

Kindergarten



During the first week of Term 2 we were very lucky to have both Kindergarten groups attend school on the same day. This gave the children the opportunity to meet some new friends who they will go to Pre-Primary with next year. The children were very excited to participate in a sensory fun day and get themselves (and their friends) very messy! They explored sea creatures in the slime tub, and enjoyed pouring, splashing and blowing the bubbles at the bubble tub. They used the cloud dough to make some biscuits and cakes, and experimented with different marble run designs to use with the water beads. The messiest activity of the day was the shaving cream which they loved the feel of, but also loved putting on their heads, t-shirts and everywhere else they could find! The children had a fabulous day exploring their senses with their new friends, engaging in conversations about their senses and most of all, making a mess!



From the Principal's Pen

Well after the recent Perth/ Peel lockdown, the school was able to reopen for our students and families. Unfortunately, swimming lessons had to be cancelled and were unable to be rescheduled for later in the year; which I know many of our students were disappointed about. Despite this, all our students have continued to work hard in all areas of their schooling.

Staffing Update

This term we have had a new member join the staff at our school. I would like to welcome Leah Keens to our school community, who has been employed as an Education Assistant. Leah brings with her a variety of experiences from a number of schools and will be working across both the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes.

School Vision, Values, Motto

The school has been working with staff and parents to develop our proposed vision, values and motto. This process has involved staff meetings, surveys at entrance gates, a parent feedback session last term and information obtained in enrolment interviews. I would like to advise the school community of our proposed vision statement, school values and school motto.

School vision statement

"We are committed to developing the whole child through collaboration and authentic community partnerships"

School values

Seeking Yarralinka excellence through the three R's:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience

School motto

"Young people, big potential"

Our vision, values and motto will help to shape who we are as a school community and what we see as important in the development of our students. Throughout this development process it has been evident that the following are highly sought by our families:

- Developing all aspects of a child's education.
- High expectations.

- Valuing respect for others and diversity in our community.
- Working in partnership with families through open and regular communication.

All the actions and collective efforts in a school should be focused on the school's vision and aspirations. I am interested to hear from our school community about what you think of our vision statement, values and motto. If you have any comments about these please let me know either via the school's email address or discussions at the school entrance gate.

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 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.

Stage 2 Update

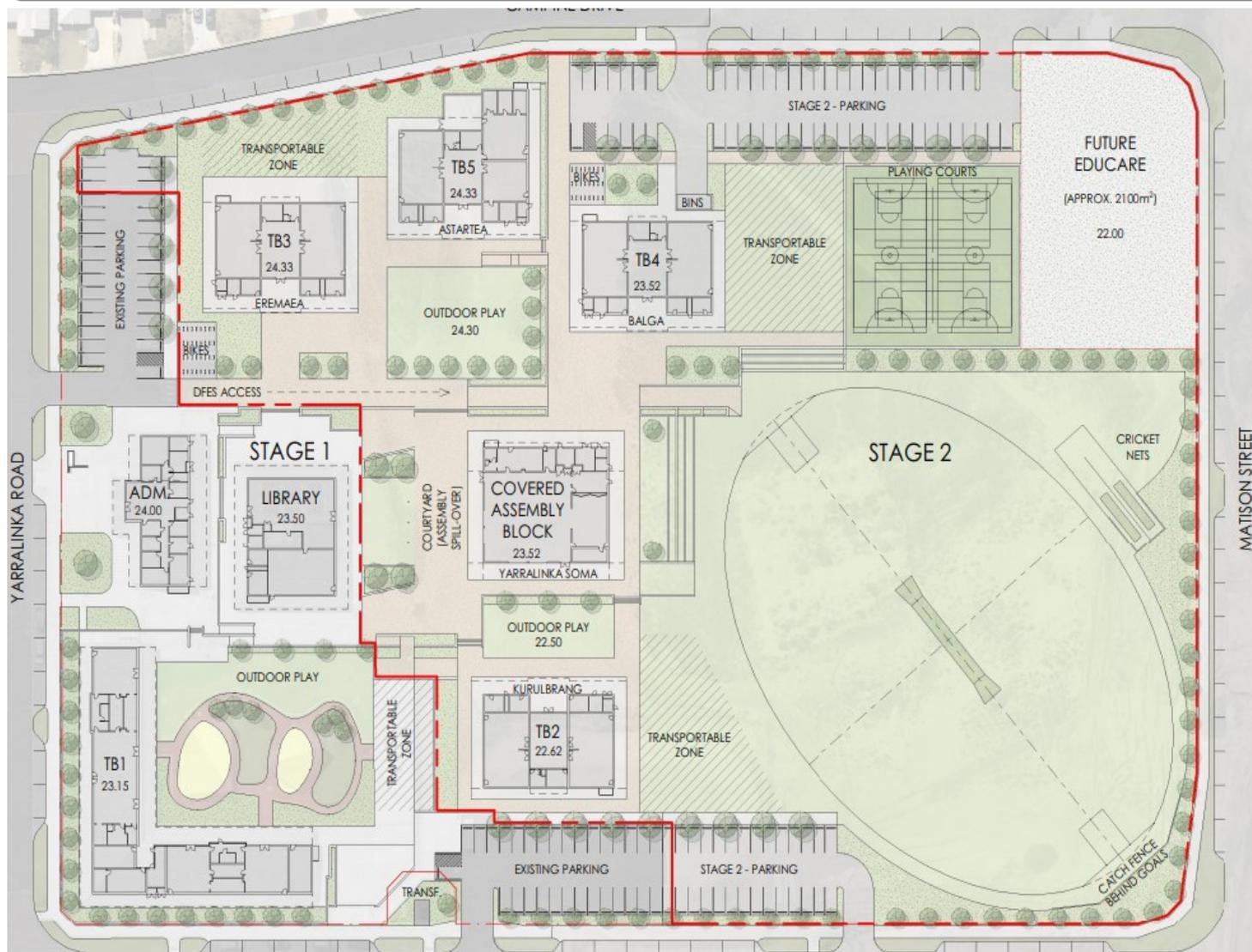
Planning for the construction of Stage 2 of the school is well underway. I have been attending monthly meetings with the architects and planners to obtain updates and provide input into the design. The proposed masterplan has been developed and a copy of this can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Our teaching buildings will continue to be named after plants- astartea (white flower plant), eremaea (violet flower plant), balga (Noongar word for grass tree) and kurulbrang (Noongar word for kangaroo paw). The internal floors, carpet and wall colours will be designed in such a way as to reflect the plant which each teaching block is named after.

Kind regards
Chris Burgess

Upcoming Events

Lunch order day	Thursday, 13th May 2021
Walk to school day	Friday, 14th May 2021
P&C Association start up	Tuesday, 18th May 2021
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

Stage 2 Masterplan



School Community Announcements



P&C Association Start Up

Over the course of this year, we would like to work with our school community to establish a P&C Association. We would like to invite parents to come together over a coffee and to discuss what a P&C Association is and how we could go about starting one at Yarralinka PS. This morning get together will be held on **Tuesday, 18th May 2021 in the staff lounge at 8:50am**. Tea/ coffee and morning tea will be provided.

Faction Shirts

Faction shirts are now available to purchase from our uniform supplier, Uniform Concepts in Jandakot. These shirts are able to be worn on sports days and at school sporting events.

