



## Science

In Term 3 the students in Pre-Primary have been learning about the weather and how we dress for different weather conditions. In the second half of this term they will be looking at how changes in weather can affect animals through the need to either hibernate or migrate.

The Year 1 students have looked at how the weather can affect our landscape and how items in our environment can be natural, managed or constructed. They have explored how changes in the weather can affect animals. The students are beginning to look at the seasons within Australia and how these can be different to other continents in the world.

## From the Principal's Pen

A number of events have been held recently for our students- zoo excursion, PBS reward activity and Constable Care incursion just to name a few! Plus we have some fun and exciting events coming up. Recently, there has been a strong focus on developing the students' writing skills within the school and I have been impressed with the quality of the writing they are producing. Their use of descriptive language has been wonderful to see.

### Bushfire Plan

Yarralinka PS is on the Department of Education's bushfire register. This means we are required to have a separate plan that outlines what we would do in the event of a bushfire occurring near the school. As part of this plan, we will be holding a drill at school later this term to prepare for the upcoming bushfire season. In the event of a bushfire, we have a designated safer location onsite within the Bottlebrush teaching block and processes in place on how we will communicate with families. A copy of our bushfire plan is available on our school website. If you have any further queries about this plan please do not hesitate to speak with me at the school.

### Staffing Update

Towards the end of last term we ran a selection process to appoint a new permanent Deputy Principal to Yarralinka PS. I am pleased to announce that Sarah Thomason is the successful applicant and will be commencing at our school from the start of next term. Sarah brings a variety of school leadership experiences to our school, having recently been Deputy Principal at Kelmscott PS.

### Kiss & Drive Bays

It has been great to see the improvement in how the Kiss & Drive bays on Yarralinka Road are being used by our families. In the afternoons at school pick up time there are still some people parking in these bays and walking into the school to collect their children. If you do have to park your car please ensure you do so in either one of the two school carparks or within street bays along Bassett Way.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for our Pre-Primary to Year 2 students will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. This is a great opportunity for students to learn important water awareness and safety skills. Please ensure all payments and forms are returned to the school by Monday, 5th September 2022.

### Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all our families that have paid their 2022 voluntary contributions. These funds are used by the school to supplement resources that are used in your child's classroom and learning process. If you haven't paid your contributions you can do so via cash, bank transfer or

EFPTOS. Have you wondered where your contributions go? Below is a summary of how they are used by the school:

- 25% goes to English resources
- 25% goes to Mathematics resources
- 10% goes to classroom consumables
- 40% goes to other learning areas

### Second Step Programme

At Yarralinka PS we use the Second Step programme to teach important social and emotional skills. As part of this programme all classes are involved in a weekly lesson that focuses on a specific skill. This term our classroom lessons have been focusing on how we manage our emotions. An important aspect in the management of emotions is being able to calm down effectively. We focus on teaching a three step process to our students to assist them with calming down. These three steps are:

- Use your stop signal- First you need to tell yourself to stop by using your own stop signal.
- Name your feeling- It is important to identify how you are actually feeling (e.g. upset, angry etc).
- Calm down methods- Finally, you need to use a strategy that works for you to help you calm down (e.g. deep breathing, counting, using positive self talk).

### Book Week

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week at Yarralinka PS and this year's theme is "Dreaming With Eyes Open". We will be holding two events during the week. The first event is a book character dress up day on Tuesday, 30th August. On Thursday, 1st September families are invited to bring along a rug/ blanket and join your child for some reading in the Bottlebrush playground. Please see the flyer that was sent out via Seesaw for further information.

### School Board Open Meeting

The school board are a governing body and do a fantastic job of working alongside us with our school improvement agenda. The school board is made up of parents, staff and community members who all have the common purpose in wanting the best for our students. Our next school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th September 2022 from 1:45- 2:50pm at Yarralinka PS. This meeting is our annual open public meeting and families are invited to come along to get a first hand look at how we operate.

Kind regards  
Chris Burgess

## Upcoming Events

Character dress up day	Tuesday, 30th August
Family books & blankets reading afternoon	Thursday, 1st September (2:30pm)
Assembly	Tuesday, 6th September
School board meeting	Wednesday, 7th September
Lunch order day	Thursday, 8th September
Walk to school day	Friday, 9th September

## School Values Certificates



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with school values awards at our assembly on Thursday, 11th August 2022:

Bottlebrush 1– Ishany

Bottlebrush 4– Effah

Playground– Hazel

Bottlebrush 2– Addison

Bottlebrush 5– Wynter

## Positive Behaviour Support Focus

**Seeking Yarralinka excellence through.....Respect**

**Responsibility**

**Resilience**

Our focus expected behaviour for Weeks 5 and 6 is:

***“I ask for help when I need it”***

On Thursday, 18th August 2022 we held a whole-school PBS reward, which saw all our students get to have a play at a local park.



## Pre-Primary- Year 2 Zoo Excursion

On Friday, 19th August 2022 our Pre-Primary to Year 2 students visited the Perth Zoo. Not only did they get to see lots of animals, but they also got to participate in an educational activity that focused on the six Noongar seasons. The students had a great time!

