



Yandina State School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 3

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from the Principal's Desk....*Rob Jennings*

New teacher appointed for Yandina State School

I am delighted to share with you that Mr John Hatfield will be joining our staff for the remainder of the year which means we will be fortunate enough to establish a new class for 2014. While this will cause some disruption for the some classes it is early in the year and I am confident that having 9 smaller classes will have a positive impact on our students and the learning in the classrooms. The new class structure will be advised early next week.

Year 5 Project U2B

A number of our academic Year 5 students have been selected to participate in the North Coast Region Project U2B Project. Mrs Nash supports our students as they participate in online learning activities organised by Mrs Sarah Threadingham - On-line Numeracy Project Teacher | North Coast Region at the Institute of Professional Learning based at the Sunshine Coast University Campus. Feedback from the students has been very positive with one child saying "This is the best day I have ever had. It was even better than Christmas!"

Opportunities for Parents

There are a number of ways our school provides you with opportunities to support our children and school. Keep a close look out for parent education sessions like the Numeracy workshop being held next Monday during and out of school hours and our P&C's first meeting for the year is next Monday night at 6pm. Come and be involved you are all welcome.

Swimming Carnival

Thank you for your understanding with the cancellation of the swimming carnival. While the weather did clear we contacted the pool who informed us that it was still raining there and the grassed area where the students have to sit was very wet and would not dry out. The decision was made for the safety and health of our kids who would have been sitting wet for the duration of the carnival. Mrs Raatz is negotiating a new carnival time and will advise when the date is set.

Have a good week everyone,
Rob

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuckshop Open
Tuesday to Friday

Student Banking
every Thursday



Parade 9am every Friday

FEBRUARY 2014

P & C Meeting <i>All Welcome</i>	Mon 17 Feb 6pm
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Maths Workshop Session 1: 12pm-1pm Session 2: 7pm-8pm	Mon 17 Feb
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Instrumental Music Starts	Wed 19 Feb
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MARCH

Surf Awareness (Year 6 ONLY)	Thu 6 Mar to Thu 27 Mar
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Learn to Swim Lessons (Grades 1 to 5)	Mon 24 Mar to Fri 28 Mar
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School Photos	Wed 2 Apr
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CURRICULUM CORNER

The **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** testing program is to occur in all schools across Australia in May this year. This involves all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. NAPLAN is not a test of content. Instead, it tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

Preparation for NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests are not tests students can 'prepare' for except through continuing to develop their literacy and numeracy skills through the regular school curriculum.

However, feedback indicates that practice questions for Year 3 and 5 tests are useful for students in these years, so that they can get a sense of the 'look and feel' of the tests and to understand what types of questions are asked. Teachers in Year 3 and 5 will use the resources provided by the NAPLAN website throughout Term 1 and 2 as part of their literacy and numeracy program. Additionally, next week, our Year 3 and 5 students at Yandina sit last year's tests, to practice the process and to minimise any concerns that students may have about them.

To ensure that students have opportunity to be familiar with the testing process, this practice will exactly mirror the May tests. On Tuesday Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing tests will be conducted. On Wednesday students will complete the Reading assessment and on Thursday they 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 either a persuasive or narrative text in response to a stimulus sheet. The same Writing prompt is used for all year levels.

We will also be able to use these tests to benefit students by marking and analysing the results and giving timely feedback for individual improvement. Children can take these as an opportunity to focus on doing their best and trying hard to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in this type of testing environment.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests are a routine part of the school calendar. However students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with the school. A written request must be received by the principal prior to the testing. Adjustments can be provided for students with disability to enable them to access the tests on an equivalent basis as students without disability.

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

If you have any concerns or want more information about this National Assessment Program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs Nash.

Below are links to Australian education resources that are tailored specifically to parents looking for information and support on literacy and numeracy development in children.

Literacy and numeracy

[201 Literacy and Maths Tips to Help Your Child](#)

[Achieving Literacy and Numeracy - Parent Resources](#)

[National Literacy and Numeracy Week in NSW](#)

[Helping Your Child Learn](#)

