

YIDARRA SCHOOL BOARD

2009 Survey Results

Summary Points:

- A preference for extension of current 4 year old kindergarten program to 3 days per week.
- A strong preference for 2 sessions per week of a 3 year old kindergarten program.
- A very strong support for the introduction of Before and After School Care on site, with possibly more support than can currently be catered for (depending on site used)
- Yidarra Families would like spare space used for a computer lab or a multipurpose room.

Background Points:

- A total of 208 surveys were received.
- The majority (185 or 89%) of surveys returned identified themselves solely as current Yidarra Families.
- Currently Yidarra has 325 (including kindergarten) enrolled families. 185 of these families, or 57% of families at the school responded to the survey.
- The survey did not require a commitment for future enrolments.
- As few future Yidarra Families responded, comment was made as to the willingness to commit to 3 Year old and extensions of 4 year old Kindergarten, as we have no reliable numbers to validate future and ongoing support for these services.
- Some surveys were only partially answered. These surveys were still included in the overall results and not precluded for incomplete answers.
- No statistical validation was completed; it is raw empirical data only.

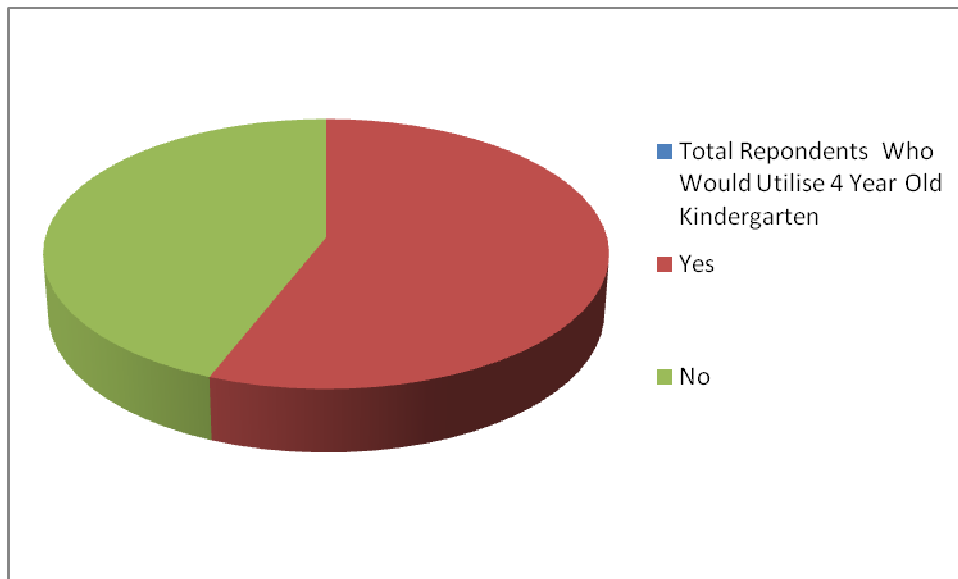
Question 1:

Of the respondents, 58% indicated that they would be using the 4 year old kindergarten in the future, that is, they answered that 4 year old kindergarten was applicable to their family.

Percentage of respondents who would utilise 4 Year Old Kindergarten

58% - Yes

42% - No



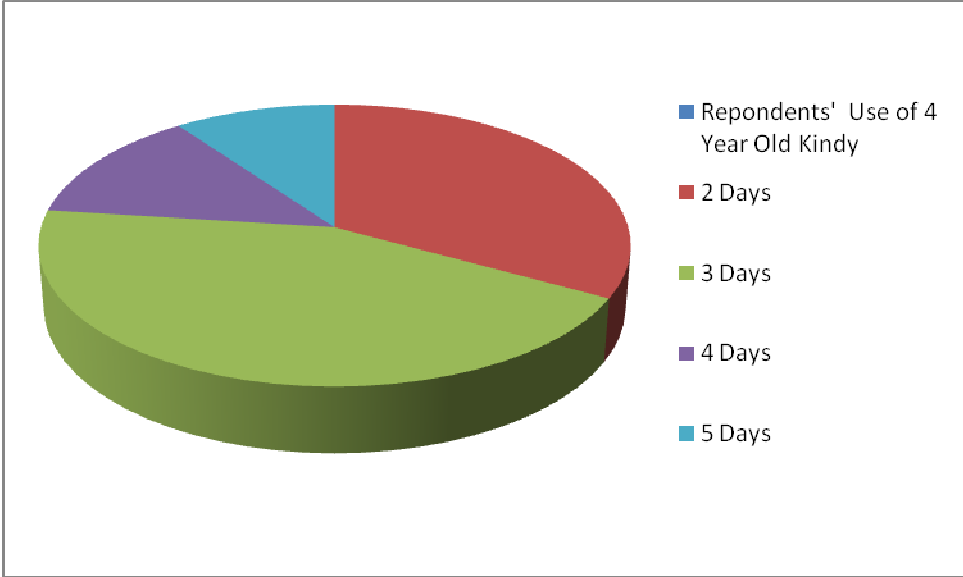
Of the 58% of respondents who would utilise 4 year old kindergarten in the future, the majority respondents indicated that they would utilise 3 or more days of 4 year old kindergarten:

