Back On Deck

Thanks for all of the well wishes while I have been away with that dreaded flu. I am well now although my voice is still recovering and is often only operating at whisper level. My wife thinks this is great as she heads to the plaza without any verbal objections from me.

A big thank you to Mrs Cathy Nash for running the school while I was away and to Mr Craig Johnson for moving into HOC position. To all staff and families the support you provided while I was away was much appreciated.

125 Birthday Celebrations Profit to be reinvested into the School

The 125 Birthday Celebration made a total income of $45000. This includes all money from the day, grants and donations. Our expenses for the day totalled around $29000 which leaves our school with a profit of $16000. This profit is to start the purchase of new school furniture for our students. So all students can benefit from the fundraising the P&C have decided to start at the higher year levels and work downwards with the furniture upgrades for the school. A fantastic result for all people who have been involved and or supported our major event for the year.

Lost Property

The amount of lost property that the school collected at the end of last term was horrific. I had some senior students return all property that was named to the relevant students or classes. Classes then came and were marched past all items so students had the opportunity to identify and items. There were still over 70 jumpers or school uniform items (unnamed) in the lost property basket. These items have been washed and placed in the second hand uniform shop. Items that were not named and were not school related and in reasonable condition were washed and given to charity. Mouldy and uncleaned Tupperware and lunch boxes were disposed of appropriately.

Thinking about the amount of lost property that was in the box made me wonder how many parents were told by their children that their jumper, hat or lunchbox was ‘stolen’.

Parents please ensure you clearly label, with full name, all items of clothing and lunchboxes that your children bring to school. Initials, marks or first names are not enough and make quick recovery of lost property items lengthy or still impossible.

The lost property box is located under the office. If you have anything missing or ‘stolen’ please check this area first.

4/5/6 Students Off to Camp

Year 4/5/6 students head off to Thunder Bird Park at Tamborine Mountain next week. To all staff and students attending, I hope for fine weather and a wonderful time for you all.

Message for Parents with students not attending camp

It is a legal requirement to send your child to school during this time. It is not a holiday for non-attenders of the Year 4/5/6 Camp. Mrs Jan Blaby will be teaching all remaining students in the Year 4K classroom.

School Uniform

We are currently working hard on school uniform breaches. Teachers have been asked to send students to the office if they are not wearing appropriate uniform without an advisory explanation note from parents. A clean second hand uniform is given to the student to wear for the day.

Christmas Carols Concert Reminder

Just a reminder that this year the school committed to the 125 Birthday Celebration as major community event which replaced the Christmas Concert for 2014.

Did you see our BIG SCHOOL PROMOTION in the Sunshine Coast Daily on Tuesday?

There is a scanned copy in this newsletter (page 3) for those who missed it. Take the time to have a look. Thanks to the staff and students who made this possible.

Have a great week

Rob
Congratulations to the following Super Stars

**Prep:** Teejay for being a great learner and consistently completing all your work to the best of your ability. Jarrah for being a learner and trying hard to recognise your sight words.

**Prep/1:** David for your amazing progress with your reading. Wow wow wow! Eden for your amazing progress with your reading! We are so proud of you!

**1/2:** Emily Rose for being responsible and tidy. Joshua for being a student always on task.

**2/3H:** Jai for excellent participation in all class activities. Hunter for producing well done work and concentrating really well.

**2/3S:** Lucy for working quietly and consistently in class. Riley, thank you Riley for your fascinating talk during speaking circle. We were all amazed to learn interesting facts about The Titanic and we enjoyed looking at the model that you had made. It was wonderful to see you so engaged in the topic. Great Job!

**4K:** Isabelle for your enthusiastic approach to set tasks and your ability to research and present your findings. Ellie for being a co-operative class member always striving to be the best she can.

**4/5/6:** Kristy for always working hard, doing excellent work and settling well into your new class. Amy for working well in all aspects of class work and being so enthusiastic in your advertising writing.

**5:** Jayda for your tremendous effort with your maths during term 3. Kai for being extremely helpful this week.

**6:** Kyian for staying on task with classroom activities and managing your time better. Yellara for always trying your hardest, having great manners and for being a thoughtful and considerate student.

