

STAGE 2 PARENT INFORMATION 2022

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to Stage 2. We hope you had a relaxing break over the festive season, stayed safe and enjoyed time with family and friends. We look forward to teaching your children throughout 2022 and can't wait to work together to provide your children with the best opportunities to enjoy school and further their education. We have had an excellent start to the year and the children are happy and excited to be back at school. Firstly, we would like to thank you for the many donations of tissues, soap and wipes.

The following information provides a brief outline to the key aspects of learning in Stage 2. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact any of the Stage 2 teachers.

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	Thursday – 3/4C even weeks, 3/4D and 4/5L odd weeks

Class Teachers

3/4 Coral	Mr Sam Crawford (Stage 2 Assistant Principal) Mrs Jane Stevenson Term 1 Weeks 1-7
3/4 Dugong	Ms Jessica Dooley
4/5 Leopard Seal	Mrs De Lynch
RFF	Mrs Natasha Denny, Mrs Kylie Paine, Mrs Kirsten Boon

Key Learning Areas

English

- **Morning Routine** - building schema/knowledge on a central topic for each term. This first half hour focuses on explicit teaching of content that will help students comprehend when reading, enrich their vocabulary and provide knowledge to fuel writing.
- **Reading and Writing** - Explicit teaching and practice of the core skills. These include looking at the Super Six Comprehension Strategies, English Textual Concepts and the Super Six of Writing.
- **Guided Reading/Writing Groups** - Small groups focusing on a schema related text. These rotations allow students to further their knowledge of the central topic independently and with teacher support. In Term 1 in Stage 2 we have a four week focus on reading and progress into a four week focus on writing.
- **Spelling Mastery** - Direct spelling instruction at student level. This new program at YPS is a direct instruction series that teaches students dependable spelling skills by blending three approaches: the

phonemic approach, the whole word approach and the morphemic approach. Students will engage in five 30 minute sessions per week in differentiated groups.

Writing

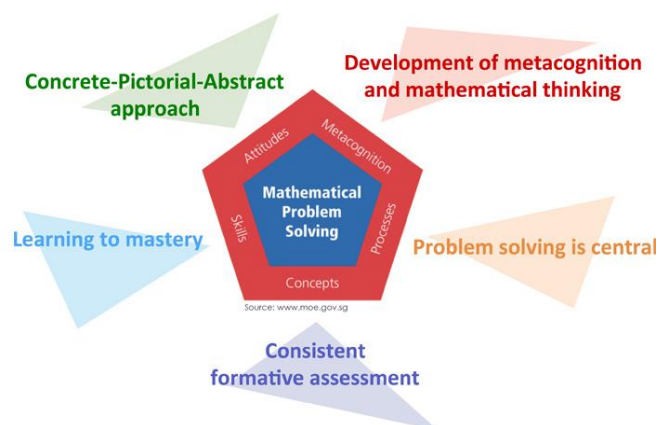
Writing will be taught to the whole class with a focus on purpose, structure and grammatical features of texts. In Term 1 YPS is focusing on writing to persuade. In Terms 2 to 4 we will look at both writing to entertain and writing to inform. Each of these writing focuses will be driven by our central topic and text.

Reading

Students will participate in shared reading and reading groups where the students will be reading stage appropriate texts and books within their Lexile range via Literacy Pro and EPIC. Comprehension strategies, skills and related activities will be taught during reading groups. Students will also participate in silent reading and are required to have a chapter text that interests them to read each day. Competent reading skills are crucial to all areas of the curriculum, and it is imperative that regular reading is a part of your child's daily routine. We highly encourage all students to read at home every day.

Mathematics

- **JEMM** - Daily questions that build basic skills across all mathematical concepts with a focus on metalanguage.
- **PR1ME Mathematics** - Prime Mathematics is a program that utilises the most effective teaching and learning practices in mathematics (refer to image). This will be completed in year groups Monday - Thursday. Students will complete online and paper assessments through the PR1ME platform.



