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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL- SHARON MCMORROW

MY FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR

This fortnight is my final one for the school year as I am taking 3 weeks long service leave. On Friday, my eldest daughter completes Year 12 and we have decided to head overseas for our last family holiday before she travels away to attend university in 2018.

As I look back on my own daughter's schooling I can't believe how quickly these years pass. It seems like only yesterday I was dropping her off at Prep for her first day of school. It certainly is an emotional time as such a big chapter of our lives is about to close and another open. At the end of this term our year 6 families will also share in similar emotions as their children farewell their primary school years and move on to secondary school. We will formally farewell our students at a Graduation Disco on Monday evening the 4th December and, at a formal Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 5th December from 1.15pm in our school hall.

I would like to leave our Year 6 students with this special thought for the future:

In years to come people will not remember you by the way you looked, how much money you have, or how many accomplishments you have displayed on your wall. They will remember you by the way you made them feel.

As you close this chapter of your lives and open a new one please take the time to treat others kindly, make the most of every day and every opportunity and to treasure your parents and family. Your parents love is unconditional and they are there to support you through your journey into adulthood. Be proud of all that you do and never be afraid to ask for help.

I wish you all every success in the future. It has been a pleasure to have been a part of your lives over the last 2 years at Yarrilee.

Great state. Great opportunity.

DATE CLAIMERS	
PAYMENT DUE	
24/11/2017	Yr 6 Graduation Celebrations
01/12/2017	Yr 5/6 Camp Expressions of Interest
UPCOMING EVENTS	
23/11/2017	YSS Voices Xmas Choir @ Stocklands 11.30am-12.00pm
24/11/2017	MS & SS Assembly 2.15pm
24/11/2017	P & C Disco
29/11/2017	Year 1 Rewards Day to Wetside
30/11/2017	Year 2 Rewards Day to Wetside
29/11/2017	School Banking-last Day for term
<u>No Late payments will be accepted</u>	
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.	
Uniform Shop Hours: Tuesday 8:30-9:30am, Thursday 2:30-3:30pm, Wednesday-Friday (Tuckshop Days) 8:30am-2:15pm, excluding 1 st and 2 nd break times Change of Details: Please let the office know if your contact details change. Student Absences: Please call the absence line on: 41977179; Yarrilee State School Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am to 4pm; Fri 8am to 3.30pm; School Tuckshop: Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30am-2:15pm	

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR

It has been a year full of wonderful accomplishments, hard work and very pleasing outcomes across the school in so many areas.

I would like to sincerely thank all of our parents and families for your support throughout the school year.



When schools and communities work together in partnership we can achieve wonderful things. For our families who are leaving us I wish you every happiness in the future and hope that you take some fond memories away of the friends you have made and the time you have spent at Yarrilee.

STAFF MOVEMENT FOR THE 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

At the end of the year we will be farewelling a number of staff who will move on to teach in other schools.

-Mr Carl Knapstein is transferring to Tara Community College

-Mrs Julie Wood is transferring to Maryborough West State School

-Miss Brenna Watkins is returning to her substantive teaching position in Innisfail

-Miss Hannah Ward is returning to her substantive teaching position at Urangan Point State School

It is always sad to farewell staff, many of whom have been a part of the Yarrilee family for a very long time. They will be sadly missed and we wish them all the best in their new teaching locations.

At the start of the 2018 school year we also welcome the following staff who have been permanently appointed to our school:

Mr James Da Silva

Miss Jessica Roth

Ms Kelly Ranger

Mrs Jahna Arnott

Mrs Shannon Sacipovic

Ms Julie Streeter

ACTING PRINCIPAL AND DEPUTY PRINCIPAL ARRANGEMENTS OVER THE NEXT 3 WEEKS

The following arrangements have been put in place over the final 3 weeks of this term.

Mr Greg Cathcart will fulfil the role of Acting Principal in my absence.

Ms Lauren McGeorge will step up into the position of Acting Deputy Principal Middle School.

Miss Diane Walker, our Junior School Deputy Principal will also be taking some Long Service Leave during the final 3 weeks of the school year.

Mrs Kiralee Backhouse will step up into the role of Acting Deputy Principal Junior School at this time.

BEHAVIOUR LEVEL AWARDS AND ACADEMIC AND EFFORT AWARDS

During the final 2 weeks of the school year we will be recognising and celebrating our Behaviour Level Award Students and our Academic and Effort Award Students at dedicated assemblies.

Behaviour Level Awards will be celebrated on Friday the 1st December at 9.00am

Academic and Effort Awards will be celebrated on Thursday the 7th December.

Please keep an eye on Facebook and for letters coming home in the coming weeks about these awards.

REPORT CARDS AND CLASSES FOR 2018

On Thursday the 7th December all students in Prep to Year 6 will be issued with their Semester 2 Report Cards.

Along with the Semester Report Cards will be a letter advising parents of their child's interim class placement for the 2018 school year.

Please be aware that the organisation of classes for the commencement of any school year is a complex and challenging one. This has been further complicated at Yarrilee as we experience a period of high growth in our catchment area.

Staffing for all schools across the state is not finalised until the 8th day of the school year. Up until that point, all arrangements are only interim, until staffing is finalised in all schools. This is to ensure that all schools are equitably resourced and a period of time has lapsed to allow any last minute enrolments to be included in school staffing models.

A great deal of time and analysis of school data is utilised in formulating classes for the upcoming school year. We appreciate your support and understanding with this matter.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to ensure that we are well prepared, and staffed appropriately for the 2018 school year it is essential that our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible. We are currently experiencing major growth in our enrolments across the year levels and it is essential that we plan ahead to ensure that we have facilities and classrooms spaces for families that reside in our catchment area.

