



## At the heart of our community for over 50 years

- Located in a quiet, safe neighborhood
- Natural, outdoor play spaces
- Renovated indoor and outdoor space
- Walking distance and feeder kinder to local schools (Aspendale Primary, St Louis De Montford's & Yarrabah)
- Children form bonds with local families and schools
- Committee of Management run by parents, with our primary focus on our children's interests and wellbeing
- Programs are guided by the Early Years Learning Frameworks
- Dedicated, experienced and professional teaching staff

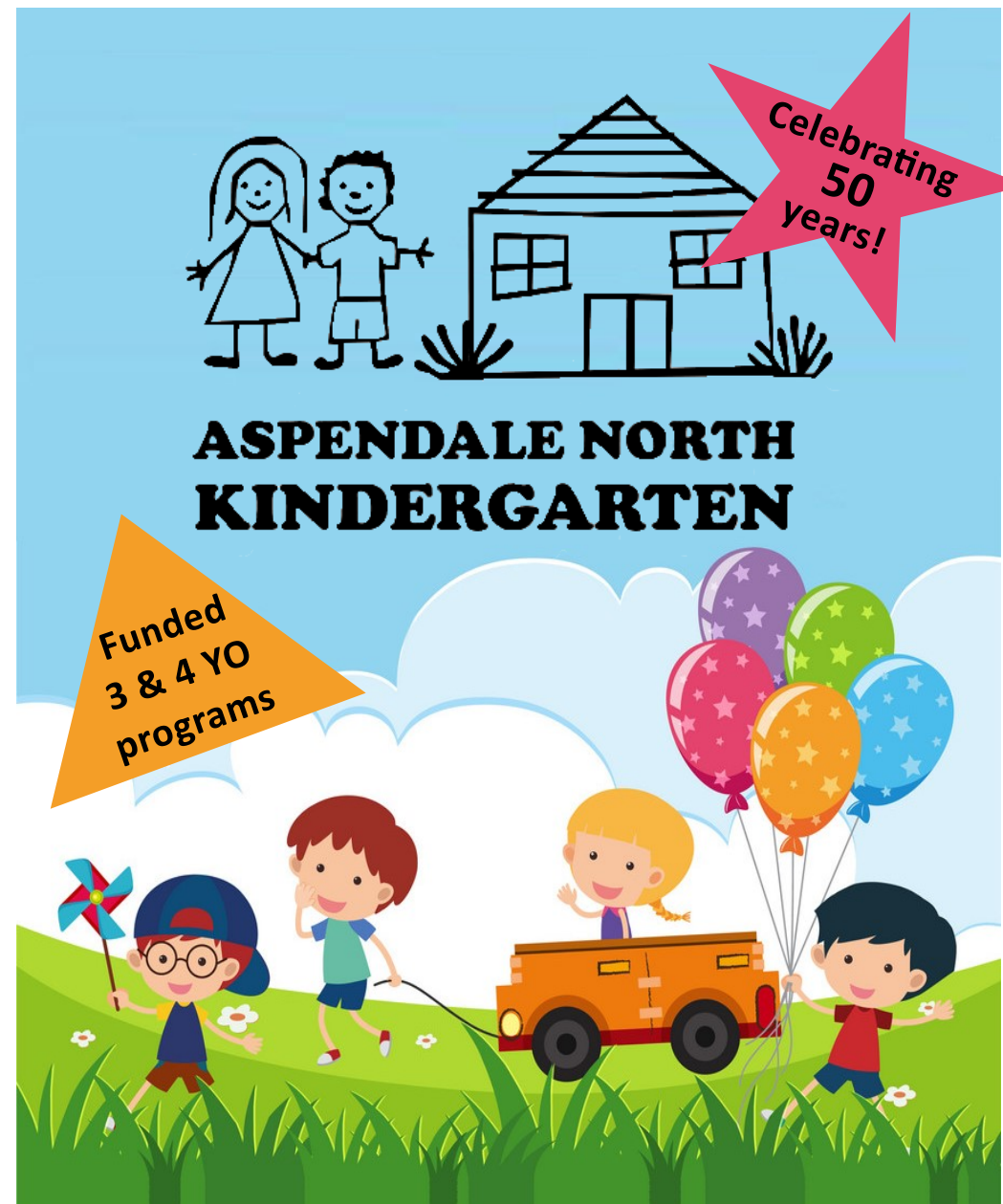
## Proposed 2022 Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30AM - 4:00PM (7.5 HOURS)	9:15AM - 12:15PM (3 HOURS)	8:30AM - 4:00PM (7.5 HOURS)	8:30AM - 4:00PM (7.5 HOURS)	9:15AM - 12:15PM (3 HOURS)
SEAHORSES 4YO	PENGUINS 3YO	SEAHORSES 4YO	SEAHORSES 4YO	PENGUINS 3YO