Other Learning Areas for Semester 1

- **Science** - Living and Material World, linked with literacy unit on Sustainability
- **Geography** - Earth's Environment
- **PDH** - Safe Living - Healthy, Safe and Active Lifestyles
- **PE** - FMS and their use in games
- **Creative Arts** - Art and drama
- **Technology** - Computer skills

Sport

3-6 Sport will be held on Friday mornings. All students should wear their sports uniform, bring a drink bottle and wear their school hat. Due to covid restrictions inter-school sport will not take place in Term 1 however a variety of school sports will be offered.

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.

The YPS Way - A whole school approach to wellbeing.

School Values

Be **SAFE**,

Be **RESPECTFUL**,

Be an **ACTIVE LEARNER**.



The YPS Way will be revised in Term 1 at YPS and will provide a framework for teachers and students to refer to when in all areas across the school. The School Values are applied to each setting and students learn what it looks like to be safe, be respectful and be an active learner in all aspects and areas of school. An example of this is below. As part of our whole school approach to wellbeing we have adopted a school mascot, Yarraburra.

Our School Values Across All Areas

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

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 for a school day. Please let us know when they expect to return to school.

Stage 2 Camp

The camp for 2022 will be held in Term 4, Covid-restrictions allowing. Further information will be provided later in the year.

Homework

Homework is due weekly and will include a Maths Mentals textbook and home reading. All homework will be sent home on Friday and due the following Thursday for 3/4 or Friday for 4/5. You will be given the option according to the Yarrawarra PS homework policy to opt out of homework for your child.

Assessment

As a school we conduct regular and meaningful assessments. These assessments allow us to form a current and detailed view of each student's current learning. These assessments guide our planning and help us to support individual students. Our Data Analysis Team reviews data weekly and reports the analysis back to all stakeholders across the school. Data sources include; Progressive Achievement Test, Literacy Lexile Pro, Prime Mathematics Digital Assessment and numerous other assessments. NAPLAN assessment will take place for Year 3 students early in Term 2.

Communication

This year we will be utilising Class Dojo to communicate Stage 2 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
- phone call direct to the school office (Att: teacher)
- written note.

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 and how your child will be learning in Stage 2. If you have any questions, 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 look forward to an incredible year of learning together.

Sam Crawford, De Lynch, Jess Dooley, Jane Stevenson
The Stage 2 Team

Kyleigh Nash
Principal

Term 1 | 2022

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	JAN 24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28 Staff Development Day Mr Crawford on Parental Leave
2	JAN 31 Staff Development Day	FEB 1 Chinese New Year 1st day Y1-6	2 Staff Professional Learning 3:30-4:30	3 1st day Kindergarten	4
3	7 7pm P&C	8 School Photo Day	9 Staff Professional Learning 3:30-4:30	10	11 K-6 Assembly 2:30
4	14 Class timetables begin	15 Meet the Teacher 2:30-5	16 Staff Professional Learning 3:30-4:30	17 3-6 Swimming Carnival	18 K-2 Swimming on Land
5	21	22 Scripture Starts	23 Staff Professional Learning 3:30-6:30	24	25 PSSA starts* K-6 Assembly 2:30
6	28 Exec Planning Day	MAR 1 Zone Swimming	2 PLP breakfast 8am Staff Professional Learning 3:30-4:30	3	4 Clean up Australia Day IEP meetings K-2 - Morning 3-6 - Afternoon
7	7	8	9 Staff Professional Learning 3:30-6:30 School Expo 5:15	10 Mr Crawford returns from Parental Leave	11 Fitness Challenge K-6 Assembly 2:30
8	14 7pm P&C & BBQ	15	16 Staff Professional Learning 3:30-4:30	17 St Patrick's Day	18 PBL Launch
9	21 Harmony Day	22	23 Staff Professional Learning 3:30-4:30	24	25 K-6 Assembly 2:30
10	28	29	30 Parent/Teacher Interviews	31	APR 1 Stage 1 Excursion APR 2 - World Autism Awareness Day & Ramadan

11	4	5	6	7	8
			Staff Professional Learning 3:30-4:30	Easter Hat Parade	PBL Rewards Day Term 1 PSSA ends K-6 Assembly 2:30 Anzac Ceremony