

Friday November 20th, 2020



Yarrunga Yaps!

**TERM FOUR
FINISHES:
2:30PM on
Thursday 17th
of December**

**PUPIL FREE
DAY:
Friday
December 18th**

**Icy Poles every
lunchtime—
50c**

Be a
LEARNER
Be
RESPONSIBLE
Be
RESPECTFUL

This week we welcomed our 2021 Preps for another Transition Session. Some big brothers and sisters helped settle them in.



From the Principal:

There is a focus from the Victorian Government on how to make the 2021 school year the most productive year of learning possible. As such, Yarrunga PS has been given enough money to appoint a full-time tutor to work with individuals and small groups of students to assist them in catching up their learning after the disruptions of COVID this year. This is very exciting and we are interviewing tutors next week.

In addition to this, we have been considering our Grade Structures for next year. It is important that we make sure every child has a solid base, knowing all the key concepts in Maths and Literacy, and that no student falls through the cracks.

So for next year, our grade structure will be a little different. There will be three P-2 classes. In these classes, the teachers will be able to focus on the essential and important skills needed for reading, writing and maths. Students will have role-models around them, and the chance to embed the basics before really being challenged and extended.

We are also going to have one Grade 2/3 class. This will be a space to bridge the divide between the infant school and the middle school. It will be a classroom where students move into the Year 3/4 curriculum at a steady speed, supported and nurtured.

The other classes in the middle school will be two Years 3/4 classes, and the Senior School will remain in The Hub with two 5/6 classes.

We do also have some staffing changes. After a year of leave, Mr Hogarth has obtained a position at another school, so he will not be returning to Yarrunga PS. We wish Mr H all the best for his future.

And Mrs K will also be joining another school next year. Congratulations to Mrs K who will be joining Winton PS. They are lucky to have her expertise and enthusiasm.

And one more special congratulations to Mrs Hines, who is having a baby! Mrs Hines will be here for Term One in 2021, and then taking some maternity leave.

But all this means we are still working out which teachers will be in which classes, and will be hiring some new staff members. So watch this space for some exciting news for our school.

Thank you for your support and care — Ms Fran Waterman and Staff



What's On:

What's On for Week 7: November 23th—27th

| Monday: | Tuesday: | Wednesday: | Thursday: | Friday: |
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| BREAKFAST CLUB Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Lunchtime Clubs: Gatherers | BREAKFAST CLUB Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 TREADLY TUESDAY Lunchtime Clubs: Gatherers | BREAKFAST CLUB Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Wheelie Good Wednesday for Years 5/6. | BREAKFAST CLUB Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Lunchtime Clubs: Gatherers | BREAKFAST CLUB Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Lunchtime Clubs: Film Nation |

HOT WEATHER!

A reminder about our school uniform. Firstly, the weather is certainly warming up, so please remember that we have a SunSmart Policy. This means No Hat, No Play and Stay in the Shade. We would really like our Years 5 and 6 students to be modelling the importance of wearing their hats.

And with the warmer weather, please make sure you have your water bottles. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to use the bubble taps, so all students need to bring an individual drink bottle.

Mr Hedin has been completing a University Placement in the Prep Room with Mrs Powell. The kids have enjoyed having his support and enthusiasm, and he is going to be a great teacher. All the best Mr Hedin and come back for a visit any time!

