FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- May 14-16: NAPLAN Tests
- Thu May 29: Gala Rugby League Day
- Mon June 10th: Queen’s Birthday
- Thu June 13th: Yr 4-7 Athletics
- Mon June 17th: Foundation Day
- Thur June 20th: Open day - Report Cards, BBQ
- Fri June 21st: Last day of term
- Mon Jul 8th: School Start - Term 3
- Thurs July 11th: School Photos

PRINCIPAL: Mr Simon Cotton
DEPUTY PR 1: Mr Steve Taylor
DEPUTY PR 2: Bernadine Youman
H.O.D. Secondary: Jay Sansness
H.O.D. Primary: Jason Evert
H.O.C. Primary: Judith Walker
H.O.S.E.S.: Rose Candland

OUR SCHOOL RULES: Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect the Environment

One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) is an international, non-profit educational organisation that aims to ‘provide each child with a rugged, low-cost, low-power, connected laptop’ called the XO. Before student can be given their XO their teacher has to do 15 hours training and become XO certified. Mr Tom’s year 4/5 class are well on their way to becoming XO experts. Our students are using the XOs to learn, share and create together.

The next classes lined up to get their XOs are Miss Kambie’s Yr 1s and Miss Dale’s year 1/2s. Other classes soon to join the XO craze include Miss Irene’s 5/6/7s, Mr Nathan’s Yr 6/7s and Miss Serene’s Yr 3s.

Watch this space as our students become super savvy XO experts!

Check out our school web site: http://yarrabahss.eq.edu.au

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: NAPLAN

Next Tuesday the 14th, Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th are the days set by the Federal Government for the NAPLAN tests. These tests occur across Australia in all Australian schools on the same days at the same times.

If your child is in year 3, 5, 7 or 9 please ensure they are ready for school on those days.

You can ensure your children are ready by making sure they go to bed early, have breakfast, have a shower or bath before school and have an organised lunch.

All teachers and students have been working very diligently in preparation for the tests. Ms Natasha Holtzberger and Auntie Berna have developed and excellent NAPLAN strategy to prepare our students and teachers have been provided with professional training to ensure our students are ready for the tests.

Ms Natasha Holtzberger who had worked at Yarrabah State School for the past 7 years left us unexpectedly at the end of term one. Ms Natasha is now working as the Head of Curriculum at White Rock State School. It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Natasha and wish her well in her new school.

Ms Judy Walker, who was our newly appointed Resource Centre Manager, has won the Head of Curriculum position here at Yarrabah State School till the end of the year. Ms Judy has been thrown into the deep end and has very large shoes to fill, but we know she is up to it.

Dr George Otero will visit Yarrabah State School next Friday. Dr Otero is a world authority on relationship building and is visiting Yarrabah State School to look at ways to improve our endeavours to engage with our community. I believe his visit will help improve our strategies and improve community engagement.

Yarrabah State School is in the process of equipping the primary classes with XO laptops. Our P&C is supporting this project and will supply 25 XO laptops a year. If their finances allow they will increase that number. XO laptops are laptops for younger students and will be used to support teaching and learning in the classroom. Students need to be at school every day to qualify for an XO laptop. Please ensure your child is at school every day so that they can benefit of using their own laptop.

The soundwave phonics program which is delivered to years 3-7 has been producing some excellent results. Through this work Ms Shannon, Ms Sarah and Ms Zoe have been able to identify sounds required for competency in standard Australian English that do not exist in Yarrin Lingo. These Sounds are now being explicitly taught to students. The comparison data from the start of the school till the end of term one is very pleasing. Our students are progressing well.

Regards
Simon (Spicke) Cotton

Aim High – YARRABAH STATE SCHOOL – Like a Seahawk
Sports Corner:

U-15 Rugby League: Two weeks ago we took on Woree State School at Woree. The game was a see-saw affair with Woree coming out on top by 8 points. Players to stand out were Norris Gordon, Ammiel Harris and Bruce Myngha in the backs. In the forwards Roy Yeatman tackled all day whilst Monty Noble and Irwin Amrym got good go forward. Wesley Madua worked hard all game.

U-12 Rugby League: The U-12 team is on a roll with 3 wins from 3 competition matches. Players to stand out have been Elwyn Tilbero (Peninsula Selection), Arthur Harris, and Lamech Gilmartin up front whilst Vernon Hyde Bulmer has controlled the backs well. Keishon Hunter Flanders has been a stand out all year and Victor Davidson has become a very solid tackler. This team is mostly made up of Grade 5 and 6 so watch this space in 2014! St Michaels at 4pm next Wednesday at Bentley Park. Be sure to see everyone there!

