



Yandina State School Newsletter

Friday 15th of September 2017
Week 10 Term 3

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from the Acting Principal's Desk... *Selina Barry*

Welcome back to an action-packed Term 4 with many events planned to finish off a fantastic school year.

It's Great to be Here

I had the pleasure of getting to be a part of Yandina State School for the first five weeks of this term as Acting Principal while Mr Jennings is taking some well-earned long service leave. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents for making me feel welcomed and accepting me into the school so readily. Strong relationships and the individual care for each and every member of the school community are an obvious strength at Yandina and it is evident to me that these relationships are having a positive impact on the engagement and enthusiasm of the students in their everyday school life. It is also wonderful to see the variety of programs that are on offer for students at Yandina. These programs are catered to support students both academically and through engagement in sporting activities. These opportunities are possible due to the dedication of both the staff and the parent community. What a great place Yandina SS is to learn and grow!

So far this term, I have enjoyed participating in school planning meetings, professional learning teams, professional development opportunities and assisting with extra-curricular events. This has given me the chance to get to know both the staff and many of the students in a short period of time. Not only have I enjoyed my time at Yandina so far, but I will also take away lots of new knowledge and some great memories.

World Teachers' Day in Queensland

On Friday, we celebrated World Teachers' Day. A day to recognise our educators' commitment, resilience, passion and care for the students of Yandina State School.

On behalf of the Yandina school community, I would like to extend our appreciation to the Yandina teaching staff for all that they do, every day, to ensure that every child is not only learning and achieving, but also feels well-supported and cared for. Thank you teachers!

Attendance

Currently, Yandina State School's attendance data is 90.8%, well below the school and state target of 92.7%. The flu season has certainly impacted attendance rates during term 3, but we are hopeful that as the weather warms up, the number of absences due to illness will decrease. We know that regular attendance is vital to academic achievement. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school, however it is particularly important at this time of the year. Students are currently participating in assessment which will be reported upon in the end of semester report cards. Let's work together to ensure that every child is at school every day possible in term 4!

DATES TO REMEMBER

TUCKSHOP OPEN TUES—FRI

STUDENT BANKING EVERY MONDAY



PARADE EVERY FRIDAY 9:00AM

NOVEMBER

DISCO MYTHICAL CREATURE THEME	THURS 16 NOV
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LEARN TO SWIM PREP-YEAR 5	MON 20—FRI 24
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SWIMMING CARNIVAL—9-12YRS	MON 27 NOV
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WET n WILD YEAR 6 CELEBRATION	THURS 30 NOV
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DECEMBER

POOL FUN DAY PREP—YEAR 6	THURS 7 DEC
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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	FRI 8 DEC
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from the Acting Principal's Desk....*Selina Barry cont....*



Step into Prep

In preparation for the new cohort of Prep students in 2018, Mrs Tammy Hazel and Mrs Julie Thomson have **been very busy, delivering the 'Step into Prep' program.** The aim of this program is to give parents and children an understanding of what to expect in prep and ensure that they feel supported and confident about taking this step into formal education. The six week program has been very well supported by pre-prep students and families, with one sessions left to run:

Wednesday 8th November with Mrs Thomson - Getting ready for School/Celebrations

Thank you to those families who have already completed enrolment forms for their child to attend next year. It is important in our planning for classes and teachers to get an accurate number of our Prep students that will commence at our school in 2018. If you know of any other families who have Prep eligible students, but have not yet enrolled for 2018, could you please advise them to contact our school office (Phone 5472 9333) to start the enrolment process.

Planning for 2018

In planning preparation for 2018, parent requests were emailed out to help provide teachers with any additional information regarding the organisation of classes. If you would like the school to be aware of any considerations for your child in this planning process, please ensure that you complete this form and return it to the office by Friday 3rd November, 2017. Also, if you are aware that due to family circumstances, your child will not be attending Yandina State School in 2018, could you please inform the office on 5472 9333 as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

Resilience Survey

Student wellbeing is at the heart of our work and lays the foundation for success. More and more, schools are measuring wellbeing to establish how well their approaches are working. In order to gauge improvement **over time, it is vital to have reliable and credible base line data.** As **'Student Wellbeing and Engagement'** is one of the major priorities at Yandina State School, students in years 3-6 have completed an online **'Resilience Survey' through Resilience Youth.** **This survey is an evidence-based** tool that measures resilience, optimism, sense of belonging and other wellbeing assets. The data that is provided from the survey will give the school a strong understanding of the strengths and areas for improvement across the student body and form the basis of powerful discussion with students, staff, parents and the wider community. We look **forward to sharing Yandina's results with our school community and expect that they will be available before** the end of the term.

