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WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

Welcome back to a brand new and exciting term. We have many special events and activities scheduled throughout the term and it promises to be a term full of fantastic learning ahead.

I would like to welcome all of our new students and families to our wonderful school, we look forward to working with you throughout the term. This term Mrs Kiralee Backhouse will be in the role of Acting Deputy Principal for the Middle School and Mrs Ros Richardson will step up into the role of Acting Master Teacher.

Mrs Vanessa Brown will fulfil the role of Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy for the term and Mrs Amanda Otto will back fill Mrs Brown's Year 1 role for this term.

NAIDOC WEEK.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

The theme this year, Songlines - The living narrative of our nation - will highlight the importance of Songlines to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC week runs from the 3-10 July and there were some fabulous community events scheduled throughout the 2nd week of the school holidays.

As a school Yarrilee has been celebrating NAIDOC week throughout the first week of Term 3.

Across the school children have been learning about indigenous culture and the achievement and contributions of Indigenous Australians.

During library lessons this week, Mr White has been sharing indigenous stories with our children.

Children from across the year levels have been involved in creating their own art work using indigenous symbols to tell their story.

In music children from across the school have been learning traditional Torres Strait Islander Songs.

On Wednesday we were joined by a number of special visitors and invited guests who worked with year levels and classes from across the school.

DATE CLAIMERS

PAYMENT DUE	
5/08/2016	Year 4 Camp Deposit
UPCOMING EVENTS	
18/07/2016	P & C Meeting 3.30pm – Staff Room
21 & 22/07/16	School Photos
20 & 22/07/16	Prep Interviews 2017 commence
26 & 28/07/16	Pre Prep Program Group 1
02 & 04/08/16	Pre Prep Program Group 1
27/07/2016	Parent Teacher Interviews
29/07/2016	MS & SS Assembly 11.30am
29/07/2016	Student Council Free Dress Day- Gold Coin Donation
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.	
Uniform Shop Hours: Tuesday 8.30-9.30am & Thursday 2:30-3:30pm Tuckshop Days: Wednesday - Friday 8:30am-2:15pm 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; Friday 8am-3.30pm	

Great state. Great opportunity.





Children had the opportunity to experience:
Indigenous games and sports
-Work with the Dance Troupe from Torquay State School.

-Experience the Digeridoo and story telling with our special visitors
-Learn more about the meaning behind the name "Yarrilee".



Thank you to all of our invited guests and special visitors for sharing your stories and knowledge with our students and staff.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY TIME

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between the 11th and 29th July across all school in Qld. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate.

Information about the School Opinion Survey and access and log in codes were sent home with all families at the start of this week, together with the school photo information.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well and how the school can improve.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at school if you do not have access to a computer or the internet. School computers in the school library will be available before school from Monday – Thursday.

We thank you for your time with this task.

ACADEMIC AND EFFORT AWARDS

On Friday 15th July from 9.00am our whole school joined for a special assembly to present Academic and Effort Awards.

- Academic Awards are presented to students who achieved an A in either Maths or English along with an A or B in all the other academic subjects during Semester 1

- 100% Effort Awards are presented to students who achieved an Excellent grade for Effort in Years 3 to 6, or a Very Good grade in Years 1 and 2 in all subjects during Semester 1.

Invitations were sent home to all families of children receiving these awards with the report card at the end of Term 2.

Congratulations to all of our Award Winners. We are very proud of you!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are almost upon us again. Yarrilee's photo days are Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2016. On Monday 11th July (first day of Term 3) all families received an order envelope. The minimum cost will be \$25.00 for a class photo with process ranging through to \$45.00 for a premium pack.

Please keep an eye out for this important information in your child's school bag.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS.

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled on Wednesday the 27th July. Information letters were sent home with all children at the start of the week. Please keep an eye out for information in your child's school bag.

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 McMorro
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

PRE PREP PROGRAMS

If you have a child starting Prep in 2017 or have friends intending to enrol their children, please be sure to complete your enrolment application so that you can take advantage of our great Pre Prep programs which are filling very quickly. Below are the dates:

First Group (nearly full) – Tues 26 & Thurs 28th July & Tues 2nd & Thurs 4th August

Second Group - Tues 23rd & Thurs 25th August & Tues 30th Aug & Thurs 1st September

Times: 8.50am to 10.50am

Bring piece of fruit, water bottle & hat.

Meet at YSS Hall

KOALA JOEYS – ANGLICARE

New Starting Date for Koala Joeys Program-

Wednesday 20th July, 9.00- 11.00am



Endorsed by Queensland Health, the Koala Joeys Family Program is a free community initiative for parents and carers of children aged 0 – 5 years.

