



Yandina State School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 1



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

Welcome to a new school year at Yandina State School. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back everyone and to express a warm welcome our new families as well.

Our School Is Looking Great

It is always a positive start to have our school looking so clean and kept. Well done, Brandon, Tina and Helen T our grounds staff. Our school looks great for the new year!

School Numbers

Our enrolment numbers look strong with 220 students enrolled. This is without any Year 7 Students who are now in the Flying Start Initiative at Nambour State High School. Some classes have started with numbers of students in some classes higher than I predicted with the new families arriving this year. There is a high possibility that we will have a new teacher assigned to the school. I will keep you all informed of the outcome of this.

Mr Craig Johnson – New Teacher

I would like to welcome Mr Craig Johnson to our staff. Craig brings with him a great knowledge of the curriculum and of ICT. Craig has worked with me before at a previous school and I am very pleased to have him here at Yandina. Craig is teaching the Year 5 class.

Wednesday is Our Staff Meeting Day

Parents please be advised that on Wednesday afternoon I request that the staff attend a meeting which starts at 3:10pm. Staff will leave their rooms quickly on this afternoon. Any matters of urgency are requested to be addressed to the office. The office staff will book in an appointment or get a message to the appropriate staff member.

Drop Off Times and Before School Areas

I request that parents and care givers drop off students for school any time after 8:30. Bus students who arrive earlier than this time sit under A Block until they are dismissed. Areas for students to access before school are both of the undercover areas under A Block and on the new handball courts. The oval, grassed areas, playgrounds and outside of classrooms are not areas for play before school.

School Day

I have attached the timetable of our school day for your information in this newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuckshop Open
Tuesday to Friday

Student Banking
every Thursday



Parade 9am every Friday

FEBRUARY 2014

Payment Due for Swimming Carnival	Tues 4 Feb
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Swimming Carnival 10am to 2pm for students 9yrs+	Thu 6 Feb
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Tuckshop closed	Thu 6 Feb
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Preparation Bell	8.52am	Students have 3 minutes to prepare for class
First Bell	8.55am	Classes start First session duration is from 8.55 to 11.00am (ie 2 hours 5 mins) Teachers mark rolls then students move to their specialists by 9.00am
Morning Tea	11.00am	Morning tea break commences
Preparation bell end of play	11.35am	Students have 5 minutes to move from play areas to line up and to commence classes at 11.40am
Commencement of middle session	11.40am	Classes start The specialist teachers are to collect their classes from their waiting areas The middle session duration is from 11.40am to 1.00pm (ie 1 hour 20 mins)
Lunch	1.00pm	Lunch break commences
Preparation bell end of play	1.30pm	Students have 5 minutes to move from play areas to line up and to commence classes at 1.35pm
Commencement of afternoon session	1.35pm	Teachers mark rolls for the afternoon session then students move to their specialists by 1.40pm The afternoon session duration is from 1.35pm to 3.00pm (ie 1 hour 25 mins)
End of school	3.00pm	Classes finish

Hours of teaching = 4 hours 50 mins + 10 minutes for paid break = 5 hours total

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

Tuckshop

Open from Tuesday to Friday each week.

Assembly

Whole School Assembly this year will be every Friday morning from 9am. Parents are always welcome to come and participate.

Contact with your child's teacher

Teachers are always pleased to meet with you as a close relationship will help to cater for your child in the classroom. If you have any concerns or questions, make an appointment with your child's teacher through the office or directly with them. Wednesday afternoon is our staff meeting day. I have requested teachers attend by 3:10pm. Respect for this meeting time is appreciated.

Please try not to approach or ring your child's teacher at the start of the school day. It is difficult for teachers to give you their full attention when they have a class of students waiting for them to start the day.

Also please be aware that classrooms are not open before 8:30am each morning. Teachers use the time before 8:30am to set up for their day ahead. Please discuss your classes procedures with your teacher.

Updating your details

To ensure the safety of your child we ask that all Permission and Custody forms be updated on a regular basis. If you are unsure if your permission/custody forms are up-to-date please see the office immediately.

Uniforms

We ask that parents support Yandina State School by sending children in their correct uniform every day. This policy is strongly supported by parents and staff and it adds greatly to the pride of our school community. If you are unsure of the correct uniform please contact the school Uniform Shop which is located at the Tuckshop. All jewellery except for a watch and sleeper/stud earrings must be left at home.

Newsletters

Our newsletter is published fortnightly on our website on Thursdays. If you require a paper copy please ask your child to collect one from the stand located beside the notice board under the Administration Office.

Money Collections

Please assist our school with providing prompt payments for all school activities. We ask that all payments be made before or on the due date as the receipting process and administration procedures, such as providing teachers with a list of students who will be attending, need to be done prior to the day of the activity.

If you are sending money in with your child please ensure they bring it to the office before school begins so that money is not left in pockets or bags. You can also pay for any school activities via BPay or Direct Deposit into the school's bank account.