Selina Barry
A/Principal

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Parent Information

Road Safety

Road rules and parking rules exist to ensure Queensland roads and streets stay organised and safe for all road users and pedestrians, particularly when travelling to and from school. When picking up or dropping off your child from school, please pay particular attention to these signs. Our school bus drivers are currently having to navigate around cars parked in *no parking* areas, causing safety concerns for road users. Your support to help ensure that everyone is safe before and after school is greatly appreciated.

Learn to Swim/Pool Fun Day/Swimming Carnival/Wet n Wild

Fees for these are now overdue. If you would like your child to attend, please arrange payment and return consent forms immediately.

We are becoming an Electronic and Paperless School!

As of Semester 2, we will be sending student report cards home electronically, so we require your accurate, up-to-date valid email address. If you know that you have changed your email address recently, or you are not currently receiving our regular emails, please provide your email to us by emailing admin@yandinass.eq.edu.au. We are also in the process of setting up Electronic Consent Forms on our School website (<https://yandinass.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>)

What Does This Mean For You?

In the near future, you will complete *online* permission forms for school camps and excursions, and **also update your child's medical information and contact details. In this world where an increasing number of people are owners of 'Smart' phones, online forms is a natural progression for schools of the 21st Century.** By creating a paperless school, we are directly contributing to reducing waste, water, and power use — and providing a cleaner and more sustainable world for our children. A paperless office also saves time for teachers and administration—from printing and stapling together handouts and tests, to filing forms and letters—paperwork takes up time that teachers and admin teams could otherwise spend on developing students and working on bigger school projects. This way, our staff spend less effort on managing paperwork and chasing up documents, and have more time to focus on supporting students, working with parents and contributing to your school community.

How Can We Help You?

Once we have all of the online forms up and running, we will let you know, and provide clear instructions on how to use them. We will also provide an iPad in our office for those who do not have access to a computer or 'smart' phone.



P&C News



Thanks to 4G for their tuckshop donations. If you **have not yet donated items for tuckshop, it's never too late!** Or, rather than donating goods, if you can flip a pikelet, slice a tomato, turn on a mixer or wash a dish please talk to a convenor about volunteering your time instead. Speaking of **convenors, we recently said "farewell and thank you" to Kathy Honor, who ran tuckshop on Thursdays and alternate Wednesdays.** Melissa and Georgie will be filling her shoes for Term 4, with a new convenor to be appointed next year.

The P&C has a number of events organised for the end of year. The disco theme chosen by senior students is **"Mythical Creatures"** (get ready to crank out unicorn costumes and dance the night away on the 16th November.) The Trivia Night will be held on November 24th - we are still seeking donations of goods or services for prizes. There will be a Christmas stall on December 1st with presents suitable for everyone, set up just like the **mothers' and fathers' day stalls we did earlier** in the year. The P&C is also looking forward to catering the end of year Dance Culture Concert on December 4th. We will be selling chicken & gravy rolls and hotdogs this year. If you or your child has special dietary requirements, please speak to one of us prior to the night so that we can arrange suitable alternatives (e.g. gluten free bread, or vegetarian hotdogs.)

We are also seeking volunteers to join a special committee headed by Amanda Ballinger and Lyn Cohn, which aims to organise and run a School Fair in 2018. Without a large number of parents and carers participating on the day/night, this event will not be possible, so please consider becoming involved.

Our last meeting for the year is coming up soon, so if you have any suggestions for future fundraising, or any feedback for improvements for next year, we would love to hear from you. Please email:

pandc@yandinass.eq.edu.au

Thank you to all of the members who have worked hard to make our school even better!

