

## **EARLY STAGE 1 PARENT INFORMATION 2022**

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to Kindergarten! We look forward to teaching your children this year and can't wait to work with you to provide your children with the best opportunities to enjoy school and learn. We have had a great start to the year and the children are happy and excited to be at school. We would like to thank you for the many donations of tissues, soap and for also supplying headphones and paint shirts.

The following information provides a brief outline to start the year.

### **General Information**

<b>Assemblies:</b>	Assembly (odd weeks) 2:30pm – no parent attendance at this time.
<b>Sport:</b>	Friday mornings
<b>Scripture:</b>	Tuesdays 2.30pm
<b>Library:</b>	Wednesday's

**Money:** Term invoices will be issued to cover most costs. These are to be paid at the office promptly when issued.

### **Class Teachers:**

***Kinder Turtle***  
***Kinder Angelfish***  
***RFF***

Mrs Jane Thomas  
Mrs Brooke Ashton  
Mrs Natasha Denny  
Mrs Kylie Paine

***Early Stage 1 Assistant Principal***

Mrs Jane Thomas

### **Key Learning Areas**

#### **English**

- Morning Routine (building vocabulary and general knowledge)
- Phonological and Phonemic Awareness
- Synthetic Phonics
- Literacy Activities

## **Reading at Home**

From Weeks 6 - 7, decodable readers will be sent home for reading practice at home. There will be a separate letter sent out about these decodable readers and how to best support your child's reading at home when this commences. There are plans for Zoom meetings to be held in order to explain how you can help your child at home. More information in regards to these parent meetings will be sent home shortly.

## **Camera Words**

Your child will be also asked to practise their Camera Words (high frequency sight words) at home.

## **Mathematics**

- Maths sessions are held every day and lessons involve explicit teaching, use of concrete materials and lots of games and activities to consolidate their learning.
- PR1ME Mathematics is the program that we are using this year. This program is a highly regarded research-driven program with proven results.

## **Mathematics at Home**

We encourage that your children engage in mathematics within their world as much as possible and recommend that you play counting games, explore patterns, engage in numbers etc.

## **Theme Units**

### Semester 1

- History - All About Me and My Family
- Science – Seasons and Weather

### Semester 2

- History - Places and Spaces
- Science - Material World

The vocabulary and content for these units will also be included and taught throughout our Morning Routines.

### Creative and Practical Arts

On Fridays, students will be participating in a variety of fun learning experiences incorporating:

- Creative Arts
- Developmental Play

### Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

#### **Sport**

K-2 Sport at school is on Friday mornings. All students should wear their sports uniform and wear their school hat. We are beginning the year with Fundamental Movement Skills. Please remember to pack water bottles.

#### **Dance**

Dance expression of interest notes were given out last week for those students who were interested. If you did not receive a note please let us know.

Dance classes will be formed over the next couple of weeks once all notes are returned.

