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News from the Principal- Sharon McMorrow

BOOK FAIR DRESS UP EVENING

This week Captain Bookbeard and his parrot Paragraph have taken over the library for our Term 1 Book Fair. The sounds of "Ahoy Me Maties" and "Arrrrrr" have been echoing across the school grounds as the love of literature has been brought alive. Mr White (AKA Captain Bookbeard) and his band of trusty pirate helpers are to be commended for their outstanding and tireless efforts to make this Bookfair such a success. On Wednesday night families were invited to a Pirate Dress up evening to join in with some games and story telling whilst attending the Book Fair. The response from our school community was overwhelming with pirates both young and old as far as the eye could see. I would like to thank all members of our school community for your fantastic support of the library and book fair.

TEACHERS INVOLVED IN VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TASKS

Our teachers from across the Year levels are involved in various professional learning activities focussing on our key improvement priority areas of Reading, Writing/ Word Study, Numeracy and Digital Technology and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Each Monday year level teams of teachers are released to work together with the HOC, Master Teacher, Principal and DP's on Literacy and Numeracy as they analyse student work and plan responsive teaching to address misconceptions in student understanding that may be hindering learning. These sessions are proving extremely valuable and play a vital part in our professional learning focus. This coming Wednesday all teachers will attend 3 hours of Twilight Professional Development from 3.00- 6.00

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PAYMENT DUE	
27/03/2017	SS Rewards Wetside Water Park
UPCOMING EVENTS	
17/03/2017	Prep "Old MacDonald's Farm" visit
17/03/2017	MS & SS Assembly 2.15pm-2.50pm
24/03/2017	JS Assembly 2.15pm-2.50pm
30/03/2017	All School Fun Run
31/03/2017	SS Rewards Wetside Water Park
No Late payments will be accepted	
Bank Account details for direct payment	
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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	

focussing on the Essential Skills of Classroom Management. Next week teachers will be working with the Principal and DP's as we work 1-1 to discuss student progress throughout the term in our key priority areas and focus on the achievement goals of our students.

AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS FOR IMPROVED SAFETY ON THE ROADS SURROUNDING YARRILEE STATE SCHOOL

There has been an overwhelming response to the P&C's E Petition: **"We need to keep our children safe on the roads surrounding Yarrilee State School- Urgent additional parking required before a child is injured."**



Thank you to all members of the Yarrilee family for signing and sharing this E Petition. If you have yet to sign the petition or share it with your friends and family there is still time to do so.

Please visit the link below to add your support:
<http://yarrileeparking-lnp.nationbuilder.com/>

On the 21st March the P&C, together with Ted Sorrensen, our State Member and Dennis Chapman, our local councillor, will travel to Brisbane to meet with the Minister regarding the community concerns regarding the safety of children on the roads surrounding Yarrilee State School.

It is hoped that by the Council, School Community and State Government working together a solution to the above concerns can be found.

CONCERNS ABOUT DRIVER BEHAVIOUR IN THE COUNCIL CAR PARK AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

Whilst we all understand and agree that parking in and around our wonderful school is an issue it is absolutely critical that driver behaviour in the Council Car Park and on the roads does not place our children at risk.

We have a growing number of incidents in which drivers are becoming agitated and making poor choices in the car park.

Under no circumstances will it be acceptable to verbally abuse, swear or threaten other drivers in the car park. We have young children and families in the vicinity of this car park and there is an unwavering expectation that all adults display appropriate language and behaviour in this area. We do not want our children exposed to inappropriate behaviour or conduct by frustrated, angry drivers.

Such forms of inappropriate behaviour will be referred to the Police for immediate follow up.

Our school community is working tirelessly as a united team to ensure that our most precious resource, our children are kept safe.

Please do not put our students in danger by poor driver behaviour. Remember a frustrated and angry driver is a dangerous driver.

Our children deserve to feel safe when they exit the school.

I would like to thank the large majority of parents and drivers who are doing the right thing and displaying patience and care in the car park and on the roads surrounding the school. I appreciate your ongoing support with this important issue.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROAD UPGRADE PROJECTS

Inside this fortnight's newsletter is some updated information from The Department of Main Roads and Transport regarding the intersection upgrades at: Pialba-Burrum Heads Road, Scrub Hill Road and Wide Bay Drive intersection upgrade; and

Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road and Urraween Road intersection upgrade.

These documents will be uploaded to the TMR project page in the coming days and can be accessed at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE URANGAN PIER

On Saturday 4th March twenty of our lucky Year 3 and Year 4 students were invited to participate in the Urangan Pier 100th Anniversary Celebrations.

The children participated in the street parade and had the opportunity to join in the Railway Picnics eating Ice-cream and Watermelon as they did 100 years ago.

What a wonderful once in a life time opportunity for our students and accompanying staff.

Our students represented their school with pride and we would like to thank all of our families for supporting this community event.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Sharon McMorrow
Principal

P & C INFORMATION

P&C DISCO

Our first disco for 2017 will be held next Friday, the 17th of March. Entry cost will be \$4. There will be a sausage sizzle, lollies, popcorn, drinks and glow sticks available for purchase.

Junior School disco: 6pm-7:20pm

Middle school/Senior School disco: 7:30pm-9pm.



EASTER RAFFLE

Easter Raffle ticket books have been sent home to families. Please ensure all tickets, including unsold books, are returned to the white P&C box in the office by Monday, the 27th of March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, the 29th of March. Winners will be notified. Extra books can be collected from the office.



