

# YACKANDANDAH KINDER

April 2026 Newsletter

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of Term 1, it has been wonderful to see our kindergarten community continue to flourish. The children have shown remarkable growth in confidence, curiosity, and creativity, and it's been a joy to watch friendships deepen and learning thrive across our classrooms.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parent volunteers who supported the Yackandandah fundraising event. Your time, energy, and generosity make a meaningful difference and help us provide engaging experiences for our children.

As a reminder, Term 1 concludes on Thursday, 2 April. We encourage families to celebrate your children's achievements this term and take some time to enjoy the progress they have made.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2, full of exciting learning opportunities and events. As always, if you would like to discuss your child's learning or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting with me or your child's educators.

Wishing all our families a very Happy Easter. May you enjoy a safe, relaxing, and joyful break with your loved ones.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and for being such an important part of our kindergarten community.

MARISEL BLEFARI  
Director

## Upcoming Events April

- 2 End of TERM 1
- 20 Start of TERM 2
- 21 4YO Responsible Pet Ownership visit to the kinder
- 26 Family Photo Fundraising

27-30 Anual Kinder Photos 2027

## Upcoming Events May

- 5 Staff Meeting  
Kinder Committee Meeting
- 10 Mothers Day
- 29 Yackandandah kinder  
50<sup>th</sup> Aaniversary

## A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who supported our kindergarten fundraising. Your time, energy, and generosity make such a difference!

A special thanks to Lauren Rowe for being our YFF 2026 Coordinator, and thank you to the following families for their help and support:

Rowe , Poyner, Pulliene ,Whittaker ,Arnott, Reyes, Rote, Clark Jimenez, Sonogan, Jervois, Morey, Mackley, Bennet, Doyne, Rietman, Schirmer, Rogers.

Your contributions help us create engaging and meaningful experiences for all our children. We truly appreciate each and every one of you!

ARRIVAL UPDATED

It's great to see that arrival time has been running smoothly lately. Thank you everyone for your cooperation.

Just a reminder to please make sure you sign children in and out correctly each session. If the sign in/out is missed or completed incorrectly, families will be asked at the next session to provide more information.

To avoid this, please take a moment at drop-off and pick-up to check that the sign in/out has been completed properly. Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate.

Also, for families who have different people signing children in and out, we kindly ask that you come to the office to update your emergency contact details. This will allow us to add those people to our system and ensure a smooth sign-in and sign-out process. Thank you for your cooperation.



WREN, HAMISH, MAEVE,  
RUDY, FLORENCE,  
ISABELLA, ZOE, WALTER,  
ARCHIE, BENAIAH, KAI,  
EMILIA, BENTLEY

MEET JULIA



I'm Julia! I've been working in the early childhood industry for nearly 10 years and I absolutely love what I do.

There's nothing more rewarding to me than being part of creating a safe, secure and supportive environment where children feel confident to learn and grow.

When I'm not at work you'll often find me outdoors 4WDing, camping or simply exploring with my dog.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know not just the children but the families too.

2026 STAFF NEWS

Our staff remains the same as last month, and we are delighted to welcome Julia Walker, who will be joining us at BK on Mondays and Thursdays starting in March.

We are still awaiting confirmation from SCOPE regarding additional staffing and will keep families informed as soon as we receive updates.

A reminder: 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.

YFF 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



SUB COMMITTEE  
OF MANAGEMENT

Committee  
Members  
Needed



We are currently looking for a new committee member to join our monthly meetings.

This committee plays a very important role in the running of our kindergarten. It's a great opportunity to be involved, share your ideas, and have your voice heard when important decisions are made.

The commitment is only around 1 hour per month.

If this is something you might be interested in, please get in touch with us at the office.

Thank you for your support!

Happy  
Easter



ANUAL KINDER PHOTOS ARE COMING!

The 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of April visual portraits will capture beautiful photos of the children.

How to Book

Please copy and paste the link below to register your child: [www.visionportraits.com.au/photos](http://www.visionportraits.com.au/photos)  
Password:annualphotos

Important: Please copy and paste the full link into your browser and enter the password when prompted.

Please Note: Participation in annual photos is not compulsory.  
For any enquiries, please contact Vision Portraits directly.

DETAILS ABOUT YOUR PHOTO EVENT - YOU SHOULD KNOW!



FAMILIES

- Give permission to have their child photographed & to storage of images when they register.
- Can request us to delete their child's images at any time.
- Are informed that all photos will be deleted within 3 months after the event.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Photographers will not take mobile phones into the room.
- Photographers all have WWCC check & insurance & have training in all child safety practices.
- Use Company issued SD cards.

