

# The Old Bush Telegraph

Newsletter of Yarrawarra Public School



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Wednesday, 13 March 2019

Think about the last time you learned how to do something? How did you learn? How did you know you were doing it correctly? Effective feedback is critical for success in any learning task. As parents and educators, we give lots of feedback to our children every day. But how effective is it? In recent years, research has clarified the most effective forms of feedback that helps students improve their performance. In summary;

- Feedback is one of the most powerful influences on student achievement.
- Feedback that focuses on improving tasks, processes and student self-regulation usually has a positive effect.
- Rewards, as well as some kinds of praise, tend to be ineffective or at times have a negative impact (CESE 2014).

The aim of feedback should be to close the gap between where students are at and where we want them to be. Feedback closes this gap by letting students know how they are going, while also telling them how they can improve.

Effective feedback therefore should be;

1. Focussed – on helping children achieve a specific goal/task,
2. Selective – on a small number of important points (feedback on too many points can easily lead to children feeling overwhelmed), and

## Upcoming Events

### Term 1

#### Week 7

Thursday 14 March	Gymnastics
	Selective High School Test
Friday 15 March	PSSA & School Sport

#### Week 8

Monday 18 March	Leadership by the River
	P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 20 March	Gymnastics
Thursday 21 March	Gymnastics
	Harmony Day
Friday 22 March	PSSA & School Sport
	K-6 Assembly 2pm
Saturday 23 March	State Election BBQ & Cake Stall

#### Week 9

Wednesday 27 March	Gymnastics
	Year 6 to EHS Linkages Writing
	Create South Auditions
	Senior Choir Rehearsal at Engadine West PS
Thursday 28 March	Gymnastics
	Stage 2 Camp at Tops
	Stage 3 STEM Day
	Junior Choir Rehearsal at Bangor PS
Friday 29 March	Stage 2 Camp at Tops
	PSSA & School Sport

3. Constructive – honest feedback on how they went and how they can get better.

Finally, when giving feedback parents or teachers should be willing to discuss it.

Feedback only works if students understand and accept what you have told them. Providing children with a chance to discuss the feedback we give, allows them to clarify their understanding and demonstrates respect for the learning process.

YPS teachers use a range of feedback strategies in their classrooms each day to drive student learning. It is something we as teachers are continually learning about and getting better at doing. I encourage each parent to ask your children “what feedback on your learning did you get this week?” Also think about the feedback on learning you provide. How can your feedback meet the principles of effective feedback and best support your child’s growth and improvement?

### Yarra Family Feedback

While we are on the subject of feedback...I hope you’ve noticed something different in the playground each afternoon this week. We have set up five questions in the playground and would love to get any Yarra Family Feedback you may have. When you’re in the playground in the afternoon, take a moment to look at the questions and give us your thoughts and opinions. All feedback can be anonymous and will be analysed by the exec team later this term. By working together, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for the students in our school.

### Working Bee

A huge thank you to the P&C and YPS families, who gave up their valuable weekend time to help keep our school looking beautiful at last week’s working bee. It was fantastic to see so many families modelling our values of responsibility and cooperation throughout the day. As a result of the hard work, our school playground is a lot safer and more inviting. Special thanks also to the staff who

volunteered their time and got their hands dirty on the day. What a great community we have here at YPS!

### Parent Portal App

In the next few weeks we will be launching a new and exciting tool for communicating between school and home. Currently our school uses a system called Sentral for a range of internal administrative tasks. This platform offers a Parent Portal which will allow the school to send notes, alerts, reminders and messaged directly to your phone via an app. More details and instructions on how to download and set up your personal account will come home soon. Stay tuned!

### Zone Swimmers

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at last week’s Engadine Zone Swimming Carnival. Not only did they compete fairly and fiercely, but their behaviour and conduct when speaking with teachers, judges, and students from other schools, was excellent. Our Zone Swimming team placed fourth overall on the day and we were named overall winners on handicap. What a fantastic result! Good luck to Aleece & Madaleine M, Mackenzie P, Sienna S, Ivy L, Amy L and Logan S who will now represent our Zone at the Sydney East Swimming Competition. Thanks to Mr Kingham and Mrs Francesconi for managing our team.

