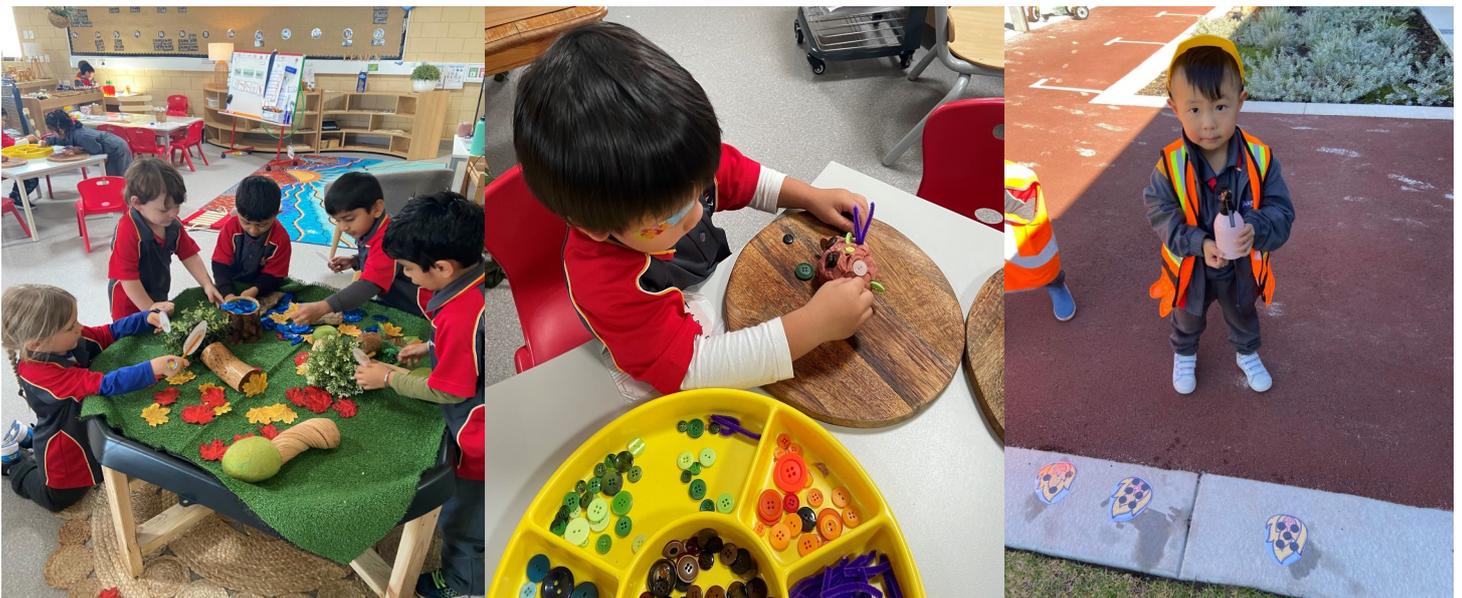


## Kindergarten @ Yarralinka



In Kindergarten, we have been learning to retell and sequence stories. We have also been learning to subitise in Mathematics. This is the ability to look with your eyes, think quick and say the amount you see. We naturally subitise when we roll a dice.



## From the Principal's Pen

Last week the Hon. Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education & Training, officially opened our school. We had a number of special guests and parents come along and join us for this special event. I would like to thank everyone who attended and your support so far during our opening year.

### School Board

Late last term we called for nominations from parents to join the school board. The school board plays an important role in setting the vision and strategic direction of our school. I would like to introduce the following as members of our inaugural school board:

- Riaz Joomratee (Parent representative)
- Maria Khan (Parent representative)
- Ranjitha Piratheepan (Parent representative)
- Danielle Lees (Staff representative)
- Chris Burgess (Principal)
- Melinda Jury (Executive officer)

Congratulations to Riaz Joomratee who was elected to take on the role of school board chair. The school board held its first meeting on 2nd June 2021 and discussed the following:

- School board induction information.
- Adopting a terms of reference.
- Noting the school's statement of expectations and funding agreement documents.
- Approving a half day closure in early Term 3 for parent meeting purposes.

### Student Illness

When your child is sick it is best to keep them at home until they are feeling better. It is difficult for students to learn when they are unwell. Having your child stay home when they are unwell also helps to stop the spread of germs/ viruses to others in the classroom. When your child is sick please let the school know by one of the following ways:

- Use of the absentee form on School Stream
- Seesaw message to the class teacher
- Phone call to the office
- Email to the school
- Verbal notification to class teacher/ office staff

### School Development Day

On Friday, 4th June 2021 we held a school development day for our staff. The day had a focus on developing teamwork and positive culture attributes that we are

seeking as a team. Staff also commenced some planning work on developing a school business plan. I would like to thank all our staff for their efforts on the day.