Writing and spelling

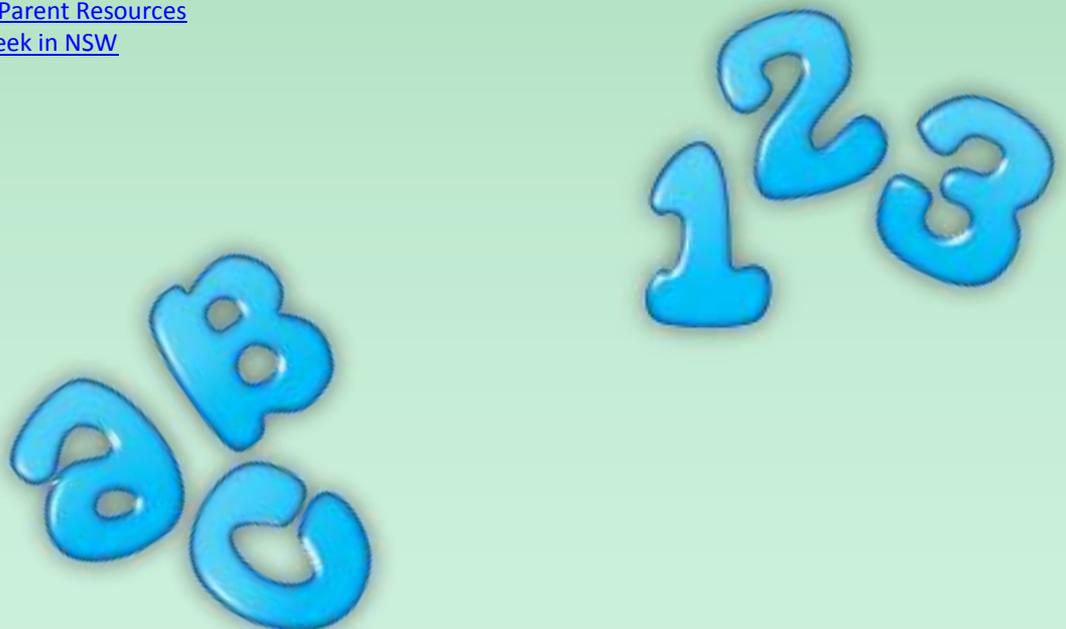
[Writing and Spelling](#)

Reading

[Reading](#)

Numeracy

[Maths Tips](#)



P&C News

We would like to welcome all of our Yandina families back to school and give a warm welcome to all our new families starting 2014 with us. **Our first P&C meeting will be on Monday 17 February 2014 at 6pm.** The P&C will be after new members to take on positions for 2014 as a few of our existing members are stepping down due to their children moving onto high school. The P&C is responsible for running the tuckshop, the second hand uniform shop and organising social activities as well as fundraising events in our school. So come along and gain a better understanding of what goes on at our little school with that country feel. We invite all interested parents and citizens along – we value your ideas!

Tuckshop

Just a reminder, especially for new parents, that our **tuckshop is open Tuesday to Friday.** We have a great selection of food to order. If you are in need of uniforms or hats, these can also be purchased from the tuckshop. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out in the tuckshop, so if you can spare a day once a fortnight/month/term – we would love to have you! Just see Julie, Grace or Kathy at the tuckshop for more information.

We are asking **YEAR 3-4 to make donations for the month of February.** There will be a basket in your room to place donations. (strawberry/raspberry jam, vegemite, saos, milo, wholemeal flour, paper towels, beetroot, liquorice, detergent, brown paper bags) Thank you.

Second Hand Uniforms

Our **second hand uniform shop**, which is in the old staffroom, **is open on a Monday each week from 8-9am.** Anyone wanting to donate uniforms that are in good condition to be sold at the shop can drop them into the tuckshop. There is a lot of jumpers, tights and track suit pants that are in very good condition if your child is in need of some winter clothes. Thank you.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Monday 17 March at 6 pm. All positions for P&C will become vacant and will need to be re-nominated and voted in at this meeting. We must have a fully nominated committee in order for our services within the school to run. Hope to see you there.

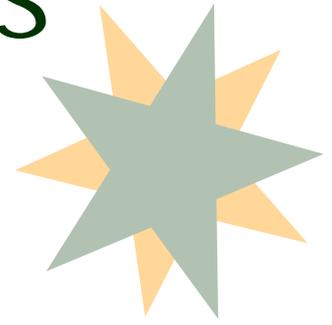
Find us on facebook. Thank you for your continued support.

Sonya Wirth
P&C Committee

Congratulations

to the following

Super Stars



Prep: Teejay for settling well into your Prep class and being a good all rounder during rotations.

Prep/1: Jahmarly for being very kind and considerate of the new students to our classroom, and for making them feel welcome.

1/2: Charlotte for your positive attitude towards school and your great help with the home readers.

2/3: Hunter for always being on task and working well.

3/4: Harmony for your great on-task learning and respect.

4: Latisha for answering the hard questions and for completing heaps of work.

5: Charlotte for persisting with all tasks. Mitchell for “working tough” across all areas.

6: Josh for adjusting well to your new school and working well to complete tasks.

Cleaners Award: Class 2/3



You are all stars!





Happy Birthday Yandina State School

Keep up-to-date by reading the
[125th Birthday Celebrations
Update for 6 February 2014](#)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?

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2014 School Calendar

available on our
school website

[http://www.yandinass.eq.edu.au/
newsletters/2013/2014schoolcalendar.pdf](http://www.yandinass.eq.edu.au/newsletters/2013/2014schoolcalendar.pdf)



Commonwealth Bank



School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be **two new** reward items for students to choose from **each term**.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the **Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year**. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn't miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that they still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.



REMINDER STATE SCHOOL CONSENT FORM

Why is it important to complete and return this form?

- So that Yandina State School can celebrate your child's successes at school
- So that your child's safety is not compromised
- To ensure our records are up-to-date

We ask all families to take the time to complete and return your State School Consent Form to the office as soon as possible.

If you have not received a copy of this form you can access via our website or one can be collected from the office.

[http://www.yandinass.eq.edu.au/forms/Media%20consent%
20form.pdf](http://www.yandinass.eq.edu.au/forms/Media%20consent%20form.pdf)