



# Yandina State School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 4

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from the Principal's Desk....*Michael Cookman*

On Wednesday night, I had the pleasure of attending my first Yandina State School P&C Association meeting and I was very pleased to see so many families actively involved in the P&C. A strong school P&C team is very important to the success of a school and I look forward to working with the P&C this year.

I am also very pleased to report that all classes are now settled into their routines even though some minor adjustments to timetables will be made after this week. This is due to the final staffing allocation that has been granted to our school. We also have a teacher change with Cindy Jennings starting work on Monday at a new school. We wish Cindy all the best and thank her for the work she has done at Yandina.

This vacant Friday position in Year 4R is being filled by Minna Berry. Mrs Berry will continue the work started by Mrs Jennings.

The school is looking great; our fill-in groundsman Kell is doing a great job completing a range of small projects that will make a big difference around the school, and our cleaning team continue to ensure a clean school greets us all every single day.

## Prep Playground

The new prep playground is now officially open and the prep students are very excited. The playground is a nature focussed playground, which is so refreshing to see and truly reflects the schools natural environment. Those responsible for the design should be very proud of the finished playground.

Prep students will now eat and play in the prep area, which provides an engaging play space and covered eating area for our students. Please have a look at the before and after photos on the following page.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

TUCKSHOP OPEN TUES—FRI



STUDENT BANKING EVERY MONDAY

PARADE EVERY FRIDAY 9:00am

### MARCH

STAMP OUT BULLYING PRESENTATION

FRI 15 MAR

P&C AGM 7:00PM

WED 27 MAR

SURF AWARENESS

Thurs 21st & 28th

### APRIL

SCHOOL DISCO 5:30 Sausage Sizzle 6:00-7:30 Disco \$5

THURS 4 APR

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Before



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## School Sport

School sport is a very important aspect of school life and this term I will work closely with Ms Raatz to ensure our students are well aware of the range of sporting opportunities available to them. For many students sport is the place they can shine; this builds confidence and more often than not leads to improved classroom learning behaviours.



The school will also make improvements to the lunch time sporting options available to and will focus on the teaching and building of good sportsmanship amongst all students. Being a good sport is very important in life and applies both on and off the sporting field.

The building of resilience starts with sport for many students. Sport is often the first place we are faced with having to miss out. IE: sit on the bench, or when we might not get “selected” for a team or when we just might not agree with the referee’s decision but we have to accept it. Sport provides an opportunity to teach these important life skills to our students and I intend to work closely with teachers to be actively involved in this. I will be encouraging classes to get outside and play a class game at least once each week.

Kind regards,

Michael



# Curriculum Corner

We are full steam ahead with our Writing Improvement Focus this year. The Writing Professional Learning Team (PLT) have already met twice to further prioritise our actions for the year and have established our vision and our aspirations.

## **Writing PLT Vision**

*At Yandina State School we have a vision to improve the writing capabilities of every student through a co-ordinated and collaborative school wide approach. We aim to develop the quality of our students' writing by explicitly teaching the skills required to effectively plan, compose, edit and publish writing.*

## **Writing PLT Aspirations**

*The members of the Writing Professional Learning Team aspire to provide shared leadership to implement an explicit writing improvement agenda across all areas of the school. We aim to enhance teacher knowledge and capability in writing instruction, promote opportunities and conditions for students to learn to write effectively and engage the wider school community in our endeavours. We seek to synchronise the efforts of all educators at our school in order to provide a consistent approach to the teaching of writing, including common pedagogy, language and understanding of best practice.*

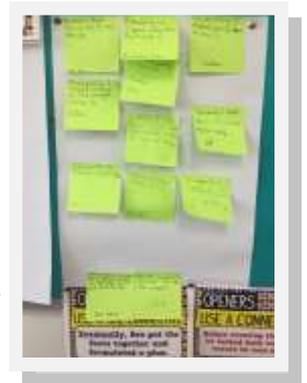
Teachers have already engaged in a collaborative professional discussion focused on writing during the student free days and all students have undertaken a writing pre-assessment to help teachers determine individual learning needs and priority areas for instruction.

Further actions you can expect to see during this term are:

- Consistent displays of visuals in classrooms to explicitly state Learning Intentions and Success Criteria for Writing.
- Students engaged in lunchtime 'Rising Writers' club to enter community-based writing competitions and have fun with writing. At the first meeting on Tuesday, we had eight students.
- A weekly 'Rising Writers Award' for a student in each class. This is nominated by the class teacher and is given to students putting in the most effort to improve their writing.
- A parent workshop to provide advice on how to help children improve their writing.

## **Collaborative Efforts of Teaching Staff**

Our Year 3-6 teachers are working together this term to provide our children with 'specialised lessons' in HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences), Technologies, Science, Health and Arts. By collaborating to group students within their year levels, we are ensuring our students in composite classes continue to access their age-appropriate curriculum. We have also enlisted the support of our Technologies teacher, Brett Walker, during these rotations on Wednesdays to reduce the class sizes so that we can better cater to individual needs.



