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**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL- SHARON MCMORROW  
 PARENT MEET AND GREET AFTERNOONS**

This week, across all 3 mini schools and in our Lighthouse, teachers have conducted "Parent Meet and Greet Afternoons".

The purpose of these Parent Meet and Greet Sessions was to provide an opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher and classroom expectations, discover the range of learning activities your child will participate in throughout the year and learn more about how your child's classroom operates.

**"Parent Meet Greet Sessions" for each Mini School were scheduled on:**

- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb ( 3.15- 4.15pm)  
*Junior School (Prep, Years 1 and 2)*
- Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb ( 3.15-4.15pm)  
*Middle School (Years 3 and 4) and Lighthouse Classes*
- Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb (3.15-4.15pm)  
*Senior School (Years 5 and 6)*

Please note that the Lighthouse classes were changed from Tuesday to Wednesday afternoon. Each classroom teacher also prepared a brochure or handout providing more information about themselves, how their classroom operates, learning expectations, upcoming important dates and more to help keep parents informed. These brochures and handouts have been distributed at the sessions and also sent home with students.

If you were unable to attend the "Meet and Greet Session", teachers would welcome the opportunity to arrange an alternative time to catch up, at a mutually convenient time. The contact details for your child's teacher is displayed in the brochure/ handout that has been sent home. Please feel free to make contact with your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet. We look forward to the opportunity to work together with our families throughout the 2018 school year.

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 09<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2018**

DATE CLAIMERS	
PAYMENT DUE	
16/02/2018	Year 6 Senior Shirt
UPCOMING EVENTS	
16/02/2018	Student Leader Induction Assembly 2.15pm
19/02/2018	Prep Photos taken by FC Chronicle
23/02/2018	JS Assembly 2.15pm
28/02/2018	HBD Cluster Trials Softball & AFL
02/03/2018	MS & SS Assembly
02/03/2018	Clean up Australia Day
Every Tuesday	Year 4 Swimming
Every Wednesday	Year 3 Swimming

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Uniform Shop Hours: Tuesday 8:30-9:30am, Thursday 2:30-3:30pm, Wednesday-Friday (Tuckshop Days) 8:30am-2:15pm , excluding 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION PRIORITIES FOR 2018**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR 2018**  
**Mission:**  
*Yarrilee State School aims to ignite creative, imaginative, problem solving, engaged students and staff through an innovative learning environment embracing our seaside location of Hervey Bay.*



- Yarrilee SS embraces a range of learners and recognises the importance of creating pathways that allow all children to develop to their full potential,
- Yarrilee's vision is focussed on *"Developing the Whole Child"* and *"Learning for Life"*.
- Yarrilee SS values the importance of *"developing strong foundations to support growth"* in our core priority areas of:
  - ❖ Whole School Reading
  - ❖ Whole School Writing/ Word Study
  - ❖ Whole School Numeracy
  - ❖ Whole School STEM and Digital Technology
- Yarrilee SS values the importance of Professional Learning and is establishing a culture of sharing and collaboration providing regular and ongoing opportunities for staff to engage in coaching/ peer mentoring, pedagogical reflection and sharing with colleagues and teaching teams.
- Yarrilee SS values the importance of short term inquiry cycles to ensure that decision making remains sharp, focussed, reflective and responsive to improving student learning.
- As an IPS school Yarrilee SS is working towards providing Enrichment and Innovation Programs that are above and beyond the regular classrooms in the areas of :
  - Excellence in Music and Performing Arts
  - Excellence in HPE/ Sport
  - Excellence in STEM/ Digital Technology.

On our school Facebook page and via school newsletters this year we will be sharing some of the innovative and focussed work that is occurring across our school in the areas of Reading, Writing/ Word Study, Numeracy, Digital Technology and STEM ( Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Our fabulous P&C continue to support our improvement priorities and have provided funding to purchase additional laptops, robotics and coding devices so our students may engage in these state of the art programs, preparing them for a future that is far beyond our own.

We now have a "Tech Hub" and "Fab Lab" located in our Resource Centre thanks to the support of our P&C.

