ANZAC Report

I was extremely proud of all of our students at our School ANZAC service held on Thursday 23 April. The students were very respectful and a number of parents saw me to say how impressed they were with the behaviour of our students. I would also like to congratulate our School Captains Jaida and Sequoya who ran a beautiful ceremony. What a highlight it was to have Jaida’s father Retired Navy Chief Petty Officer - Russell Rylance address the students. A very proud moment for our school and I am sure for the Rylance family as well.

Community Ceremony – Saturday 25 March

Our great school and community culture was displayed at the Yandina Community ANZAC Ceremony. 80 students represented our school at the march. I was extremely appreciative of the six staff members – Mrs Nash, Ms Mason, Mrs Emmerson, Mr Jenkinson, Ms Angela and Karyn together with P&C Members Courtney Brown and Amanda Ballinger and the large amount of parents who showed up to support the students in my absence due to an emergency situation with my father on the Gold Coast. He is now on the road to recovery. I am humbled by the messages and actions of support I received.

New P&C Executives Elected for 2014

I would like to congratulate the following parents at our school for successfully nominating and attaining the following positions on our P&C Executive.

President – Courtney Brown
Vice Presidents – Misty Rowe & Amanda Ballinger
Secretary – Kylie Taylor, Assistant – Lyn Cohn
Treasurer – Carly Reilly, Assistant Amanda Ballinger

Thank you ladies for supporting our school and stepping up to be leaders of our P&C. Our P&C is an important team that contribute to the future direction of our school. I would also like to thank the 2014 executive who did a fantastic job in our 125th Year. It is great to see that you all have stayed on for 2015.

Students prepare for NAPLAN 2015

Students in Years 3, and 5 will soon be taking part in the annual National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Held over three days, 12 to 14 May, NAPLAN tests the skills such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

Rob Jennings
Research shows that investing resources and energy into children’s early years, when their brains are developing rapidly, will bring lifelong benefits to children and to the whole community.

Every three years since 2009, the Australian Government has undertaken a census (Australian Early Development Census - AEDC) of all children in their first year of full-time schooling. This information is used to identify communities where families and children may require extra support and to help shape the future and wellbeing of Australian children.

Our Prep teachers will be completing this information this term from Week 4. Parents of our Prep students will also receive a letter with more information.

If you have any questions, you can access the website http://www.aedc.gov.au/parents/faq-for-parents or talk to your child’s National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

The AEDC can be used to:
- raise awareness of the importance of children’s early years
- plan initiatives to support early child development
- create and strengthen community networks to explore new ways of working together to ensure children get the best start
- support more effective use of resources, such as playgroups, health centres and libraries.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing program is to occur in all schools across Australia in Week Four of this term. This involves all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

On Tuesday 12th May Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) will be conducted in the morning session and Writing tests in the middle session. On Wednesday our Year Three and Five students will complete the Reading assessment and on Thursday students will finish the testing program with the Numeracy tests. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive or a narrative text.

In first term, students at Yandina sat last year’s tests, to practice the process and to minimise any concerns that students may have about sitting for them this term.

We support our students to take these tests as an opportunity to focus on doing their best and trying hard to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Parents can help by ensuring children are well rested and relaxed about the process and at are school on time to be settled in class before the tests start each morning.

More information can be found online at http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html.

If you or your child has any concerns or want more information about this National Assessment Program, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Nash.

If students are absent on any of the testing days, arrangements can be made for the tests to be completed at another time in the week. Students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16th May.

These tests are just one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, in addition to ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

Test participation will be finalised by Monday 11th May. Any parent withdrawal notice should be handed to teachers or office by this date. Any student withdrawn from the testing program should attend school as normal and will be catered for by their class teacher in regular learning activities.

Cathy Nash
Head of Curriculum
The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

During the second week of May Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The stated purpose of this testing program is to gain an overall picture of educational attainment levels to assist education policy and decision-making.

The program first implemented in 2008 has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You’ve probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seligman discovered more than a decade ago, through his research into children’s thinking styles, how closely a child’s explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids. The impact of a parent’s explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard.

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It’s better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It’s also worth remembering that many children don’t stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1. **Take your cues from your child:** If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.

2. **Focus on doing their best and trying hard:** Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than do well.

3. **Listen to any concerns they have:** If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a ‘get over it’ response. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.

4. **Give them some relaxation ideas:** Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. **Help them retain their perspective:** One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what’s the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it’s going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.
Congratulations to the following Super Stars

**Prep:** Danielle S — For being a learner at all times and always doing her best.

**Prep/1:** Sienna P — For working really hard to make great progress with your reading.

**1/2MR:** Regan F — For a great first term with solid improvements in all areas.

**2/3H:** Pauline M — For always trying hard to improve her work, especially in maths.

**3/4S:** Sophie R — Listening carefully and trying hard in story writing.

**4/5K:** Zoe Y — For consistently working hard and always presenting her best effort.

**5/6J:** Jenayah G — For her hard work in completing her assessment task.

**6 J:** Denika G — For improved effort during class discussion this week.
AGM  Last week saw the P&C hold the AGM. This meeting involved finalisation of the 2015 budget and all positions becoming vacant with nominations for executive positions open. The P&C welcomed a new Treasurer to the committee and Misty and myself swapping roles due to work commitments. On behalf of all the members of the P&C and school community I would like to thank Misty for being a fantastic President in a year that saw the school successfully coordinate the 125th celebrations and many other fundraising events.

