YARRALINKA PRIMARY

Whispering Tree

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Kindergarten

The Chuditch and Quenda students have been enjoying our first few weeks of school. We have been busy making new friends and learning how to introduce ourselves and welcome new people into our classroom in our Second Step lessons. We have been exploring our new classroom- the trains and magnet blocks are already a favourite!

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From the Principal's Pen

Wow, Week 3 already! Our students have made a superb start to the new school year. What has been impressive is the way everyone is demonstrating our three school values (Respect, Responsibility & Resilience) in all aspects of their schooling. The early stages of Term 1 is a time where we focus on teaching students our school expectations and routines. It is wonderful seeing the smiles and laughter within our classrooms.

Parent Information Sessions

Due to current Covid-19 requirements, parent information sessions will be delivered via an online method. Your child's teacher will post a short video and summary sheet/ handout via Seesaw which includes all the information that would have been covered in a face to face setting. If you have any queries about your child's development or progress, the first point of contact to discuss these is with the class teacher.

School Development Day

Just a friendly reminder that tomorrow (Friday, 18th February 2022) is a school development day at Yarralinka PS. On these days students do not attend school as staff are engaged in professional learning and school planning processes.

Start Times

Classroom doors open at 8:30am, with official teaching starting at 8:45am. We ask that all students are in their classrooms by the time the music starts playing at 8:45am. The start of the day is important for all students as expectations and routines for the day are explained. As well, this morning time is important socially for students and for building relationships with their peers. When students are late to school they can become anxious and it makes it more difficult for them to settle during the day.

Crunch & Sip

Yarralinka PS is an accredited Crunch & Sip school. This means we encourage all our students to take a break to eat fruit/ vegetables and drink water during class time. As a school, Crunch & Sip breaks are scheduled during our morning teaching block (8:45–11:00am). Please support this initiative by providing your child with a Crunch & Sip snack each day in a separate container. Included in this newsletter is a list of what items are permitted to be packed for Crunch & Sip time.

School Board– Parent Representative Nomination

The Yarralinka PS board plays an important role in setting the strategic direction of the school and reviewing our achievement of desired improvement targets. In 2021 the school board was involved in developing our 2021-2024 business plan, setting school contribution rates and reviewing school community survey results. A casual vacancy for a parent representative has opened up and we are calling for nominations to fill this. The tenure of this role is for two years (remaining time of this designated position). If you are interested in nominating please complete the attached school board nomination form and return it to the school office by Friday, 4th March 2022. If you have any questions about what the school board does or the parent representative role please do not hesitate to speak with either Riaz Joomratee (board chair) or myself.

Parking Around the School Site

Drop off and pick up times can always be tricky when it comes to traffic management around school sites. Below are a few items to assist in managing this:

- We encourage as many families as possible to ride or walk to school instead of using a car.
- Parents should only park their car in the two onsite carparks (Yarralinka Rd & Basset Way) or roadside parking bays around the school's perimeter.
- When using roadside parking bays your car must face in the same direction as the traffic flow.
- Parents should not park on the corner of Setter Way/ Yarralinka Rd as this creates a safety concern.
- You should not park or leave your vehicle in the Kiss & Drop bays outside the front of the school on Yarralinka Rd at drop off/ pick up times.

Bullying Processes

At Yarralinka PS we strive to be a bullying-free zone and all reported incidents are addressed by the school. Bullying is when an individual or group misuses power to intentionally target or harm someone else on more than one occasion. Attached to this newsletter is a parent information flyer about what bullying is and what we do to address it at Yarralinka PS.

Kind regards
Chris Burgess

Upcoming Events

School development day	Friday, 18th February (students do not attend)
Lunch order day	Tuesday, 22nd February
Assembly	Thursday, 24th February (online method)
PBS Reward 1	Friday, 4th March
Labour Day public holiday	Monday, 7th March (students do not attend)

Crunch & Sip

Crunch&Sip®

What foods can I pack for Crunch&Sip®?

The Crunch&Sip® break is a time to introduce children to raw vegetables and fruit and encourage the water drinking habit. Fresh vegetables and fruit are the best choice. Please only send foods with a tick:

✓ Alloved

Vegetables

- ✓ All fresh vegetables (eg celery, carrot sticks, broccoli bits etc.)

Fruit

- ✓ All fresh fruit (eg whole fruits, chopped melon etc.)
- ✓ Fruit canned in water, juice or 'no added sugar' (eg peach slices)
- ✓ Dried fruit - please limit as it contains concentrated sugar and tends to cling to teeth, increasing risk of tooth decay

Water

- ✓ Only plain water

✗ Not Allowed

Drinks

- ✗ Any drinks other than plain water including fruit or vegetable juice, fruit juice drink, fruit cordial, mineral waters, carbonated water

All other foods not permitted include:

- ✗ Dips, including those that are vegetable based
- ✗ 'Fruit' products (eg fruit leather, fruit roll-ups, fruit bars or similar)
- ✗ Fruit jams, jellies, pies and cakes
- ✗ Fruit canned in syrup or jelly or with artificial sweeteners
- ✗ Canned or processed vegetables
- ✗ Vegetable or potato crisps, hot potato chips
- ✗ Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties, sausage rolls)
- ✗ Vegetable cakes, fritters, quiches, breads or similar
- ✗ Popcorn

School Community Announcements

HUNTINGDALE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2021 WAFC METRO CENTRAL – CHAMPION CLUB MODIFIEDS

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2022

10.30am – 12.30pm

Sutherlands F Reserve

Corner Gay & Balfour St, Huntingdale

Fee Payments (Cash/Eftpos Facilities)

Registration and Kidsport Assistance

** Uniform and Merchandise Sales and Ordering**

** Clearance/Transfer Assistance**

Register Online via: http://hjfc.net.au

Catering for Junior Aussie Rules Footballers from Pre Primary – Year 12

Dedicated Female Teams in Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7/8, Year 9/10

Auskick Registration Tab – Pre Primary/Year 1/Year 2

Year 3 – Year 12 Registration Tab (Boys & Girls)

Message From The School Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Melanie Haig and I represent the Canning School Team, comprised of five community health nurses.

School health nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of our work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, we can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School health nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential. Please contact us on 9258 8053.