2 Full days attendance: 33%

3 Full days attendance: 44%

4 Full days attendance: 13%

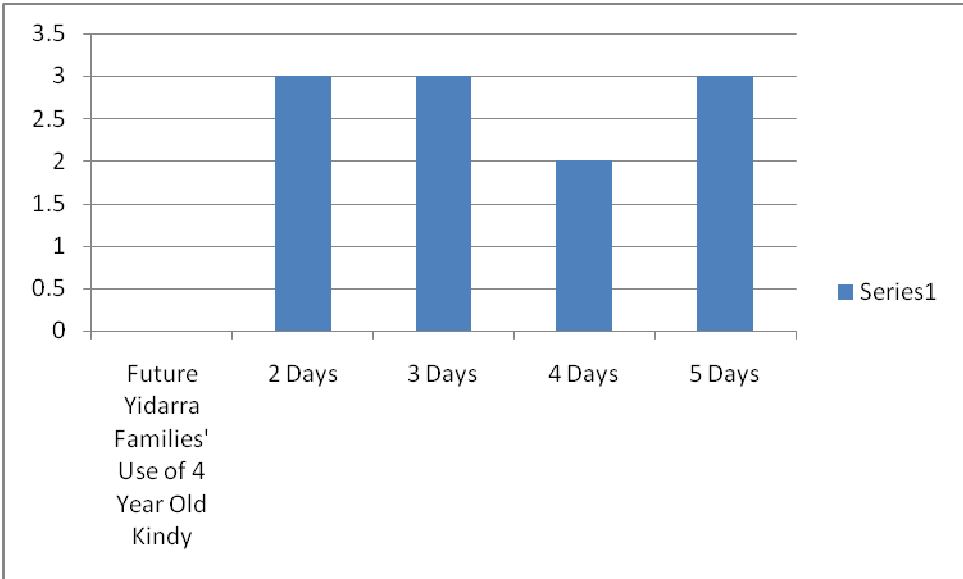
5 Full days attendance: 10%



Note, where respondents stated they wanted a return to 4 half days of kindergarten, they were counted as 2 full days.

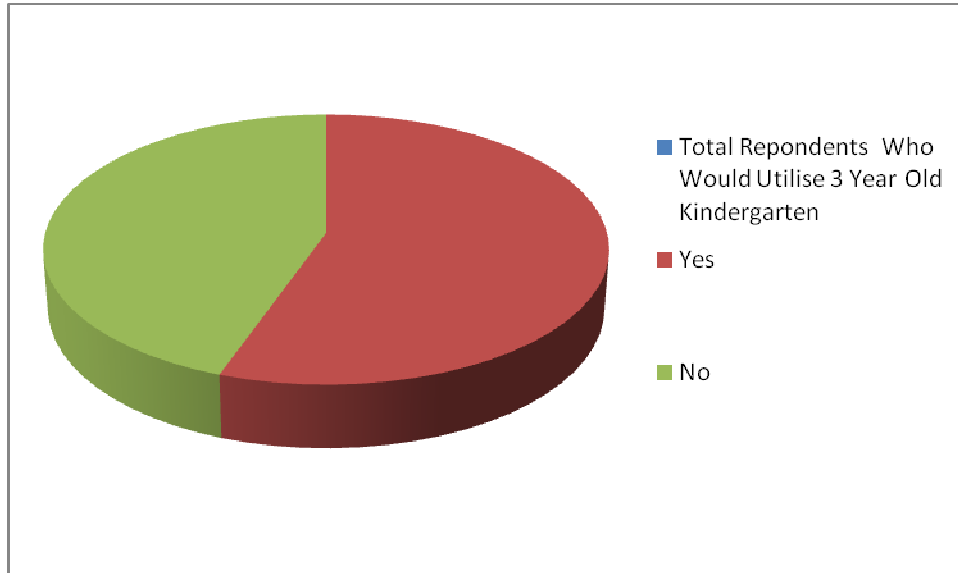
Future Families' Use of 4 Year Old Kindergarten