The 2015 executive committee as follows
Courtney Brown – President
Misty Rowe – Vice president
Amanda Ballinger – Vice President
Kylie Taylor- Secretary
Carlie Reilly – Treasurer

MOTHER’S DAY STALL: On Thursday the 7 May 2015, the P&C will be running a Mother’s day stall. We have some fantastic gifts available for both Mums and Grandmas. If you would like to make a donation towards the stall please direct them to Karyn in the office.

CADBURY EGG FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all families that participated in the Easter egg drive, the response was more then anticipated. If you have not yet returned your raised money could you please return it to the office as soon as possible thanks.

ANZAC DAY MARCH: What a fantastic turn out for the Anzac March on Saturday! It was great to see all the children and parents attend to pay their respects, unfortunately the green ants were also in attendance with a few casualties. A big shout out to the junior choir who performed beautifully during the service

P&C MEETING The May P&C meeting will be decided this week with an email being sent out to parents. Our next meeting will focus on organisation of a school disco and reviewing of the tuckshop menu and pricing. We encourage parents and community members to attend helpers from Tuesday to Friday, No experience necessary.

A message from Misty

I would like to say thank you to all the staff and teachers, and to the students and families who attend our school and make it such a friendly and wonderful school to be a part of. Thank you to the executive committee for 2014/2015, Kylie, Amanda and Courtney, you ladies have all been great to work with, it has hardly felt like work, but more a catch up with friends. Thanks also to Grace and Kathy in the canteen, and the rest of the committee members who attend the meetings. I also would like to thank Wendy Mason and the members of the subcommittee for the 125th Birthday celebration fete we held in September, what a fantastic day with some absolutely stunning displays and memories on show for all to see. The 125th birthday reunion was truly spectacular, the 125th committee did an outstanding job putting all the details together and truly displayed our school with pride.

My position as president has been short lived due to personal circumstances not allowing me the time to continue in this position. In the last 12 months I have learnt so much about our school, and have seen and been involved in some big decisions that relate directly to our students. I didn’t understand until I was directly involved with the P and C how much input and support our association has into the running of our school, and how directly decisions we make together at our meetings involve our students but more importantly our own children, So if you can find the time, please attend the meetings monthly and provide us with your valuable input and you too can help us to support and provide for our school, and our children. Lastly I would like to thank Rob Jennings, Yandina State School is heading in a great direction under your leadership and I thank you for your support during the last 12 months. Thanks Everyone for a great year and I look forward to a better one ahead for Yandina State School.
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Hearing Tests

Hearing tests are available for free to children over the age of 4 years.

Parents are able to make an appointment for a hearing test by phoning the Child Access Health line on

07 5319 4824

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
40% OFF DISCOUNT AVAILABLE
As you can see from the photo Prep mum Lyn Cohn went ahead with her head shave to raise money for the Leukaemia foundation; and would like to thank everyone for their support.

She now wants the school community to benefit from her other passion – caring for animals as a volunteer at QLD zoo (next to the Big Pineapple).

A family pass for 2 adults and 2 children (under 4s are free) is normally $79, but there are $49 discount passes now available for staff and students at the school office, valid until 30/9/15. Be quick to claim yours as there are limited numbers – one per family please.

Come along and meet QLDs only sun-bear, Maly, as well as Layla the artistic baboon, Tommy the smiley quokka and a host of other Australian and exotic animals.

PHOTOS: Top right: Lyn with Hector the black-tailed cockatoo
Bottom right: Prep Sasha with Squeeze the black-headed python.

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Family Open Day
17th of May 2015
10am—2pm

Whether you are a frequent tennis player or you are eager to learn, come down to the Nambas tennis club and have some fun!

There will be:
- A sausage sizzle hosted by MIGAS Apprentices and Trainees.
- A serve speed camera for the more advanced players.
- Prizes and giveaways.
- Lots of fun to be had.

What’s on
Mothers’ Day Family Night
Thursday 7th May 6-8pm

Bring the whole family along to a free fun-filled Family Night.

Mother’s Day Craft
Card Making
Plant potting workshop for Mum
Jumping Castle
Fairy Floss
Balloonist
Face Painting
Sausage Sizzle

Bookings essential 5409 6200

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We're on a mission to find a creative primary school age student to come up with a poster design for our "Alice in Wonderland" pantomime.

BE AS CREATIVE AS YOU WISH. THE WINNER RECEIVES ALL THESE PRIZES:

$250 "Piggy Saver" Account with Bendigo Bank Marroola

One term acting classes at Little Seed Theatre Company, to the value $220

A family pass for 5 to Aussie World, value $159

A family pass for 4 to see Alice in Wonderland, value $50

Highly Commended will receive a Family Pass to Alice in Wonderland

Winner will be invited to an afternoon Tea Party at Bendigo Bank Maroolo, Tuesday 2nd of June at 4pm

The winning poster will be used for the show's publicity and programme.

Show bookings www.coolumtheatre.com.au
Like us on Facebook.

For further competition information contact Julia on 0419 480 737
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.

SCHOOL WATCH

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.

Where and When do we meet?

Corner of Steggals Rd and Carnival Street, Yandina
Joey’s 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

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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.