5/6L Wall Writing



5P in action in Guided Writing

# P&C News

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Our first meeting was held on Wednesday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see so many new faces and hear the positive ideas our staff, parents and carers have for making 2019 an exciting and fulfilling year for our whole school community. **It's not too late to join P&C** – just email us for a membership form. You can be a member even if you are unable to attend meetings, as there are many events throughout the year at which your assistance will be gratefully received; and new ideas are always welcome! Please note, however, that members must attend at least one meeting before they have voting rights.

## DONATIONS

Apart from tuckshop donations (see below) we are always happy to receive goods or time at our many fundraising events. The first of these is the Term 1 disco. We are looking for **sponsorship to help purchase items needed for the sausage sizzle**. If you can help, please get in touch. Your business will be advertised on the noticeboard and in the newsletter!

## TALES FROM THE TUCKSHOP

This year we sadly said “**Goodbye**” to our long-standing Convenor **Grace**. We wish her all the best in her new career!

We have introduced a **NEW Friday Special** - Sushi and Vietnamese rice paper rolls. Please remember to pre-order them by 2pm Thursday for delivery on Friday. Full lists of sushi and roll items are available at tuckshop.

Keep your eye out for our **New Menu**, which will be introduced in the next couple of weeks. We think your family will love the seasonal items and specials.

We have introduced a **suggestion box** on the tuckshop counter and welcome your fabulous ideas and comments.

Can you spare 10, 20, 30+ minutes? We are always looking for **volunteers** to help with various tasks, from separating napkins to making us a cup of tea, or baking cakes (with step by step instructions provided).

If you can't spare the time to volunteer then maybe you would like to **donate some goods**.

We would be grateful for any of the following items: (Please check the shelf life)

Paper towels; Tomato Sauce; Barbecue Sauce

Sweet chilli Sauce; Strawberry Jam

Wholemeal Self Raising Flour; Wholemeal Plain Flour

Cadburys drinking Hot Chocolate; Milo

Have you heard about **the change in eating/playing times?**

Children will be let out to play before eating at Second Break, which encourages children to sit and eat calmly.

Many other schools have implemented this with great success and we know it will work for us too!

With this new practice in place we encourage you to send your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks (available to buy at the Tuckshop) for 'Fruit Break' 9.30 – 10am, their larger meal for 'Lunch' (11:00am), and a smaller snack for 'Afternoon tea' (1:20pm.)

## TALES FROM THE TUCKSHOP (continued)

Many children are arriving at Tuckshop with money and the expectation that Tuckshop Staff will write out the bags for them. This is very time-consuming and lengthens the queue, resulting in other children being late to class; and inconveniencing other carers.

If you don't have a paper bag at home, it's fine to then write orders on a piece of paper and we can easily attach it to a paper bag for you.

We're looking forward to providing delicious and nutritious meals for Yandina SS students and staff.

*George and Mel.*



*Notice is hereby given that the P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm, upstairs in the Admin. Block.*

*The current Executive Committee will be stood down and elections will take place to appoint the 2019 Committee.*

*If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for an executive position, please pick up a nomination form from the front office or email us for one; then fill it out and bring it to the meeting.*

*Positions to be filled are:*

### **PRESIDENT**

*The accountable officer, who provides leadership and representation for the P&C and its Executive, including creating meeting agendas, chairing meetings, and overseeing correspondence.*

### **VICE PRESIDENT(S)**

*Supports the President by chairing meetings in the President's absence and carrying out any duties delegated by the President.*

### **TREASURER**

*Has overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C, including all subcommittee accounts.*

### **SECRETARY**

*Provides administrative support to the P&C, including recording and distributing the minutes of meetings, and keeping the P&C's documents safe and in good order.*

*If you would like to know more about what any of these positions entails, ask a question about P&C matters, make a suggestion or give feedback, please contact us via email*

[pandc@yandinass.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@yandinass.eq.edu.au)



# 'Dad's Army'

Yandina State School

Yandina State School are looking to make some enhancements to the Adventure forest for the children on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March and we are searching for some kind hearted Dads who would like to join our band of merry men to lend a hand for a few hours (7am-midday so you still get a weekend...)

All we are looking for is some muscle, the odd rake and a couple of wheelbarrows!

As with any goodwill project we can't pay you, but we do promise to feed and water you and hopefully throw in a bit of fatherly bonding while giving to a worthy cause.

For further information or if you are happy to join us please

contact Stu Brown 0400 110 367 or Mr. Hatfield 5472 9333

# Surf Lessons at Noosa

The school is pleased to announce that we will be offering surfing lessons before school on Thursday mornings for **weeks 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9** in Term 1. This is for all students in Years 3 to Year 6.

Where: Noosa, near Main Beach, Noosa Woods, Beach Access 14. This is at the end of Hastings Street (you need to turn left at the Noosa Surf Club roundabout).

When: Every Thursday morning from 6.00am-7.15am. **Starting 28<sup>th</sup> February Week 5 until the 28<sup>th</sup> March Week 9**

Who: Any students in grade 3 or above + Mr Hatfield.

What: Surf lessons for 5 weeks

Costs: \$85.00 for 5 lessons (board hire included) **This is paid to the company directly. Please bring the money along with you on the first day.**

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 – 28th February.

My Child \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending Yandina State School's Surfing Lessons.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_