

# The Old Bush Telegraph

Newsletter of Yarrawarra Public School



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Wednesday, 27 February 2019

There is a lot happening in our little school. Lots of teaching, learning, looking after each other, and work to keep our school safe and looking beautiful.

## Writing Matters

This week all students will complete a writing task which will be marked by teachers. The purpose of this assessment is to understand what students can currently do, and to inform teachers of the particular needs of their students in the area of writing. Over the next few weeks, our teaching team will be working in stage teams, and as a whole team, to analyse these results and to plan targeted strategies that meet each student at their point of need. Writing is a key component of literacy and is a part of what teachers refer to as expressive language. At home, the primary way of communicating is by speaking. In the busyness of everyday life, parents don't always get the opportunity to see their child write a story, recount or persuasive text. This week I would encourage all parents to speak to their child about writing. Ask them what they like to write about, what they find easy and what they find hard about writing. Perhaps even read one of your child's stories and give them some feedback (two stars – things you really liked, and a wish - something to improve next time).

## Upcoming Events

### Term 1

#### Week 5

Thursday 28 February	Gymnastics STEPS Vision Screening for Kindergarten
Friday 1 March	Clean Up Australia Day PSSA & School Sport
Saturday 2 March	YPS P&C Working Bee
Sunday 3 March	YPS P&C Working Bee

#### Week 6

Tuesday 5 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 6 March	Gymnastics
Thursday 7 March	Gymnastics
Friday 8 March	PSSA & School Sport K-6 Assembly 2pm - 5/6Krypton

#### Week 7

Wednesday 13 March	Gymnastics
Thursday 14 March	Gymnastics Selective High Schools Testing
Friday 15 March	PSSA & School Sport

## Sportstars

Congratulations to all those YPS students who have trialled for Zone PSSA Teams over the last few weeks. It is an achievement just to be considered for these highly competitive teams. Special congratulations to Tayla H-S who was selected in the Zone Tennis Team, Jacob W, Thomas R and Oliver C who was selected in the Zone AFL Team, Charlie B, Abbey G for Zone Basketball and River M who was selected in the Zone Rugby League team. We

wish them luck as they now trial for places in the Sydney East Teams.

### PSSA

PSSA training has begun on Friday mornings (8:15am- 8:50am). Students who are in these teams are to meet teachers in the school playground and will train on the oval adjacent to our school. Please note there is no supervision of other students at school until 8:50am. Parents should make appropriate arrangements for siblings of PSSA students.

### Oval Update

You would have noticed our grass playground is still closed. Following the discovery of building materials last year after heavy rain and wind, the school has been working with the Departments Asset Management Unit to assess the condition of the oval and plan for future remediation. We have received a Clearance Certificate for the oval and are awaiting a final report and recommendations before deciding on the best course of action.

### High School Info

Year 5 and 6 parents please note that many of the secondary schools will be holding open day events over the coming weeks. Please contact the schools you are interested in visiting to find out the details, we do not always get sent the information. It is important to visit the schools to assist with your decision making. Year 6 families will be completing HS enrolment forms and applications this term, so we advise that Year 5 families make the effort to visit this year. Out of area applications are required by most high schools and each have their own criteria, it will be more than simply writing the request on the enrolment form. If you are considering an out of area enrolment, we

encourage you to begin this process now so that you can be informed of the process.

### Working Bee

You may have noticed in the playground that preparations are well underway for our P&C working bee this weekend (Saturday 2/3). Thanks to Matt and Kelly Stubbs for donating their time and skill with the bobcat, to transport mulch and clear back some garden beds. Thanks also to Cam and the P&C team for organising the delivery of new mulch. We really appreciate the help! This Saturday we will be completing some gardening, cleaning and mulching around the playground. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work" so we would love to see you here. Thanks P&C for organising this event.

### Congratulations

Finally, on behalf of the whole Yarrawarrah community, I would like to extend warm congratulations to Mrs Paine and her husband who are expecting their third child later this year. We all wish Mrs Paine and her family well as they prepare for the new addition. We are still finalising the teaching arrangements of Kinder Gold and will advise parents of who will replace Mrs Paine as soon as possible.

