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News from the Principal—Sharon McMorrow.

**WELCOME BACK TO THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

I would like to welcome all of our new and returning students and families to the 2017 school year. It has been wonderful over the last couple of days to see so many happy, smiling faces ready to embark on a new year of learning. This year we have many new and exciting learning opportunities planned across the school. It promises to be a fantastic year as we embark on new ventures and expand many of our programs. This year we welcome some new and returning staff to the Yarrilee family:

- Mr Greg Cathcart – our new Middle School Deputy Principal
- Mr Dylan Kreis- to Year 3
- Ms Carolyn McNally – to Year 1
- Mrs Karen Searle- to the Lighthouse
- Ms Tassia Yeo- to Year 3
- Ms Sam Dunster- to Prep
- Mrs Emily Grimsley – to Year 6
- Mr Andrew Frangos- to Music and STEM/ Digi Technology Mentor
- Ms Larissa Rowe- to Music
- Mr Danny Grimsley- returning to PE

Please make them feel welcome if you see them around the school.

**INTERIM STAFFING THROUGH UNTIL DAY 8**

Schools across Queensland do not have their staffing arrangements confirmed until the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the school year to allow for new enrolments and those individuals moving in between schools to settle.

Here at Yarrilee we use as much information as we have at hand to determine the number of students returning to commence a new school year and also include new enrolments to our school to determine our classes. All schools across Queensland are staffed on a formula based on enrolments. If there is any change to class arrangements as a result of Day 8 Staffing collections we will contact parents ASAP to advise of any foreseeable changes.

DATE CLAIMERS	
<b>PAYMENT DUE</b>	
27/01/2017	Resource Scheme payment due
Dates TBC	Open Afternoons for Parents
UPCOMING EVENTS	
03/02/2017	M/S & S/S Assembly 2.10pm
<b><u>No Late payments will be accepted</u></b>	
<b>Bank Account details for direct payment</b>	
<b>BSB: 064-426</b>	
<b>ACC: 10180705</b>	
<b>Reference: Invoice Number or Student Name</b>	
<b>Please send an email once payment has been made to:</b>	
<a href="mailto:admin@yarrileess.eq.edu.au">admin@yarrileess.eq.edu.au</a>	
<b>Note: Please ensure BPOINTS &amp; EFT are submitted at least 2 days prior to due date as processing time is required.</b>	
<b>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</b>	
<b>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: 8am to 4pm; School Tuckshop: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am-2:15pm</b>	

## **NEW FACILITIES AND BUILDINGS ON THE WAY**

During this term work will commence on the installation of a new building with 2 teaching spaces in the Junior School area. This work is expected to be completed by the end of the term with a new building in place for the start of Term 2.

Our school is in a high growth area and with the expansion of the surrounding housing estates in our feeder area we are anticipating our school numbers to increase throughout the school year.

To ensure that we had an interim teaching space in the event that numbers increase before the new building arrives, temporary walls have been installed in our school library. This has created an additional, temporary teaching space if required.

Once the new building arrives the temporary walls will be removed and the library returned to its former state.

## **THE LEAGUE STUDIOS WILL NOW CALL YARRILEE HOME**

We are very proud to announce an exciting new partnership for Yarrilee State School. "The League Studios," Hervey Bay's newest dance school will be based at the Yarrilee School Hall.

Brad Wilmshurst (Principal) and Candice Willington (Director) are well known to many dance families in the Bay and we are very excited to be a part of this new venture celebrating the performing arts.

On offer at the League Studios are all dance styles including Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Acrobatics and Baby Ballet/ Jazz group classes; a range that caters for all preferences and abilities from beginners through pre- professionals. To find out more about the classes on offer please click on the link below at:

[www.theleaguestudios.com.au](http://www.theleaguestudios.com.au) or visit their Facebook page.

## **A REMINDER ABOUT THE USE OF THE STOP, DROP AND GO ZONE**

As all families would know parking around our school is in short supply. With the development of the surrounding housing estates, vacant blocks of land that were often utilised for additional parking now have houses located on them.

We have raised this issue numerous times with the Qld Transport Department, the Council and local members in the hope that we can improve the parking conditions for our families. Unfortunately this is beyond the school's control and rests in the hands of the above mentioned departments.

The carpark at the front of our school is considered a public car park and is under the jurisdiction of the Qld Transport Department. Like any public road it is subject to road rules and is therefore often monitored by the police and traffic infringement officers.

To help ease congestion in the afternoon can we suggest when possible to arrive 5 to 10 minutes after 3.00pm.

"The Stop, Drop and Go Zone" is designed for a quick pick up area. **Drivers must remain in their cars** in this zone and are not to leave their cars to come into the school to collect children. This creates huge issues in this area with parents unable to access the zone if cars are left unattended in this zone.

