

Pre- Primary Physical Education and Science



This term the Pre-Primary class have been learning about different materials in Science. They have been learning to sort materials based on their properties and have done some experiments. Our experiments have focused on testing materials to see which ones are good for blocking out the sun and which ones are waterproof.

In Physical Education lessons with Mr Burgess, the Pre-Primary students have been learning about the skills needed to play Australian football. Currently, the students have been focusing on kicking and they have made some great progress in their kicking skills over the term. As well as skills, the students have been playing a number of games that have focused on working together as a team.



From the Principal's Pen

This week we have had our first taste of winter with cold mornings and rain. Since our last newsletter we held our Mothers' Day afternoon, where students and mothers/ grandmothers could join in a number of activities. I would like to thank our staff for organising this fun afternoon.

P&C Association Session

I would like to thank all the parents that came along to our P&C Association information session last week- it was great to see such high numbers attend. In the coming weeks we will organise another get together to develop a collective plan of how we can get this important group up and running within our school. An information sheet about what a P&C Association does is attached to Page 3 of this newsletter.

Attendance

Attendance at school is important for ensuring your child is supported to achieve their true potential. It has been noted in recent weeks that a number of students are arriving late to school. The school day commences at 8:45am sharp, with classroom doors opening at 8:30am. It is strongly encouraged that all students arrive to school on time. Arriving late at school can cause unnecessary anxiety for your child, impacts on their preparation for the school day and causes them to miss out on important social time with their peers prior to the school day commencing.

If your child is absent from school it is a legal requirement that the school is notified of the reason for their absence. Listed below are the different ways you can notify the school of your child's absence:

- 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

Uniforms

Wearing your school uniform to school helps to build a sense of pride and positive school culture. With the cold weather recently, some students have been wearing items that are not part of the school uniform. We encourage all students to come to school wearing the correct school uniform. The approved school uniform is outlined below:

- Hat- School bucket hat.

- Shirt- School red & charcoal polo shirt. Faction shirts can be worn on sports days (Wednesday).
- Jumper/ jacket- School red/yellow/charcoal jacket.
- Pants- Plain charcoal coloured pants (shorts/skirt/skort/ long pants/ track pants).
- Footwear- Sneakers, school shoe or sandals with an ankle strap (Boots are not suitable to wear to school).
- If your child wishes to wear a long sleeve shirt under their school polo shirt it should be either plain red or plain charcoal in colour.

All approved school uniform items can be purchased from Uniform Concepts in Jandakot.

2022 Enrolments

In 2022, Yarralinka Primary School will be catering for Kindergarten- Year 1 students and is now accepting enrolment applications for next year. Enrolment applications for 2022 Kindergarten and Pre-Primary need to be submitted to the school by Friday, 23rd July 2021. Please be advised that all 2021 Kindergarten students are required to apply to enrol at a school for Pre-Primary in 2022. Enrolment application forms for our school are available on the school's website or from the school office. At Yarralinka Primary School all placement allocations are done in line with Department of Education criteria as it applies to local intake area schools (i.e. schools with a set intake area). Students that are currently in Pre-Primary do not need to re-enrol with the school for the remainder of their time at Yarralinka Primary School. If you have any queries about enrolment requirements please do not hesitate to come and speak with me about them.

Official Opening Ceremony

Our official opening ceremony was previously set for February 2021, however had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown at the time. A revised date has now been set by the Minister of Education and I would like to invite parents/ families to join us for this event. Details of the event are as follows:

- Date: Wednesday, 9th June 2021
- Time: 10:40am start (please arrive by 10:35am)
- Venue: School library

I hope you are able to join us for this special event for our school.

Kind regards
Chris Burgess

Upcoming Events

Parent reading workshop	Thursday, 3rd June 2021 (3:10pm)
School development day	Friday, 4th June 2021 (students do not attend school)
WA Day public holiday	Monday, 7th June 2021
School opening ceremony	Wednesday, 9th June 2021
Assembly	Wednesday, 16th June 2021
Lunch order day	Tuesday, 22nd June 2021

WHAT IS A P&C?



THE ROLE OF P&Cs IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

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P&Cs meet regularly in most government schools throughout Western Australia.

The P&C Association is the forum for parents and citizens in government schools who have an interest in their children's education.

Parents and Citizens' Associations are established under the School Education Act 1999 for the purpose of supporting a strong government school system for the benefit of all students.

A P&C comprises of parents and carers of children attending a school or group of schools and other interested persons over the age of 18 years who have paid an annual subscription.

The Principal of the school is an ex officio member by right of their position and under the P&C Constitution.

FUNCTIONS OF THE P&C

- Encourage parents to participate in developing the school's educational policy.
- Develop parent participation and involvement in the school.
- Act as the forum for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the school and its community and for gathering opinions.
- Promote and support communication and cooperation within the school community
- Bring educational matters to the attention of the wider community.
- Provide extra resources for the benefit of government school students.

THE P&C AND FUNDRAISING

- The P&C can provide resources to the school as it sees fit but is not required to do so.
- P&C Associations are not simply there to fundraise and indeed may elect to avoid fundraising in preference to other activities, such as discussion of educational issues and school policies.
- However, all surplus funds of the P&C (including surplus funds held in other P&C accounts) must be used for the benefit of students attending government schools.

WACSSO AND YOUR P&C

The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc. (WACSSO) is the peak body for the Parents & Citizens' movement in WA. The organisation is committed to advocating for and enabling a quality public education system, including equity of access, for all young people irrespective of their age, culture, socio-economic status, gender, level of ability or geographic location.

WACSSO has approximately 650 affiliated P&C Associations and provides representation and services to each, such as training, insurance, expert advice and support.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit wacss0.wa.edu.au or call 9264 4000 or email info@wacss0.wa.edu.au.

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

