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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL- SHARON MCMORROW

YARRILEE SCOOPS THE PRIZE POOL AT THE BUNDABERG ROBOTICS AND CODING CHALLENGE

Last Friday teams of students from Years 4 and above travelled to Bundaberg to participate in the Robotics and Coding Challenge as part of National Science Week Celebrations.

The Bundaberg Robotics and Coding Challenge is a day to celebrate the contribution to innovation by youth and to showcase knowledge levels in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM).

The Theme of this year's challenge was CIRQUE DE CARNIVALE! (Circus and carnival theme).

In the Primary section the challenge consisted of 5 events:

Narrative: Program a robot/s to act in an original narrative created by the team. Team members may interact with the robot and have speaking parts.

Documentary: A pre-recorded short film about the circus or carnival which will be played on the big screen in the lecture theatre.

News Report: Team members create a news report about something happening at the circus/carnival. This is acted out live at the challenge.

Dance: Program a robot/s to dance in time to a song that is inspired by the carnival or circus theme.

Coding: Use robotics or any coding platform (Scratch, Unity etc) to create a circus or carnival themed movie, moving picture, game or the like to present to judges.

We are very proud to announce that our 3 teams took out first place in each of their sections.

What a tremendous effort for our students and staff.

CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK AND THE JOY OF LITERATURE

This week classes from across the year levels have celebrated Book Week through activities such as Decorate your Door competitions and sharing the shortlisted titles for the Children's Book of the Year awards, today coming dressed as their favourite Australian Book Character in support of this year's theme "Australia, the Story Country".

Our celebrations continue into the coming week with an author visit by 'Cartoon Dave' Hackett on Thursday 1st September and a Bookfair commencing on Monday 5th September. We will also hold a Library evening for Book Fair on Wednesday 7th September. (Please see more information about these wonderful events in the Library section of our newsletter.)

DATE CLAIMERS

PAYMENT DUE	
30/08/2016	Author Visit
31/08/2016	Year 5 & 6 Swimming
02/09/2016	Prep Purple Park Geography Excursion
UPCOMING EVENTS	
01/09/2016	Father's Day Stall
02/09/2016	Walk to School Day
05/09/2016	SS Swimming commences
09/09/2016	MS & SS Assembly

No Late payments will be accepted

Bank Account details for direct payment

BSB: 064-426

ACC: 10180705

Reference: Invoice Number or Student Name

Please send an email once payment has been made to:

admin@yarrileess.eq.edu.au

Note: Please ensure BPOINTS & EFT are submitted at least 2 days prior to due date as processing time is required.

YEAR 3/4 INTERHOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION

This Friday all of our Year 3 and 4 Middle School students participated in an Inter- House Sports Carnival. The children competed in their sports house teams in a round robin event incorporating various sports that are part of the PE program. These include: Newcombe Ball

Oz Tag

Netball

Soccer

Touch Football

Tug of War

These events took place across our Middle and Senior School ovals and multipurpose areas.

Children were encouraged to wear their sporting house shirt on Friday. Year 5/6 Senior School students will participate in a similar carnival on Friday 9th

September. Parents are most welcome to attend.

The house points are currently being tallied and the winning house will be announced at an upcoming assembly in the coming weeks.

OUR STUDENT LEADERS REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL WITH PRIDE AT THE VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Vietnam Veterans' Day, recognised in Australia on 18th August each year, commemorates the Battle of Long Tan and those Australians who served during the Vietnam War and is an opportunity to remember those who did not come home.

One of the most well-known Australian engagements of the Vietnam War was the Battle of Long Tan, 18 August 1966. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of this conflict. The battle saw the action of 108 ANZACS against a Viet Cong (North Vietnamese) force estimated between 1,500 and 2,500. The Battle was one of the heaviest conflicts of the Vietnam War as well as one of few battles in the recorded history of the world to be won against such odds.

Last Thursday two of our student leaders, Claire and Thomas attended the community service and proudly laid a wreath on behalf of our whole school community.

Lest we forget.

TEDDY BEARS' HOSPITAL VISITING OUR PREP STUDENTS ON THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

On Thursday 1st September the Teddy Bears' Hospital Program will visit our Prep Classes.

The Teddy Bears' Hospital is a free educational preventative health program run by the Ashintosh Foundation and supported by the University of Queensland Medical Society.

The Teddy Bears' Hospital is a kids-friendly mobile clinic that visits Queensland primary schools. It involves groups of medical student volunteers playing 'doctors' for the children's own teddy bears in order to promote key health messages and foster positive relationships with health professionals at an early age. It is a fun, interactive and educational initiative that raises awareness in children

about the importance of healthy eating, dental hygiene, regular exercise and sun safety.

Children are invited to bring their teddy bears along to the session.

• During the session children rotate through four stations:

Healthy Eating & Dental Hygiene

Exercise is Fun

Sun Safety

Visiting the Doctor

Please keep an eye out for notes coming home with our Prep families next week.

2017 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Have you enrolled your child for Prep in 2017? Do you have friends who want to enrol?

Prep enrolments for 2017 are now open. If your child was born between 01 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 they are eligible to attend the Prep Year in 2017.

