



Yandell Kindergarten Newsletter

March 2017



Welcome

A warm welcome everyone, to the first Yandell Kindergarten Newsletter for 2017. In this Autumn edition you will find;

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Happy Reading!



*A Steiner Kindergarten
Nurturing wonder and imagination in every child*



Autumn Issue

An Autumn Verse

Autumn wind came stealing through the woods one day,
And creeping round the tree, he stole their beauty all away.
He tore their russet dresses, combed off their golden hair.
He blew away the tattered bits, and left them brown and bare.
Autumn winds are sighing, stealing through the forest brown,
As they softly pass the tree trunks, little leaves come falling down.
But a stronger gale is blowing, and then the leaves themselves
Rise and dance about the forest, just like little elves.
Faster, faster see them whirling, till the gale has passed.
One by one the tired leaflets sink to rest at last.

From the Vice President

Dear Yandell Families,

The new committee has come together well and had a very productive first term:

I have the pleasure to announce that the kindergarten has a new president: Malcolm Cock, grandfather to one of our 4-year old children.

The committee has come to a decision to extend the kindergarten programme to Mondays, based on the positive feedback from the community. I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the survey.

You may have noticed the signage for the upcoming Autumn Fair; the preparations for the Autumn Fair are proceeding at full speed. Thank you to the amazing sub-committee and everyone supporting them.

The preparations for the Capital Improvements works are likely to be delayed to the winter holidays as the council is booked out earlier. If you have any expertise in construction, I would appreciate your help with the works.

I wish you all the best for a relaxing autumn holiday and are looking forward to an exciting term 2.

Kind regards,

Karen Borgschulte



Four Year Old News

Hello and welcome to your first edition of our Yandell community newsletter.

It has been a wonderful first term, where I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children develop and deepen relationships with their peers and transform the play room and outdoor playground, along with all its materials and equipment into creative and imaginative spaces.

This week alone we have had a silk shop, where the seller dressed to the finest and sold fine garments and cloths and silks to the many cubby house owners, bargaining and negotiating fair and reasonable prices and then being invited into their homes to share in a meal or cup of tea.



While outside we have had many water tunnels being built; cooperation and turn taking to collect the water and to follow each other's instructions is the key to such large groups of children working happily and harmoniously together in such play... and much laughter along with it ☺



Now I would like to warmly welcome Wendy into our kindergarten teaching staff.

Wendy has taken over for Tegan who has moved on from Yandell. Wendy is a mother of 4 children and is currently studying for her teacher's degree. Her gentle warmth and presence has helped her slip seamlessly into our beautiful kindergarten and she has been welcomed with open arms by the children.

Lastly, as we draw closer to the end of a wonderful first term, we have begun preparing for our Autumn Harvest Festival, with the making of jam and shortbread biscuits; while next week we will make our Autumn Festival cake and peel the corn cobs.

Please be reminded that we will begin the festival with a little of our morning circle work so please arrive with your child by 10.30am on Friday 31st March. Festivals are a very exciting time, both in preparation for the festival and the day's event, so please be mindful of supervising your child and taking them home after you have collected your share of the bounty before they become over tired.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Sharon



Ring a Rosie News

Dear Families,

We have had an exciting start to the year and the Ring a Rosie children have been busy exploring the kinder. Many children have older siblings so they are very excited to now finally have their turn at kinder.



This term two of our Ring A Rosie friends became big brothers. Congratulations Jackson and Will they now have new baby sisters. This term the children have settled in and now are becoming more comfortable finding out where they fit in the kinder and with their new



Parent Liaison

An extra play date is a wonderful way to get to know each other.

Thank you to Swasya's mum Vedika who will be the Ring a Rosie liaison, she will try to organise play dates and she is also a point of contact between teachers and families.

Parent Meeting

We had a parent meeting with a number of families attending, I sent out the minutes of this meeting to families please let me know if you haven't received them. They are quite important in understanding the program and the philosophy of Yandell. There are many books available to borrow from the library at Yandell if you would like some more information on Steiner Philosophy.

We are now preparing for our harvest festival on the 30th March. The children are now busy making biscuits to share at the festival. The festival starts at 10:30 please arrive as close to this time as possible with your children. There is no kinder before the festival. Please bring a plate of food to share and something from your garden.

Thank you for a lovely term 1 together and looking forward to next term.

Many thanks

Angela and Melinda



The Magic of Steiner

Contributed by Julie, mother of Liam (4 yrs)

On the Labour Day weekend a little kinder magic entered our home. I am a widowed Mum but Liam and myself and my daughter Kayli are lucky enough to be "re-family-ed".