### **OUR FABULOUS MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM IN 2018**

Yarrilee State School is very lucky to have a very talented and dedicated music team who provide a range of exciting programs as part of our school music program. In 2018 we have 2 school based Music Teachers, Mrs Rostedt and Mr Frangos as well as visiting specialists Mrs Conlon for Strings and Mr Wemyss for Brass, Woodwind and Percussion.

**Guitar Program:** This program has limited places for interested students in Years 2-6 and costs \$40 per year. This equates to a dollar per lesson. Lessons start in week 4. Mr. Frangos is responsible for the guitar program and he is happy to answer any queries about this program.

**Yarrilee Voices:** This is our performance choir for students in Years 4-6 and costs \$25 per year. This payment is for buses, competition entry fees and music copying and purchases. Auditions were conducted in the initial weeks of school for Years 4, 5 and 6 students. It is a requirement that all students in Yarrilee Voices have a Music Arts shirt. These can be purchased through the Tuckshop. Mrs. Rostedt is responsible for Yarrilee Voices and she is happy to answer any queries about this program. Yarrilee Voices rehearsals commenced on Tuesday of Week 3.

**Tiny Trebles:** Is for any student in Years 2 or 3 who wish to learn correct vocal techniques. After August Year 1 students may join Tiny Trebles and in Term 4 Prep students may also join in for Tiny Trebles Christmas Choir. Mrs Rostedt is responsible for Tiny Trebles and she is happy to answer any queries about this program. Tiny Trebles rehearsals commenced on Monday of week 2.

**Rock Bands:** Rehearsals started in week 3. Mr. Frangos's Junior Rock Band rehearses Monday in 2<sup>nd</sup> break (and into some class time), while Mrs. Rostedt's Senior Rock Band rehearses on Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> break and into the last session. These bands are by invitation only and form part of our Music Extension Program. This program costs \$40 per year for music, printing and equipment.

**Strings/String Ensemble:** Ms. Jenny Conlon is our Strings teacher and visits our school each Tuesday.

**Concert Band:** We welcome Mr. Kerrod Wemyss to the Yarrilee Music Team, replacing Ms. Harper. He is teaching Brass, Woodwind and Percussion, and is also leading the Concert Band. Mr Wemyss visits Yarrilee each Thursday.

### **CHEERLEADING/ POM AND GOLF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

Yarrilee State School prides itself on "Developing the Whole Child" and in 2018 we have some very exciting Enrichment and Extension Programs aimed at taking our student's learning above and beyond the classroom. This week children in Years 4, 5 and 6 were invited to attend an information session about our Cheerleading and Pom Enrichment Program and students in attendance have brought home notes about the recruitment audition process including what they need to prepare.

Children in Years 2-6 have also brought home information about our Golf Enrichment Program together with an application form and further information about what the program entails. If you missed out on this information copies of the information letters have been placed on the parent note section of our school website home page. There is also now a link with information about all of our 2018

enrichment programs on our school website. Just click on the tab "extracurricular" for more information.

### **BRINGING THE CLASSROOM TO PARENTS VIA OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE**

Did you know that Yarrilee State School is on Facebook? Our school Facebook page provides us with another form of communication with our parents and wider community.

I regularly post information and photos on the school Facebook page about school happenings, reminders, updates and general information about things that have been happening in classrooms.

If you have not visited our school Facebook page for a while please take the time to visit and see what is new at <https://www.facebook.com/YarrileeStateSchool/>. By "liking" our school Facebook page you will then receive updates and postings regularly through your Facebook newsfeed.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Sharon McMorrow

Principal

### **COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM**



Coles is excited to announce that the Sports for Schools Vouchers are back for 2018 and running from 7 February to 11 May. The program gives schools across Australia the opportunity to earn sports gear by collecting

vouchers from Coles. Through the Sports for Schools program, Coles has supplied over \$20 million worth of sports gear to over 7500 schools across Australia. Every \$10 spent at Coles during the program, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. A temporary collection box has been placed in the Student Services side of Administration and vouchers can be dropped in at any time.

