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Yandell Kindergarten Newsletter, September 2015



Spring has arrived!

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Welcome to the first Yandell Spring newsletter for 2015. The bulbs are in bloom, the bees are buzzing, the days are getting warmer and our little ones are looking forward to their Spring Festivals!

Important:

Please read pages 5-6 for notices on **late collection, overdue fees, our AGM and 2016 committee**

Save the Date!

Spring Festivals
September 17
(Ring-a-Rosie)

September 18 (4yo group)

Committee Meeting
October 15

7pm-9pm
All Welcome

Family Information Evening and AGM

November 23
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Supper provided





Ring-a-Rosie Update

What a delight it is to see Spring unfolding around us. The colours, fragrance and bursts of sunshine are such a delight.

We are busily preparing for the Spring Festival in our Ring-a-Rosie sessions. The children have made delicious lemon butter for all of us to share and they have all finished their special sewing project. We are just about ready to welcome Spring together!

The children are really enjoying mud play at the moment, which is wonderful but messy! Please make sure your children have gumboots and a complete change of clothes. We are needing to use lots of the spare Kinder clothes and are running out. If your child has borrowed Kinder clothes please wash and return them as soon as possible.

Much love,
Mandy



4-year-old Update



Hello Yandell families,
So here we are, counting down the days to our Spring Festival, and preparations are well underway as the children have been busily making the lemon butter, tart cases and shortbread biscuits and this week we are making the lemon cordial and cakes. A reminder that our Spring Festival is on Friday 18th September at 10.30am; we will begin with making flower garlands for our heads before going inside for our morning circle, then a puppet story, and of course finishing with a scrumptious morning tea.

With the turn of the seasons and the arrival of Spring I have enjoyed watching a change in the children's play. The play has blossomed from small group play into large group play with much enthusiasm and excitement. The high energy play has felt like we have had a playground of young billy goats, springing about the garden and butting heads in play. Many children finding friends they haven't played with before.

With the weather warming slowly, we return to our Summer/ Spring menu, which will include rice cakes instead of porridge on a Monday morning and fried rice instead of rice bake for lunch. Wednesday's menu will stay the same. And Friday's menu will include muesli instead apple crumble for morning tea and much to the children's excitement we have already had a taste tester for Friday's lunch, which will be the making of our own pizza's for lunch instead of golden (pumpkin) soup.

Morning circle for the beginning of term 4 will be a combination of Spring songs and will include a little butterfly circle game and we will also be singing a story from the Wanadjeri People of how the birds got their colours. This term the children have been enjoying playing some organised games, such as 'what's the time Mr Wolf' and 'Jack Frost', which requires co-operation, following instructions, patience, turn taking and basic numeracy. I try to capture moments of our

day with the camera and put the images into the program books in the foyer and I hope that you have been enjoying looking through the books and sharing the conversations with your children.

Term 4 also brings many birthdays; in fact there are to be 20 birthday celebrations over the term, which is half the group and means that most sessions will include a celebration during morning circle. If your child's birthday is coming up, please keep a look out in your kinder pocket for a little notice with a date suggested for your child's celebration. You may need to be patient with me as I am sure there will be lots of rearranging necessary to meet all families' availabilities.

A reminder also that the first of our student free days are coming up; Monday 3rd November which is the Melbourne Cup weekend and co-insides with most schools curriculum day. The other 3 student free days December 15th, 17th and 19th; after our Final festival and includes our family clean up days and teachers administration days.

I have begun writing the children's transition and learning and development statements which are sent on to your child's prep teacher with your permission; and early next term I will require you to complete the families section of the statement.

Lastly, thank you to the families that have already returned their child's permission forms for our park walks into the reserve and a reminder to others that I require them all before the end of this term. Many children have begun discussing how excited they are at the prospect at seeing what lies beyond our kinder fences amongst those bushes. I have yet to discuss with them about the picnics in the bush as this will not be until the end of the term. Please remember to pack a sun hat into your child's kinder cubby hole (the new boxes in the foyer) for term 4.

Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday.



Jes's Kitchen!

