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**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL – SHARON MCMORROW
NAPLAN REPORTS.**

Coming home with families this week are the 2016 NAPLAN reports for children in years 3 and 5. Accompanying the report is an information sheet to assist you in reading and interpreting the report. If you are the parent of a student in Years 3 or 5 you will be receiving an individual report of your child’s results for the tests they sat in May. These tests in key areas of literacy and numeracy provide parents and educators with a snapshot of how students are progressing — individually, as part of their school community and as a nation. NAPLAN results enable parents and teachers to see how students are progressing, not just within their class but also against national standards that have been agreed upon by all state and territory governments. NAPLAN is designed to provide data on a student’s literacy and numeracy achievements. It complements school assessment and provides nationally comparable data that allow for objective discussions, for successes to be celebrated, additional support focussed where it is needed and to address areas requiring improvement. Please keep an eye out for these important reports coming home with your child.

DATE CLAIMERS	
PAYMENT DUE	
24/08/2016	MS Sports Gala Day
30/08/2016	Author Visit
31/08/2016	Year 5 & 6 Swimming
02/09/2016	Prep Purple Park Geography Excursion
UPCOMING EVENTS	
15/08/2016	P & C Meeting 3.30pm Staff Room
17/08/2016	Richard Watt Eye Screening Yr 1 & 4
19/08/2016	EL & JS Assembly 9.00am
19/08/2016	MS & SS Assembly 11.30am
22/8 to 26/08 2016	Book Week
<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.	

GET YARRILEE FIT WALKING CHALLENGE.

[The Yarrilee Walking challenge started this Monday 8th August. All teachers, parents and students are welcome to join in. This year we have a record 22 teams of 6 participating.](#)

The aim is to accumulate at least 10000 steps each day of the week which is desirable for an active lifestyle. 10,000 steps is the recommended daily step goal for a healthy adult.

The '10,000 steps' goal puts a focus on the accumulation of activity across the whole day. With continual advances in technology and our workplaces becoming more sedentary, it now takes a concerted effort to make active choices. Some ideas are:

- Walk and talk with a colleague instead of emailing
- Parking the car further away from the entrance to shops
- Walk to the corner store for milk and the paper



- It is sometimes easier to make these choices when you have a motivational tool such as a pedometer reminding you how many, or how few steps you have done for the day.
- Walking outdoors is for everyone, even if you're already fit. A good dose of sunshine every morning will energise your body and provide you with the necessary Vitamin D to help you look and stay bright.
- Walking helps with de-stressing. As opposed to say, driving, where you're always focused on the road straight ahead, your brain has no problem with letting your eyes be distracted by passing things when walking, therefore loosening up your mind.
- Walking does not create any air pollution. The World Watch Institute estimates that every 1 kilometre of non-motorized travel keeps about 1 kilogram of pollutants out of the air we breathe. So if anything, let's try and keep our community as clean as possible!

At the end of the day, there will always be times when we're feeling lazy. But if for every reason not to get up and walk about, you can think of two good reasons why you should, then hopefully you can see the brighter side of things!

Please see the posters displayed on classroom windows and keep an eye out on our facebook page for more information.

[PLANET ARK TREE PLANTING DAY](#)

[Recently Toyota, the local sponsor for Planet Ark visited our school to kindly donate trees for our children to plant around the school for National Tree Day. We had children from across the year levels working with our kind sponsors to plant 20 trees around the Senior Oval Area near our Hall.](#)

[Thank you to Toyota and Planet Ark for supporting Yarrilee.](#)

INTRODUCING CHEYA OUR STORY DOG

We are very excited to announce that Yarrilee will soon be welcoming Cheya as part of the R.E.A.D Story Dogs Program. We will be the first state school north of Brisbane to join this wonderful program.

Story Dogs Inc is based on the successful American literacy program Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.). The R.E.A.D program was launched in 1999 in Utah USA, as the first comprehensive literacy program built around the appealing idea of children and young adolescents reading to dogs.

Story Dogs Inc improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method - reading to a dog. But not just any dog. Story Dogs are accredited companion animals who volunteer with their owner/handler as a team, going to schools and libraries. Why dogs?

Learning to read is often less about intellectual limitation than about overcoming fears.

"Fear can destroy intelligence," says educator William Ayers. Animals are ideal reading companions because

they help increase relaxation and lower blood pressure, listen attentively, do not judge, laugh or criticise, allow children to proceed at their own pace, and are less intimidating than peers or adults. (source:

www.therapyanimals.org/read/).



We look forward to sharing more information about Cheya and this exciting initiative for our school over the coming weeks.

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 over the past fortnight and Program 2, 3 and 4 filling fast. 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 McMorro
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK



Staff have noticed a tremendous interest in the trading of Pokémon Cards at school and trading is fun! However, there was a need to set up a more structured environment to help our young traders make the most of their efforts.