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Wed 8th November 7pm Staffroom -
please bring a plate to share

Alys Deeley, Fundraising coordinator

Who are your kids and what year level?

Tahi in 1A and Rua in Prep H.

Why did you join P&C?

I joined the P&C because I believe in the motto 'many hands make light work'. I won't lie; I also had heard there was cake at the meetings, so I was in.

What's the best thing about being on P&C?

Besides the cake? I love being part of the school community and making connections within the broader community. Being a member of the P&C gives me a sense of giving back and being part of a team.

What advice would you give to someone thinking of joining P&C?

Don't be scared, we don't bite. If you like helping, if you have time to spare (haha), want to have a say about events within the school, or even have skills you wish to utilise after being a stay at home mum or dad....come along, ask questions, be engaged.

When you're not doing P&C stuff, what do you do with yourself?

In my spare time (there's those words again), I am an amateur entomologist. I raise butterflies and stick insects and have provided educational programs within the school and the community. I am also an avid gardener and can often be found amongst the flowers searching for insects.

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Thursday 16th November

Theme - MYTHICAL CREATURES

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 24th November - notes home soon

CHRISTMAS STALL

Friday 1st December 9am-11am

(presents priced from \$1-\$10)

DANCE CULTURE CONCERT FOOD STALL

5.30pm Monday 4th December

Hungerford Hall, Nambour State College

Want to Donate a Prize?

Donations of goods or services to use as prizes for the Trivia Night are sought. If you have a local business that can spare an item or service, or if you have unwanted, new, good quality items you are willing to donate, please email Alys Deeley c/o pandc@yandinass.eq.edu.au or speak to a P&C member.



Instrumental Music 2018

Did you know that group lessons in orchestral instruments are available at the school, free of charge, apart from a small yearly resource fee and maintenance levy? Yandina has a wind and percussion program and instruction is available in flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba, electric bass and percussion. Students are admitted to the program on the basis of suitability testing, academic results and behaviour, and subject to an instrument and place being available. The school has instruments available for beginners wishing to start next year.

There is conclusive evidence that the study of a musical instrument can improve academic performance, fine motor skills and self-discipline. Most importantly, it fosters a lifelong interest in music and provides an avenue for self expression, a sense of teamwork and accomplishment. Regular practice and commitment to ensemble rehearsals and performances is required. Please note that lessons in regular guitar, keyboard or voice are not provided as part of this particular program and that students must be in year four or above to begin studying a wind or percussion instrument.

Students in grades three and four or five this year are also welcome to apply for consideration and testing to be part of the program in 2018. All students are assessed for suitability and there is no guarantee of acceptance/preferred instrument, although preferred instruments can be listed on the application. If you **are interested in having your child tested for the program and haven't yet obtained an application form, please ask for an "Instrumental Music Application form" at the office and return as soon as possible.**

Neil Heymink, Instrumental Music Teacher



Book Fair

Book Fair will run from
Monday 27th November -
Friday 1st December (Week 9)
in the Resource Centre.
Come in and grab some great
reads for Christmas.
EFTPOS and cash accepted.





Last Friday Yandina State School staff, students and families supported the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and participated in a Walk for Daniel from the cenotaph in Yandina to our school. Students were invited to wear red and offer a gold coin donation. Once students returned to school, the lovely ladies in our tuckshop provided everyone with fresh pikelets and jam. Funds raised are used to educate children about safety and support young victims of crime. Together our Yandina State School community raised \$78.30.





How can I help my
child **SUCCEED** in
school?

Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Read with your child **every** night.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework **every** night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.



C&K Yandina
Community
Kindergarten

*Limited vacancies
for 2018
remaining!*

About us

At C&K Yandina Community Kindergarten your child will experience many opportunities to explore, solve problems, develop friendships, imagine, use their creativity and extend their capabilities in language, literacy and numeracy and transition to school experiences.

We're not just a service; we're a C&K community.

