



A Steiner Kindergarten
Nurturing wonder and imagination in every child



*" Winter is an etching,
Spring a watercolour,
Summer an oil painting
and Autumn a mosaic
of them all."*

~ Stanley Horowitz ~



dates for your diary

4YO Autumn Festival - Wednesday 28th March

3YO Autumn Festival - Thursday 29th March

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 16th April

Kinder Working Bee - Saturday 28th April

Autumn Fair - Saturday 5th May

Have you connected?

If you use Facebook please join our kinder groups, it's a great way to share information and arrange play dates...

4YO - 'Yandell 4 year kinder group'

3YO - 'Yandell Kinder 3YO 2018'



From our President...

Our Yandell kinder committee meet monthly at the kindergarten. This is a great opportunity to meet with other parents and learn more about what is happening at Yandell. We welcome all to attend these monthly gatherings as we share ideas about the direction of our kinder. Our teachers are often in attendance too, which offers families greater insight to the day to day and overall experiences the children are enjoying at Yandell. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month 7.30pm - 9pm. We hope to see you at the next one - Monday 16th April.



Working Bee - 28/04/2018

Please mark the date on your calendar, our next kinder working bee will be on Saturday 28th April from 9am - 12 midday. Many hands make light work, and little hands - those of your kinder children and their siblings, are most welcome to join in. This is a great opportunity to meet with other kinder families and enjoy some fresh air as we beautify our kinder and get it looking wonderful for the upcoming Autumn Fair.

From our Four Year Olds...

The 4 year old children have been busy preparing for our first festival together and we are excited to share in the beautiful bounty of Autumn's harvest.

We have experienced the wonder of the little star found inside each apple, exploring this theme through our autumn circle, story and activities such as apple printing.

We have threaded autumn felt leaves to decorate our room and made jam to place on our autumn harvest table. Over the next week we will be baking some delicious treats to share with our families at our festival. We look forward to sharing this special opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate the Autumn season and all its gifts.



All are welcome to our festival on Wednesday 28th March.
Please note: there will be no regular kinder session on this day.
We ask that you arrive by 10.20am for a 10.30am sharp start time.

Children may dress in autumn seasonal colours for our festival. Parents please gather in the garden after bringing your child to the foyer to be met by Wendy and Jo to put their slippers on and join Rachel inside.

Parents will be welcomed inside once all children have arrived and are settled ready to share our harvest morning circle with families. Following the circle we will have a special story. Please be mindful during the story to maintain a quiet space for the children. If little ones become restless we ask that you take them outside until the story is finished. Following our story we will participate in a family craft activity before enjoying a shared morning tea.

All families are asked to bring some produce from home (a gift of something from your own vegetable/fruit harvest, eggs from your chickens, perhaps honey if you keep bees, flowers, or home baked and/or prepared food item or preserve that speaks of autumn). These will be placed on our harvest table and all families will be invited to take a gift from the table home.

We look forward to seeing you at the festival.

Rachel, Jo & Wendy.

From our Three Year Olds ...

The children are busy preparing for our Autumn Festival and cannot wait to share the celebration with their loved ones. This seasonal time of harvest can be embraced with acts of sharing, in particular, our wonderful bounty of fresh food and produce.

If you have anything to share, perhaps an abundance of home grown vegetables and herbs, maybe fresh eggs if you are lucky enough to have chickens, or even some flowers from your garden, please bring them along to our Autumn Festival. Items will be placed on our harvest table for families to share and take home.



We will share a lovely morning tea together and ask, for those that are able, to please bring a small plate to offer to the morning tea table. There is a list in the kinder foyer if you would like to check for items that some people have already volunteered to bring along.

Please join us on Thursday 29th March at 10.30am - 12.30pm

We kindly ask that you wait outside the kindergarten gate,
where you will be welcomed in when we are ready to begin.
(there will be no 3 Year Old kinder session this day - children attend for the festival only)

We look forward to spending our first festival together with you.
Warm Wishes Emily, Melinda & Sharon





Planning, Preparation and Progress - it's all happening for our Kinder Fair which is now only six weeks away.

Of course there is still much to do, and if we can work together and offer even small amounts of time and effort this will be a wonderful event for our children and our extended community.

As this is the kindergarten's major fund raising event for the year, one of the key features at our fair is the popular Silent Auction. Each year we receive some generous donations from local businesses and even from kinder families who have something to offer, be it a handmade item or a gift voucher for their professional service.

If you can think of anyone within your immediate network that may like to support your child's kindergarten please urge them to donate an item / service. Local businesses are often keen to offer support when they know the people involved, and a personal connection to an organisation - like a kinder - always feels special when you give.

We are focussing our fundraising efforts on the continued ground works for the kinder and also some brilliant personal development and training opportunities for our wonderful teaching staff.

Be sure to mention this to anyone you are speaking to about the Fair and of course invite them to come along and experience the magic of Yandell Kindergarten on the day.

There's also a dedicated facebook page for the Autumn Fair so please if you haven't already done so 'like' the page to stay up to date and help us generate some interest in the event.
www.facebook.com/yandellfair



While we are on the topic of donations...

A wonderful way to help out the kinder fair, from the comfort of your own home, would be to get crafty. At the Fair we will have a craft stall with items for sale, and we also have what's known as our 'children's tent' - a dedicated room turned into a magical treasure trove of special handmade items where children can select one precious thing to take home. We would love to have both our craft stall and the children's tent well stocked, so if you have some extra craft supplies at home and some spare time to make up something special please do. We do have a kinder craft team on the task, however the more people on board the better. And for those of you who are a little time poor but have a heaving stash of craft supplies, do consider donating a few items to the kinder crafters, paper, wool, felt off cuts... a basket for collection will be in the kinder foyer. Here's some pictures of craft ideas for inspirations...



We also need help with...



BAKING - We are going to offer some delicious soul food soup at the fair, as well as yummy cakes and pastries... so if you can cook or bake, get in touch and start practicing those recipes. We want to offer an abundance of wonderful food!



ENTERTAINMENT - From face painting to recycled art we have some super fun children's entertainment lined up... and we can always do with more. Do you know anyone with a hidden talent that may like to entertain our beautiful children for an hour or two?



OPERATIONS - On the day of the Autumn Fair we will need many volunteers to help with set up and clean up, as well as sparing an hour or two to man (or woman) the stalls and activities. Remember that extended family can also get involved. A roster will go up in the kinder foyer closer to the event.

Please offer your help in any way that you can.

Contact our Fair Coordinator Hayley directly via e-mail hayleyjblack@gmail.com