You are all stars!
Pre-Start program kick-off a success

By TIANA BARNETT

YANDINA has a wonderful way of helping children have a happy start to school. Prep year one teacher Mrs Thomson recently organised and held the first session of the eight week Pre-Start program where each Wednesday morning children and their parents are invited to attend from 9.15 to 10.30am to learn about the great program that Yandina State School Prep has to offer.

The sessions run from October 15 to December 3. In the first session, English – Tell me a story, Mrs Thomson read The Very Hungry Caterpillar and children did lots of great follow-up activities about caterpillars and butterflies. The program is both fun and educational, aiming to prepare children for a smooth transition into Prep for 2015. Activities for children include stories, outdoor play, the use of technology, science, maths and art. Specific sessions aimed at the adults are run simultaneously which are helpful for parents in knowing how best to support their child with the introduction into school life. Six workshops for parents run by Mrs Nash, Head of Curriculum, will be held each Wednesday from October 22. They are short sessions that parents may join after settling their children in the classroom. Topics for these include getting ready for prep, reading and maths.

Hands-on experience: Jelly and Madison get dirty while learning about the environment. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Join in the fun run for fancy fundraiser

By ELLA SHOOTER

A healthy, fun and active fundraiser with a focus on participation has everyones’ back in the school’s annual fun run.

Family support is encouraged on the day, so uncles, daddos and younger siblings will join in the fun. Each class dress up in a particular theme, music is played throughout the morning and a number of challenges are presented. All money raised goes towards the five-year goal of resurfacing the tennis court and installing basketball hoops.

Soon after this event Year 4-6 students will be packing their bags and getting ready to depart on 10 days of camping fun at Thunderbird Park on the Gold Coast. A wide range of activities has been planned for students to take part in but the Survivor Med Course will allow the inner ‘tough muder’ in all to come out.

Other activities include archery, slacklining and fun sticking for thunder eggs.

Engrossed in gaming

By DAYUM FLACK, MATTY FODY and JARRON KING

Year 5 students are busy becoming computer game programmers, having received their first job from the newly formed company Wicked Games run by class teacher Mr J.

It started by exploring what could be done using the Microsoft program Kodu Game Lab.

During each of the design tasks the same steps are followed: investigating, designing, creating, evaluating and reflecting.

Students create their own game and keep a journal on the programming. When the game is completed they peers play it, offer feedback and a score is based on their enjoyment of the game.

The programmers really like this task because they can make the characters do what they want, don’t have to follow any rules and are only limited by their own imagination.

You never know, maybe one day we will be playing games created by Yandina State School students.
THANK YOU
To all of our wonderful
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Blazing Billy Karts!

Make your very own Billy Kart!!

If you’re looking for some fun then you’ve come to the right place. Build, paint and drive your very own Billy Kart! This fantastic program is available to all the children at Yandina.

On this extraordinary 5 week program, children will have the opportunity to engage in putting the Billy Kart together and building it! They will then paint and decorate their Billy Kart before finally racing it against their friends! The best part is, they take the Billy Kart home to keep racing away!

Our construction expert will guide you through the program and is there to make sure everyone has the most fun possible. No power tools are used.

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Yandina on 0427 007 783 or email yandina@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms will also be available from the school office and Helping Hands Yandina service.

Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

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To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Host Families needed for Japanese Students

Visit dates – 27/12/2014 – 5/01/2015

All activities will be conducted in Yandina and $30 per night will be paid to help with expenses.

If you are able to share your home and Australian way of life with a student please contact

Lyn Bartel
Home: 5446 7141 Mob: 0488114016 email: lyn.bartel@bigpond.com

Pondering Poos 2014

A free parent group education program.

**No longer at Gympie now Bunsjoon**

9:30am - 12:30pm
30 October 2014 - Bunsjoon Community Health
4 December 2014 - Yandina State School
48 School Rd, Yandina

To book contact Martin O’Keefe on 5450 2750