Eleven (11) Families identified themselves as purely future Yidarra families. These families were fairly evenly split as to whether they would utilise 4 year old kindergarten for 2, 3, 4 or 5 full days. The short hours of kindergartner compared to long day care and the issue with transporting children to after school care may have been an issue with these prospective families.



Question 2 Three Year Old Program

55% of respondents indicated that they would have cause to utilise a 3 year old kindergarten program in the future, while 45% indicated that this was not applicable to their family.



Respondents Use of 3 Year Old Program

Of the 55% of respondents who would utilise 3 year old kindergarten in the future, the majority of respondents clearly indicated a preference for 2 sessions:

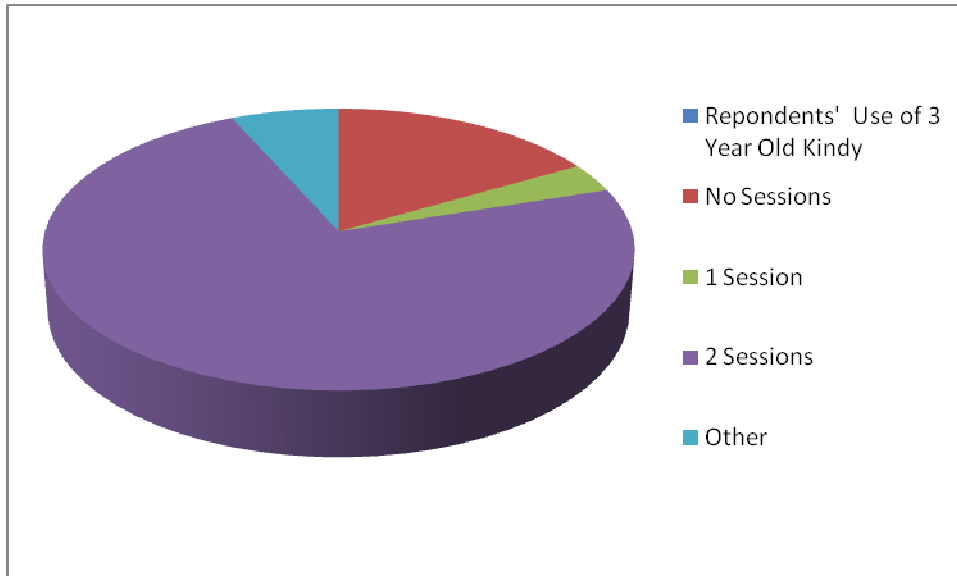
Nil Sessions: 15%

1 Session: 3%

2 Sessions: 66%

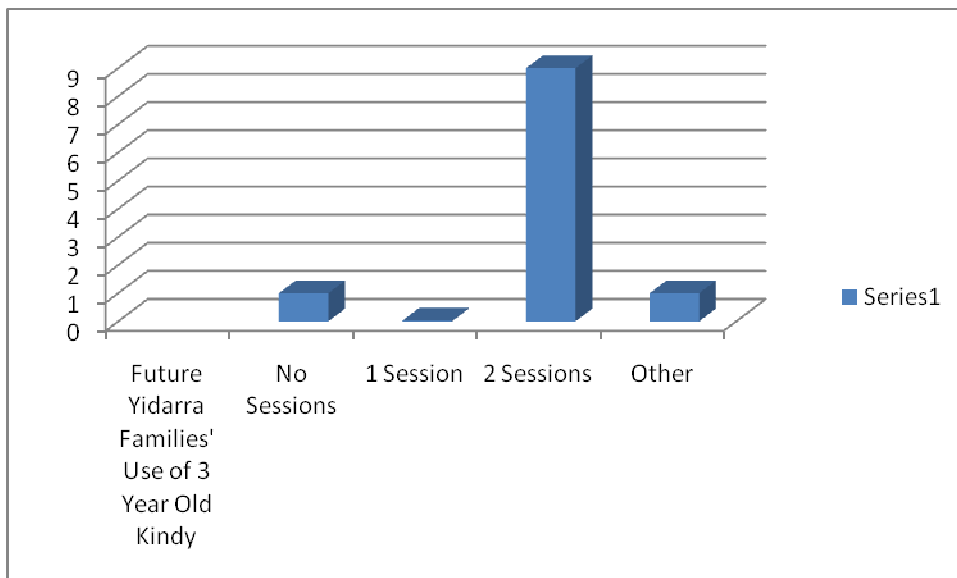
Other: 6%

