

STAGE 1 PARENT INFORMATION 2022

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to Stage 1. 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 back at school. We would also like to thank you for the many donations of tissues, soap and wipes.

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

General Information

Assemblies:	Assembly (odd weeks) 2:30pm – no parent attendance at this time
Sport:	Friday mornings
Money:	Term invoices will be issued to cover most costs. These are to be paid online or at the office promptly when issued.
Scripture:	Tuesdays 2:30pm
Library:	Tuesdays

Class Teachers:

1 Barramundi	Mrs Cindy Burton
1/2 Hermit Crab	Mrs Alison Hanegraaf
2 Pufferfish	Miss Alex Pearson
RFF	Mrs Natasha Denny
	Mrs Kylie Paine
	Mrs Kirsten Boone

Stage 1 Assistant Principal Mrs Alison Hanegraaf

Key Learning Areas

English

- Morning Routine (building schema)
- Writing and Representing (daily)
- Synthetic Phonics (replaces spelling)
- Guided Reading

Your child will not be assigned a reading level that corresponds to a number. In recent years, reading levels have been widely discredited by research and they do not provide any information on students' individual reading skills. Instead of a reading level, we will focus on building your child's phonemic awareness (sounds they hear), phonics knowledge (converting sounds {phonemes} to letters {graphemes}), oral reading fluency (speed and articulation), comprehension (understanding) and vocabulary (word bank and schema).

Reading at Home

This year in Stage 1 our focus for students' learning at home will be on reading.

We encourage you to read with your child each night. Soon they will be able to borrow decodable readers from our take home reader collection, which we are continuing to update and purchase.

These are special books containing phonemes and spellings that your child will be learning in class. We will select 2-3 appropriate decodable readers to take home each week. There will be a separate letter sent out about these decodable readers and how to best support your child's reading at home.

Home readers will be changed every Friday, not every day. Students are encouraged to read home readers multiple times throughout the week. We also encourage students to read a variety of other texts at home, both factual and literary, that interest them, build vocabulary and promote enjoyment.

Camera Words and Literacy Activities

Your child may be also asked to practise their Camera Words (sight words) and engage in some fun literacy activities to consolidate their learning. These are aligned to the decodable readers they will be reading in class and bringing home.

Mathematics

- Warm up activities
- PR1ME Mathematics (in year groups)
- Maths Plus Mentals
- Mathematics Rotations - building number sense in class
- Online and paper assessments

Maths sessions include both explicit teaching and hands-on activities. These activities will be differentiated based on the individual needs of the students. Students will have a reference book to consolidate their learning. PR1ME maths is a highly regarded research-driven program.

Mathematics at Home

Over the next few weeks we will send home a resource to help your child consolidate their learning in mathematics. These will include games and number strategies.

Theme Units

Semester 1

- Geography - People and Places
- Science - Physical World

Semester 2

- History - The Past and the Present
- Science - Material World

The schema for these units will be 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
- Technology Skills
- STEM

These activities will be rotated so all students will have the chance to complete each one.

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.

Our Year 2 students will have the opportunity to be sports leaders throughout the year.

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.

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

Stage 1 Rewards

In class:

Raffle tickets and weekly raffle draw
 Achievement cards for our Superstar learners
 Bronze awards

Playground/Across Stages:

Lucky chance
 YPS Way tokens (Burrabucks)

Consequences

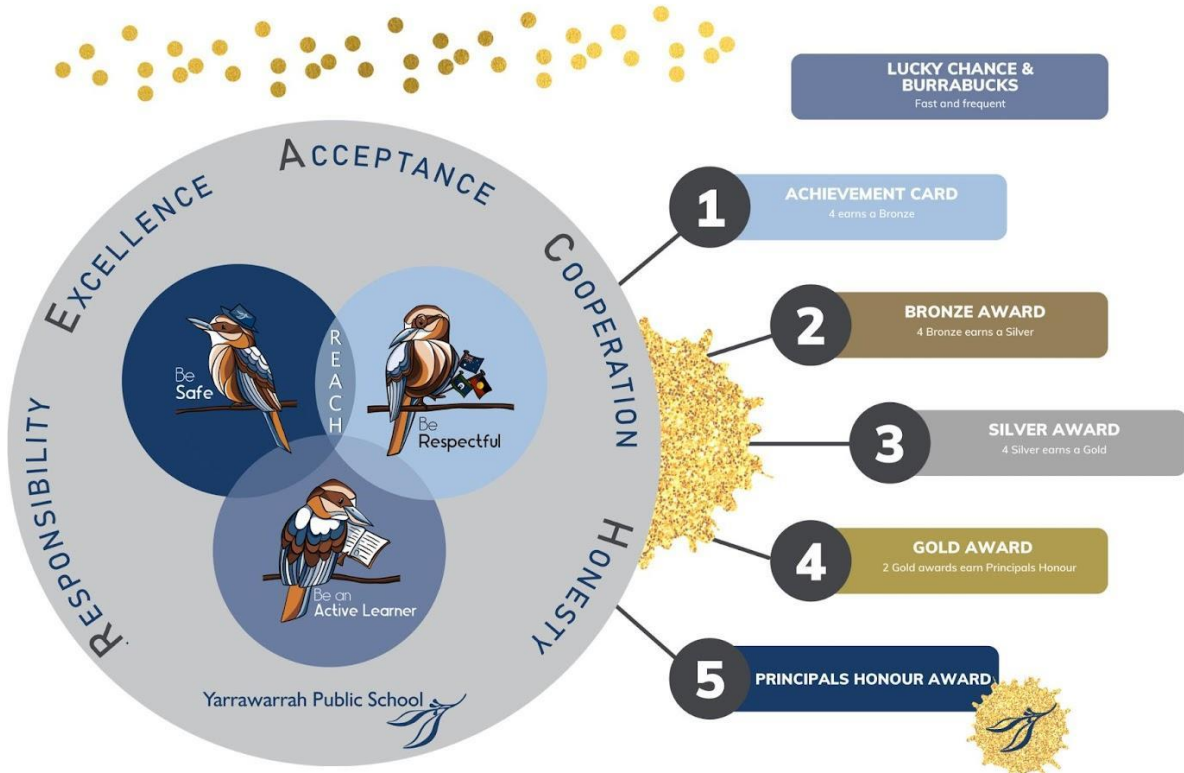
In class:

Verbal warning
 Class/buddy time out
 Sent to supervisor
 Record in Sentral
 Phone call home

Playground:

Verbal warning
 Time off playground
 Sent to supervisor
 Record in Sentral
 Phone call home

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 Class Dojo to communicate 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:

- Skool Bag 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 Stage 1. If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will endeavour to help. 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.

Cindy Burton, Alex Pearson, Alison Hanegraaf
The 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