Direct payment into School Bank Account

School's Bank Account: Yandina State School

BSB Number: 064-424

Account Number: 00090634

Reference Details: Please record both "Student Name and Invoice Number" in the reference/details section so that your payment can be applied correctly.

BPay

Bill Code: 149468

Ref: Each student has their own reference number. See the bottom on any invoice or statement for this number. If you are unable to locate this number please contact the school on 5472 9333.

Messages to Students

Parents are requested to make appropriate arrangements with students relating to getting home from school before the student leaves home in the morning. Messages received late in the afternoon are difficult to give to students. Please assist in this regard by only phoning in message for students in an emergency.

School Office Hours

The school office is open from 8am to 3:30pm. During these times office staff may also be called away from the desk. Therefore, outside office times and when the front desk is unattended the answering machine will be on. Please leave a message as your call is important to us and we will return your call as soon as we possibly can.

Medication

The only medication which we can administer to a student is medication which has been prescribed by a doctor. This includes all over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol and cough medicine. If your child needs medication during the school day please bring it to the office in the original packaging with a chemist label showing the doctor's instructions. You will also be required to fill in a form authorising us to administer the medication. Please note that if we do not receive this form your child will be unable to take their medication on that day. Children must not keep medication in their school bags.

Student Banking

School banking is every Thursday. Please drop off deposit books to the office before school on Thursday morning. Deposit books will be returned to the students on Thursdays via the teacher.

If you wish to open a bank account for student banking please see your local branch of the Commonwealth Bank. There is a branch right here in Yandina. The Commonwealth Bank pays a percentage of every deposit to the school—so the more you save the more we all benefit.

Keep Up-to-Date

Two of the easiest ways to keep up-to-date

- ◆ Like Yandina State School on Facebook
- ◆ Provide us with your email address
- ◆ Download the Qfor Schools app from our website yandinass.eq.edu.au

All school activities and upcoming events will be updated on a regular basis through these media outlets.

Curriculum Corner

Welcome back to 2014. At Yandina State School we are committed to working with parents and students to achieve the very best in student learning. The most essential ingredient to enable our students to achieve success is a very high rate of attendance and being on time for learning every day.

We realise that not all students will be able to achieve 100% attendance in every term, and the goal for attendance is 98%. This means missing no more than 1 day a term. Wow! This does not mean that this will always be achievable for every student every year. However, in achieving this target, students give themselves the best possible chance of fulfilling their potential in their education.

Wherever possible, children should be arriving at school between 8:30 and 8:50, and attend every day unless there is a valid reason for being absent (illness, serious family matters, important appointments that cannot be scheduled at out of school hours). Please provide the school with an explanation of all absences to the school within 24 hours of absence. This can be done via email, admin@yandinass.eq.edu.au, note, text message to 0414 223 615 or by phone to School Absence line 5472 9366.

The table below shows the link between attendance and student learning:

Attendance 98% or more	These students have only missed 4 days or less in a school year They have every chance of achieving to the best of their ability These students are likely to have positive friendship groups
Attendance 95 – 97%	These students have only missed between 5 and 10 days of school in the year With only occasional absences, these students will find it fairly easy to get back in touch with the learning program after absences.
Attendance 90 – 94%	These students have missed between 11 and 20 days of school in the year They may sometimes find it challenging to keep in touch with lessons or with class work Aim to improve this attendance rate
Attendance 80 – 89 %	These students have missed between 21 and 40 days of school in the year They have missed up to 1 day every week, this is 2 ½ years of schooling missed by Year 12 It will be very difficult to keep in touch with school work Contact the school to discuss a plan for improving attendance rates
Attendance below 80%	These students have missed more than 40 days They have missed more than 1 day per week Students will be 'disconnected' from school. They are almost certain to experience significant difficulties both academically and socially Contact the school to discuss a plan for improving attendance rates

Parent Mathematics workshops – Watch for flyer coming soon

Early this term, I will be offering two one-hour parent information workshops. These are designed to be hands on to give you an opportunity to understand a little more about the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics and to understand that Maths education is concerned with more than 'just getting the right answer'. Students need to choose and use different strategies for adding and subtracting and written methods taught are rich and varied. If you would like to understand the changes in Maths and get lots of easy ideas to help your child/ren, I'd encourage you to come along.





































Session One – Part 1: making connections

- The Australian Curriculum
- The importance of deep understanding
- Some common misconceptions
- Number facts
- Some activities to do with your children

Session One – Part 1: Computation

- Number facts
- The four operations
- Mental computation for addition and subtraction
- Written methods

Does your child have a chance of being successful?

If your child misses ...	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of school that's	Which means the best your child might perform is ...						
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years	Equal to finishing in Yr 11 <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Your</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table>	Your			Other		
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What sort of start is your child getting?

School starts at 8:50

Arriving late? Leaving early? How much can it hurt?

He/She is only missing just	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of school that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	Over 2½ weeks per year	Nearly one year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly one and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!