

## Maths in Kindergarten



This term, we have been learning to order, compare and measure objects by length, using direct and indirect comparisons and non-standard units. Non-standard units can include blocks, pop sticks, paper clips and even your feet. Here are some of the activities we have completed and enjoyed so far! We measured a friend using pop sticks and even traced and measured our feet!



## From the Principal's Pen

We are already into Week 3 of the final term of the year. There is plenty of things planned for our students this term. In addition to the usual end of term activities, we will be busy planning and preparing for our expansion to Year 2 in 2022.

### Stage 2 Update

The tender for the construction of our Stage 2 buildings has been awarded, with works commencing shortly. The building company was granted possession of the site this week, with surveying and site office/fencing installation to be the first items to be completed. We ask that families and the wider community stay out of the construction site for safety reasons, and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

### School Opinion Survey Results

Thank you to all the families that completed the recent National School Opinion Survey. We had 50% of all families complete the survey. Over the 20 questions we had an average score of 4.65 (out of 5) which is a very good score to have. The two responses with the highest average score were:

- My child likes being at the school.
- I would recommend this school to others.

The survey also included a section for comments-positive and areas to improve on. Many of the positive comments related to the school's communication processes and the focus on all areas of the child. In the improvement area the two main issues identified were offering extra-curricular activities and enhancing the Bottlebrush play area. The results of this survey will be further examined by the school board to help shape our improvement processes.

### New Staff Members

I am pleased to welcome two new staff members who have joined us this term. Firstly, we welcome our new cleaner-in-charge, Diane Williams, who commenced in the role at the start of the term. This week we have had our new chaplain commence, Hannah Fourie. Our chaplain will be working one day a week on a Wednesday. We welcome both of these members to our team.

### 2022 Pre-Primary Information Session

A parent information session will be held on Thursday, 11th November 2021 for 2022 Pre-Primary parents. This session will be held in the library and commence at

2:30pm. During the session I will go through some of the expectations we have at Yarralinka PS about Pre-Primary and ways you can support your child with their transition to full-time schooling.

### School Development Day

Our next school development day is set to occur next week- Friday, 5th November 2021. Students do not attend school on this day as staff will be engaging in a variety of planning activities for next year.

### P&C Association Inauguration Meeting

Thank you to everyone that attended this morning's P&C Association inauguration meeting. During the meeting a number of motions were passed to start the formal establishment of our P&C Association, such as adopting a constitution and seeking to become incorporated. However, we still require a number of the office bearer positions to be filled to continue our establishment journey. Another meeting will be held later this term to vote in office bearers and discuss ways of moving forward into the 2022 school year. If you are interested in being involved please don't hesitate to come and speak with me.

### Morning Drop Off Arrangements

Next year we will have an increase in student numbers due to our school's expansion. In addition to this, there will be more construction traffic around the school site due to Stage 2 works. In order to maintain student safety and prepare for our transition next year, there will be changes in relation to our drop off and pick up arrangements. From Monday, 8th November 2021 all Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students will need to be dropped off at classrooms in the morning. This means families using the Kiss & Drive bays will need to park in designated parking areas and walk their children into school. The requirement for all Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students to be collected from classrooms at the end of the day does not change. Families will still be able to enter the school site via the Basset Way and Yarralinka Rd gates. Your support with following these procedures will greatly be appreciated.

For our families that are celebrating Diwali next week, I would like to wish you a joyous time with your extended family and friends.

Kind regards  
Chris Burgess

## Upcoming Events

Day for Daniel	Friday, 29th October
Scooter Day	Thursday, 4th November
School Development Day	Friday, 5th November (students do not attend school)
Wadjiny Incursion	Tuesday, 9th November
2022 Pre-Primary Information Session	Thursday, 11th November
Assembly	Tuesday, 16th November

## Chaplain Welcome

A warm hello to all students, parents and caregivers! My name is Hannah and I am the new Chaplain starting this term at Yarralinka Primary School. I am eager to become a part of this welcoming and vibrant school.

My heart is to make lasting meaningful connections across the school, and to nurture the wellbeing and personal growth of students to see them flourish in their time at Yarralinka and beyond. My goal is to build rapport with students, create space for intentional conversations both formal and informal, as well as running specific student minded programs to assist students and develop relationships.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let all parents, caregivers, staff and students know that I am available for conversations and catch ups to chat about any concerning matters, both personal and in regards to school life. I will be working on Wednesdays and if parents or caregivers would like a formal catch up I kindly ask if you would please sign in at the front office before visiting, which would be much appreciated. I am also contactable via email at: [hannah.fourie@youthcare.org.au](mailto:hannah.fourie@youthcare.org.au)

Hannah Fourie



## School Reminders



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## We're supporting

# Day for Daniel

Come to school dressed in red on Friday, 29th October 2021.

Participate in some in-class activities.

Raising awareness of the importance of child safety.