### 2022 Enrolments

Just a reminder that all applications for enrolment in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary at Yarralinka PS in 2022 close on Friday, 23rd July 2021. All applications are reviewed and placements are offered based on enrolment criteria that is set by the Department of Education. Please be advised that all 2021 Kindergarten students are required to apply to a school to enrol for Pre-Primary in 2022.

### Semester 1 Reports

Our teachers have been working hard writing Semester 1 reports for all students. Reports will be emailed out to all families on Tuesday, 29th June 2021 (Week 11, Term 2). I encourage families to take the time to read the comments within their child's report. If you have any queries about your child's report please make a time to meet with their teacher to discuss it.

### Half Day Closure- 28th July 2021

The school board has approved the school to close for half a day to allow parents to meet with teachers to discuss student progress. This will be held on Wednesday, 28th July 2021 (Week 2, Term 3). On this day school will finish for students at 12:00pm. Supervision will be in place for students who are unable to be picked up at 12pm (i.e. working parents). Parents will be able to book a time in the afternoon to meet with their child's teacher. Further information about booking meeting times will be sent to families closer to the time.

### Free Dress Day- Friday 2nd July 2021

We will be holding a free dress day on Friday, 2nd July 2021 in support of the Darling Range Wildlife Centre. On this day we will be asking if students could bring along donations of certain items which we can forward to the centre. Further information will be sent out next week.

As this will be the final school newsletter for the term, I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and safe upcoming holiday period. Term 3 recommences for students on Monday, 19th July 2021.

Kind regards  
Chris Burgess

## Upcoming Events

Lunch order day	Tuesday, 22nd June 2021
NAIDOC Week class activities	Week 11, Term 2
Reports are emailed home	Tuesday, 29th June 2021
Dress Up Day (supporting a local charity)	Friday, 2nd July 2021
First day of Term 3	Monday, 19th July 2021

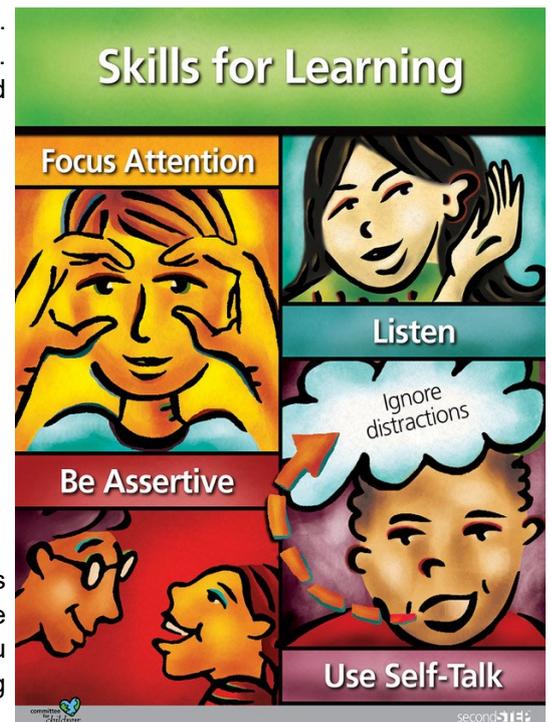
## Second Step Programme

At Yarralinka Primary, we have a focus on developing the whole child. One of the domains we focus on is developing social and emotional skills. Throughout the school we use the Second Step programme to help build the social and emotional skills of our students.

The Second Step programme seeks to develop a number of skills, such as:

- Skills for learning
- Empathy
- Problem solving
- Calming down
- How to play fairly

Each week all classes have a weekly Second Step lesson which focuses on teaching students a specific skill. This skill is reinforced throughout the week through activities and staff feedback. When you visit each class you will see a sign that tells you what key skill students are currently learning in their Second Step lessons.



## School Community Announcements



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Principal merit awards at our assembly on Wednesday, 16th June 2021:

- Bottlebrush 1– Taine
- Bottlebrush 2– Aarav

## Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®

### Dealing with Disappointment

By Professor Matt Sanders



Despite what certain sport shoe commercials might have you believe, life isn't always about winning.

It is equally important for the development of healthy self-esteem that children learn how to deal with disappointment.

As a reaction to not getting what they want, such as being chosen for a team, children may sometimes put themselves down, saying things like: "I'm dumb", "you hate me" or "I'm just stupid". If this happens, try to avoid being too sympathetic. Instead encourage your child to try again after the set-back and to enjoy the activity or game even if they aren't the winner.

Rather than simply reassuring your child that everything will be okay, you can help your child develop their own sense of worth by letting them know that you understand their feelings of disappointment and that you are there to help them work out a reasonable way of dealing with that disappointment.

Remember too, when you're helping your child with an activity or with homework concentrate on effort not results. Praising your child for trying and making an improvement will motivate them to continue trying at a difficult task.

**Professor Matt Sanders is founder of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®. For more information, go to [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)**