

The Old Bush Telegraph

Newsletter of Yarrawarrah Public School



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The end of Term One is almost in sight but we still have so much to do!

It is an exciting few weeks for our primary students with both Stage 2 and Stage 3 groups attending overnight camps in the next fortnight. School camps are a great opportunity to experience new things, form new friendships and develop greater independence. They are a memorable part of growing up. I wish all of our students a safe and enjoyable time away on camp. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the teachers who are taking time away from their own families, to provide this opportunity for our students.

Yarra Family Feedback

Thank you to those parents and carers who gave us some feedback during Week 7. After looking through your responses, it is clear that the network of support provided by staff and parents is highly regarded by our school community. The welcoming, friendly atmosphere, caring staff and strong values are all considered strengths at our school. When asked to draw an emoji of how you feel when you enter the school, 94% of responses were positive with the remaining 6% indicating a neutral or no feeling. Overwhelmingly, parents and carers indicated a high level of general satisfaction with the school. The skills identified as being valued by our community included resilience, self-confidence, creative and critical thinking and coping skills that promote good

Upcoming Events

Term 1

Week 9

Thursday 28 March	Gymnastics Stage 2 Camp at Tops Stage 3 STEM Day Junior Choir Rehearsal at Bangor PS
Friday 29 March	Parent/Teacher online booking interviews open 10:00am Stage 2 Camp at Tops PSSA & School Sport

Week 10

Monday 1 April	Stage 3 Camp
Tuesday 2 April	Stage 3 Camp
Wednesday 3 April	Stage 3 Camp Gymnastics
Thursday 4 April	Stage 3 Camp Gymnastics
Friday 5 April	PSSA & School Sport K-6 Assembly 2pm Parent Teacher online booking interviews closes 4:00pm

Week 11

Monday 8 April – Friday 12 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 10 April	Gymnastics
Thursday 11 April	Gymnastics
Friday 12 April	PSSA Term 1 ends Easter Parade and P&C Raffle commences 12:15pm

mental health. It is encouraging to see how closely these desired skills align with our current school plans. This year we are focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering,

Mathematics) learning and continuing to refine and integrate our whole school approach to student well-being. Stay tuned for more updates on these throughout the year. Communication is another area where we are seeking to make our practice more effective and efficient. Your feedback gave us an average rating of 3.5 out of 5 for communication. As we seek to refine our communication strategy throughout the year, please remember that the teachers and administrative staff at YPS are always happy to answer any questions you may have.

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy

During weeks 3 & 4 of next term (13/5-24/5) our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit the NAPLAN public demonstration site.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

Election Fundraising

I trust you enjoyed a democracy sausage and a piece of cake, on Saturday as you voted in the NSW State Election. A very big thank you to the P&C for coordinating our school

fundraising activities. It is a huge effort planning and preparing for, cooking and serving and then cleaning up after election fundraisers. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes, money and time to support our school.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Parent/ teacher interviews will take place in Week 11 of this term. These are a great opportunity to discuss with your child's teacher how your child has settled into their new class, what progress they have made, and what goals they can work on for the rest of the year. Information about how to book a meeting time online was sent home earlier this week. Please speak to your child's teacher or the office staff if you have any questions.

Harmony day

Our school is a school that welcomes students from a number of diversities and communities. This cross section of diversity provides for a rich and welcoming environment within our school. As a community we encourage our members to fully support our model of inclusion and welcoming. Our school uses REACH as the focus of our school values. One of these key concepts is that of acceptance. By this we mean that as a school community, we accept and welcome that diversity is an integral part of our lives in Australian society and we honour this acceptance by treating all members of our community in respectful, inclusive and equitable ways. Last week we celebrated diversity and acceptance as part of our Harmony day activities. By accepting that diversity exists and showing respect to all those we encounter, we can ensure YPS remains a place where we can all work, learn and play in harmony.

Steve Austen

Principal (Relieving)

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

All students K – 6 are invited and encouraged to participate in the 2019 PRC which started this month and finishes on August 30th. Registration and all Student Reading Records will need to be submitted online at home. Log on using the same user name and password your child uses for school computers.

The number of books required for each stage is listed below and certificates will be issued at the end of the year. PRC concludes on August 30.

Looking forward to a great year of reading at YPS.

Happy reading!

Fay Prideaux - Teacher/Librarian

Challenge	No of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K - 2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3 - 4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5 - 6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Outback Book Drive

Thanks so much to all students and families who have donated their preloved books to this worthy cause. Our 'outback committee students' have been busy during lunchtimes culling, collating, packing and decorating boxes with artwork. We're sitting on approximately 120 kgs of books with three weeks to go. The books will be transported to Bourke via Moree where students from far north west properties will meet for a mini-camp from May 27th – May 31st and enjoy our YPS pop up library.

Kindergarten 2020 Enrolling Now

We are now taking 'in-area' enrolment applications for Kindergarten in 2020. Please visit our office to collect an enrolment form. If you know of any family that may have a child starting school next year please pass on this message.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2019

Stewart House bags were sent home earlier this week. If you have any unwanted clothing please send in your bags to the school office. Bags will need to be returned to school before Tuesday 2nd April for collection. If you would like extra bags we have plenty in the school office.