**Steve Austen**  
**Principal (Rel)**

### CHICKENS

We are in need of volunteers to help look after our chickens for Term 1. If you are able to assist us on any weekend please contact the school office. Thank you



## A Message from the School Office

The school will be introducing a new form of communication to our parents and school community in the next few weeks and we will update you with this communication system once launched. In the meantime please keep up to date with our school newsletter, Facebook page and the school website <http://yarrawarra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

## From the Library - Outback Book Drive

Following the huge success of last year's Outback Book Drive which culminated in 320 kgs of new and preloved books being donated to families living on remote stations in the Broken Hill area, a repeat performance is underway.

Tibooburra and Lightning Ridge will be this year's recipients. So dust off those shelves and if you find a reasonably current book or two in good condition that you no longer need, bring them to the library to add to our collection.

Currently we have approximately 80kgs of books that have been donated and are happy to accept more, so please keep them coming.

Thanks as always for support of all things YPS.

**Ms P - Librarian**



## Upcoming State Election 23 March

Our school will be a polling booth at the upcoming State election on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is the perfect opportunity for the P & C to involve the wider community in our fundraising efforts whilst they visit our school. We will be holding a BBQ and cake stall on the day and ask that everyone contributes however they can – by baking goods for the cake stall, volunteering to serve on the cake stall or BBQ or if unavailable on the day and /or not keen to bake, at least perhaps donate \$10 so that we can cover costs of doing some extra baking on your behalf. A note requesting your availability to volunteer plus further info, will be sent home with cake boxes or donation envelopes with your child very soon.

**Karen Ezzy**

**Fundraising Co-ordinator**

**P & C - Any questions call 0414 851 470**

## Thank You

To Kerry Flower for the generous donation of stationary and office supplies to Yarrawarra Public School.

# Community News & Events

**ATTENTION PARENTS/CARERS OF CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE CHILDREN IN YEARS 2, 3 AND 6** - Should you wish to register your child/ren in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, (Yr2) First Holy Communion (Yr 3) or Confirmation, (Yr 6) at St John Bosco Engadine Parish, please register online ([www.bosco.org.au](http://www.bosco.org.au)) Should you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to email the Parish Sacramental Coordinator, (Kay Macadam) at [boscossacraments@gmail.com](mailto:boscossacraments@gmail.com)

Thank you.

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

## **SCHOOL WORKING BEE**



### **Let's look after our school together**

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Time: 8am till 4pm (or any time in between)

Bring: Any gardening tools such as wheelbarrow,  
shovel, rakes, gloves, water blaster

Plus, bring a water bottle, hat, sunscreen

Food: Morning tea and Lunch will be provided

Contact: Cameron 0407660706

If anyone has a bobcat and could volunteer for the day or part  
of the day please make contact with Cameron asap.

**This is a great opportunity to work alongside your children and  
other families to keep our school looking amazing.**

**Hope to see you all there!!**



**FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN, WORLD COMPLIMENT DAY, DR. SEUSS DAY, SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY,  
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY & BUSINESS CLEAN UP DAY AT CAMP AUSTRALIA YARRAWARRAH  
26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**



Next week on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, Mrs. Hunt (centre & school parent) has kindly agreed to run a baton twirling session with the children. It should be lots of fun and we encourage you to book in for the afternoon if your child would like to join in the activity. Please book in via the parent portal or phone. It should be a wonderful afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs. Hunt for volunteering her time to teach the children the art of baton twirling.

Hi Everyone,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Austen from all at Camp Australia Yarrawarra Public School OSHC. I meant to include this welcome in my previous newsletter item. Mr. Austen has already shown great support for our service. We hope you enjoy your time at Yarrawarra and we look forward to working with you and the school community.

We recently celebrated Friendship Week and Valentine's day with a party afternoon and a huge range of activities to appeal to all children. The activities included: FRIENDSHIP CARDS, FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS, SHOPS / CAFÉ CREATION, FRIENDSHIP CHAIN, MARBLE MAZE, COOKING – RICE BUBBLE HEDGEHOG, MUSICAL STATUES, BINOCULARS, FACE TIME, HULA HOOP GAMES, CHATTERBOXES, 15 MINUTES OF FAME, COOKING – FRUIT SHAPES, ORIGAMI ELEPHANTS, CREATE A DANCE MOVEVENT, BECOME A WILDLIFE WARRIOR, CHESS & BLINDFOLD OBSTACLE GAMES. The children who attended were given a Friendship band to take home. We had a wonderful afternoon with party food and so many activities to participate in throughout the session. Thank you to all who attended and joined in the fun.