### **GREETINGS YARRILEEANS,**

Book Fair is nearly happening. Posters are up around the school advertising the dates and times. Pamphlets will come home

shortly. Please remember not to come into the Library before school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb as the books will not have been delivered and in fact may not arrive until first lunch.

A big help for all working in the Book Fair at lunch times will be you providing your children with their money for purchases (in a named envelope) and a shopping bag so that they can keep their purchases together. The other advantage to this is that if the 'shop' becomes too hectic we can keep the bags and money with us, process the purchase after lunch and deliver the shopping bags with bought books and change (if required) before home time.

On another note, may I ask that if you receive a borrowed book/s printout in your child's borrowing folder instead of a book on borrowing day, it is only because we have to act on the information provided by our software. Sometimes a child's book has actually been returned to the library but for one of a few possible reasons it may not have been scanned for returning. In



such cases the book has been reshelfed but of course the computer thinks it is still in your child's name. This can be somewhat frustrating for all involved but a little time and patience is all I ask so that we can get to the bottom of the situation. A 'returned' note from you on the printout, or a visit to us will go a long way to solving the situation. Thank you to all who have helped already in this way. If the book cannot be located then it will have to be paid for but in the case of it being found and returned later, we will repay that cost to you.

Many thanks for your understanding,

Until the next newsletter,

Kenneth White (T-L)

### **CHAPPY CHAT -WHAT IS A CHAPLAIN?**

The school year has started off well for me. The biggest question people ask me when they find out I am a Chaplain at a school is what you do, so I thought I would share with you in this newsletter what a Chaplain is and what he or she does.

A Chaplain supports students, which in turn impacts upon social and emotional health and their success in learning and the development of life-long skills.

The School Chaplain's role is seen as vital in promoting and supporting the Values and Beliefs of the school. The role complements those of the teaching and support staff of the school but has the capacity to focus on the individual child and family with specific support to cater for a whole variety of needs that cannot necessarily be addressed otherwise.

Chaplaincy programs include:

- Pastoral care one-on-one to Students, Parents and Carers and Staff
- Programs for raising self-esteem and developing social skills
- Parenting programs
- Excursions and camps

In addition to the above, there are both formal and informal situations when the support of the Chaplain makes a significant difference by providing a layer of care that is immediate and timely when families find themselves in difficult situations that require complex problem solving and perhaps liaison with other agencies even beyond the educational context.

In line with school values, the global citizenship aspect of learning is developed through giving projects which are organized by the Chaplain – eg Christmas in a Shoebox.

The School Chaplains in the local area also work together when a school experiences a crisis and the skills of such a team can assist and support. Training and skills of the Chaplain are shared with school staff, assisting them to add to their own ability to cater for the needs of children.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is any need.

Chappy Neil

### **NORMAL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2018:**

Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30am

Thursday 2.30 – 3.30pm

Wednesday-Friday (Tuckshop Days) 8:30am-2:15pm  
excluding 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> break times

**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS**

Our Tuckshop is always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. If you can spare an hour or two on Wednes, Thurs or Friday, it will be much appreciated. Just contact Lyn at the Tuckshop on 41977111 or drop by the Admin office on the days indicated above to talk to Lyn, our Tuckshop co-ordinator.

**P & C MEETING**

The next P & C Meeting is Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb commencing at 3.10pm at the staff room. All welcome.

**KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PLAYGROUP**

Come along every Wednesday at the Hall from 9.00 -11.00am. Join us weekly to nurture your child's early education in a safe, supportive and interactive environment, where parents and children learn and have fun together.

**SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING**

Welcome back to a new year of school banking. Our banking day is Wednesday. Please have the student banking books to the Admin office before 9.00am and place them in the blue mail box. This year there are 8 new and exciting super saver reward items, with two released every Term. Students will have a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii. To enter, students simply make 15 or more school Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Saver Grand Prize Competition. We look forward to seeing some great savers this year! The School Banking Co-ordinators.



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