We appreciate your support in utilising this zone only for "Stop, Drop and Go" purposes.

## **PARENT OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOONS COMING SOON**

Please keep an eye out next week for information coming home from your child's class teacher about our "Parent Open Classroom Afternoons."

The purpose of these afternoons is to invite parents into classrooms, get to know your child's teacher, participate in some learning activities together with your children and learn more about how your child's classroom operates.

These afternoons are planned for Week 3 and information about the dates and times will be coming next week. Information about these sessions will also be shared on our school Facebook page.

## **I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING OUR 2017 LEARNING FOCUS ON OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER**

In the next issue of our school newsletter I look forward to sharing our school wide learning and innovation focus for the 2017 school year.

We have many exciting learning initiatives, new partnerships and programs of excellence planned for the year ahead as we set ourselves apart as an Independent Public School.

Please keep an eye out in our next newsletter.

## **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

## **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

### **LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURES**

Please come through the office for a "Late Arrivals" or "Early Departure" slip. This is passed to the classroom teacher for recording.

### **ABSENCE LINE**

When your child is unable to attend school for health or other reasons please contact our absent line and leave a message stating: child's name, learning group, parent's name and reason for not attending. Phone: 4197 7179

## KOALA JOEYS

Koala Joeys meet in the Yarrilee Hall each Wednesday from 9.00am to 11.00am. The Parenting Program/Playgroup is a free, fun community program for children aged 0 – 5. Please come along for a fun interactive morning. Just bring a water bottle and a snack.

See you there.

## RESOURCE SCHEME

If payment has not already been received, the Resource Scheme payment is now due.

## PAYMENT PROCESS

**As part of our payment processes in the office please be advised that notes for any excursion/activity involving payments will be sent home three weeks before the due date. Reminders will be placed on our Facebook page one week before the due date and a text message will be sent two days before the due date. Our newsletter also has these dates listed on the front page. All notes are available on the website on the home page. PLEASE NOTE: NO LATE PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED. If payment has not been made by the due date your child will not be able to attend excursions and or selected school activities. Our office staff are required to organise buses, catering and venues before the excursion, as well as letting all class teachers know who has paid. Thank you for your assistance and understanding in this matter.**

## PAYMENT METHODS

Our preferred methods of payment are:

BPoint – [www.bpoint.com.au](http://www.bpoint.com.au)

QParents – [www.qparents.qld.edu.au](http://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.

## RULE REMINDERS

- All playground equipment is OUT OF BOUNDS before and after school for ALL students.
- Students arriving before 8.10am wait at the front of the library 8:25am are to wait near the library area (EVEN IF PARENTS ARE WITH THEM) until the 8:25am bell when they can move to classrooms.
- ALL students are to have sun safe hats – caps are not permitted in the school and are not part of the school uniform.



## TUCKSHOP

Welcome Back! Just a reminder that the Tuckshop reopens next week and will operate on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The uniform shop also resumes its normal hours next week and will open on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30am and Thursday afternoons from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. If you have any enquiries, please phone the office.

## PARENT PARKING

To ensure the safety of our students we wish to remind parents that it is strictly prohibited to park within the school grounds.

## CANBERRA CAMP 2017 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Reminder: Once again we have been able to offer a strictly limited special camp experience for students in Years 5 and 6. This camp is in addition to the normal school camping program and is only on offer to a limited number of students. We have 2 seats available for this special trip to Canberra. If you would like to be placed on the expression of interest list, please contact the admin office for a form.

For parents who have paid the \$400 deposit, a final cost will be organised by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and the final payment day is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

For those families who have already paid the \$400.00 deposit, please be aware that you can part pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly to help with the cost of the camp.

## SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has begun in 2017. This year we have the most amazing prizes ever! Tablet covers, pencil/tech cases, earphones, just to name a few. Plus each child has the chance to win a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland. WOW! Keep an eye out for the banking flyer and start saving today, while helping your school raise valuable resource funds. We look forward to sharing your banking journey with you 2017. Genevieve and Amanda Banking Co-ordinators



## PARENT NEWS -

A reminder that the QParents app for parents from Department of Education is available.

### What is it?

QParents is a web and mobile application that provides a mechanism for parents/carers of Queensland State School students to access and update information about their child and to communicate directly with their school.

### What is included:

Once a parent has registered an account with QParents and has added their students, they will have **secured on line access to information such as their student's:**  
\*attendance details \*report cards \*timetables \*invoices \*payment details.

**QParents** Account owners will also be able to update student details and let the school know of changes to normal routine, such as when the student is unwell or has to leave early.