4YO children attend 2 days, either Mon/Wed, Mon/Thu or Wed/Thu

## Educating & Caring For Your Children

All staff hold early childhood qualifications and are trained in first aid, CPR, anaphylaxis and Emergency Asthma Management. These accreditations are updated on a regular basis. Each year all our staff attend various professional development sessions and courses to enable them to provide the best quality care and education.



## ENROLMENTS OPEN SATURDAY 1 MAY, 2021

All 3 & 4yo enrolments managed via the City of Kingston.  
Please visit [kingston.vic.gov.au](http://kingston.vic.gov.au) for further information.



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## Our Kindergarten

Aspendale North Kindergarten (ANK) Inc. was officially opened on 31 October 1970. ANK is affiliated with the Department of Education and Training (DET), City of Kingston and is a member of Early Learning Association Australia (ELAA).

The Kindergarten is managed by a Committee of Management made up of volunteer parent/carers. It is the responsibility of the Committee to work collaboratively with staff to maintain the

kindergarten to the highest possible standards. All parents/carers are encouraged to nominate at our annual AGM held in November each year.

## Our Program

ANK provides an emerging and flexible curriculum that encourages freedom of thought and is inspired by children's ideas, needs and interests. It encapsulates creative thinking, develops a sense of agency and is open ended. Children are encouraged to plan, implement and complete projects while valuing the process, rather than just the final product. We support considered risk-taking which allows children to test, push and re-define their own boundaries as their abilities develop. All children are encouraged and supported to make independent decisions to explore, create, problem-solve, collaborate and imagine.

At ANK we value strong, trusting, respectful relationships with children and their families. Children are listened to and their developmental needs are catered for. Families are encouraged to be involved in program decisions and their child's learning. We respect and value the cultural diversity of our community and strive to make positive local connections. We acknowledge the importance of educators and families working together to facilitate the learning journey of each child, both at kinder, at home and in the wider community.

ANK offers a variety of learning experiences through 'play' that incorporate art, drama, science, literacy, numeracy, movement, music and technology. Through our early literacy and language program we offer Auslan (sign language) which the children readily embrace. We utilise community facilities such as local parks, shops and schools for excursions, and carefully choose incursion experiences that will enrich the children's current interests and knowledge.

Our teaching team aims to provide an environment that encourages the values of security, friendship, trust, understanding, responsibility, co-operation, safety, independence and care for the environment and nature.



## Our Teaching Team

### Kate Warren-Smith

*4 Year Old Teacher / Nominated Supervisor*

Kate holds a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood from Melbourne University and has worked in the field for over 24 years. She is very passionate about developing each child's love of learning through a child-centred philosophy, where the child's ideas construct the learning, allowing children the freedom to express, explore, create, discover and question ideas.

### Tanya Millar

*3 Year Old Teacher / Educational Leader*

Tanya has worked in community kindergartens and council facilitated playgroups for over 10 years. She is passionate about the opportunity community kindergartens offer to work collaboratively with families and enable children to be fully supported throughout their learning journey.

### Neluka Ariyawansa

*Educator*

Neluka began her career as a home-based child caregiver, then worked in the ELC of an independent school for 14 years. She has a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood from Monash University and strives to provide children with a learning environment that enables them to reach their full potential while learning to respect diversity within our community and being mindful of other's needs.

### Sharyn Burgess

*Educator*

Certificate III qualified and grew up in the local area. Sharyn is excited to be back working in this community after working in a Dandenong Community based kindergarten for over 30 years. She has a passion for working with children and making a difference in their young lives.

### Lisa Duong

*Educator*

Diploma qualified after completing her placement at ANK. Lisa is excited to start her career with us and brings with her an eagerness to share her creative nature and fresh ideas.

### Lily Shi

*Educator*

Diploma qualified and has worked in the Early Childhood Education and Care industry since 2014. Lily enjoys the collaborative and supportive culture at ANK.

### Tracey Rogers

*Auslan Teacher*

Tracey is in her third year with ANK and teaches our Auslan funded language program. She is very excited to introduce and embed Auslan sign language into the children's everyday learning.

