



Yandina State School Newsletter

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

Great Results Guarantee

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we have decided on how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

Our key strategies are:

- Teachers given support and time to analyse data sets to inform planned teaching strategies that are aligned to the differentiated needs of all students.
- We will use coaching and professional development in our focus areas of reading to assess students' current performance; teach to the needs of students; and re-assess students to monitor improvement.
- Key personnel and resources are purchased and distributed for maximum impact in reading improvement strategy.
- Purchasing Teacher Aide time to assist in Whole School Reading Program for high academic achievement of all students

Cybersafety help button

Online safety is just a click away with the [Cybersafety help button](#) now installed in our school and on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/student-services/behaviour/qsaa/cybersafety-button.html>

Make every day count in 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn't miss a day of school. Currently our school attendance is strong at 94%. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new [Every Day Counts videos](#) live on DETE TV. <http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland>

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Tuckshop Open Tuesday to Friday	
Student Banking  every Thursday	
Parade 9am every Friday	
MARCH	
Surf Awareness (Year 6 ONLY)	Thu 6 Mar to Thu 27 Mar
Learn to Swim Lessons (Grades 1 to 5)	Mon 24 Mar to Fri 28 Mar
APRIL	
School Photos	Wed 2 Apr

Have a good week
Rob

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on Facebook

CURRICULUM CORNER

NAPLAN Preparation

Last week, students in Years 3 and 5 had the opportunity to sit the 2013 NAPLAN tests. Teachers have marked and analysed the Reading and Numeracy results and are happy to share this with you.

This was the first time the students have encountered this type of testing. To improve on their results, learning the skills of taking tests, reading instructions, self-checking and building stamina will be important, along with developing Literacy and Numeracy skills.

If you or your child had any concerns with these tests please discuss with your teacher or Mrs Nash.

ICAS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about>

Still talking testing ... ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program with a competition element.

Parents may nominate children (Students from years 3 – 6) to sit the full suite or individual tests from the following.

2014 Sitting dates and Entry prices

Computer Skills – 22nd April - \$8.80

Writing – 19th May - \$18.70

English / Reading – 1st July - \$8.80

Science – 7th May - \$8.80

Spelling – 20th May \$12.10

Mathematics – 15th July -- \$8.80

For more information please refer to [ICAS Parent permission letter](#).

Maths

Thank-you to the keen group of parents who attended these two workshops. It was great to see the enthusiasm especially using mental computation strategies. Information about the Jump, Split and Compensate strategies is available on our school website along with the presentation slides. If you were unable to attend the workshops, you are able to access these information sheets on our Website.

[Maths Workshop for Parents and Carers + Powerpoint](#)

Additional maths information and booklets:

[Mental Strategies—Addition and Subtraction](#)

[Mathercise Year 1](#)

[Mathercise Year 2](#)

[Mathercise Year 3](#)

[Mathercise Year 4](#)