Students are not actually playing the game. They will just trade the cards to “get the strongest Pokémon” and they will be talking about the game *a lot* - with each other. Experts say swapping can be not only fun but also educational for school-age kids, who are just beginning to become more independent.

Trading with peers is a terrific opportunity for your child to practice the YCDI social skills like confidence in negotiating with others and getting along with others. This is being trialled in some Middle School classes only and they will hold a Pokémon Trading Day to ensure that fairness is occurring with trading. Their first trading day was great and they had 8 participants who conducted themselves extremely well.

Thank you to all the staff who issued the entry card and to Neroli Gilmour for the initiative.

ADOPT A COP

Thank you to Yarrilee State School Adopt a Cop, Constable Paul Davies who came for a visit. Paul met with selected students and discussed important messages around keeping themselves safe and treating others respectfully. Please ensure you speak with your own children about the need to stay safe and being respectful towards others.

VISION SCREENING

Richard Watt (Optometrist) and his team are still in the screening process at Yarrilee with Year 1 and Year 4 students. If your child was screened by the team, you will receive feedback on their results soon. Your child's classroom teacher will send these home as soon as they are distributed. Thank you to the parents who returned the permission slips and accessed such a valuable resource.

KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM

Koala Joeys is a free community initiative for parents and carers of children aged 0 – 5 years. The program focuses on empowering parents and carers to use nursery rhymes, songs, dance, movement and stories as a tool to form secure attachments. The program is followed by a free playgroup session.

Koala Joeys Family Program is held here at the Yarrilee Hall each Wednesday of school term from 9.00am to 11.00am. Enquiries can be made through our office by phoning 4197 7111.

Kiralee Backhouse

GO GREEN!

Last Friday students from Prep to Year 5 assisted in the planting of 34 tree seedlings, 14 Lillypillys and 20 Buckaroos. They were planted on the top oval, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Planet Ark Tree Planting Day. This program has been responsible for the planting of more than 21 million trees and plants nationally in that time. It was a very busy afternoon

working towards our goal of having some wonderful shade and a buffer between the oval and the new estate for our students. Thank you to all of the students and adults involved, it was a great afternoon. Also a huge thanks to Toyota and Planet Ark for supplying the trees, gloves and some pretty cool Planet Ark t-shirts for those involved.

Donna Ross

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

The P&C is running a competition this month (August) to source donations to be used as prizes for our Fete that is being held on Friday evening the 28th October from 4.00pm to 8.00pm at the Yarrilee State School Hall. The class who donates the most chocolates, whether that is blocks, bars or share packs, wins a class pizza party at a time that suits the class teacher.

Donations can be dropped off to the tuckshop before school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We have advertised this on our fete page and also on the Parents of Yarrilee page. Information will also be posted on the school Facebook page and it will be in the next newsletter. Just letting you all know in case your children mention it.

There will also be a fete committee meeting held next Thursday, 18th August so we will have a better idea of what stalls will be held at the fete. We will keep you all informed.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 1st September. The P & C Committee would appreciate volunteers on the day. As the stall runs all day at our school hall any time you can spare to assist will be appreciated.

Many thanks,

Sharon (President, P & C Committee)

GREETINGS YARRILEEANS,

One doesn't have to listen too hard now to hear the tide of business approaching the Library during the second half of this term; Book Week (involving an Aussie Book Character dress up parade on Thursday 25th August), Author visit by 'Cartoon Dave' Hackett on Thursday 1st September (keep those permission/payment forms coming in) and of course Book Fair during the week beginning Monday 5th September (make sure to look out for our special guest “Jolly” the swagman and come to the Library evening – wear your Aussie Book Character dress up again. Cartoon Dave will have a couple of his titles available at the end of the day's visit, though at this stage I am not sure which ones or how much they will cost. Dave is also happy to be photographed with children by their parents/carers. If anyone has the time to spare to help Jolly out during the Book Fair please let me know about that. We would really appreciate help before and after school and during lunch times but if you are able to help during class library visit times we will certainly appreciate that as well.

Until next time,

Kenneth White (T-L)

CHAPPY CHAT

Anxiety is one of the most common mental health problems experienced by young people today. Statistics show that one in ten young people experience some type of anxiety disorder and about half of people with anxiety disorders experience their first symptoms by the age of 11.

As a parent sometimes it can be difficult to calm children down just to go to school, or to go to a friend's house as there are a lot of reasons why children have anxiety. So I would love to give you a tip just to help in that calming process and it all starts with a BEAR. We all have had a teddy in our lives. They were given to us as a baby or as a present. A BEAR is something to cuddle, to let you know that things are ok. Teddy BEARs give you a sense that you can tell it the world and it understands and it is soothing. A Teddy Bear can help your child to:-

- BREATH- slowly
 - EXIT- from a situation
 - ASK -questions about what is happening
 - RELAX- knowing they are safe.
- So can I encourage you, as a family

to bring the BEARS out of the closet and put them in a place of prime importance...because you never know when you will need them to help with anxiety.