1st Prize: \$75 Easter Hamper
2nd Prize: \$50 Easter Hamper
3rd Prize: \$25 Easter Hamper

FUNDRAISING MEETING

The P&C will be holding a fundraising meeting on Wednesday, the 15th of March at 3:10pm in the staffroom to discuss fundraising ideas for 2017. If you have some exciting, new ideas to share, or wish to be a part of the fundraising team, please come along.

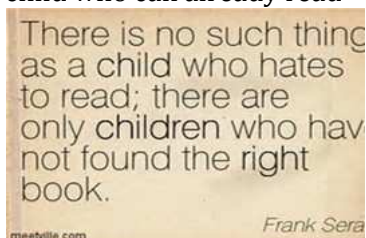
P&C AGM

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, the 20th of March at 3:10pm in the staffroom. If you are interested in a position on the

P&C committee or would like to become a general member of our hardworking P&C team, we would love to have you join us. Please feel free to bring your children along.

HINTS FOR PARENTS

Parents often wonder how they can help to develop the reading skills of their child who can already read all the words in the book, or are already fluent readers. The best way is to continue to share books with your child, regularly listening to them read, sometimes reading to or with them, but also discussing books read in increasing depth. Your child will be transitioning from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'.



Here are some questions that you could ask your child:

What has happened in the story so far?

What do you think will happen next?

Find two things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable?

Which part of the story was the funniest/scariest/saddest/ happiest?

Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.

What is the purpose of this book? How do you know?

Would you like to read another book by this author?

Why/ why not?

Of course, it doesn't have to be you asking the questions. Why not turn the tables and let your child ask you about your reading material? The greatest encouragement for your child is to see you, their most influential role model, reading.

SPORTS SPACE

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Jett Wright (AFL) and Riley Brooke, Narmi Page, Ebonie Hall and Harry Grimsley (Softball) who have been selected to represent Hervey Bay District from recent trials. District Basketball and Touch trials have been held this week and next week there are District trials for U/12 Rugby League, Netball, Tennis, Hockey and Soccer on March 16. If you believe that your child is a high achiever in these sports, please encourage them to make contact with the PE teachers. Certainly sports such as Netball, Soccer and Rugby League are highly competitive. Tennis players should already be participating at regular competition level.



Swimming is one of the greatest life skills we can give to our children. This year, both the Middle School and Senior School will be participating in a swimming program at the



Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre in Term 3. The benefits of going to the Aquatic Centre are that it offers a Learn to Swim program as well as both indoor and outdoor pools at distances of 25m and 50m in length. Trained Learn to Swim instructors will teach the students at the pool and will assess and award swimming certification accordingly. This certification will be used towards overall HPE achievement and provide us with valuable information about students' swimming skills before we include a water sport as part of the HPE curriculum in Term 4.

The Learn to Swim program will be 8 x 45 minute lessons with students being transported to and from the pool by bus. Cost of the program to be advised. Cross country is on 30th March. Please ensure any fundraising your child does is with an adult. If not participating in the fundraising, please return your forms. Remember all the money we receive, goes back to your children.

Finally, AFL has started on Monday afternoons. There were about 20 students from year 3-6 who attended. Your child could too! And it costs.....**nothing!**

Cheers

Mr Grimsley and Mr Boon

GREETINGS YARRILEEANS

Captain Bookbeard tells me that he has had a rollickingly good time at Yarrilee in his good ship, The End. Of especial note was the fantastically awesome Library Dress-up evening on Wednesday night. More than sixty children dressed as pirates to attend the evening with their parents, many of whom also dressed as pirates. A very successful evening was had with Piratery make and do activities, pirate food to eat and an awesome dress-up parade. Congratulations to everyone for all the fantastic effort that was put into the evening.



Once again, Yarrilee's community has displayed the knowledge that reading for pleasure is a fantastic entertainment tool. Dare I say it shivered me timbers to see how many books were bought throughout the week, achieving sales well in excess of \$5000.000, possibly close to \$6000.00. This incredible effort allows us to hold back and keep anywhere up to \$2100,00 for books from the BookFair shelves. Thank you everyone.

Until next Newsletter,
Kenneth White

DENTAL VAN NEWS

Just a reminder: The Dental Van is now at Yarrilee State School and our aim is to firstly see Year 5 and Year 1 students. We will complete any outstanding current Year 6 students not seen in 2016. If there are any students NEW to Year 6, please come to the dental van to receive a medical consent form. Please be patient, as all students who return their medical consent forms, when issued, will be seen at

our earliest convenience. (Forms will be issued as we progress through the year levels.)

If you have any further concerns, please contact us at the dental van or phone and leave a message on **0419762925**. We will be opened every Monday, Wednesday and Friday only.

PAYMENT METHODS

Our preferred methods of payment are:

BPoint – www.bpoint.com.au

QParents – www.qparents.qld.edu.au

All set-up procedure can be obtained via the individual web site or app store. Please see our office staff if further assistance is required.

Payments can also be made at the admin office

FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE 2016 FOR STUDENTS

All Queensland state school students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

Students will need to use their school email address to sign in. The subscription lasts for as long as they are a Queensland State School student.

To download Office 2016 to a PC or Mac, visit portal.office.com, log in using your school email address, click through to install and follow the on-screen process. For tablets and smartphones, download from the app store and sign in with your school email address. Detailed instructions are available at education.qld.gov.au/office2016.

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