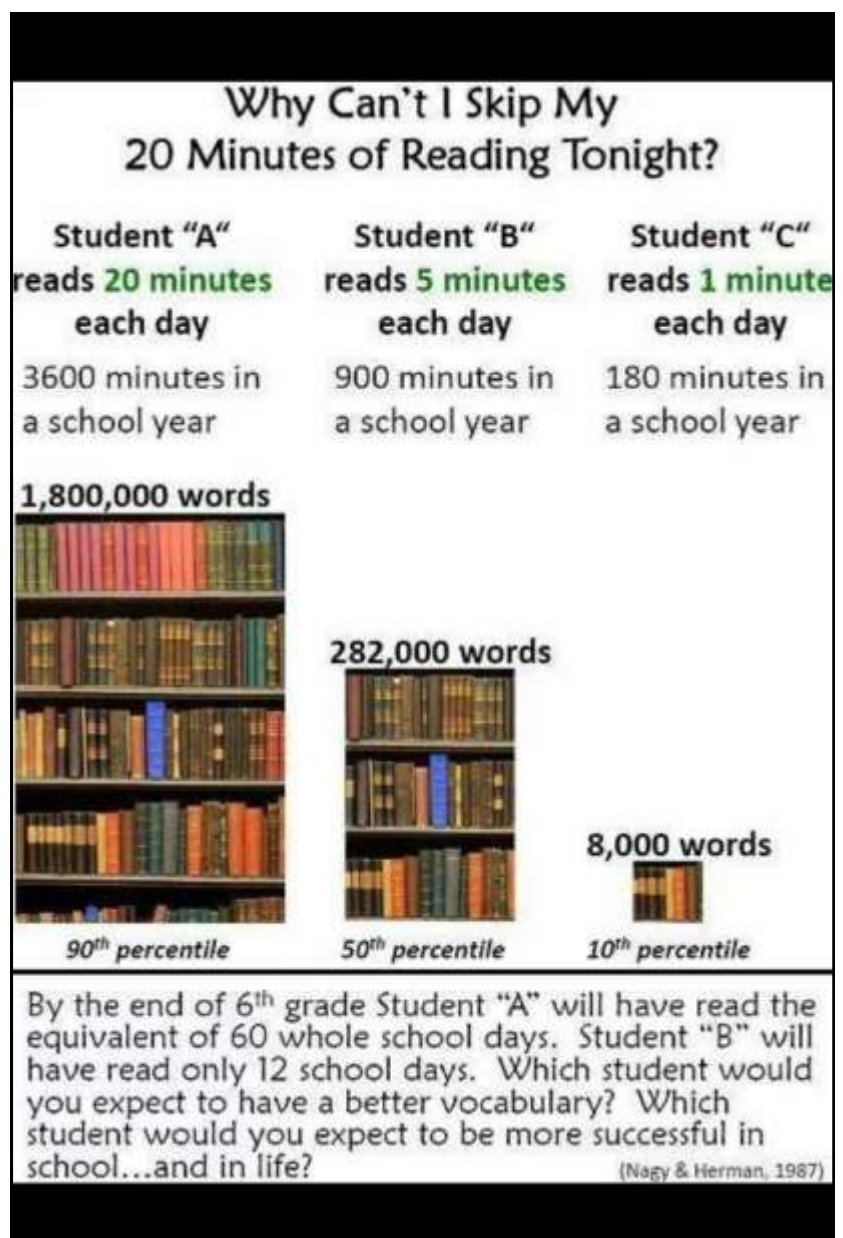
[Mathercise Year 5](#)

[Mathercise Year 6](#)

Reading

A major focus in our reading classes at school is building vocabulary knowledge. Vocabulary is a student's knowledge of words and word meanings, both oral and written.

Did you know that students learn approximately 1000 new words each year of their school life? Most of these new words are learnt incidentally. One of the most important things to know about vocabulary learning is that the best way to increase your vocabulary is to read and be read to. Opportunities for quality talk around books will also help to support the building of vocabulary knowledge.



P&C News

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on **Monday 17 March at 6pm**. 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.

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.

Can you help?

We are looking for 1 - 3 people to look after our 2nd hand uniform sales. It only needs to be for 1/2 hour before school or just before the end of the school day - any day. Last year we raised over \$500 from our 2nd hand sales. If you are able to help please drop your name and contact details into the office, tuckshop or email pandc@yandinass.eq.edu.au

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

Sonya Wirth
P&C Committee

Come and play

Hockey and enjoy a great sport.

Nambour Blue Demons Hockey Club is looking for girls and boys of all ages to come and join a team.

Minkey's ages 5 to 9

J3 boys/girls ages 10 to 12

For those students who were talent Identified in our hockey sessions last semester, come and join a team.

It is a great way to improve fitness and enjoy a team sport.

All enquiries please contact
Amanda 0427 321 335 or
Misty 0407 724 088



TRY SCOUTING!

Yandina Scout Group!

Corner of Steggals Rd and
Carnival Street, Yandina

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Joey's and Cubs Monday 5.30 – 7.00pm

Scouts: Wednesday 6.00 – 8.00pm

For more information or to organise a FREE
'Come and Try' night: call Michele (Our Group

Leader) on 0401176043 or email

chell_64@hotmail.com

www.scoutsqld.com.au

Congratulations

to the following

Super Stars



Prep: Sienna for being helpful to others and for always remaining on task in every activity.

Prep/1: Jessie for your excellent writing and listening skills.

1/2: Emily-Rose for modelling exemplary behaviour and doing your best in all areas.

2/3H: Koby for being a responsible and reliable student who strives to achieve her best at all times.

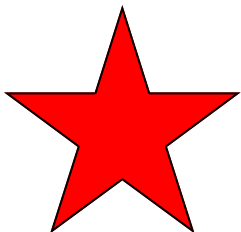
2/3S: Noah for trying to the best of your abilities in your tests.

4K: Ryan for being as bright as a button and as busy as a bee.

4/5/6: Felicity for being very helpful when setting out the new classroom, making everyone feel welcome and working hard throughout the week.

5: Jarren for displaying a strong work ethic in Maths.

6: Takerá for being a responsible and reliable student who strives to achieve her best at all times.



You are all stars!