KINDER & PRE KINDER CLASS PHOTOS

- Families who register to have their child's photos taken must also agree separately to their child appearing in the group photo.
- Families who don't want individual photos of their child must register for the class photo & agree to their child appearing in the group photo.
- Only registered children will appear in group photos and have access to ordering the group photos.

MORE INFO

- Complimentary digital staff photos
- Prints from \$15 each and digital photos \$20 each
- We provide lists of families who have given consent for photos to form part of your risk assessment.



Register for photos!

1. SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO [www.visionportraits.com.au/photos](http://www.visionportraits.com.au/photos)

2. ENTER THE PASSWORD **annualphotos**

3. FIND YOUR KINDER/CENTRE AND BUY YOUR TICKET



Vision Portraits

CALL 03 8689 0033

[www.visionportraits.com.au](http://www.visionportraits.com.au)  
[info@visionportraits.com.au](mailto:info@visionportraits.com.au)

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 the Thursday before your shoot is scheduled.

Registration is \$30 and 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.

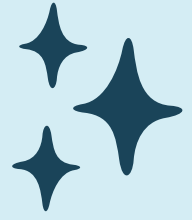
Any questions, please email [info@visionportraits.com.au](mailto:info@visionportraits.com.au)

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



Call 03 8689 0033

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## FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISING

We're excited to welcome Vision Portraits to our kinder during the week of 27 April for our Annual Kinder Photos.

While visiting, Vision Portraits is also offering families the opportunity to book a professional family photo session:

When: Sunday 26 April (afternoon)

Where: Sir Isaac Isaacs Park

This is a lovely chance to update your family photos in a relaxed outdoor setting.

Fundraising: The \$30 session fee will be donated to our kinder, supporting our centre.

Bookings: Please copy and paste the link below to register your child: [www.visionportraits.com.au/photos](http://www.visionportraits.com.au/photos)

Password:annualphotos



**FAMILY PHOTO  
FUNDRAISER**  
*Confirmed!*

## Celebrating 50 Years of Yackandandah Kindergarten!

This year we are proudly celebrating 50 years of our kindergarten community!

For five decades, our kinder has been a place where children learn, play, grow and build lifelong memories and we would love to celebrate this special milestone with our present and past families, students, educators and committee members who have ALL been part of our journey.

Join us as we look back on 50 wonderful years and celebrate the generations of children who have walked through our doors.

Date: Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Location: Yackandandah Kindergarten | 30 Isaacs Avenue, Yackandandah

Time: 10.30am – 12 Noon

There will be:

Celebratory memory displays including photos from the past and recorded interviews

Birthday cake and refreshments

A wonderful opportunity to reconnect with past families and educators

If you or someone you know attended our kindergarten, we would love for you to come along and celebrate with us!

We would also encourage you to contact us beforehand to share any photos, memorabilia and recollections of your involvement in our kinder community.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Community Bank  
Beechworth & District

INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL

Bendigo Bank

RITCHIES IGR Group

# GOLDEN HORSESHOES

EASTER WEEKEND  
FESTIVAL  
BEECHWORTH

3 - 6TH APRIL 2026

GRAND PARADE  
STREET FOOD  
LIVE MUSIC  
MARKETS  
KIDS ACTIVITIES  
SHOW & SHINE  
PERFORMERS

If you're staying in North East Victoria this Easter, come and experience the Golden Horseshoes Festival - a vibrant community celebration where kids can play, explore and be part of the action. Enjoy live music, colourful displays, bustling markets and delicious food vans, all set against the energy of a town coming to life. Best of all, the music, displays and the much-loved parade are completely free.

With plenty of free events and activities for kids across the weekend, it's the perfect chance to discover, create and celebrate, all leading up to the iconic Beechworth parade - a highlight that fills the streets with colour, music and excitement.

Discover, play & celebrate together

[@goldenhorseshoesfestival](https://www.goldenhorseshoesfestival.com.au)

GOLDEN HORSESHOES FESTIVAL

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FROM 8:30 AM

## EASTER SATURDAY SENSORY-FRIENDLY SESSION

Enjoy a calmer start to the festival before the main festivities begin, with reduced noise and fewer crowds. From 8:30am, families can explore the Hay Ho Animal Nursery, donkeys and vintage cars, alongside a relaxed live set from Jodie on the Community Stage and Jon Juda's Indigenous education experience.

This quieter session is being shared directly with local families, offering children with sensory needs a safe and comfortable way to experience the festival before the crowds build.

[www.beechworthgoldenhorseshoes.com.au](http://www.beechworthgoldenhorseshoes.com.au)

Yackandandah

# TOY LIBRARY

## AUTUMN CHILDREN'S EVENT!

Sunday, April 19TH | 10AM - 12PM

Face Painting  
Morning Tea  
Autumn Craft

Location: Yack Toy Library  
34 High St  
(behind the community centre)

Everyone welcome!