U-12 Netball: Miss Kylie and Miss Bec have begun taking a team to netball at Bentley Park College on Thursday afternoons. The girls have been training hard and went down 4-2 in their first game. This was an excellent result considering it was the girls’ first game ever!

Thiaawai Miller was player of the match.

Cross Country: Karlota Fournier and Dylan Murgha have gained selection in the Mulgrave District Cross Country team. We wish them all the best at the highest level of school students have competed in the TCS District Cross Country. Watch this space for results next week.

Rugby League Focus Group: We are well underway with our Northern Pride affiliated RL Focus Group Programme. This programme is primarily aimed at improving attendance and behaviour as well as developing people skills and improving literacy. The programme is targeted at grade 8-10 and requires 85% attendance to remain in the programme. Students are on a three strike policy in terms of behaviour. Hezron Murgha from the Pride is working with these boys every Friday. Joe O’Callaghan the Pride Assistant Coach will also be working with the students on Fridays.

Have a good weekend Yarrabah.

Mr Rob

This year at Yarrabah we have been given a unique opportunity to kick off a program that will benefit students in this community for many years to come. In conjunction with Bryant’s Construction and Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) we have the opportunity to start a construction program that will be the springboard for students in the community to kick start their careers as traditional tradesmen.

Students will gain experience and qualifications at a national level whilst working within their own community. In support of this they have been given a full kit of gear by CSQ to enable them to work safely in the industry and in partnership with Bryant’s Construction will play an active role in the construction of new housing within Yarrabah. Students will also undertake projects within the school as a start towards their Certificate One in construction.

If they choose these students will be assisted into a school based apprenticeship that can commence in yr. 10 in their chosen field with the full assistance of CSQ, local construction companies and the school.

Library News: Over the next two weeks, Yarrabah Primary Campus will be hosting our Book Week in the Resource Centre (Library). Students have been checking out the books and other goodies for sale and in some cases have already started purchasing. Parents and family members can come down to the library and make purchases for their children or may choose to send some money to school with their child. Items available range from $1.00 up to $30.00. Some books are very popular and we will order more in as payments are made in advance.

Our goal this year is $2000. For every $1000 worth of books sold the school receives $330 towards new books for our library. This would give us $660 to spend on new books for our students.

Parents can also support the library by purchasing more than one book and then donating one back to the library. A donation sticker will be placed inside the front of the book so future readers can see how generous people are.

Students may purchase books before school, during lunchtimes and after school until 3:00pm. Parents may come down to the library during school times. The Book Fair is open now and will close on Friday 24th May 2013.

Thank you to everyone for your support with this a very important part of your child’s education.

Reading books together is one of the best ways to bond with your child and to help them with their education. It also teaches them how to relax and simply enjoy the stories that books weave.

Judy Walker
Head of Curriculum

Student of the Week - Week 4

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<td>Mabel C</td>
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<td>Jack M.</td>
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<td>Amos P.</td>
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<td>Oswald P.</td>
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<td>John R.</td>
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<td>Messiah M.</td>
<td>Making great choices and really trying hard</td>
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<td>Jessica S.</td>
<td>Her consistent effort and wonderful attitude</td>
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<td>Barry F.</td>
<td>Improving his behaviour and making good choices</td>
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<td>Gerald K.</td>
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<td>Lev J.</td>
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<td>Thiauki S.</td>
<td>A great persuasive writing task</td>
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<td>Javayra K.</td>
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<td>Jaynesha H.</td>
<td>Achieving at a high level in all subject</td>
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<td>Elijah S.</td>
<td>Excellent attitude in reading group</td>
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From the Deputy Desk: Bernadine Yeatman (4-7 Deputy Principal)

NAPLAN TESTING THIS TERM

WHAT IS NAPLAN?

NAPLAN - The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is a yearly assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is held as a yearly event for schools since 2008. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

WHEN IS NAPLAN?

NAPLAN testing days are: Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD/REN ATTEND ON THESE DAYS

WHAT DOES NAPLAN TEST?

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. The following areas of literacy are tested:

- Language Conventions – spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Writing – knowledge and control of written language. This year the students will be writing a persuasive text
- Reading – comprehension of texts
- In numeracy, the content areas assessed are:
  - Number
  - Measurement, chance and data
  - Space
  - Algebra, function and pattern

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

(4-7 Deputy Principal – Bernadine Yeatman)