School Leaders for 2015 Announced

I was extremely proud of all students who applied for leadership positions this year at Yandina State School. I congratulate the following students who have been successful for 2015:

Student Council
Charlotte Aalbers, Josie Foley, Denika Gill, Charlotte Nieuwenhuyzen, Mya Van Doore, Ella Shooter, Ruth Sliwa, Dre Wells

Sports Captains -
Coolum - Mitchell Foley, Bradley Foster
Maroochy - Jarren King, Kai Mann
Ninderry - Jayda Warren Nardia Klotzbucher-Cougan

Yandina State School recognised by Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority for Improved Academic Results

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for Australia's national reporting program, which includes My School. ACARA intends to update My School 2015 on Thursday 5 March 2015.

Based on My School data, and using a methodology explained below, our school has been identified as demonstrating above average NAPLAN gain compared to schools with similar students. This gain is deemed to be statistically significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledgement.

To identify Yandina State School as demonstrating this above average gain compared to schools with similar students and to deem this statistically significant, ACARA employed a methodology that considered three key factors being:

1. Our overall gain compared to previous years;
2. Our gain compared to schools with similar students based on the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) level; and,
3. Our gain compared to other students at similar NAPLAN start points.

As part of My School communications planning, ACARA held a media briefing on Monday 2 March 2015. The media briefing included journalists from the major metropolitan media. Our school – Yandina State School’s name has been provided to the media.

Congratulations to all of the great students, teachers, staff and parents who have contributed to our successes.
New Flags Donated

Mr Clive Palmer MP Member for Fairfax, Queensland has kindly donated a new Australian Flag, Aboriginal Flag and a Torres Strait Islander Flag for our school.

Mr Peter Wellington MP Member for Nicklin has donated a new Queensland Flag for our school.

Thank you for to both Members of Federal and State government respectively for their donation.

Attention students and parents— you can now download up to 5 FREE copies of Microsoft Office 365 Suite to all student’s personal PC’s, Macs and other mobile devices at home.


CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Yandina State School and other schools in the area.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are normally 1.25 hours a day and usually comprise of ¾ in the morning and ½ hour in the afternoon.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and

- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Applicants are required to advise in writing of any charges that have been laid against them or any offence of which they have been convicted of.

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description must be submitted in writing to the school.

If you are successful in your application for this position, you can only commence employment with Transport and Main Roads if you hold a current Blue Card or are renewing your Blue Card and have submitted either a Blue Card Application form or Authorisation to Confirm Current Blue Card form to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Address application to:

Private and Confidential
The Principal
Yandina State School
48 School Road
Yandina QLD 4561

Applications close at 3.00pm on 12 March 2015

For further information please phone the Road Safety on 07 54521827
NAPLAN Preparation

Every year our Year Three and Year Five students sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests in May. This year the dates are 12 – 14th.

This year Year 3 and 5 Yandina students have had the opportunity to have a run through last year’s tests. They have now been marked and students are being given feedback around how they fared.

This was the first time our Year Three students have encountered this type of testing. To improve on their results, learning the skills of taking tests, reading instructions, self-checking and building stamina will be important, along with developing Literacy and Numeracy skills.

The tests are:

Language Conventions will be tested on the Tuesday. (Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation) tests, followed later in the day by a Writing test. Here students will be called upon to write either a Narrative or Persuasive piece on a given stimulus. The test last for around 40 minutes with about 15 minutes to prepare the children and the papers.

On Wednesday, students will sit the Reading tests. They have a reading magazine comprised of 6 different readings and a test booklet with detailed comprehension questions about each text that they read. Most answers are multiple choice where students choose the best answer and colour a bubble to show the choice. There are some questions that require a short written response.

On Thursday they will complete the Numeracy tests. These test all aspects of the Mathematics curriculum including Number, Space, Chance, Data, Geometry, Problem solving.

Teachers have prepared students for these tests to minimise any stress or concern they may have. They are a chance to take the opportunity to do their best independently and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

If students are absent for any of these days, arrangements can be made to sit the tests at another time in the week, though students cannot sit the tests after Friday 15th May. The papers are collected and sent away for marking.