The children in Term 3 are all very confident at helping in our busy little kitchen; with the daily milling of our millet grains for our apple cakes, and the chopping of carrots, sweet potato, zucchini, capsicum, pumpkin and more for our lunches, and the grating of cheese and the cracking of eggs that needs to be done every day in order for all our delicious meals to be ready in time. We have even been enjoying picking from our vegetable garden some yummy additions; such as broccoli and oregano for our pasta sauce and lettuce to accompany our bread rolls on golden soup day!

Most recently there has been much excitement as we prepare for our upcoming Spring festival with the making of our delicious lemon butter. The children chopped the butter, cracked the eggs, zested the lemons and juiced them and they particularly enjoyed weighing the sugar on the old scale machine, before it was all mixed together and then left to bubble on the stove for several hours. While this week we have made hundreds of yummy shortbread biscuits and tart cases to hold our lemon butter and the children are excitedly waiting to share them with their families at the Spring Festival.



There will be a food roster to help Rose (4 year old group), her mum Leah and her little sister Macy who recently lost their father Mat. The help of the Yandell community will be appreciated at this difficult time.

*Please contact our liaison officer, Felicia, for further details:
yandellparentliaison4yo@gmail.com*

Committee and Community Notices

Late Collection of Children

The committee have decided to introduce a fee for the late collection of children. The proposed changes will be introduced in term 4. An email went out earlier in the week about the changes and further information can be gained from reading the display in the foyer. Comments are welcomed either by the purple communication box in the foyer or via email to yandellpolicy@gmail.com. The changes relate to the Fees Policy and the Delivery and Collection of Children Policy.

Outstanding fees and call to pay fees promptly

Parents are reminded to pay their fees promptly or if unable to do so contact Paula Money (0408 831 474) to arrange a payment plan. The kindergarten currently has **a substantial amount of unpaid fees**.

Recovering these fees adds to the cost of running the program, much needed money essential to pay the teachers and educators, to buy food and program materials are taken to pay administration costs in recovering unpaid fees.

Policy and Procedure Manual

Have you seen Yandell's updated Policy and Procedure Manual in the foyer? A dedicated team of people are working through each policy in more detail to make these policies directly relate to the practises of Yandell Kindergarten. Thank you policy sub-committee.

The Family Information Evening and Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 23rd November 2015, 6.30pm-8.30pm (supper provided)

Agenda:

- Welcome from the outgoing committee
- Presidents/Vice Presidents report
- Financial Report
- Teachers Report
- Information Session for New Parents
- Election of New Committee
- Collection of Enrolment Pack for 2016
- Choose days in the 4yo program for 2016



Committee and Community Notices (continued)

Call for Nominations to the 2016 Committee

At the AGM (23rd November) the new committee is elected. All committee positions are available for election. We welcome nominations for a position before this night (preferably by 30th November) or you may nominate someone else (with their consent). Nomination forms are provided with this newsletter. You will receive more information in a mail out shortly. Further information on committee positions can be found on the Yandell website.



A call for interest

We are looking for a couple of people who would like to be involved in the future of the outdoor space at kinder. If you'd like to be a part of this experience which will extend into 2016 please call Susi 9440 6866 or 0407 564 317 or email susi@millton.net.

Poetry Corner...

I Love You

*I am your parent,
You are my child.*

*I am your quiet place,
You are my wild.*

*I am your calm face,
You are my giggle.*

*I am your wait,
You are my wiggle.*

*I am your dinner,
You are my chocolate cake.*

*I am your bedtime,
You are my wide awake.*

*I am your lullaby,
You are my peek a boo.*

*I am your goodnight kiss,
You are my I LOVE You.*

Adapted from a poem by Maryann K Cusimano. Submitted by Tif
(Mum of Arlo, Ring-a-Rosie Group)

Contributions Welcome!

We have only two more issues of the newsletter left this year! Your recipes, poems, pictures and community notices are all welcome for inclusion in our next edition.

Please send contributions to me at yandellnewsletter@gmail.com

Or, feel free to place them in the newsletter envelope in the foyer at kinder.

Kylie

*Newsletter Coordinator & mum of
William (4yo group) & Lucy (Yandell
2013)*