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



## Upcoming State Election BBQ and Cake stall – Saturday March 23rd.

Only a week and a half until the NSW State election on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Our school is a polling booth, and so we need your help to support the P & C's fundraising efforts for the school, by baking a yummy treat to be sold on the cake stall and/or helping out on the cake stall or BBQ on the day. The day runs from 8am-4pm and a cake box with a roster note was sent home last week. If you did not receive one there are spare cake boxes available at the office and the roster note is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please return the note with your availability to volunteer on the stall or BBQ by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. All cakes, slices etc for the cake stall can be delivered to the school office either on Friday (afternoon only) or Saturday morning on Election Day.

We look forward to seeing everyone come up and enjoy a sausage sandwich or bacon and egg roll and buy a cupcake or two while you vote!

Karen Ezzy  
P & C Fundraising Co-ordinator  
Any questions call 0414851470

### 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



Have you heard about the Yarra Dads?

For the new parents and carers to the YPS community, Yarra Dads is a part of The Fathering Project within your school.

It brings together all of the fathers and father figures within the school community through fun and interactive Dads and Dads and Kids events throughout the year.

The events are organised and run by a group of Champion Dads and we are always open to more guys to become a Champion Dad or just provide assistance or ideas.

We have a Paper Plane and Pizza Night this Friday, 15 March.

To book and pay, order now using special event created on School24 where you do canteen orders.

We have a lot of great events planned in 2019. To keep informed about the Yarra Dads and check out some of the great events over the past few years, join our Facebook group. Just search for Yarra Dads.

Any questions just contact Phil Ezzy on 04334 43342 or email [kazphill@iinet.net.au](mailto:kazphill@iinet.net.au)

### BOOK CLUB

**Orders due in by Friday  
23 March**



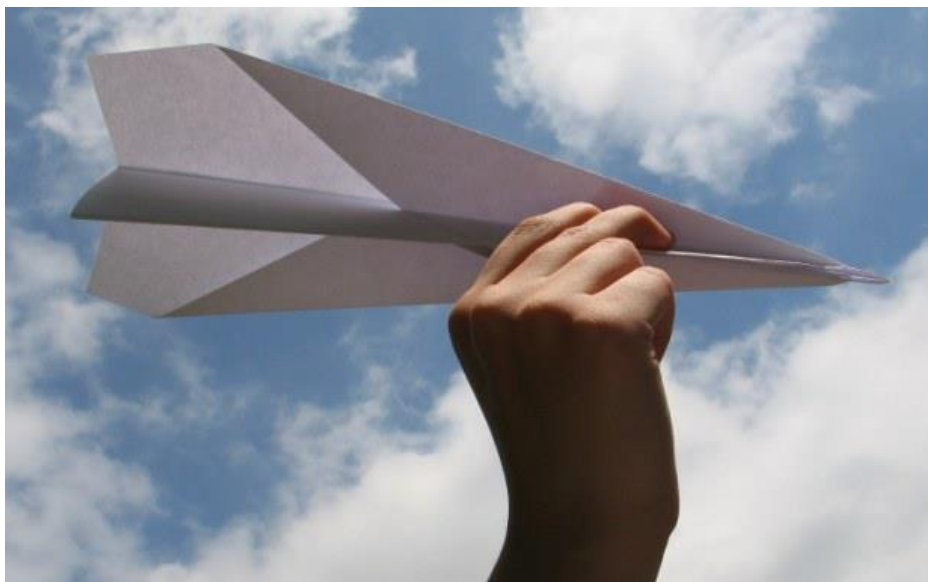
A special shout out to all the amazing families who assisted with our working bee earlier this month

- Macken
- O'Connor
- Teuma
- Moore
- Stephenson
- Kingham
- Wheatley
- Nickless
- Robinson
- Treloyn
- Miller
- Roseworn
- Smith
- Barclay
- Walker
- Nickless
- Verrell
- Vincent
- Cavanagh
- Ezzy
- Smith

Apologies if we have missed anyone

Thank you for all your work on the day

Also, we do have a lot of gardening equipment that has been left at the school from the working bee. Please call into the office to collect any items that you may be missing



# PAPER PLANES AND PIZZA

**FRIDAY, 15 MARCH 2019**  
**5:30PM**

Yarra Dads invites you to another fun event for the father figures and kids of Yarrawarrah Public School.