Staff Car Park

A friendly reminder that the staff car park is reserved for staff. Parent vehicles are not permitted to enter between the hours of 7:30am and 4:30pm. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Student Emergency Contacts

It is very important that we maintain accurate records so we are able to reach you in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Please keep the school office up-to-date if you have changed addresses, emails and phone contact numbers

Calling for Letterbox Drop Volunteers

If you are available to deliver flyers around the Yarrawarra area for our Community Open Morning coming up in May we would love to hear from you. Please see the school office for further details.

GOLD AWARDS

Alana I

Charli C

Abbey G

Ella H

Isabella P

Congratulations



Easter Egg Raffle Collection

Friday 5th April 2019 we will be collecting donations for our Easter Raffle. Your donations will be made up into lovely Easter Baskets which will be prizes in our Easter Raffle to be drawn at the **Easter Parade on Friday 12th April.**



Please have your child bring your donation to the Library from 8.50am. Any donations of **baskets/Easter boxes/Easter bags and of course Easter eggs** would also be greatly appreciated. Please remember that our school is a no nuts school when deciding what type of Easter Egg to donate.

Raffle Tickets

Please return all money and any unsold tickets to the office by 9.30am on the morning of the **12th April.**

Calling Year 3 and 4 Parent Helpers



Any parent helpers from stage 2 (year 3 and 4) who are available to help out with collecting the Easter eggs/making up baskets etc, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please meet in the library from 8.50am onwards on **Friday the 5th April.**

Thank you

Karen Ezzy
Fundraising Team- 0414851470

TREATS FOR THE TROOPS!



Dear YPS Parents,

To commemorate Anzac Day, throughout Week 9 the Prefects will be collecting items to send to Australian troops who are posted overseas and away from their family and friends.

Along with 150 other schools, and with the support of Engadine RSL, we will be sending a care package full of goodies to lift morale and make our troops smile.

YPS students will be writing letters and creating artworks, to be displayed on walls and notice boards in barracks overseas.

If your family would also like to be involved, we will be collecting small non-perishable food donations like the ones listed below:

- ANZAC (and other) biscuits
- Tim Tams
- Boxes of Shapes
- Chip multi packs
- Lollies
- Chewing gum
- Chocolate
- Easter Eggs
- Tubes of Vegemite
- Coffee or Tea bags



Any donations are appreciated.
We will be collecting every morning before school in Week 9 (outside the staffroom) until Friday 29th March.

Thank you for your support!

YPS Prefects and Stage 3 teachers





Join us for an interactive morning where prospective parents and students will have an opportunity to tour our facilities and find out about our school.

Yarrawarrah Public School
Opportunity and success in a nurturing environment.

Community Open Morning 2019

Thursday 16 May, 2019 9.45am – 11.15am



Education & Communities

Public Schools NSW

RSVP: 9520 0277 Email: yarrawarra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Web: yarrawarra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au



TERM 1 CALENDAR 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<i>January</i> 1	28	29	30	31	1 Feb	2
						3
<i>February</i> 2	4	5	6	7	8	9
						10
3	11	12	13	14	15	16
						17
4	18	19	20	21	22 PSSA/School Sport	23
						24
<i>March</i> 5	25	26	27 Gymnastics	28 Gymnastics	1 March PSSA/School Sport	2
						3
6	4	5 Zone Swimming Carnival	6 Gymnastics	7 Gymnastics	8 PSSA/School Sport K-6 Assembly 5/6 Krypton	9
						10
7	11 School Spec Auditions in Hall Years 3-6	12	13 Gymnastics	14 Gymnastics Selective High School Test	15 PSSA/School Sport	16
						17
8	18 Leadership by the River 1 P&C Meeting 7:30-8:30pm	19 School Photos	20 Gymnastics	21 Gymnastics Harmony Day	22 PSSA/School Sport K-6 Assembly 2:00pm 5/6 Nitrogen	23 NSW State Election YPS Hall P&C BBQ & Cake Stall
						24
9	25	26	27 Gymnastics Create South Auditions Senior Choir rehearsal at Engadine West PS EHS Writing Workshop for Year 6	28 Gymnastics Stage 2 Tops Camp Stage 3 STEM Day Junior Choir rehearsal at Bangor PS	29 PSSA/School Sport Stage 2 Tops Camp	30
						31
<i>April</i> 10	1 Stage 3 Camp	2 Stage 3 Camp	3 Gymnastics Stage 3 Camp	4 Gymnastics Stage 3 Camp	5 PSSA/School Sport 'K-6 Assembly 2:00pm Stage 3 Camp Item'	6
						7
11	8	9	10 Gymnastics	11 Gymnastics	12 PSSA/School Sport Easter Parade & Raffle	13
						14
HOLI-DAYS	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20
	22 Easter Monday	23	24	25 ANZAC Day		21
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						28

EARTH HOUR, BIRTHDAY, EASTER & WORLD THEATRE DAY AT CAMP AUSTRALIA YARRAWARRAH 26th MARCH, 2019



Hi Everyone,

We have had a busy few weeks at Camp Australia with lots of activities to interest all children. World Sleep Day was enjoyed by playing Sleeping Lions and children running a YOGA group. These activities demonstrated the importance of rest and relaxation. National Day Against Bullying and Violence was a day to highlight the issue of bullying and to promote self-esteem. We talked about bullying and how people feel when they are bullied. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with arts & crafts and creating a poster about Ireland. We also created a shamrock from the green fruits and vegetables. Pi Day was popular with some of the children who love maths. We measured various sized circles to test the Pi theory. We finished our Holiday Club Jungle Jam display incorporating a variety of natural items with other materials/toys.



