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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL- SHARON MCMORROW

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

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 fortnight alone we have:

Junior School swimming commencing for our Prep to Year 2 children.

Student Council "Footy Colours" Dress up Day to raise funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Pre Prep Program 3 commencing for our 2018 preppies.

Yarrilee is hosting the Hervey Bay Maths Cluster meeting for teachers across the Fraser Coast.

Walk to School Day on Friday of Week 2.

TERM 4 STAFFING UPDATE

This term we welcome back new and returning staff to our school.

Mrs Vanessa Brown returns to the role of Learning Support Teacher.

Mrs Leanne Rostedt returns to her Music role, teaching classroom Music, Yarrilee Voices, Tiny Trebles and Guitar Group 5 working Monday – Thursday. Mr Andrew Frangos will teach classroom Music on Fridays and also continue with the Junior and Senior Rock Bands, Guitar Groups 1-4.

Mrs Renee Horgan will be teaching the class of S5AL for term 4.

Mrs Lynda Eadie commences in the Admin Officer role in our front office.

FRONT OFFICE UPGRADES AND EXTENSION NOW COMPLETE AND OPEN FOR BUSINESS

This week we start the new term with our front office extensions and upgrades completed.

We now have a dedicated Parent/ Visitor area and entrance at the front of the school office and a separate Student Services area which is accessed through a dedicated entrance door at the rear of the office opposite the school library. The additional

DATE CLAIMERS	
PAYMENT DUE	
UPCOMING EVENTS	
10/10/2017	Pre Prep Program Group 3
11/10/2017	Ace Open Day
13/10/2017	Walk to School Day
13/10/2017	Junior School Swimming
13/10/2017	MS & SS Assembly 2.15pm
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, 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	

Great state. Great opportunity.



space and facilities will allow our administration office in a large, growing school to operate more efficiently for both parents, visitors, staff and students.

The new facilities look fantastic and the construction team from Torbay Constructions have been an absolute pleasure to work with.

Our Professional Learning Block is not far away from completion with landscaping and telecommunications currently being finalised. The building is due for handover in the coming fortnight, weather permitting.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to ensure that we are well prepared, and staffed appropriately for the 2018 school year it is essential that our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible. We are currently experiencing major growth in our enrolments across the year levels and it is essential that we plan ahead to ensure that we have facilities and classrooms spaces for families that reside in our catchment area.

If you have family or friends who are planning on relocating to Hervey Bay or enrolling in our school for the 2018 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.

Yarrilee State School is now an enrolment managed school. With the substantial growth we are currently experiencing new families who reside outside of the catchment area are encouraged to place their child's name on the Out of Catchment Enrolment List as soon as possible. If there are Out of Catchment vacancies available they are placed on a waiting list in order of submission. All out of catchment offers are made in order of the waiting list.

If you know that your children are not returning to Yarrilee in 2018 can you also please inform the school office as soon as possible so we can ensure our class planning and available vacancies data is as accurate as possible. Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try and ensure a smooth start through accurate staffing, facilities and class numbers for the upcoming school year.

CLASS PLACEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2018

If you would like to provide information that may assist with the placement of your children in the 2018 school year a Class Consideration Proforma form has been created. These forms are available in the school office or on the home page of our school website from today. All requests must be made in writing and are due for return to the school office by Tuesday 17th October.

STUDENT FREE DAY MONDAY OCTOBER 16TH

Just a friendly reminder that Monday the 16th October is a Student Free Day across all Qld State Schools. Staff will be involved in important professional development and Strategic Planning throughout the day.

Outside School Hours Care will be operating on the Student Free Day in the school hall. If you would like more information about our Outside School Hours Care Program and how you can access this service on the Student Free Day please phone or Email Jess on 0459 131 552 or email OSHC at yarrilee@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au for a quote.

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 Minister, 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 Fraser Coast Council. Like any public road it is subject to road rules and is therefore often monitored by the police and traffic infringement officers.

"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.

STAYING ON TOP OF AND UP TO DATE WITH EVENTS IN THIS BUSY TERM

With such a busy term planned there is often a lot of last minute information and details that we need to communicate to families.