Get your paper plane making skills out, share the family folding secrets and show us your flying skills. See if your plane can fly the furthest, fastest, do amazing stunts or just look like an engineering masterpiece.

Enjoy some pizza and a drink for \$6 per person. Book online through Schools24 by **Wednesday, 13 March**.

See you there.



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**COME AND JOIN US  
FOR A FUN NIGHT  
OF ALL THINGS  
PAPER PLANES**

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**MEET US IN THE  
SCHOOL HALL  
5:30PM**

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**HALF A PIZZA  
AND DRINK  
\$6 PER PERSON**

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**ORDERS CLOSE  
WED 13 MARCH**

**BOOK AND PAY  
ON SCHOOLS24.**

Look for the canteen  
special order.

Make sure you enter  
the correct quantity to  
include each person  
attending.



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
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<b>11</b>	8	9	10 Gymnastics	11 Gymnastics	12 PSSA/School Sport Easter Parade & Raffle	13
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HOLI- DAYS	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20
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	22 Easter Monday	23	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27
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**WORLD SLEEP DAY, NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE, ST. PATRICK'S DAY, GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK, THE WATER CHALLENGE, COMMONWEALTH DAY & PI DAY AT CAMP AUSTRALIA YARRAWARRAH  
12<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2019**



Hi Everyone,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Hunt for volunteering her time to teach the children the art of baton twirling last week. The children had a wonderful afternoon as Mrs. Hunt brought lots of batons so that all children could join in during the session. Even our Kindergarten children enjoyed the activity and were able to try the various skills. We do appreciate the time given by Mrs. Hunt who has agreed to come back on a different day to allow more children to experience baton twirling. We welcome all centre parents to the service who would like to share a skill with the service children and possess a Working with Children Check. The children love to learn new skills and we are always eager to connect further with our community.

Last week the children enjoyed pancakes for Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday morning and afternoon. They were a popular menu selection. Creating pancakes from playdough was an appealing morning activity on Shrove Tuesday. The children also created an Ash Wednesday poster and created wildlife and a jungle from recycled items as part of World Wildlife Day and the Camp Australia Holiday Club theme "Jungle Jam".

We recently made some scrumptious cheesy muffins (pictured below) from our Healthy Eating Cookbook. They were extremely popular and have been requested to be placed on the menu again. Victoria, Educator, repeated her balloon animal creations and ran a workshop for the children to learn how to do balloon art over the past few weeks. The children were able to take home their creations. Last Friday was International Women's Day and we celebrated the achievements of women with a poster and cards for special women in the children's lives.



Soccer, handball and hula hoops have been outdoor favourites these past few weeks. We hope to spend more time outdoors as the weather starts to cool down. Taking our indoor activities outdoors is always popular so we will begin to also promote this with the children over the coming weeks.

This week we will be focussing on International Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence with activities such as puppet shows, drama, art and crafts to highlight this important message. The children have requested to play Sleeping Lions and to do YOGA on World Sleep Day. This will be a wonderful way to relax and recognise the importance of sleep. The children will be challenged to save water both at the service and in their lives as part of The Water Challenge and Groundwater Awareness Week. Pi  $\pi$  Day should be fun with some interesting maths activities. We have a number of children who love maths so this day should appeal to their interest.

The children wish to make flags on Commonwealth Day and we will also be sharing and learning Polish language as requested by one of our children who has a father who is of Polish background.

We are always happy to accept the following for the service:

- Items to utilise in recycled crafts
- New toys, books or stationery to utilise as prizes or at the service (no weapons or dangerous items please)
- New teatowels
- Art and craft items, paper etc.

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 this week!!!  
Have a very special week.

Keep on Smiling!!!