As you have been made aware Yarrilee State School is now enrolment managed. Out of Catchment Prep enrolments are encouraged to submit their completed enrolment forms as soon possible to be placed on our "Out of Catchment Placement Waiting List". All out of catchment offers are made in order of the waiting list at the start of next term.

Places are filling fast, so don't miss out.

A Pre-Prep program has commenced with Program 1 conducted earlier in the term and Program 2 underway at the present time. Program 3 and 4 are filling fast. Bookings are essential for this program. Prep interviews/information sessions have also commenced alongside the Pre Prep Program.

Enrolment forms are available at the office and online at yarrileess@eq.edu.au.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to ensure that we are well prepared, and staffed appropriately for the 2017 school year it is essential that our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible.

If you have family or friends who are planning on relocating to Hervey Bay or enrolling in our school for the 2017 school year I would also ask that you encourage them to contact our school office for an enrolment pack so we can also have up to date information about new families arriving. Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try and ensure a smooth start through accurate staffing and class numbers for the upcoming school year.

Have a great fortnight,

Sharon McMorrow

Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

RULE REMINDERS

- All playground equipment is **OUT OF BOUNDS** before and after school for ALL students.
- Students arriving before 8:25am are to wait near the library or in the MS undercover area (**EVEN IF PARENTS ARE WITH THEM**) until the 8:25am bell when they can move to classrooms.
- ALL students are to have sun safe hats – caps are not permitted in the school and are not part of the school uniform.



PARENT PARKING

To ensure the safety of our students we wish to remind parents that it is strictly prohibited to park within the school grounds.

Students are to exit through the gates and meet their parents in safe zones that are suitable. They are not to be jumping fences, entering or exiting the service gate down the back of the school.

Stop, Drop, Go: This is a 2 minute parking zone. This area is designed to allow continuous flow of traffic to alleviate congestion.

ABSENTEEISM

As we reach the middle of Term 3, we remind you of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school, every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. Being on time is just as important. Unfortunately we are seeing a large number of students passing through the office late each day. This is concerning as key learning time for students is in the morning and all classes begin focused lessons at 8:50am. We appreciate that there are occasions when you may have appointments and are unable to make it on time but this should not be a regular occurrence. Every day counts and arriving on time is important!

Kiralee Backhouse
Acting Deputy Principal

GREETINGS YARRILEANS,

Oh oh oh, the time has come for business beyond belief. Of course by the time you read this, the Aussie Book Character Dress up Parade will have taken place. The parade provided us with a myriad of costumes to enjoy. Congratulations to the winners for the dress up and congratulations to the winning classes in Middle and Senior school who dressed their doorways to suit the 2016 Book Week theme "Australia – Story Country!".



Remember that next week we have our author, Cartoon Dave Hackett visiting on Thursday 1st September. If you haven't yet arranged for your children to attend, the last day is by close of business, Tuesday 30th August. No payments will be accepted after this date. Then, during Week 9 we will have our Book Fair with the same theme as Book Week. Jolly the Swaggy will be in attendance and is looking very much forward to the experience. Until next time, Kenneth White. (T-L)

CONGRATULATIONS Tech Challenge Teams.



P & C NEWS

The P&C would like to welcome Simone Stern to the position of secretary.

Stall holder applications are now being held for the fete. Outside stalls are \$15 for a 3x3m site. Inside stalls are \$20 and we have limited spots available. Application forms can be collected from the office.

The Fete committee is asking our school community for assistance in helping with the many tasks required leading up to the day of the Fete and also on the day of the Fete. A small amount of your time will go a long way in helping to organise this event.

Our class pizza party competition finishes at the end of this month. The class who donates the most chocolate bars, blocks or sharepacks for the fete will win. Donations can be dropped off at the tuckshop. Thanks for your support.

You Can Do It Keys to Success: Week 8 -Confidence Week 9 –Persistence

CANBERRA TOUR 2017

Once again we have offered a strictly limited special camping experience for students from Year 5 and 6 in 2017. This camp is in addition to the normal school camping program and is now only on offer to a limited number of students who have received letters from the school in response to their expression of interest note. We are booking the flights this year to obtain the best price possible. DEPOSIT PAYMENT IS DUE by Friday 9th September for this camp for all those students who have secured a seat. If your situation has changed please let the office know as soon as possible so we can allocate this seat to another student on the waiting list.

RICHARD WATT OPTOMETRIST

We are organising one last free vision screening through the school. This offer is only for Years 1 and 4 students. Please return the permission slip that was recently sent home to the office as soon as possible.

KOALA JOEYS PLAYGROUP

Come along each Wednesday to the Koala Joeys Family Program. The morning is held at the Yarrilee School hall and starts at 9.00am – 11.00am. The morning is free to families with children from babies to primary school age and focuses on nursery rhymes, songs, dance movement and stories. Registration can now be done at the school, or just turn up.



REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

The “Student Personal Details” request form was sent home in your child’s report card envelope last term. This form is to check all details are correct on your child’s school record. Please return the form to the office with any changes indicated and signed. Thank you to those families who have already handed them in.

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