Our school Facebook page is a main avenue for sharing this information as we are then able to share information as it comes to hand.

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.

Did you know:

If you don't interact with our page (liking and sharing posts or adding comments) Facebook will think you are not interested and eventually you will stop seeing us in your newsfeed.

If you think you may have been missing out on posts and important information drop by for another look to see what you may have missed at <https://www.facebook.com/YarrileeStateSchool/>

Whilst you are there like, a photo, make a comment or like someone else's comment.

If you don't interact with pages you lose them and as the saying goes: "Out of sight out of mind!"

PREP 2018 ENROLMENTS AND PRE PREP PROGRAM

The 2018 Prep enrolment process is well underway with many families enrolling and attending interviews. To ensure that our future Preppies have the best start and transition to formal schooling Yarrilee State School implements a very comprehensive Pre Prep Program. Each Pre Prep Program consists of 4 scheduled school visits, each with a particular theme in which children participate in a variety of classroom and school activities including whole class instruction, rotational, hands on activities, music/ movement, PE, visits to the library and much more. Each of the 4 sessions within the program runs from 8.50- 10.50am.

These programs are a wonderful opportunity for our future preppies to become familiar with our school and staff, join in classroom activities and make new friends prior to starting school in 2018.

At the end of each session the children are given a Takeaway Pack full of activities and ideas to continue their learning through until the next session.

Bookings for these programs are essential as spaces can fill fast. Click on the picture below for program dates and times.

Students born between the 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 are eligible for the preparatory year of school in 2018. If you haven't already done so, parents are encouraged to collect a Prep enrolment pack from the school office and register for our Pre Prep Program. Yarrilee State School is now an enrolment managed school. New families who reside outside of the catchment area are encouraged to place their child's name on the Out of Catchment Prep Enrolment List as soon as possible. Out of Catchment Prep vacancies are offered in order of the waiting list.

PRE PREP PROGRAMSCHEDULE FOR 2018

Program	Theme/ Date	Theme/ Date	Theme/ Date	Theme/ Date
Pre Prep Program 1 Completed	Tues 15 th Aug	Thurs 17 th Aug	Tues 22 nd Aug	Thurs 24 th Aug
	Tues 29 th Aug	Thurs 31 st Aug	Tues 5 th Sept	Thurs 7 th Sept
Pre Prep Program 2 Completed	Tues 10 th Oct	Thurs 12 th Oct	Tues 17 th Oct	Thurs 19 th Oct
	Tues 31 st Oct	Thurs 2 nd Nov	Tues 7 th Nov	Thurs 9 th Nov
Pre Prep Program 3 8.50-10.50am	Food "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"	Animals "Dear Zoo"	Colours "Where is the Green Sheep"	Transport "Wheels on the Bus"
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	Tues 31 st Oct	Thurs 2 nd Nov	Tues 7 th Nov	Thurs 9 th Nov

Have a wonderful fortnight,
Sharon McMorro
Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Next week we have Ebonie Hall, Cortess Hawkins McCaskill and Mia Wright competing for Wide Bay in athletics. The girls have been putting in the work over the holidays and we wish them all the best for their state competition.

We have been fortunate to receive some funding to run some golf programs for some of our classes. Whilst not all classes are involved, some classes in Middle School will be involved during sport time on Friday afternoons this semester. Thanks to Mr Hodge who prepared a grant submission for this.

Swimming lessons will start this week in classes P-2. This is a great opportunity for your children to be prepared for the summer heat.

I am continuing to run some AFL games at lunchtimes although as Summer approaches, I may offer some different lunchtime activities.

Finally, a school AFL football jumper was found in Vinnies this week. We have several footy jumpers which have been missing for some time. If your child has been involved in school representative sport over the last couple of years, can you please check that a small AFL jumper is not folded away in a cupboard! If you do come across one, or maybe an ex-student you know may still have one, please send it in to school.