Note: this does not correspond to 100% as not all respondents completed this question, i.e. they made comment in favour of a 3 year old kindergarten program, but did not indicate future intended usage.



Future Families' Use of 3 Year Old Kindergarten

Of the 11 families who intended as future Yidarra families, 9 indicated a preference for two sessions of 3 year old kindergarten. The reason given for no sessions was the difficulty combining the pick up and drop off and child care with the 3 year old program.



Question 3:

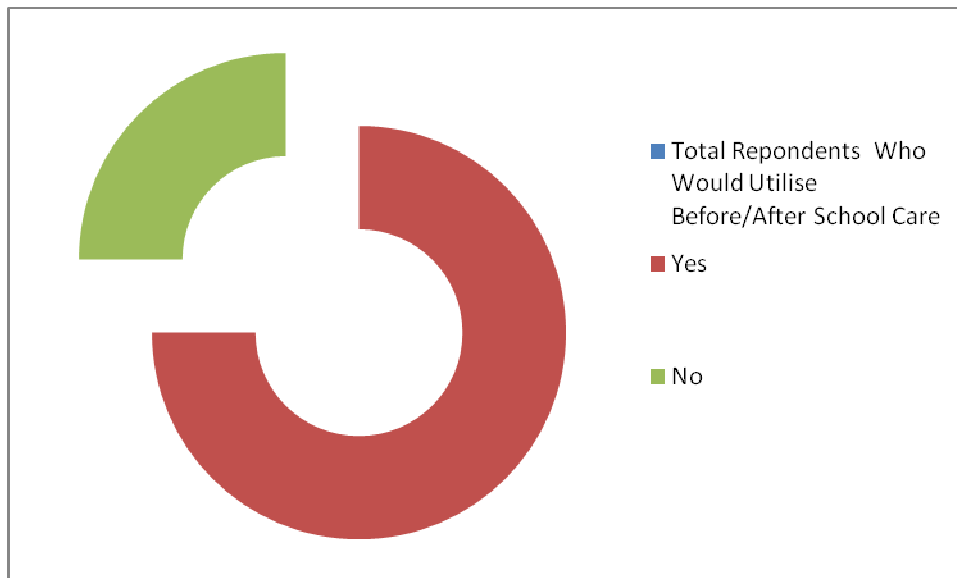
The introduction of Before/After School Care

The outstanding majority of respondents were in favour of before and after school care, many feeling that this service would add to the family friendliness of the school, allowing parents to return to work.

Total Respondents' Who Would Utilise Before/After School Care

Yes: 75%

No: 25%



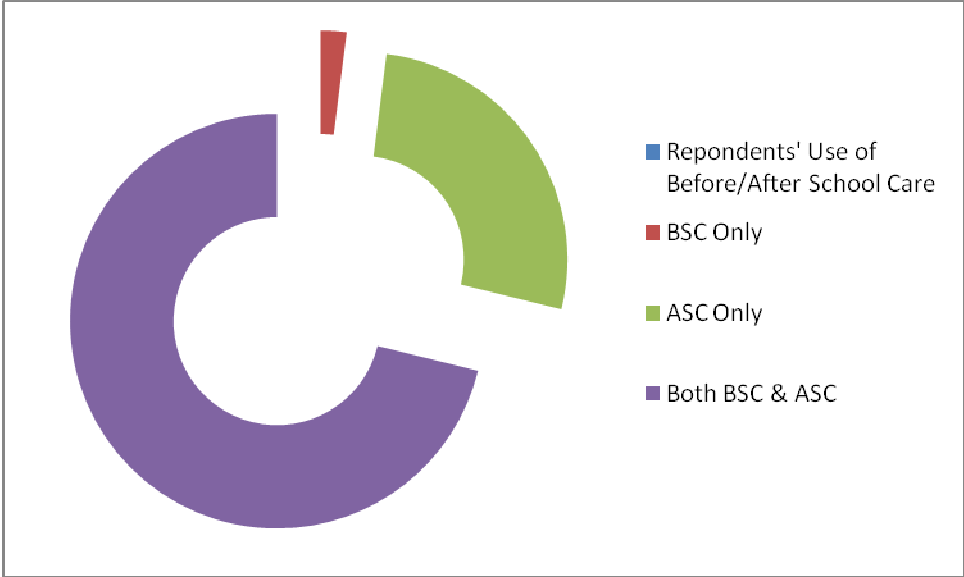
Note, this did not include respondents who reported supporting Before and After School Care on site, but who would not utilise it.