Colleen Sanderson: Coordinator 😊



## Join Camp Australia. It's **FREE** to Register!

Did you know that it is free to register an account with us at Camp Australia? That's right, **FREE**! What are you waiting for? Head to [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login) and click 'Register here' to get started!

### Why it is important to Register:

It is important to supply us with all the below information when registering as the safety of your child is by far the most important pillar in what we do every day. That way, if you ever need us, you are set up and ready to go and we can care for your child and ensure their safety.

1. **Your details and emergency contact details** – In the unlikely chance of an emergency we need to have the correct contact on file.
2. **Details about your child, including allergies or medical conditions** - To ensure we are prepared in case your child has any allergies or medical conditions.
3. **Your CRN (Customer Reference Number) from the Family Assistance Office\*** - If eligible, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy.
4. **Payment method** - To complete your registration, we require your preferred payment option. Don't be alarmed you will not be charged when registering.

We are currently running our First Session Free promotion, this means that after you finish your FREE Registration your child will be able to attend their first session free of charge. You will only be charged from your second booking onwards.

### Program Details

Find out more about our program, fees and to register, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and search for your school. Or you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

- Outdoor Games & Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Playing with Friends
- Great Educators
- Food & Cooking
- Indoor Activities



There's a rumble in the trees, a whisper in the forest.  
Emerging out, through the clearing, is the new theme for our Autumn Holiday Club -  
**Jungle Jam!**

Join us for an exploration through all things nature. We've got a roster full of brand-new activities like **The Jungle Bake Off** – where we'll engineer and build a solar-powered oven and bake healthy cookies in it. There's **Enter the Jungle Lab** – where we'll create our own soap and bath bombs (with a surprise twist at the end)! Plus, we have lots more activities, excursions and fun planned for the holidays.



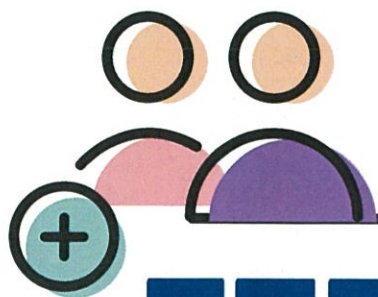
**Book now.** To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and join in the fun, visit: [www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

You can also call our friendly Customer Care Team on **1300 105 343** - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at **Jungle Jam**.

The Camp Australia Team

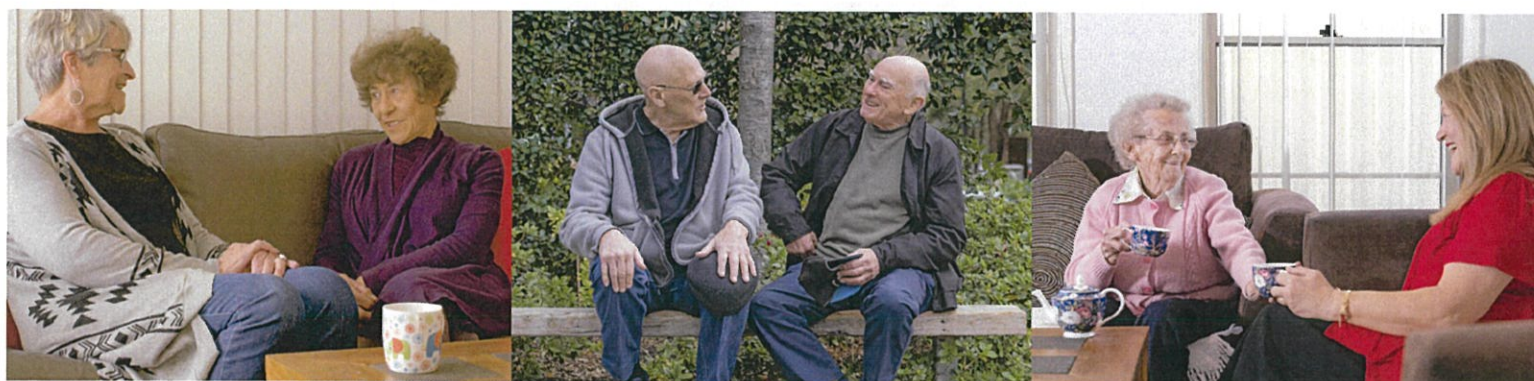




# FEELING LONELY?

Would you like a volunteer to visit you on a regular basis?