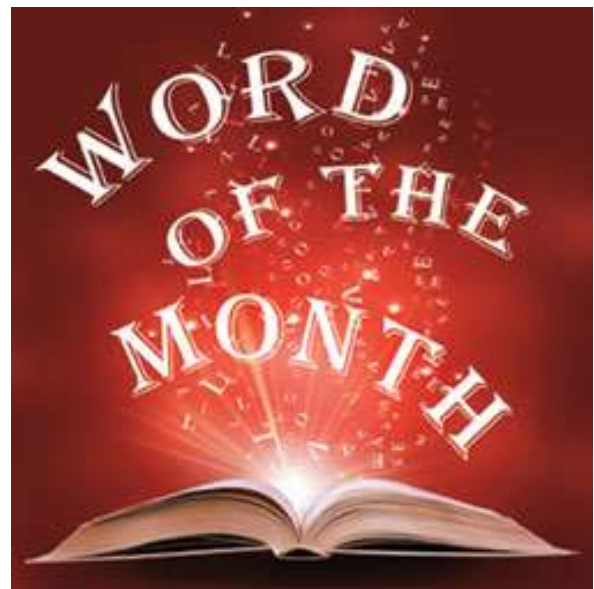
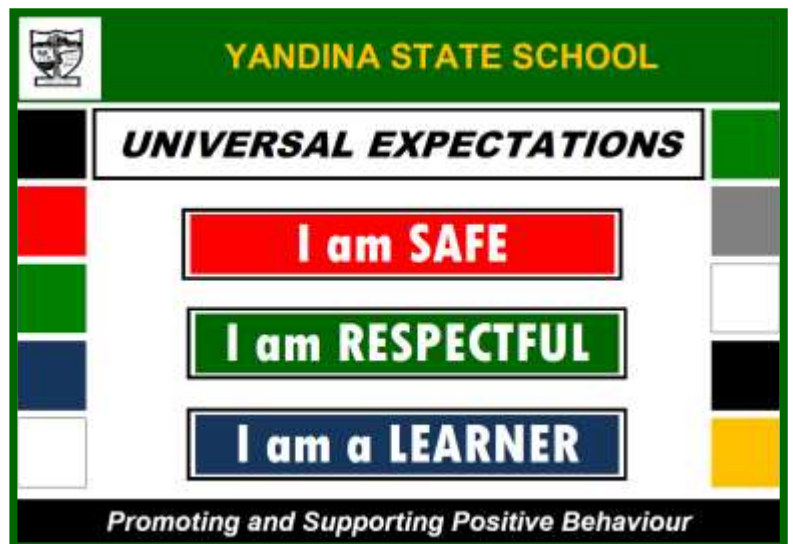
Call us today and make a time to visit and see what makes C&K Yandina Community Kindergarten so special. Ask our Director about fee reductions available for Health Care Card holders.

C&K Yandina Community Kindergarten

48 School Road, Yandina
Phone: 54727248

Email: yandina@candk.asn.au

Join the waiting list by visiting
www.candk.asn.au and follow the links
to "waiting list".



discombobulate

One of those rare and wonderful words that means exactly what it sounds like. There is no word more **onomatopoeic** to **confusion** than discombobulate.



Wondering about Wees 2017

A free parent information workshop.

Wondering about Wees is a community-based information workshop for groups of parents and carers. Parents/carers are welcome to attend who have children aged **five to 15 years** and over with bladder difficulties including:

- frequency
- urgency
- withholding
- day wetting
- night wetting.

The workshop provides information about:

- normal bladder habits
- diaries
- scheduling/routines
- bedwetting alarms
- dietary/fluid intake
- medication advice
- behavioural advice.

Wondering about wees dates and times

Thursday, 23 March 2017

Mountain Creek State School, Lady Musgrave Drive
9.30am to 12.30pm

Thursday, 15 June 2017

Meridan College, 214 Parklands Blvd, Meridan Plains
9.30am to 12.30pm

Thursday, 24 August 2017

Sunshine Beach State School, David Low Way
9.30am to 12.30pm

Thursday, 16 November 2017

Yandina State School, 48 School Road, Yandina
9.30am to 12.30pm



To book contact Child Health Access

5319 4824

NB: There is no child care available.

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