A huge thank you to the Shori family for their donation of toys for the service. The children are loving the array of motorbikes, cars and building items. Thanks also to the Seary family for their prize donations. These are very much appreciated by the Educator's and children. This week we are undertaking activities for Earth Hour as part of our sustainability program.

We celebrated my 50th birthday (yes, the school and I are turning 50 this year) with a party on Tuesday, including healthy party food and games. We celebrated on Tuesday rather than on my actual birthday, Thursday, due to many children attending camp later in the week. Tori (Educator) kindly created some amazing face painting/hand painting designs at the party, while Rhiannon brought in some age appropriate children's music and led, along with the older children, musical games. Naomi made some yummy cakes for the party and ran the hoopla game which was very popular. Each child received a party bag as a thank you for helping to celebrate my birthday. One of the children suggested a "Draw Colleen" competition and I loved and will treasure all the entries. I told one of the Kindergarten children that I was turning fifty and he said, "Wow that's almost a hundred" but another told me that I looked twenty, so I felt a little better. Ha! Ha! Thank you to all the children and Educators who helped me to celebrate this special birthday.



As Easter is fast approaching the children are enjoying Easter crafts and activities. As part of World Theatre Day, we are offering the children the opportunity to write and perform plays and puppet shows and encouraging them to create theatres from recycled materials.

One of our service children, Isabella, expressed an interest in journalism and was encouraged to write a short report on our Friendship Day a few weeks ago: "Friendship Day was awesome. There were so many fun games and activities. The wrist bands were great with many cool colours. At afternoon tea there were so many delicious foods to eat. Friends are the meaning of Friendship Day." Thank you Isabella for your outstanding report.

Last week the children created boats from recycled items and then tested their boats in water. Older and younger children are eager to have another boat making day. The children enjoyed watching how some boats sank while others floated and they talked about why this occurred and how to improve their models for our next boat creation day.



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.

Hope the campers have a wonderful time later this week and our older children enjoy their camp next week.

Program Details: To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit.

www.campaustralia.com.au

Hope to see you at Camp Australia Yarrawarrah this week!!!

Have an amazing week.

Keep on Smiling!!!

Colleen Sanderson: Coordinator 😊

See you in Assembly!

Throughout the school term we have had the pleasure of visiting your school assembly and hope you and the children are able to start recognising the names behind the big friendly smiles and bright blue shirts.

Here at Camp Australia, we recognise childrens' efforts and achievements. We believe they are worth celebrating! This is a great way to encourage positive behaviours and share information about a child's learning and progress with their family and friends.

Every child in Before and After School Care gets to learn new and exciting skills every day, and we want YOU to be there to congratulate them on their fantastic efforts. When a Term 1 child in your service receives a special mention for going above and beyond, we want to make sure all their friends and family get to be there to celebrate the moment. The below award will be presented to this shining star:



Assemblies are also a great place for us integrate with the school community and a perfect time for you to ask any questions you might have about Camp Australia and our programs.

However, if you would prefer to speak to us over the phone, you can contact our exceptional Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team 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



Get into the vacation mindset with fun activities at Holiday Club.

It's almost school holiday time and you know what that means – **Holiday Club!**

Join us for a fun time with positive learning outcomes in **Jungle Jam!**

Here's some of the activities that we could have in store for you:



GOING HUTS

Our adventure through the jungle wouldn't be complete without some jungle friends.

Today we'll each select from a range of different animals and build them a home to live.

This isn't just any home though, this home is **ALIVE!** We'll plant some fast-growing grass seeds on our huts so that we can watch them grow.

THE JUNGLE BAKE OFF

In the depths of the jungle, using only the sun's rays, we're going to build an oven and eat cookies today!

Today we're going to put our skills to the test and create a home-made solar powered oven. You can even take it home at the end of the day!

All that work will make us hungry, so we'll bake some healthy cookies in our ovens once we're done.



ENTER THE JUNGLE LAB

Get your science kit on, today we're entering the Jungle Lab.

It's slimy.

It's oozy.

It's **CLEAN?**

Discover the chemistry as we measure, mix and mould our very own animal eggs (bath bombs and soaps with an animal figure inside).

The fun continues at home where you can watch your animal eggs hatch before your very own eyes.

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.

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



To find locations near you and to book, visit
www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs



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

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**





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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Playtime - Activities - Morning Tea



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in K-6,
filled with Lego
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and learning
about Jesus.**

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