Council is working with community partners to tackle loneliness and connect people with the community.



If you're feeling like you could use extra company in your life, the Befriending Program has volunteers who will regularly call and visit people who are feeling left out and provide them with company, conversation and friendship. Want to find out more?

## BEFRIENDING MORNING TEA

**Tuesday 26 March 10am to 12pm  
at Club on East, 7 East Parade, Sutherland**

RSVP online by 21 March at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/befriending](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/befriending)

Come along and meet the community organisations and volunteers, and see if the program is right for you.

### GET CONNECTED

If you would like to find out about upcoming local activities and events for seniors join Shire Seniors at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/ShireSeniors](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/ShireSeniors)







# Connect preschool

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[director@connectpreschool.com](mailto:director@connectpreschool.com)



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**Extended hours: 8am – 5pm**

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[www.connectpreschool.com.au](http://www.connectpreschool.com.au)



# SATURDAY DADS & GRANDPAS PLAYGROUP

ENGADINE COMMUNITY  
SERVICES (ECS)  
1034-1036 OLD PRINCES  
HWY, ENGADINE

SATURDAYS  
10 AM -12 NOON

WELCOME  
ALL DADS  
& GRANDPAS

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opportunity to meet other parents  
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their children through play.*

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**For Dads, Grand-pas & male guardians with pre-schoolers 0-5 years**

**Playtime - Activities - Morning Tea**



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# PATRICIA YVONNE ACADEMY OF DANCE, DRAMA & THEATRE ARTS



## LOFTUS & SUTHERLAND

Saturday mornings at Loftus Girls Guides Hall  
Loftus Ave, Loftus. (near Community Hall, opposite  
school) Classes commencing on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Wednesday afternoons at Uniting Church Hall  
Flora St, Sutherland.

Students from 4yrs to Advanced

Classical Ballet – Tap – Jazz - Musical Theatre - Lyrical - Modern  
Hip Hop - Speech & Drama

### WEDNESDAYS SUTHERLAND

3-40pm Pre-Junior Dance Class (8yrs & under)  
Ballet/Jazz/Tap (special price)  
3-30pm Intermediate Ballet/Lyrical  
4-30pm Intermediate Jazz  
5-00pm Intermediate Drama  
5-30pm Intermediate Tap  
6-00pm Senior Ballet/Tap/Jazz

### SATURDAYS LOFTUS from 30<sup>th</sup> March

10-30am Senior Ballet/Pointe  
11-45am Intermediate Ballet  
12-45pm Junior Dance Class  
(9yrs to 11yrs) incorporating  
Ballet/Tap/Jazz/Drama.  
(special price)

Students attend classes for enjoyment & love of dance, if they wish they are able to participate in Examinations with The Education in Dance & Theatre Arts (EDTA Inc.) Tiny Tots to Diploma Graduations. The Academy also offers experience in performing, Concerts, Classical Ballet Awards, Dance Troupes & Drama Festivals.

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ENQUIRIES & REGISTRATION: Miss Patricia. EDTA. AISTD. SATD.  
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Email: [pyaddta@bigpond.com](mailto:pyaddta@bigpond.com)





# **SHARKS BASKETBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS**



**For ages 6 and over**

**4 Day Camp  
15th - 18th April 2019**

**T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants**

**2 Day Camp  
23rd - 24th April 2019**

**When:** April School Holidays

**Where:** Sutherland Basketball Stadium  
Waratah Park Rawson Ave Sutherland

**Phone:** (02) 9542 1999

**Email:** [admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au](mailto:admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au)

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!!**

**Enrolments close 8th April 2019**

**Unless maximum numbers are reached prior to closing date**

**Download enrolment form from our website:  
[www.sutherland.basketball.net.au](http://www.sutherland.basketball.net.au)**







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