

## **STAGE 3 PARENT INFORMATION 2022**

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to Stage 3. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break with your family and friends. We look forward to teaching your children throughout 2022 and working together to provide your children with wonderful opportunities and learning experiences. Thanks to all those who have sent their children to school ready for the year ahead.

The following information provides a brief outline to the key aspects of learning in Stage 3. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Stage 3 teachers.

### **Class Teachers**

<b>5/6 Electric Eel</b>	Mrs Kristen Edwards (Tues-Fri) & Mrs Kirsten Boon (Mon)
<b>5/6 Kingfish</b>	Mr Peter Kingham
<b>4/5 Leopard Seal</b>	Mrs De Lynch
<b>RFF</b>	Mrs Kylie Paine, Mrs Kirsten Boon & Mrs Natasha Denny

### **General Information**

<b>Assemblies</b>	Assembly (odd weeks) 2:30pm – no parent attendance at this time
<b>Sport</b>	Friday mornings
<b>Money</b>	Term invoices will be issued to cover most costs. These (and other payments that come up) can be paid online
<b>Scripture/Yarn Up</b>	Tuesdays 2:30pm
<b>Library</b>	Wednesday odd weeks

### **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.
- **Literacy Rotations** - 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 3 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

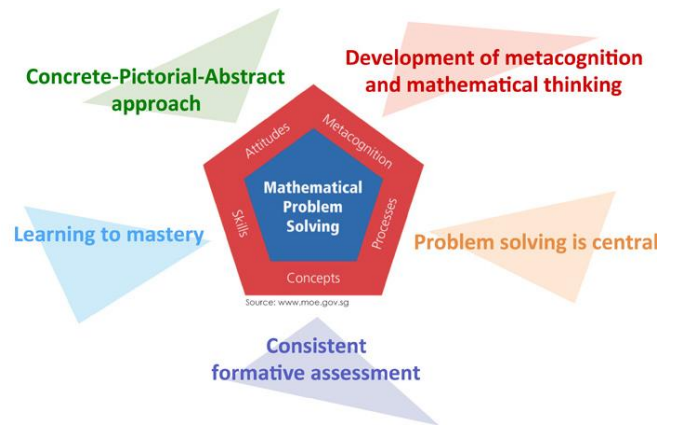
Writing will be taught to the whole class with a focus on purpose, structure, and grammatical features of texts. In Term 1 YPS is focusing on writing to persuade. In Term 2 we will look at writing to inform. Each of these writing focuses will be driven by our central topic and text.

## Reading

Students will participate in modelled 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

- **EMM** - 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** - Sustainability/Material World
- **History** - Australian Colonies/Federation
- **PDH** - Safe Living
- **PE** - Team & cooperative games.

## 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. PSSA will not go ahead in Term 1 because of COVID concerns but should return in Term 2. A variety of school sports will be offered this year. Representative trials for zone teams occur this term and students will be chosen to attend these based on school trials and/or experience.

## 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. Later in the year Stage 3 will have a weekly program leading into the Year 6 Farewell.

**The YPS Way** - A whole school approach to wellbeing.

### School Values

Be **SAFE**,

Be **RESPECTFUL**,

Be an **ACTIVE LEARNER**.



The YPS way will be launched 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.

### Our School Values Across All Areas

<b>Be Safe</b>	<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>
<b>Be Respectful</b>	<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>
<b>Be an Active Learner</b>	<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>

### 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 contact the school office explaining your child's absence and their expected date of return. Dojo is not appropriate for absences.
- The school must be contacted by a parent/guardian if the child is absent.
- Please use Skoolbag to explain your child's absences and their expected date of return. Class Dojo can be used to communicate with teachers and check in during learning from home.

### Stage 3 Camp

The camp for 2022 will be at the Great Aussie Bush Camp from June 28- July 1. Notes and an itinerary will be sent home later in the year. The cost is approximately \$450 but the experiences are well worth the cost.

## **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. 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 assessment tasks. 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 the Progressive Achievement Test, Literacy Lexile Pro, Prime Mathematics Digital Assessment, and numerous other assessments. NAPLAN assessment will take place for Year 5 students early in Term 2.

## **Year 6 Fundraising & Farewell**

Year 6 will participate in fundraising activities which will go towards subsidising end-of-year activities and providing resources and a gift for the school. This term there will be a Disco and in Term 4 there will be a Fun Day and another Disco.

Parents are invited to assist in planning/ decorating the Year 6 Farewell. There will be a brief meeting at the conclusion of this one for interested parents.

## **High School**

Expression of interest forms regarding High School enrolment should be returned to school promptly. There may be transition days to Engadine High later in the year involving areas such as writing, science and mathematics.

## **Communication**

Stage 3 will use Class Dojo for 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)

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please do so in the following ways:

- Class Dojo
- 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 3. 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.

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