



Yandina State School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 7

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

No Animals on School Grounds, Thankyou

In the interest of safety for all of our students, staff and other parents it is important that all animals do **NOT** enter the school grounds at Yandina State School - **I am Safe**
Please be respectful to other members of our school community who do not want their children exposed to other animals and pets. We have some children who are allergic to some animals also we have some that are not confident around animals - **I am Respectful**
Please ensure all animals do not enter the school grounds and are appropriately secured in an area well away (at least 20m) from the gates. All animal owners are responsible for the wellbeing and safety of the animal.

Any animal that enters the school grounds must have applied for and have been granted permission by the Principal for curriculum purposes.

Parents & Citizens' Association Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting for our Parents & Citizens' Association is to be held next Monday 17th March at 6pm. This meeting elects parents and community members to the executive positions on the Yandina State School P&C. One of the foundation stones for all successful schools is the strong partnerships that are forged with the parents of our students. The strength of this partnership is crucial to maximise the outcomes for our students. One of the ways you can become involved in the school and have input into decision making process is by joining our P&C.

Our Parents and Citizens' Association is the body of parents with whom I and the school work very closely with, as these parents represent the parent body of the school. The Annual General Meeting provides the opportunity for parents and citizens of Yandina State School to nominate for the executive positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. For more information on these roles see our [P & C Roles Information sheet](#) on our website. I am committed to working closely with our newly elected team for the benefit of our students and community.

I would like to encourage all parents who may not have engaged with the P&C to do so. There is a great deal of satisfaction to be gained from being one of the parents who meet once a month to work on important aspects of our school development.

On behalf of the staff of Yandina State School, I would like to thank our outgoing members of the P&C. You have done a great job through the 2013 school year and I thank you for your service to our school.

I would especially like to acknowledge the outgoing Parents and Citizens Executive Committee Members from 2013 and hope you may consider running again. They were:

President –Sonya Wirth,
Vice President - Natalie Johnston,
Treasurer – Amanda Ballinger and
Secretary - Kylie Taylor.

Thank you for leading the P&C in 2013 and I look forward to working with all again, in the same or some capacity, this year.

Class Parade Items

A calendar of class assembly items has been added to our website - [2014 Parade Performance Schedule](#). Our first class item 2/3H are on this week.

School Attendance on the Improve

Well done to parents and students for committing to the 'Everyday Counts' strategy to improve our school attendance at Yandina State School. Currently our overall attendance at the school is 93.9%. Our Year 6 class is leading the way with attendance currently sitting at 95.6%. Great job!

Wednesday Afternoons are Staff Meetings

Our staff at Yandina State School have one scheduled staff meeting every week. It is on Wednesday afternoon. This is the only time during the week that we meet as a team and this allows for professional development and information sharing. This is also the only time during the week that I get to see my staff all together in one room. It is vital that they attend and are given the opportunity to be punctual. Our meetings start at 3:10 which means the teachers are virtually leaving the classrooms with the children so they can attend on time. I have instructed all teachers to inform parents that Wednesday afternoons are not available for student discussions or quick catch ups with parents. Please support your teacher by understanding that they have one priority on Wednesday afternoon and that is the weekly Staff Meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuckshop Open
Tuesday to Friday

Staff Meeting
every Wednesday 3pm

Student Banking
every Thursday



Parade 9am every Friday

MARCH

Surf Awareness (Year 6 ONLY)	Thu 6 Mar to Thu 27 Mar
P & C Annual General Meeting at 6pm	Mon 17 Mar
Stamp out Bullying Puppet Show - Permission Form and Payment Due	Mon 24 Mar
Learn to Swim Lessons (Grades 1 to 5)	Mon 24 Mar to Fri 28 Mar
ICAS Permission Form and Payment Due	Fri 28 Mar
Stamp out Bullying Puppet Show	Mon 31 Mar

APRIL

School Photos	Wed 2 Apr
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CURRICULUM CORNER

Reading

The following is taken from our Yandina State School Reading Policy. It describes our Balanced Reading Program. Reading at Yandina includes – Reading to children, Modelled reading, Shared reading, Guided reading, Independent reading and Home reading.

Home reading is an important part of developing a lifelong love of reading
At Yandina SS

It is expected that home reading occurs on a minimum of four nights per week in all year levels and that this is recorded in folders or homework books

Teachers ...

- Provide a wide range of texts at appropriate level
- Supervise changing of books / on daily or weekly basis, this may include library books
- Where appropriate support area of interest and enjoyment
- Monitor – vary expectations for higher and lower level readers

Student Role / Parent

- Keeps a reading record, communicates with teacher
- Includes parents reading to children each week.