If you have family or friends who are planning on relocating to Hervey Bay or enrolling in our school for the 2018 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.

Yarrilee State School is now an enrolment managed school. With the substantial growth we are currently experiencing new families who reside outside of the catchment area are encouraged to place their child's name on the Out of Catchment Enrolment List as soon as possible. If there are Out of Catchment vacancies available they are placed on a waiting list in order of submission. All out of catchment offers are made in order of the waiting list.

If you know that your children are not returning to Yarrilee in 2018 can you also please inform the school office as soon as possible so we can ensure our class planning and available vacancies data is as accurate as possible.

Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try and ensure a smooth start through accurate staffing, facilities and class numbers for the upcoming school year.

Have a great fortnight
Sharon McMorrow
Principal

SPORTS SPACE

On Friday 10th November we sent a small contingent of swimmers to the Hervey Bay District Swimming carnival. Cohen Scott, Lachlan Mesken, Elizabeth Balgowan, Mena Cooper, Deena Budby, Amalie Manion Blake, Aviva Anderson, Kirrily Moore and Chloe Morgan all attended the event.

Cohen Scott had a great day, achieving 7 first places, with Chloe, Lachlan and Kirrily all also gaining ribbons. What made the day so great was our students having a go at most events, and some of the younger students helping the

older age groups in the relays. (We won 2). Let's aim for a full team next year!

Congratulations to Ethan Cunningham who was selected in the Sunshine Coast Touch Rep team. This is a fantastic club achievement for him, and a reflection of his ability in this sport.

Tamika Morris has been away in New Zealand competing in Karate. Tamika received a 1st place, 2nd and two 3rds.

Congratulations on such great results!

A reminder that families with very talented children should avoid March holiday trips as this is a peak time for zone trials that lead in to Wide Bay trials. It does not matter if your child is an outstanding athlete, if they fail to attend Hervey Bay trials, they are just about out of the running, if their absence was for a holiday.

Mr G & Mr B - PE Teachers

GREETINGS YARRILEEANS

As the end of the Year approaches, the time is right for a reminder that all borrowed books are to be brought back to the Library well before the last week of the term; by the end of Week 9 at the latest (Fri 1st December). Your attention to this is greatly appreciated. In the event that a book or books will not be returning due to damage or loss, it would also be greatly appreciated that these are paid for at the front office of the Administration block. If you need a printout of the titles in question and their cost please come to the Library and we will supply you with one. Of course, as with any system involving humans sometimes mistakes are made and returned books can make their way back to the shelves having not been scanned properly or sometimes at all. If you know your child's book has been returned please come to the library to let us know. If you or your child can have a look on the shelves then that would be terrific but if not we will look when time is available.

Until next time, yours in education,
Kenneth White (Teacher-Librarian)

FETE THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our fete on the 3rd of November. It was a huge turnout and definitely our biggest fete yet! Although final figures are yet to be confirmed due to sales from the art auction still coming in, at last count, over \$10 000 profit had been made from the fete.

A big thank you to the P&C team and wonderful volunteers for their massive effort and hard work into making this event happen. With such a small group of volunteers, putting on an event of this scale is a huge achievement and it was a huge success!

Appreciation is given to our Yarrilee staff for their help with all of the school stalls, the masterpieces they put together with their classes for the art auction and helping with clean up after the fete. Thank you to Neroli and Di for running our art auction, also to our whole school admin team for their help with EVERYTHING!!

A huge shout out to our MC, Mr White, for doing a sensational job as always. Thanks to Mandy Beasley from Mandy's Munchies for bringing her 'minion' (food van.)

A special mention and thanks to our major sponsor of the 2017 fete, the Bendigo Bank [Hervey Bay Community Bank Branch](#) and all of our other local sponsors who donated prizes for the fete. Thanks also to our face painter, entertainers, ride

operators and market stall holders.

A massive thank you to our Yarrilee community and all the people who came along to celebrate our wonderful school. If I have left anyone off the list, sorry and thank you. Know that your efforts are always appreciated!!

Sharon Rattray - P&C President

TUCKSHOP CLOSED FINAL WEEK

Please note that our tuckshop will be closed for cleaning and stocktake duties during the last week of term. The final tuckshop day for 2017 will be Friday, the 1st of Dec.

ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION



To report illness or other reasons for not attending school, please ring the absentee line 4197 7179. When replying to absenteeism text messages, please do not include an image or emoji. Unfortunately our computer system will not identify the reply.

BE AWARE it is the season for snakes to be on the move. Now that summer is here the number of reports of snakes has increased throughout the area. Please make your children aware of the dangers and behaviour of snakes.

THIS SEMESTER J2VB SUBMITTED AN ENTRY TO THE FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL'S WASTE WISE CHALLENGE. We were very proud when the judges informed us we had won second prize! They were very impressed with students' knowledge of the water cycle and being water-wise. Here is some information about our entry as described by the students: We re-used soft drink bottles, old cloth, cuttings from Audrey's garden, mulch and worm poo to make wicking pots. "Wicking pots save water because the water doesn't evaporate." -(Halle) "We entered the wicking pots in a competition and won second place. The prize is \$150.00 voucher from Bunnings." -(Emily) "We made wicking pots. The judges came and they liked our wicking pots, posters, and song. We even made the wicking pots ourselves, and they save water because it doesn't evaporate very much." -(Mia) "We made wicking pots from re-used things. We came second in the competition and won \$150.00 voucher from Bunnings." -(Isaac) "We re-used things, sang a song and made some posters." -(Zarah) "The judges looked at our wicking pots and posters and thought they were good." -(Meisha)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1 person required for 2 roles – Temporary part-time Teacher Aide (Indigenous) & Community Education Counsellor (Identified) **Torquay State School**
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CLOSING DATE: 23 November 2017
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