from the Principal’s Desk….Rob Jennings

YANDINA SCHOOL SHINES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING AUDIT

Recently our school was involved in a teaching and learning audit. The purpose of the audit was to provide feedback on the key curriculum, teaching, learning and assessment practices in our school. The auditor (a current Principal) used the Teaching and Learning Audit Instrument that has been developed by the Australian Curriculum and Education Research (ACER) in consultation with a key stakeholder’s reference group. This instrument is based on the findings and recommendations of Professor Geoff Masters in his report “A Shared Challenge: Improving Literacy, Numeracy and Science Learning in Queensland Primary Schools” and international research.

Our audit results are impressive with our school shining particularly in the areas of:

1. Analysis and Discussion of Data - A high priority is given to the school wide analysis and discussion of systematically collected data on student outcomes, including academic, attendance and behavioural outcomes.
2. A Culture That Promotes Learning – The school works to maintain a learning environment that is safe, respectful, tolerant, inclusive and that promotes intellectual rigour.
3. Targeted Use of School Resources – The school applies its resources (staff time, expertise, funds, facilities, materials) in a targeted manner to meet the learning needs of all students.
4. Systematic Curriculum Delivery – The school has a coherent, sequenced plan for curriculum delivery that ensures consistent teaching and learning expectations
5. Differentiated Classroom Learning – Teachers closely monitor the progress of individuals, identify learning difficulties and tailor classroom activities to levels of readiness and need.
6. Effective Teaching Practices - All teachers understand and use effective teaching methods, including explicit instruction, to maximise student learning.

Other outstanding comments included - The principal and other school leaders have accepted personal responsibility for driving improvements in teaching throughout the school. They demonstrate a strong conviction that improved teaching is the key to improved student learning and have clear and well-known positions on the kinds of teaching that they wish to see occurring.

A short quote from our P&C President Sonya Wirth in a letter addressed to the staff – Rob showed us the results of the curriculum audit – we were very impressed at the results and Rob couldn’t praise you enough!

CHANTELLE COLUCCI

With regret we will lose Chantelle at the end of this week. I have investigated thoroughly all options for continuing Chantelle’s contract at our school. Unfortunately these have not been fruitful. I would like to thank Chantelle for doing a great job with our Preps. Her enthusiasm will be missed by students and staff.

John Hatfield will be replacing Chantelle for the last term of 2014.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be on LSL the first two weeks back next term. Cathy Nash will be in charge during these weeks and Julie Wasmund will perform in the Head of Curriculum position.

PRE PREP SESSIONS

Our Pre Prep Sessions will start in the second week back next term. These sessions will run for seven weeks on Thursdays from 9:30 – 10:30am. Our Prep teachers for 2014 will be hosting the sessions.

Rob

SCHOOL WATCH

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number 13 17 88

Keep the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
Super Star Winners
for 12th September, 2013

Prep L - Jack for trying hard with sight words and for your beautiful writing.

Prep/1W - Noah for improved behaviour and neat presentation of work.

1/2T - Jaxon for making leaps and bounds with your reading. Top work... Great attitude...

2K - Bailey for working beautifully with his handwriting and trying hard in maths.

3MS - Jacob for displaying maths-smart ability in the speedy-facts activity.

3/4K - Emma for helping others.

4/5H - Mitchell for co-operation and being on task.

5/6S - Levi for being an improved listener and organiser.

6/7MR - Tori-Lee for great work in class, excellent behaviour and super singing.

Cleaners Award

Congratulations 4/5H
2013 Results
Fun Run/Cross Country

Total laps – 6639 = 1327 km
Lower Grade Distance Ran (average) - 3745
Upper Grades Distance Ran (average) – 2894
Overall House Champion – Coolum
  1/2T – 797
  4/5 H – 808

Age Champions

Prep
Blair - 40 laps
Paige - 40 laps

Grade 1
Brian & Max - 42 laps
Pauline - 42 laps

Grade 2
Sophie - 44 laps
Jo - 55 laps

Grade 3
Alex & Ethan - 63 laps
Aaliyah - 39 laps

9 Years
Tilli - 61 laps
Zavier - 61 laps

10 Years
Caylum - 75 laps
Alex - 30 laps

11 Years
Renee - 39 laps
Bronson - 43 laps

12 Years
Ethan - 61 laps
Penny - 31 laps
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper?

Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo’s holiday program, Zoo Keeper for a Day: Khaki Discovery!

If you are aged between seven and eleven you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals.

Children aged twelve to fourteen can step it up a notch with Zoo Keeper for a Day: Kahaki Extreme.

**It’s a day you won’t forget!**
Places are booking out fast so call (07) 5436 2025 to reserve your spot.
Ages: 7-11 yrs or 12-15yrs
Price: $85
Includes: Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals
Duration: 5 hours
Location: Australia Zoo
Dates: 21st September to 6 October, 2013

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**2014 School Calender**
now available on our school website


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