick-or-Treat stop

If you'd like to offer a Trick-or-Treat stop at your home or business, please message me and I'll add you to the map. There'd be no trick-or-treating without our wonderful hosts – thank you for making the spooky fun happen!

Lolly donations

To help out those who decorate and host, we'll again be collecting lollies to share around. Drop-offs can be made at Yack Primary School reception from Monday 20th – Wednesday 29th October.

All donated lollies will be given to participating houses to hand out on the night.

A huge thank you to everyone in our amazing community who supports, helps (or just tolerates!) this evening of spooky fun for the kids.