



## Bottlebrush 4

As part of our Technology Program, the Pre-primary students were introduced to coding. After learning how to create algorithms, the students worked with a partner to plan and create their own treasure maps. The treasure maps needed to include directions to a particular place, as well as pictures of the checkpoints the treasure hunters needed to find along the way. The teams swapped over their maps to see if they could find each others' treasure. Miss Ryan and Mrs Firns were very impressed with the teamwork shown by all the students. They listened to each other and provided constructive feedback to support their peers. Keep up the amazing work, Clever Caterpillars!



## From the Principal's Pen

The sunny weather was out earlier this week, which was enjoyed by both students and staff. At last week's assembly I asked students to work on setting a goal relating to their schooling which they could work on between now and the end of this term. I encourage families to take some time over the coming weeks to discuss with your child what this goal is and what they can do in order to achieve it.

reduce the amount of rubbish that goes into the bin and eventually into landfill. Soon we will be establishing a second sustainability initiative relating to battery recycling. If you have any old batteries around at home these can be dropped off at the school office. All batteries will be collected and forwarded onto a recycling organisation. Again, this is another way we can teach our students about recycling and sustainability practices.

### Gate Closing Times

Just a reminder that our school gates close at 8:50am in the mornings, once parents have left the classrooms. All students should arrive at school between 8:30- 8:45am. Coming to school on time helps reduce the anxiety that your child may experience and it allows them to interact socially with their peers prior to the start of the school day. If your child arrives at school after 8:45am they need to enter the school via the school office.

### Attendance

This year there are two aspects of our school attendance that we should celebrate. The first is that the percentage of Pre-primary to Year 2 students attending regularly this semester (i.e. 90% or more) is 71.7% (an improvement from 2021). Secondly, the number of unexplained absences is down to 15%. If your child is absent from school please let the school know and we can record it.

An area of interest and requiring improvement in 2023 is the number of absences due to in-term vacations. In 2022 the school has had an understanding approach to authorising absences given family circumstances, the impact of Covid-19 and border closures. With some absences taking a number of weeks, the impact on student progress can be profound. Going forward into 2023 please be aware of the following:

- Limit, if at all possible, all holidays to coincide with the school holidays.
- All in-term vacations will be marked as unauthorised absences unless there are special circumstances involved.
- If it is unavoidable for vacations to occur during the term, the time absent from school should be kept to the absolute minimum.
- Continue to advise and request authorisation from the school- [yarralinka.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:yarralinka.ps@education.wa.edu.au).
- School work will not be provided by our staff to students going on in-term vacations.

### Sustainability Programs

Last term we started our No Throw Tuesday initiative. Each Tuesday we encourage students to pack a no waste lunchbox (i.e. no wrappers, waste products etc) as a way to

### End of Year Concert

I am happy to announce that the school will be holding an end of year concert later this term. This is a time for us to come together as a school to celebrate the year we have had. The concert will have the theme of "travelling around the world" and be held in the Bottlebrush playground on Monday, 12th December 2022. Each class will present an item and award two book awards. These book awards are:

- **Academic-** For a student who has demonstrated significant academic progress over the school year.
- **Citizenship-** For a student who has demonstrated our school values and active citizenship skills across all areas of their schooling.

Further information about the concert will be communicated to families in the coming weeks.

### 2023 Parking

This week a note was given to all students to take home outlining changes to parking around the school that will commence from the start of 2023. I encourage all families to read this note and commence adjusting their parking practices in line with these changes in readiness for next year.

### 2023 Kindergarten Play Mornings

It was great seeing many of next year's Kindergarten students attend our play morning sessions this week. This was a chance for our future students to participate in some activities, have a play in the playground and meet other students who will be in their class.

### Semester 2 Reports

Student reports for Semester 2 will be emailed to parents on Monday, 12th December 2022. If your email address has changed please let the school office know. The email link you receive for your child's report stays active for four weeks, so we encourage families to download and save a copy of the report prior to the link expiring.

Kind regards  
Chris Burgess

## Upcoming Events

Principal's reward afternoon tea

Friday, 2nd December

Reports go home

Monday, 12th December

End of year concert

Monday, 12th December

PBS whole-school reward

Wednesday, 14th December

Last day of Term 4 (students)

Thursday, 15th December

First day of Term 1, 2023 (students)

Wednesday, 1st February

## School Board Update

The Yarralinka Primary School Board met on Monday, 14th November 2022 to discuss a number of issues. A summary of this meeting can be found below:

- Initial planning and brainstorming was undertaken about developing a revised school dress code policy in preparation for our school's continued growth.
- The 2023 school contributions and charges schedule was approved.
- Our 2023 school booklists were approved.
- Discussions relating to possible parent information workshop topics and expansion of the number of school board members in the future.

## Positive Behaviour Support Focus

**Seeking Yarralinka excellence through.....Respect      Responsibility      Resilience**



Our focus expected behaviour for Weeks 7 and 8 is:  
***"I am ready to learn and try my best with tasks"***

## School Community Announcements



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with school values awards at our assembly on Wednesday, 9th November 2022:

Bottlebrush 1– Neguun  
Bottlebrush 2– Maverick

Bottlebrush 4– Pratham  
Bottlebrush 5– Alizah

Playground– Allen

### P&C Meeting

The next meeting for the Yarralinka PS P&C Association will be held on Tuesday, 22nd November 2022, commencing at 7:00pm.

The meeting is being held via Microsoft Teams.

If you would like to attend please contact Megan Lane, Secretary, via email ([megan.lane8@hotmail.com](mailto:megan.lane8@hotmail.com)) and the Teams link can be forwarded onto you.

### 2023 Information



Please look out for information that will be emailed next week in relation to the 2023 school year. This information will include:

- 2023 booklists
- 2023 contributions and charges schedule
- Other important information about the school's operations