We have completed our emergency drills and we hope that all children and Educators now feel confident in our emergency drill procedures. The children joined in responsibly and even our Kindergarten children demonstrated a good understanding of our procedures. Last week, as it was International Mother Language Day, the children enjoyed learning languages during the afternoon and then sharing the words they had learnt. We also joined in activities for World Thinking Day and International Aspergers Day.

This week we are celebrating the first day of Autumn (creating leaf art), World Compliment Day (compliment box & sharing compliments), Dr.Seuss Day (enjoying Dr.Seuss books & making hats), Schools Clean Up Day, Clean up Australia day & Business Clean Up Day (poster creation & recycling activities). We are also having a handball competition, soccer and football skills activity. T

This year we have welcomed Victoria Bullard, Educator, to our team. Victoria kindly brought in balloons this week to create balloon animals for the children. Thank you, Tori – the children have loved your creations!!! We hope you enjoy working at Yarrawarrah.



Program **Details**: To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit.  
[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

Hope to see you at Camp Australia Yarrawarrah very soon!!!  
Have a magnificent week.

Keep on Smiling!!!  
Colleen Sanderson: Coordinator 😊

### Join in the fun at our OSHC program, your first session is FREE!\*

We are excited to announce that your child can now come and try their first day of Outside School Hours Care for **FREE!** This is a great chance for families and children to see what our Camp Australia program is like.

First Day Free is available to all new parents who register an account with us from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February until the end of Term 1, 2019. Don't forget to use your session as First Day Free is only valid in Term 1, 2019.

Note it's also **free to register**. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like. We encourage you to register now and to always book in advance. You can register at [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree).

### Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

\*Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care for parents who register from the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Offer ends conclusion of Term 1 2019.

# Heathcote High School



The staff and students of Heathcote High School invite you to see what makes our school so great at our Open Night.

The Principal, Steve Waser, will briefly address parents and students in the School Hall commencing at 6.00pm.

Guests will then have the opportunity to:

- Explore our wonderful learning spaces
- See STEM in action
- Sample future focused teaching and learning
- Enjoy refreshments
- Talk to students and staff

We are very proud of the range of learning enrichment programs and opportunities we offer and look forward to sharing what we do, with you.

## OPEN NIGHT 2019

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

6.00pm – 8.30pm

**Invitation to parents  
and students**

Wilson Parade, Heathcote

Phone: 9520 9488

Email: [heathcote-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:heathcote-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

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### SELECTIVE CLASS TEST INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7 (2020)

March 2019

Dear Year 6 Parent/Carer,

Heathcote High School's Selective Class caters for the needs of gifted and talented students and has been an outstanding success for many years. The class follows a differentiated curriculum which extends and develops bright students beyond the requirements of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses. Students in the class have the opportunity to undertake more challenging work involving problem-solving and experiential learning. Students also participate in special programs and activities both within and beyond the school.

Heathcote High has a rigorous transition program, where we consult closely with our partner primary schools. Feedback from Principals, Year 6 teachers, students and parents have indicated in the past, that the Selective Class test was being held too early in the year and perhaps too narrow in scope.

For this reason, the test is held late Term 2. The tentative date, to be confirmed:

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

This will allow current Year 6 students to complete a semester of Year 6 work and hopefully give them more time to acquire the necessary skills to complete the test. This will then provide a more accurate indication of their ability.

In addition to the Selective Class test results, our Transition Team will liaise with Year 6 teachers to have a better understanding of where students lie on the learning continuum. This consultation process will complement their test results to determine the composition of the Selective Class for Year 7 next year.

Our goal is to provide every student, every opportunity to achieve their best and provide a fair and equitable process. Further information, and an application to sit the test, will be forwarded to Primary Schools in Term 2. Details when they become available will also be published on the school's app.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Waser  
**PRINCIPAL**

Mrs A Vials  
**RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**





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Club Central, 44 – 60 Allison Crescent, Menai.

**Engadine** (Bookings open 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Club Engadine, access via Caldarra Avenue, Engadine.

**Huskisson** (Bookings open 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Husky Sports, 336 Huskisson Road, Huskisson.

**La Perouse** (Bookings open 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Aboriginal Community Health Centre, 1 Elaroo Avenue, La Perouse.

**Cronulla** (Bookings open 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Cronulla Sharks Leagues Club, 461 Captain Cook Drive, Woollooware.



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