With our new blended family it is not often that all six of us end up together under the one roof, given we live in two different homes, and we grown-ups have jobs that take us travelling, plus a Uni kid, two high-schoolers and then Liam. However on the recent long weekend we were house-sitting a friend's lovely large property, and the 18 year old, 14 year old, just turned 13 year old, Liam (4), myself and my partner were all happily together.

I had the idea that once Liam went to bed we could all sit at the dining table and contribute to his birthday candle. This magic is not lost on Kayli (my girl) who was lucky enough to have Sharon in Prep at Briar Hill and spent all her primary years lighting a special candle, wearing a wonderful felt crown and hand-made robe at every birthday celebration.

Together we rubbed the wax in our hands, chatted, and created various little pictures for Liam - a train, a star, a butterfly, a snail, a lollypop, a rocket, the sun etc. By the end of the session we had all put our energy and love into his candle and on reflecting about our highlights for the weekend a few days later, everyone said it was that "Steiner moment" - no screens, no distractions, just our hands and hearts and thoughts coming together to focus on craft, and our little kinder kid.

I see this as a precious thing in this often busy, disjointed and noisy world. So thank you kinder, for making that magic happen for us.

Easter in Autumn Hot Cross Bun Recipe

Stir the yeast into the milk and add the egg and about 2 teaspoons of the flour. Mix together and cover with a damp tea towel. Leave in a warm place for about 20 minutes.

Rub butter into the flour and mix in the sugar, spices and sultanas. Combine with yeast mixture and knead well, adding a little more flour if necessary to form a soft dough. Leave in a warm place covered with damp tea towel for about an hour.

Prepare an oven tray and divide the dough into buns on the tray. Leave room between buns as they should double in size when baked. Leave for another 10 minutes in a warm place. Make crosses on the buns using white flour and cold water of a thick glue consistency.

Bake at 190 degrees C for 15 to 20 minutes.
While still hot brush with a glaze of white sugar and boiling water.
These are best eaten hot.

Ingredients

1 teaspoon of dry yeast
1 cup of slightly warm milk
1 beaten egg
Half teaspoon salt
4 cups of fine wholemeal flour
1 teaspoon mixed spice
Half teaspoon of cinnamon
Half teaspoon of nutmeg
50 grams butter
50 grams of brown sugar
1 cup sultanas



From the book
Easter in Autumn by Collette Leenman



Kinder Photos

The annual Kinder Photos will be taken in the 2nd week of Term 2 by Rebecca Landy Photography.

To ensure your child is photographed, or to communicate that you do not want photos taken please send an email to Rebecca at

rebeccalandyphotography@hotmail.com

by Monday the 17th of April.
If you do not have an email account please text the details to: 0408 884 248



Ring a Rosie will be photographed on Thursday the 27th of April
4 Year Olds will be photographed on Wednesday the 26th of April
and Friday the 28th of April

If you plan to be away that week (Tuesday is Anzac day) please contact Rebecca ASAP because if attendance is low a different date will be scheduled.

An official group photo will be taken as well as individual photos and where possible candid photos of children playing together.

This year Rebecca will be collecting your contact details, permission for photos to be taken and correct spelling of your child's name via email.

Your email needs to include:

Your child's full name as you would like it to appear in the group photo
A contact number (mobile preferred)
The session your child attends
Your name

Once contact is made Rebecca will provide more details and collect some further information from you.

Autumn Family Fair Update

We are well and truly into the preparation for our Autumn Family Fair on May 6th 2017 and we are looking forward to a fantastic fun filled day!

The major attractions of the day will include children's activities, craft stall (crafts made by Yandell families), Plant stalls (proceeds going to Kinder), Live music, food stall, and Cake stall (cakes made by Yandell families). We look forward to receiving contributions from all of you in making this a great fundraiser for our kinder. There will be boxes and baskets at Kinder for you to bring in all things to collect over the next few weeks. Don't forget to save the milk bottle caps!

We need your help in spreading the word and bringing in donations for our **silent auction**. Last year our silent auction was our major fundraiser and although the donations from our ongoing supporters are coming in, we do need more! So please help spread the word to your local businesses or anyone you know would be interested. We don't just need products, services like massage therapy sessions, carpenters donating an hour of their time, hairdressing or consultancy services are all welcome.



So if you know anyone who can offer these services then that would be a perfect for silent auction.

Please email me on yandellplantsale@gmail.com if you have any ideas or if you would like to contribute in any way.

Many parents have already started making some little plant pots and crafts for our stalls and here are some teasers for our craft stall, plant and veggie pots. We will soon organize a craft morning for all of you to join in and help.