Kind regards
Mr Grimsley

GREETINGS YARRILEEANS

Welcome back to school. If you come into the Library this term you will notice a fantastic change. We now have a unique feel in the Yarrilee Resource Centre with the attachment of Bay End Panels (that will eventually hold display materials and books) and wheels on all our shelves which will allow for easy physical floor space changes. This could have been bought through a Library supplies company and cost the school as much as \$20000.00 but we have on staff an amazing Groundsman, Mr Pat Edwards, who has stepped well outside the bounds of his job description in relation to this project. Mr Edwards has donated countless hours in the last 6 months choosing suitable boards, cutting and routing to shape, coating with estapol, attaching the boards as well as welding all our new wheels before attaching them to the shelves. If you see Mr Edwards around the school grounds please make sure to thank him for his donated time and skills. I tip my hat to you Sir.

Orders can be made online (the quickest way to receive books etc) or you can send the filled in pamphlet back to the Library by October 23. This is the final date that we can accept physical pamphlet orders. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Until next time, yours in education,

Kenneth White

The level of generosity of the children, parents and teachers at Yarrilee State school towards kids living in very difficult circumstances in the developing world is astonishing.

This year, we celebrate the sending of more than 100 shoeboxes. Australians and New Zealanders packed a record number of 321,526 shoeboxes for children in need last year and this year we are part of that. Thank you for those who have contributed. It is time now to bring them back to school filled, unfilled or only partially filled. Bring them back to your classroom and on the 20th October we will have a parade where we will deliver the boxes to Julie Terry the Operation Christmas Child Coordinator in this area. The boxes need to be in by the 16th October so we can organise them before the 20th.

THANK YOU!

Chappy Neil

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

A big thank you to all of the parents and friends of Yarrilee who have supported us through the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. The final count is almost complete and we will have over 49 800 stickers, so a huge effort. This will now be sent to Woolworths for verification and once this happens, we can then begin to choose much needed resources for our school. We will keep you up to date with what has been purchased.

Kind Regards,

Donna Ross

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P & C NEWS

FETE DONATIONS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Tenisha from J1HB, the winner of our \$10 tuckshop voucher for donating the most chocolate bars in our last competition.

From Tuesday the 3rd of October, the P&C are holding another competition in the lead up to our fete. This time it will be a class competition, with the class who donates the most items winning a pizza party.

Items we are sourcing include:

Items for our Year 1 Lob a Choc stall: Full size and packs of fun size nut-free chocolate bars (Mars, Crunchies, Cherry Ripes etc.) and blocks of chocolate.

Items for our Year 2 Lucky Jar stall: Lolly pops and wrapped lollies, novelties, hair ties and clips, stationery items, small toys, balls, key rings etc, absolutely anything that would fit in a jar.

Prizes for our Year 3 Balloon Pop stall: books, toys, stationery packs, sporting goods, novelties etc, anything that would make a great prize to win. Boys, girls and unisex items are needed.

Bonus points are up for grabs for larger prizes. Items can be dropped off at the tuckshop. The competition ends on Friday, the 13th of October. Thank you to our Yarrilee families for your continued support. It is much appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FETE

The P&C are requiring a number of volunteers to help set up and run stalls at this year's fete. A roster is now in the office for volunteers to select timeslots that they wish to volunteer for. Keep an eye out also for a slip that is coming home that can be filled out and returned to the P&C box in the office. We appreciate all the help we can get, even if you only have an hour to spare.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR RIDE PASSES YET?

Unlimited ride passes are on sale now from the tuckshop. We have some great rides at this year's fete including Dodgems and the High Flyer. Be sure to take advantage of the great saving on offer by purchasing your ride tickets prior to the fete for just \$27. At the fete they will be \$32. Forms for ride passes have also been sent home. Please return to the white P&C box in the office. Tickets will be issued to class teachers who will pass them on to the student to come home. Keep them safe and don't forget to bring them with you to the fete.

CAKES AND BAKED GOODS

Our Senior School is running this year's Cake Stall and need some goodies to sell at the fete. We would love donations of cakes, cupcakes, slices, muffins, and any baked goods that can be made. If you're a whiz in the kitchen and would like to make some to donate to our cake stall, we would love your help. Baked goods can be dropped to the hall on the morning of our fete, Friday the 3rd of November. Please make sure that they are covered on a plate/tray and have the ingredients listed. Thank you.





You Can Do It Keys to Success: Week 2 **Getting Along** Week 3 **Confidence**