If you or your child had any concerns with these tests, or would like more information, please discuss with your child’s teacher or Mrs Nash.

**Money Collections**

Please assist our school with providing prompt payments for all school activities. We ask that all payments be made before or on the due date as the receipting process and administration procedures, such as providing teachers with a list of students who will be attending, need to be done prior to the day of the activity.

If you are sending money in with your child please ensure they bring it to the office before school begins so that money is not left in pockets or bags. You can also pay for any school activities via BPay or Direct Deposit into the schools bank account.

**Direct payment into School Bank Account**

School’s Bank Account: Yandina State School  
BSB Number: 064-424  
Account Number: 00090634  
Reference Details: Please record both “Student Name and Invoice Number” in the reference/details section so that your payment can be applied correctly.

**BPay**

Biller Code: 149468  
Ref: Each student has their own reference number. See the bottom on any invoice or statement for this number. If you are unable to locate this number please contact the school on 5472 9333.

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**Winter Jackets Pre-Order**

With the cooler months fast approaching we are asking parents to pre-order school jackets by next Friday, 13 March 2015.

Cost is $35.

Our school winter jackets are windproof and are made from polyester.

Please complete the order form through our website at www.yandinass.eq.edu.au or forms are also available through the tuckshop.

Should you wish to ‘layby’ your jackets, please see the friendly tuckshop staff.

We also have a very small number of limited sizes of the older style fleecy winter jackets for $30 each. Please see tuckshop staff if you are interested in these jackets.

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**Tuckshop Donation Class Roster**

This month we are kindly asking the families of class 1/2 for donations to our tuckshop. Your donations help to keep our prices very affordable, while still being able to provide this valuable service to our school—4 days a week!

For the month of March we need:

- Strawberry jam (homebrand is the best), tomato sauce, wholemeal self-raising flour, licorice, milo, brown paper bags (for lunch orders), plastic teaspoons & forks, and paper towel.

Please either take these donations to the tuckshop or leave them in the basket provided in your child’s classroom.

Thanks again for your support

*Kathy & Grace  
Tuckshop Convenors*
On Thursday 26 February our school swim team participated in the Nambour District Swimming Carnival. The team consisted of Mitch F, Sequoya M, Ruth S, Ethan D, Harmony T, Jenayah G, Bailey G. These students did the school proud not only with their swimming ability but their great sportsmanship and support for each other. Special mention must be made of Sequoya who placed overall out of 3 heats, second in 50m Breastroke and third in 50m Freestyle. A big thankyou to all parents and grandparents who came and supported the school. Your cheering was heard miles away.

Helen Raatz

Friday 20 March 2015 is ....

Here are some fascinating statistics about Australia’s diversity. Did you know:

• around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
• 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
• apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi
• more than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia
• 92 per cent of Australians feel a great sense of belonging to our country?
Congratulations

to the following

Super Stars

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Prep: Zoe D—for brilliant artwork in all areas.

Prep/1: Teejay H—for doing fabulous before school reading of sight words and home readers.

1MS: Holley L—for always being respectful and helpful and trying her best.

1/2MR: Xena C—congratulations for fluent reading with expression and meaningful writing—well done.

2/3H: Paige A—for always showing interest in her lessons and being a good learner.

3/4S: Katie L—for great on task listening and always striving to be a learner.

4/5K: Madison C—Madison, you are a working student and always strive to do your best. You are reliable, honest and respected by your peers. Well done Madison.

5/6 CJ: Ethan D—for displaying an impressive work ethic.

6 J: Ella S—for displaying resilience in some difficult situations.

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... and a special congratulations to Jakeb M for being awarded our first behavioural award for this year.
Hi Everyone,

**125 BOOKS:** P and C Still have some of the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration memorabilia books available for $25 each. You can purchase these from the front office or email the P and C committee.

**P&C MEETING:** Our next meeting will be held on the **13 March @ 3pm** in the resource centre and we need your help!!

Join us at this meeting to discuss agenda items such as our 2015 budget and our 2015 fundraising calendar—just to name a couple of items. Please send us any ideas you have for fundraising this year that you think would be more successful and useful. These items are being discussed in preparation for our AGM coming up in March/April.