Cheers
Chappy

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT - TOBACCO LEGISLATION

Smoking is banned at state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

School land is defined as land on which a:

- state school provides education programs under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*
- non-state school provides primary education, secondary education or special education under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2011*
- state or non-state school provides other educational facilities, instruction or activities, for example, sports grounds, and including land that is owned or leased by the school.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. The smoking ban includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and electronic cigarettes. Enforcement officers will endeavour to monitor compliance with this legislation at Yarrilee State School in the near future. Persons found smoking on school grounds or within 5 metres of a school boundary may be issued an on-the-spot fine of \$243.00.

QPARENTS

A reminder to register for QParents on line. This is a way to access your child's student information online and stay connected to your school. You can access report cards and assessment, attendance records, invoice and payment details and online payments. Visit parents.qld.edu.au to find out more. To access Qparent information and your child's EQ ID please come into the office.

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YARRILEE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

At Helping Hands Yarrilee we are growing in numbers and we want your children to come and join in the fun. We run before and after school programs as well as catering for vacation care and pupil free days. You don't have to use us all the time. If you are running late from work, held up at an appointment or for any other reason a quick text is all it takes to have your children in the session you need. We also take bookings for children on regular days. We also cater for shift workers whose shifts change every week. We provide breakfast and afternoon tea every day. We have a variety of activities available on a daily basis including art, construction and ball games. To find out more please come and see us at the hall, phone: 0459 131 552 or email yarrilee@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.



SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD

The Advanced String Orchestra and the Concert Band all took out third place in their respective sections of the Maryborough Eisteddfod yesterday. The Beginner Strings Orchestra received the "Highly Commended" award. Congratulations to all students, teachers and families involved in making the Yarrilee music program so successful!

Circle of Security Parenting

FREE

There are times when parents feel confused, or not sure what their child needs from them. The Circle of Security Parenting group provides parents, or caregivers, with skills to better understand and respond to their child's needs and behaviours, resulting in happier family relationships. If you are caring for a child, and parenting is feeling stressful, phone for more information about this 8 week group being offered by Wide Bay Hospital & Health Service, at The Village Community Health Centre, 34 Torquay Rd, Pialba.



**HERVEY BAY
SURF LIFE SAVING
CLUB
2016-2017 SEASON**

**SIGN ON:
& FREE
SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST FROM 2PM TO 4PM AT THE CLUB HOUSE
SUNDAY 21st AUGUST FROM 9AM TO 11AM AT THE CLUB HOUSE
BIRTH CERTIFICATES MUST BE SITED FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS
COST: JUNIOR (U18) \$90
ADULTS AND FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

POOL SWIM: 28th AUGUST @ HERVEY BAY AQUATIC CENTRE BOUNDARY RD

10.00am – Under 8 / 9
 10.30am – Under 10 / 11 & 12
 11.00am – Under 13 / 14 / 15 & cadets

IF YOU MISS THIS DAY YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO GET A POOL SWIM CERTIFICATE FROM THE REGISTRAR, COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE POOL SWIM & HAVE IT SIGNED OFF BY A REGISTERED LEVEL 1 SWIM COACH BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY WATER ACTIVITIES.

**NIPPERS
STARTS:**

18th SEPTEMBER AT 9AM TO 11AM
 IT IS A REQUIREMENT OF SLSA THAT EVERY CLUB MEMBER MUST WEAR THEIR CLUB CAP DURING JUNIOR ACTIVITIES A PINK RASH VEST MUST BE WORN IN WATER BASED ACTIVITIES.
 UNIFORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE UNIFORM OFFICER (BEHIND THE BAR ON SUNDAY MORNINGS)

18th & 25th SEPTEMBER ARE OUR FREE COME & TRY DAYS....SEE YOU THERE!

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES
 EMAIL: secretary@herveybaysurfclub.com.au

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Enquiries to: Reception
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Prep Enrolment 2017

Dear Parent,

Are considering enrolling your child into Prep School in 2017?

STARTING SCHOOL CHECKLIST

FREE

- ✓ 4 years Growth & Development clinic
- ✓ Hearing screen clinic
- ✓ 4 year Immunisation

TO BOOK:

You will need to book for each clinic.

- 4 Year Check clinic
- Hearing screen clinic
- Immunisation clinic

 Bring your **RED BOOK** (Personal Health Book)

IMMUNISATION.

 4 years immunisation due after the 4th birthday

Immunisation clinics are held at Maryborough Hervey Bay Community Health Centres

To book contact Community Health Child Health to book into a clinic.

 Bring the Personal Health record book to immunisation clinic.

**FRASER COAST
Child, Youth & Family Services**

TELEPHONE: 4122 8733

Community Health Centre

Locations:

Hervey Bay:

"The Village" Community Health Centre
 34 Torquay Road, Pialba

Maryborough:

"Bauer Wiles" Community Health Centre
 167 Neptune Street Maryborough

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