

Beans! Beans! Beans!



In Kindergarten this term we have been learning about life cycles. We have read several different versions of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and planted magic beans. We learnt that beans need sun, water and food (dirt) to grow well. We started by planting our beans in little sun houses with just sun and water, before choosing our biggest bean to plant in dirt. Each fortnight we look at our beans through magnifying glasses and discuss what we can see. We have learnt that beans have roots, a stem, leaves, flowers and seeds which fall onto the ground to help new beans grow. Soon the beans will be coming home for you to plant in your garden! We hope they bring as much good fortune as Jack's magic beans!



From the Principal's Pen

We have passed the half way point of this term and I continue to be impressed with how well our students are working. It was great to see so many students dressed up this week for Book Week. I would like to also thank our families that kindly donated a book to our school library- it is greatly appreciated!

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. As part of this plan, we will be holding a drill at school later this term to prepare us for the upcoming season. In the event of a bushfire, we have a designated safer location on site 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 please do not hesitate to speak with me at the school.

Parent-Teacher Meetings Feedback

Thank you to everyone that attended our parent-teacher meetings in Week 2. A feedback survey was recently sent out via the Schoolstream app. If you would like to provide the school with feedback please return your survey response by Monday, 30th August 2021.

School Business Plan Workshop

Our school board and staff have been working on developing our school's first business plan. The business plan will outline the long term vision and areas we wish to focus on from 2021 to 2024. As part of this process, we would like to get parent feedback on our business plan through a parent workshop. I would like to invite parents to our parent business plan workshop which will be held on Tuesday, 7th September 2021 at 9:00am in the school library.

Stationery Items- Use At Home

Recently, the school has been working on developing a plan on what we would do if we had to move to remote learning for our students because of lockdowns or other situations. Our remote learning model is based on sending activities to families via Seesaw which is complemented with regular communication by school staff. Prior to any move to remote learning the school would send a letter out outlining what would be expected from families during this remote learning period. It is recommended that families have at home some simple stationery items that can be used by

students just in case. Some of the suggested items include pencils (lead and coloured), scissors, glue, scrapbook, blank paper and a ruler.

School Arrival Times/ Morning Routines

Having students arrive at school on time is important in ensuring that they are ready for the day, both physically and mentally. Our school day officially starts at 8:45am and classroom doors open at 8:30am. I would like to encourage all families to please ensure your child arrives at school and is inside their classroom before the siren sounds at 8:45am. This will assist your child's preparations and lower any anxiety that they may experience coming into a classroom that has already commenced the day's teaching. When parents are dropping students off at classrooms in the mornings, could parents please stay with their children until the teacher opens the classroom door. This is to ensure that students have made it to classrooms safely. Finally, it is requested that students do not play on the school playground before school as there is no supervision by staff in the Bottlebrush playground.

Cars on Yarralinka Road

In recent weeks it has been noted that a number of cars are doing u-turns/ turning around at the front of the school on Yarralinka Road during drop off times in the mornings. This is a dangerous practice as it blocks the flow of traffic around the school site and can block the vision of people who are walking to school. With the large amount of construction happening around the school many trucks are using Yarralinka Road and may be forced to have to stop suddenly due to cars completing u-turns at the front of the school. As the school continues to grow this practice will only have more negative impacts on our school community. It is requested that families do not complete U-turns/ turn their cars around at the front of the school (which includes driving into driveways and reversing).

School Sports Carnival

Our school sports carnival is set for Friday, 17th September 2021 so please keep this date free in your calendars. Further information will be sent closer to the day about how the day will run and what activities/ events will occur.

Kind regards
Chris Burgess

Upcoming Events

Assembly	Thursday, 2nd September (2:30pm)
Lunch order day	Tuesday, 14th September
School sports carnival	Friday, 17th September
Bushfire drill	Tuesday, 21st September
Last day of Term 3	Friday, 24th September

Pre-Primary Excursion

On Wednesday, 18th August 2021 our Pre-Primary students went on our first school excursion to the WA Museum Boola Bardip. For many, it was the first time they had been on a bus. Whilst at the museum the students visited the many exhibitions and displays- with the dinosaur bones and blue whale skeleton amongst their favourites! After visiting the museum, the students went to a park for lunch and a play before returning to school. We would like to say a big thank you to our two parent helpers on the day, Mrs Singleton and Mr Hulme, and the all the staff that came along- Miss Couch, Mrs Keens and Mr Burgess.



Second Step Focus @ Yarralinka PS

At Yarralinka PS, we have a strong focus on developing the social and emotional skills of our students. One of the ways we achieve this is by using the Second Step programme. Currently, as part of our whole-school focus, staff are using the STEP process to help students solve problems that they may experience at school. The STEP process has four parts:

- S- Say the problem (without blame)
- T- Think of solutions (that are safe & respectful)
- E- Explore consequences (what could happen if..)
- P- Pick the best solution (make your plan)

Families can also use this STEP process at home to help children to develop the skills to solve problems on their own. The ability to be able to problem solve is an important life-skill and will assist children in all aspects of their daily life.