We welcomed new parents to our last meeting and would love for more of you to join us and give us your valuable input.

**TUCKSHOP:** Our donation roster has started up again for our canteen to help out with help out with those never ending supplies of ingredients needed for our delicious lunches. Items for donation this month include strawberry jam (homebrand is best), tomato sauce, wholemeal self raising flour, licorice, milo, brown paper bags, plastic teaspoons, forks and paper towel. The class nominated for the roster this month is **class 1/2** but of course anyone can donate the above items at any time.

**Thank you for your kind donations.**

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS WANTED:** Is your child’s uniform getting too small? Can you see their belly button when they get dressed in the morning or do you have any spare uniforms sitting around? If so, we ask you could kindly donate them to our second hand uniform shop. Please drop donations to Karyn in the office or they can be dropped to the P and C room under the office on Friday mornings before school.

Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!!

Regards

Misty.

Email – pandc@yandinass.eq.edu.au
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Hearing Tests

Hearing tests are available for free from Community Health Centres to children over 4 years of age.

Parents are able to make an appointment for a hearing test by phoning the Noosa Community Health Centre - Noosa makes appointments for all the different Community Health Centres on the Sunshine Coast.

The addresses for the Centres are as follows:

Noosa Community Health: ph 54495944 (all hearing tests booked via here)
14 Bottlebrush Ave
Noosa Heads (behind cinemas)

Maroochydore Community Health
100 Sixth Ave
Maroochydore

Nambour Community Health
Centenary Square
Currie St
Nambour.

If a problem is evident with the hearing test results, the nurse will refer the child to their Doctor or to Australian Hearing Services for further testing (this is also a free service but requires a problem to have already been identified).

MEDICAL UPDATES

DOES THE SCHOOL KNOW OF YOUR CHILD’S MEDICAL CONDITION?

Has your child:

- begun a course of medication or changed medication?
- a specific care plan in place or a plan that has been updated?
- seen a practitioner who has diagnosed a medical condition (including use of Asthma puffers and allergy treatments)?

ADMINISTRATION NEEDS TO BE ADVISED DIRECTLY
The school is pleased to announce that we **will be** offering surfing lessons before school on Thursday mornings for weeks **7, 8, 9 and 10** in Term 1. This is for all students in Years 3 to Year 6. Interest has been good.

**Where:** Noosa, near Main Beach

**When:** Every Thursday mornings from 6.30am-7.45am. **Starting 12th MARCH Week 7 until the 2nd April Week 10**

**Who:** Any students in grade 3 or above + Mr Jennings and Mr Hatfield

**What:** Surf lessons for 4 weeks

**Costs:** $60.00 for 4 lessons (board hire included) This is paid to the company directly. Please bring money along with you.

All lessons will be conducted by Merricks Surf School. Merrick Davis is a Two Time Australian and World Pro Am Surfing Champion, who competed until 1995 on the World Professional Circuit. Merrick has lived in Noosa since and has been busy working on the beach, teaching beginners and surfing its fabled tropical Noosa National Park surf breaks. Check out his website at [www.learntosurf.com.au](http://www.learntosurf.com.au)

**Please be aware that all students will have to use their own transport to get to and from Noosa. No transport is provided.**

**What you need to bring:**

- Board Shorts or equivalent
- Rashie
- Towel
- Wetsuit – Not compulsory it’s not cold in the water but can be used if you want
- Sunscreen
- Water-bottle
- Lots of energy and enthusiasm

Permission slip must be returned so the final numbers can be given to Merrick’s Surf School. All monies are to be paid to Merrick’s Surf School on the first morning - 12th March.

My Child ______________________ will be attending Yandina State School’s Surfing School.

Signed: ______________________
HOW TO ENTER

All Sunshine Coast School Kids receive a 50% discounted entry fee into the below Festival Events as part of the Subaru Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival.

**MOOLOOLABA TWILIGHT 5km RUN**
When: 6.00pm Friday 13 March (check-in opens 4.30pm)
Where: Mooloolaba Esplanade
What: 5km two lap course

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**MOOLOOLABA OCEAN SWIM**
When: 10.30am Saturday 14 March (check-in opens 9.00am)
Where: Main Beach, Mooloolaba
What: 1000m M-shaped ocean swim off Mooloolaba Beach.