Timing & Level

- Easy independent level – 1 or 2 levels below instructional
- Prep, Yr 1 - 10 min per night,
- Yrs 2 – 4 - 15 to 20 min per night;
- Yrs 5 & 6 - 30 min per night

Helping with reading at home

Are you stuck on “sound it out”? Is there a better way to help your child’s reading development at home?

Pause, Prompt... Praise 😊

At a glance

These three catchy words, Pause, Prompt Praise (3Ps) describe a simple technique that, used well, will support your child to practise his/her reading and to develop more reading confidence.

The principle of Pausing – then Prompting – and then Praising is very useful to remember and apply anytime your child is reading aloud to you.

The 3Ps technique is best used when your child is reading and ‘gets stuck’ on words that they can’t read or are new to them. It gives them the opportunity to have another go, self-correct, or if needed, find out (be told) what the problem word is.

Introduction

Two important things to remember from the outset when using the 3Ps:

- The goal of reading is to understand (make sense) of what is read, so always keep this in mind when you are prompting and praising your child.
- Try to ensure that you are relaxed, interested and supportive, which in turn, will help **your child feel OK when they make mistakes or just can’t work out a word and need to be told what it is.**

At home this technique will work best when your child is reading a text that is well matched to their reading level, that is, where your child can easily read most of the words in the text and only falters on occasional words.

More details explaining this technique can be found on the [Develop Reading Flyer](#). However if you would like more information about how to help your child with their learning, please see your child’s teacher.

Parent – Teacher Interviews

Parent –teacher interviews are being held over the next month in before and after school sessions. Watch for invitation letters **from your child’s teacher/s**.

Puppet Show - Monday 31st March

Last year, students at Yandina enjoyed the puppet show entitled Stamp Out Bullying. This year School Performance Tours are offering the follow-up hour long magic and puppet show Let’s STAMP Out Bullying Part 2. This show is for students from Prep to Year 6 and costs \$4.95 per student. A note and invoice was sent out earlier this week. Please return permission and monies to school by 24th March.

Reminder - ICAS

To enrol your child in *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)* please complete the registration form from and return it, with your entry fees, to school by 28th March 2014. Information was included in 27th Feb newsletter and is available on the school website [ICAS Parent permission letter](#).

Word attack strategies



What good readers do when they come to a word they don't understand:

- 1 Re-read.
- 2 Read on.
- 3 Use the context to guess the meaning.
- 4 Use pictures, charts etc. for clues.
- 5 Look for a part in the word they already know (prefix, suffix, root).
- 6 Use a dictionary.
- 7 Ask for help.

P&C News

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. Following this will be a short P&C meeting. This will give the new members voted a chance to run through the agenda with the pre-existing members. Hope to see you there. Thank you to all those parents who came along for the Maths Workshop after our last P&C Meeting with Julie Wasmund and Cathie Nash. We hope you found it fun and useful!

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 the Prep class to make donations for the month of March. 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 8-9a.m. Anyone wanting to donate uniforms that are in good condition to be sold at the shop can drop them into the tuckshop. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Sausage sizzle fundraiser with the Yandina Cricket Club – we will need helpers to man the stall. Keep your eyes peeled for dates.

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



*Sonya Wirth
P&C Committee*

Class Parade Performance Schedule

Term One	
Friday 14th March, 2014	Class 2/3H - Ms Hooper
Friday 21st March, 2014	Class 6MR - Miss Raatz & Ms McDermott
Friday 28th March, 2014	Class 5CJ - Mr Johnson

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Congratulations

to the following

Super Stars



Prep: Jakeb for being an interested learner at all times and for being able to follow class routines. Jax for reminding others at lunch time of the school expectation "I am Respectful". Well done.

Prep/1: Peter for fantastic journal writing and for being a good listener. Eden for staying on task and giving your best in all areas.

1/2: Billy for great commitment in all school areas. Joshua for putting so much effort into reading your sight words.

2/3H: Zac for always participating well and being a learner. Connor for showing improvement in your spelling.

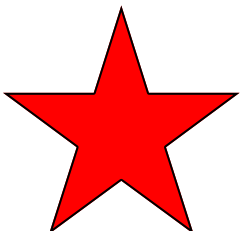
2/3S: Pauline for listening and following instructions well. Josh for your great home reading effort. Always an on-task learner.

4K: Isabelle for being busy, happy and eager to share her work and help others. Bailey for roaring through your written work.

4/5/6: Jack for working hard at all tasks especially his handwriting and showing very good listening skills. Jazmin for being a hard worker, a great learner and showing impeccable manners to all student and staff in the classroom.

5: Sequoya for maintaining an impressive work ethic. Dre for your outstanding effort with your "Forest of Silence" writing task.

6: Tara Krisnanda for always working contentiously, presenting your work immaculately and showing great general knowledge in class discussions.



You are all stars!