The Koala Joeys 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 runs for an hour and will be followed by a free playgroup session which also runs for an hour. It will be held on a weekly basis in our school hall. If you have family or friends who could benefit from this program, or you would like more information please contact our office. Bookings are essential and you can do this through our office on 41 977 111, or through Anglicare on 1300 114 397.

BUDDY BENCH

Thank you to the Hervey Bay Sunrise Rotary who have kindly donated a very special “buddy bench” to our school. The buddy bench has been built by the Men’s Shed Group and was presented on Thursday afternoon to our Student Leaders and Student Council Representatives, on behalf of Yarrilee State School. During 2015 the Student Council raised the idea of obtaining a buddy bench in our school. The idea of the buddy bench is that a seat (bench) is placed in a suitable location within the school. Our buddy bench will be positioned behind the Tuckshop, facing out towards the oval. Students might go and sit on the bench if they would like someone to play with, or someone to talk to. If any students notice someone sitting on the buddy bench they are encouraged to support our YCDI key “Getting Along” and ask them to join in, or stop and chat with them. It is a wonderful initiative and we thank the Men’s Shed and Hervey Bay Sunrise Rotary for supporting Yarrilee State School.



NEW PREP PLAYGROUND

Very exciting news, our new Prep playground has been completed and our Preppies are having the time of their lives. The sandpit is shoulder-to-shoulder with very sandy Preppies and looks like a pit of blue hatted crabs. We were very fortunate to receive additional funding to allow the construction of the playground and it is a

SCHOOL BANKING

In Term 3, we’re bringing the exciting news to School Bankers that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving those who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes. How to enter: Students must simply make three or more



delightful addition to our playground. I am sure it will bring bright smiles for a long time to come.

GREETINGS YARRILEEANS.

A couple of Library based events are happening this term. The week beginning 22nd August is Book Week and the theme this year is “Australia; Story Country”. Pupils will have heard and read the six Early Childhood books short listed for the CBCA book of the year and cast their votes to determine Yarrilee’s choice for the winning book. Hopefully the judges from the Children’s Book Council of Australia will see sense and vote the same way. Fortunately, “Australia; Story Country” happens to also be the theme for our second major event, Book Fair. Book Fair is being held during the second last week of the term (beginning 5th September). My good friend Jolly (a somewhat well-known swaggie) has agreed to come along for the week and run Book Fair. I’m sure he will tell the children many stories about jumbucks, highbrow land owners, billies of tea around campfires, billabongs and wrongly suspicious police. Until next the next Newsletter, Kenneth White (T-L)

CHAPPY CHAT

Welcome back to school. Talking with students, they tell me that the holidays were a great time to go to the beach, hang out with their mates, some went travelling and caught up with extended family and others just veged out at home. Whatever the activity was, it is great to be back at school, to catch up with friends and learning again.

So for this term Chaplaincy will be running two programs:

- Friendship Club (social), Thursday 2nd break at the Hall
- Breakfast Club, Friday at the Lighthouse, (permission slip required)

If you would like more information on these programs don’t hesitate to give me a call. Also ahead in the term, **Positive Parent Seminar “Raising Confident, Competent Children”** will be held on **15th September** so keep that one for the diary.

Until next time look after yourselves!

Cheers,
Chappy

School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs. What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes –PlayStation 4 packs. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

We're also giving your school a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at @200.00, when at least one of your students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

CHINESE LANGUAGE COURSE

Free beginner Chinese language course at Urangan State High School. 6 week short course begins Wednesday 27th July from 4.30-5.30pm. Contact Kimberly Vanzetta (Head of Department - Languages) at Urangan SHS to register. 41970111 or kvanz5@eg.edu.au.

HEA

We would like to extend a special invitation to your school students, their extended families and teachers to attend an interactive event at the All Abilities Playground in Pialba.

EVENT: HEARING FUN DAY

LOCATION: ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND

TIME : 10AM – 12PM

DATE: AUGUST 22ND 2016

Australian Hearing is celebrating Hearing Awareness Week and the Big Aussie Hearing Check in August.

This year we are very lucky to have our Hearing Bus in town and we would love to take your students on board and show them around.

On the day we will be hosting fun activities including; face-painting, bubble blowing and a free sausage sizzle, as well as interactive table displays, showcasing the latest in hearing technology.

Whilst we are unable to test the hearing of children when they are not at our centre, we can offer free checks

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