## GREETINGS YARRILEEANS,

Soooo good to be back!!! There is a lot happening in the Library this term ... what's new?? This term's Book Fair sets sail under the theme "Bookaneers – Where books are the treasure" happening from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March until the close of business on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. So who else could I ask but my excellent friend from my sailing days around

the dangerous African Cape of Good Hope, Captain Bookbeard!!!! OOOooohhhhh AAarrgghh!!!!!! And of course his finely feathered shoulder parrot friend 'Paragraph' will accompany him. Captain Bookbeard and Paragraph will spend the week at Yarrilee while I look after his pirate ship, 'The End', whilst from the Poop Deck I oversee her mangy crew as they repair her sails, scrub her decks and scrape the barnacles from her bare keeled bottom. During the week there will be a pirate dress-up evening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 5:30 til 7:00. Piratery activities will abound, three volunteer scabby pirate parents will judge the costumes, and you will all enjoy the plates of crumbly, mouldy, maggot infested pirate foods you bring along to share ... and of course Captain Bookbeard will read a couple of stories ... hopefully pirate ones. I'm sure we'll see plenty of scabbed and scarred swabs in an array of pirate finery with a few hand hooks, curly locks, cutlasses and flintlock pistols (not real please). Some of you will have seen the classroom walls that have been constructed within the Library. This is to provide an extra class room we will need for Term 1. In the meantime, children can still come to the Library at lunch times although we can only let in the first 30.

If your children still have Library books at home, please return these books as soon as possible as others may wish to borrow them.

Until the next newsletter,  
Kenneth White (T-L)


### DENTAL VAN NEWS

We would like to advise parents we are 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 closed from the 18th Jan to 7th Feb inclusive, and we will be open the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, and then open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday only.

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# SPORTS SPACE



Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2017 from the HPE team at Yarrilee SS. Mr Daniel Grimsley will be teaching the Senior and Middle school HPE classes, whilst Mr Bob Boon will be teaching most of the Prep – 3 HPE classes on Wednesday to Friday.

The HPE (Health & Physical Education) curriculum can be found at

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

In particular, Junior school students will be to establishing rules and expectations whilst developing Gross Loco-Motor skills, co-ordination and running techniques. The Middle & Senior school students will be engaged in orienteering & endurance activities in preparation for the cross country. Health will focus on our YCDI keys as well as the human body.

There will be plenty of sporting opportunities occurring in 2017, starting in Term 1 with the range of events and trials outlined below. For those interested, around the end of Term 1 and the Easter period is a peak time for zone sport.

**14 Feb:** Swimming nominations due in for Wide Bay Swimming.

**17 Feb:** AFL Boys 10 – 12 Years Gala Day.

**23 Feb:** Hervey Bay Zone Trials for U12s AFL and Softball.

**9 Mar:** Hervey Bay Zone Trials for U12s Basketball and Touch.

**10 Mar:** Primary Schools Gala Day: Year 5 & 6 playing Rugby League, Soccer, Touch and Netball.

**16 Mar:** Hervey Bay Zone Trials for U12s Rugby League, Hockey, Netball, Soccer and Tennis Trials

**20 Mar:** Hervey Bay Zone Trials for U10s & U11s Rugby League

**Week 10:** YSS Cross Country.

We are very fortunate for having outside organisations visit the school to deliver programs which encourage students to be involved in new clubs and sports within the community.

The Auskick AFL program is one such organisation that will be delivered through the HPE curriculum during Term 1 and Oztag will also be in attendance later in the year.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be a part of these programs please inform the office in writing with your child's name and class.

Starting in Week 3 of this term, an AFL Development Program will be run by Mr Grimsley.

Interested students 9 years and over can attend to enhance their AFL skills and knowledge. Notes and medical forms will be distributed and need to be returned; ready to start Monday 06 Feb.

Feel free to come and ask if you have any sporting queries. The best way to help your child is by ensuring that they have a YSS sun smart hat each day for school as there is plenty happening in lunchtime sport, as well as PE.

Cheers

Mr. Grimsley and Mr. Boon



## FIND A FROG IN FEBRUARY



Community assistance is needed to find out where our frogs are living from Burrum Heads south to Perigean and west to Conondale Range, Kilkivan and Mt Walsh. Frogs are a vital component of ecosystems and can be good indicators of environmental health. But they are in trouble world-wide due to habitat loss, pollution and disease and we need to know more about where they are.



Can you help? We want to improve our knowledge in the Mary, Noosa, Burrum River catchments and coastal region in between.

Information gathered will help to improve the plight of frogs through awareness and thoughtful management.

All records will be stored in the WildNet database (Queensland Government) where it can be accessed by researchers, planners and anyone who is interested.



Jump into being a frog searcher this February. You don't need to be able to identify frogs, just record your observations, take photos and/or record their calls. We will do the identification.

A copy of the Queensland Museum pocket guide; 'Frogs of South East Queensland' is available to the first 200 frog finders.

Record sheets are available through the Mary River Catchment Coordinating committee office or website

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