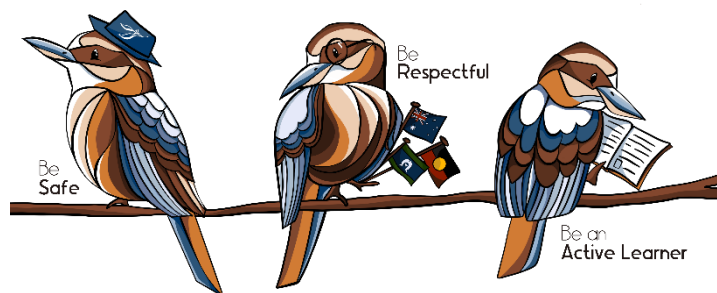
### The YPS Way

#### **School Rules**

Be **SAFE**,

Be **RESPECTFUL**,

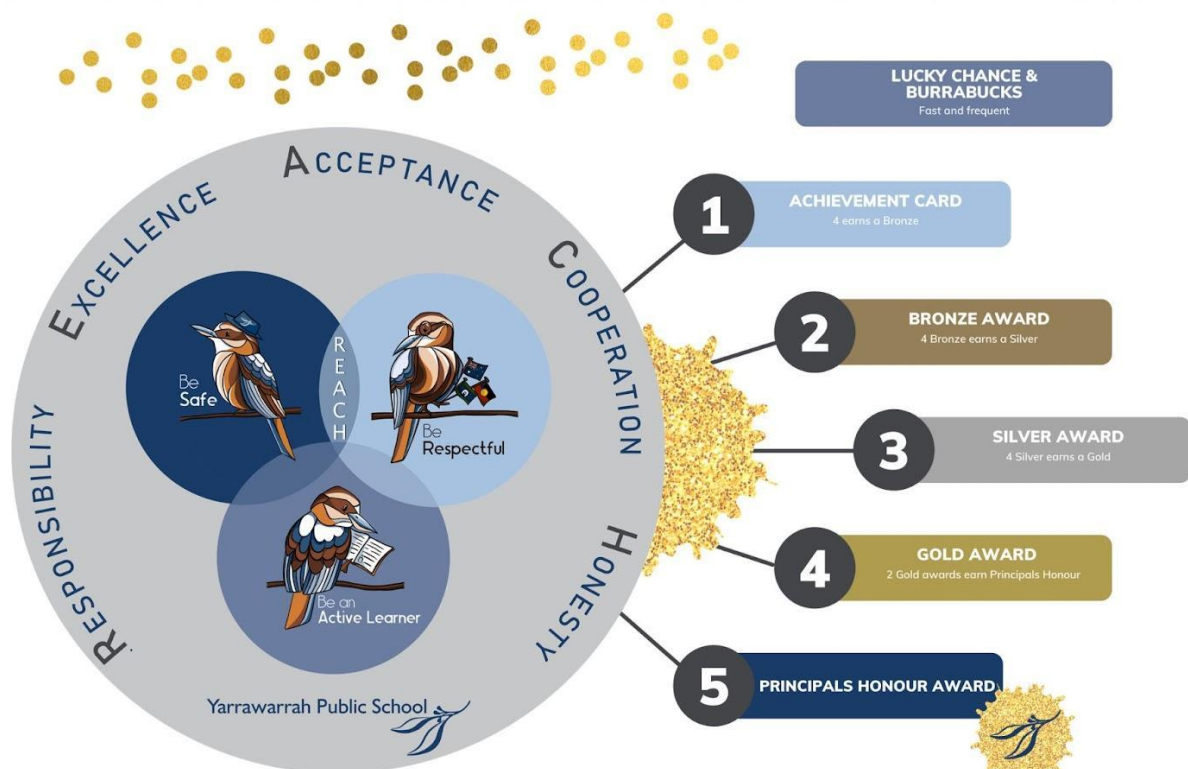
Be an **ACTIVE LEARNER**.



Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right place at the right time</li> <li>• Move safely</li> <li>• Report any problems</li> <li>• Hands and body to self</li> </ul>
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I treat others as I want to be treated</li> <li>• Follow directions</li> <li>• Use respectful language</li> <li>• Take care of the school</li> </ul>
Be an Active Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be an active participant</li> <li>• Do your best</li> <li>• Persevere</li> <li>• Be a team player</li> </ul>

<p><b>Early Stage 1 Rewards</b></p> <p><u>In class:</u> Dojo points Achievement cards Bronze awards</p> <p><u>Playground/Across Stages:</u> Lucky chance YPS Way tokens ( Burrabucks)</p>	<p><b>Consequences</b></p> <p><u>In class:</u> Verbal warning Class/buddy time out Sent to supervisor Record in Sentral Phone call home</p> <p><u>Playground:</u> Verbal warning Time off playground Sent to supervisor Record in Sentral Phone call home</p>
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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CHART



### **School Attendance**

- School attendance is a Premier's Priority for your child's education.
- Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Our lessons begin promptly at 9.20am.
- Please use Skoolbag to explain your child's absences and their expected date of return. Dojo is not appropriate for absences but can be used to check in during learning from home.
- The school must be contacted by a parent/caregiver if the child is absent.

### **Communication**

This year we will be utilising ClassDojo to communicate Early Stage 1 messages and updates. We will also use this platform to share some of the wonderful things we will do in and out of the classroom. There are also other platforms to access information and notes, such as:

- Skoolbag App
- School Newsletter
- Yarrawarra Public School Facebook page
- Yarrawarra Public School website (Events page)

This year we are asking our parent community to make contact with their child's teacher in the following ways: email or phone call direct to the school office (Att: teacher), a written note or a direct message on Class Dojo. Alternatively, feel free to approach us to chat during pick up time.

We hope the above information helps you gain a greater insight into what your child will be doing in Kindergarten. If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will endeavour to help where possible. We would be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

We're looking forward to working in partnership with you and sharing your child's learning journey.

Jane Thomas and Brooke Ashton  
The Early Stage 1 Team

Kyleigh Nash  
Principal



Term 1					
Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	JAN 24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28 SDD
2	JAN 31 SDD	FEB 1 Chinese New Year 1st day Y1-6 Best Start	2 Best Start	3 1st day Kindergarten	4
3	7 7pm P&C	8 School Photo Day	9	10 PL -Joanne Dooner	11 K-6 Assembly 2:30
4	14	15 Meet the Teacher 2:30-5	16	17 3-6 Swimming Carnival	18 K-2 Swimming on land
5	21	22 Scripture Starts	23	24	25 PSSA starts K-6 Assembly 2:30
6	28	MAR 1 Zone Swimming	2 PLP breakfast 8am	3	4 IEP meetings K-2 am 3-6 pm
7	7	8	9 School Expo 5:15	10	11 Fitness Challenge K-6 Assembly 2:30
8	14 7pm P&C & BBQ	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 PBL Launch
9	21 Harmony Day	22	23	24	25 K-6 Assembly 2:30
10	28	29	30 Linkages Y6 9-3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	31	APR 1 Stage 1 Excursion - TBC  APR 2 - World Autism Awareness Day -Ramadan
11	4 Evacuation Drill	5	6	7 Easter Hat Parade	8 PBL Rewards Day Term 1 PSSA ends K-6 Assembly 2:30 Anzac Ceremony