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**SUPERKIDZ**
When: 8.00am Saturday 14 March (check-in opens at 6.30am)
Where: Charles Clarke Park, River Esp, Mooloolaba
What: Achievable distances based on participation and fun
7-10 yrs: 100m swim / 1km cycle / 500m run
11-13 yrs: 200m swim / 3km cycle / 1km run

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**MOOLOOLABA SPECIAL TRIATHLON**
When: 8.00am Saturday 14 March (check-in opens 6.30am)
Where: Charles Clarke Park, River Esp, Mooloolaba
What: Achievable distances based on participation and fun
100m swim / 1km cycle / 500m run

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*5$ Triathlon Australia Membership is not included in this cost and must be purchased at the time of registration.

HOW TO ENTER online and receive the discount

Go to www.mooloolabatri.com.au and click on ‘FESTIVAL EVENTS’ on the menu bar. Scroll down and select your event to commence the registration process. ENTER YOUR POSTCODE IN THE DISCOUNT CODE FIELD TO RECEIVE THE 50% ENTRY DISCOUNT. Remember to enter by 5pm on Wednesday 11 March to register for the discount. No on the day discounts apply.

For further information phone 1300 761 384 or email mooloolabatri@ironman.com

Enter online www.mooloolabatri.com.au

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SPECIAL TRIATHLON
RECEIVE EVENT-SHIRT & MEDAL

SUPERKIDZ
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Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival
13 - 15 MARCH 2015

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The Sunshine Coast Daily has partnered up with Staples® to give you the opportunity to win a $5,000 classroom makeover for your school, fuelled by products from the Staples® Education Essentials range.

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**STEP 1: Register your school**
Visit www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/classroom-makeover-registration to to register your school’s involvement by 5pm Friday 27 February.

**STEP 2: Collect tokens**
Rally your school community to start collecting as many daily tokens as you can from the Sunshine Coast Daily between Saturday 14 February to Monday 16 March.

**STEP 3: Count your tokens**
Register your final tally of tokens online at www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/classroom-makeover-tokens by 5pm Monday 23 March. Entries after this date will not be eligible.

At the end of the competition, the school with the most number of tokens per student will win a $5,000 classroom makeover from Staples®. All schools stand an equal chance of winning, as we’ll pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner!

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Visit www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/classroom-makeover to download promotional posters to display around your school, and access tips on how to inspire the support of your teachers, students, parents, friends and family through your school newsletter, website and weekly parade.

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YOUR NEAREST MILO T20 BLAST CENTRE:

Tewantin-Noosa CC T20 BLAST

When: 4pm Friday 20th February (Program runs for 6 weeks)
What: First day is a FREE ‘Come and Try’ session
Where: Tewantin-Noosa Cricket club Read Park Cnr Poinciana and Goodwin Streets
Tewantin 4565
Contact: Brett Lea bandclea10@bigpond.com 0458 995 661
Register by heading to www.T20BLAST.com.au. Enter 4565 into the ‘Register Now’ postcode section and the Tewantin-Noosa program will be first on the list. Then click Register Here!

SIGN UP AT T20BLAST.COM.AU
Yandina Scout Group
FREE – Come & Try

- Want to learn survival skills and make new friends?
- Want to go on hikes, camp, have new experiences?
- Want your child to learn team & leadership skills?
- Want to be part of a world recognised organisation?

Scouting is about personal growth through adventure.

Please note: ‘Get Started Grant’ applications are open 28th Jan- 10th April. Eligible children can apply for a voucher of up to $150 to help pay for club membership.

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nambourhockey@gmail.com

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Or go to our website
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Where and When do we meet?
Corner of Steggals Rd and Carnival Street, Yandina
Joey and Cubs (6-10yrs): Monday 5.30 – 7.00pm
Scouts (10 – 14yrs): Wednesday 6.00 – 8.00pm
For more information:
Call Group Leader Michele Venz on
0401 176 043 or email shell.64@hotmail.com
www.scoutsqld.com.au
2nd February sign on day

Be Prepared...
for new adventure!

Keep a watch on our school
If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number

13 17 88
and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.