Respondents' Use of Before/After School Care

The majority of respondents would utilise both Before and After School care, then After School Care followed by Before School Care alone.

Only Before School Care:	2%
Only After School Care:	27%
Both Before and After School Care:	71%

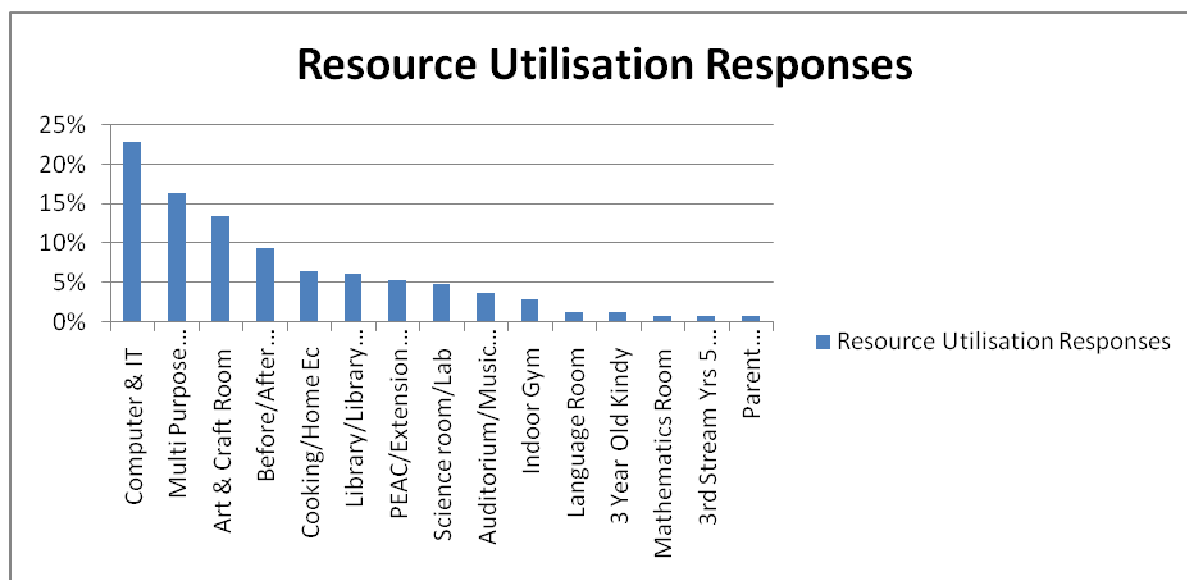
In pure number terms, 106 families would utilise both Before and After School Care (with many families indicating multiple children would use this service), 40 Families After School Care and 3 families Before School Care.



Question 4:

Utilisation of Resources

There were some 23 suggestions for the future use of possible spare classrooms from 2010 onwards. Only responses which registered greater than 1% were included in the following chart. Please note, respondents were not limited in their responses and all suggestions were noted.



The top 5 results were:

Computer/IT:	23%
Multipurpose room:	16%
Art & Craft Room:	14%
Before/After School Care (inc Homework Room):	9%
Cooking/Home Economics:	7%

Some points that were repeated in the comments area that need to bring to the Boards attention are:

1. Parents felt cooking facilities were inadequate, with the current use of benches in the atrium inappropriate, unhygienic and not meeting occupational health and safety standards.
2. Parents wanted a separate area for art and craft to overcome the poor occupational health and safety standards by working on the bench. A wet area to facilitate clean ups was frequently commented on. In addition, many parents felt that this would assist with storage and display of art work.