PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Our Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday the 28th of February at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held in the Meeting room within the Resource Centre.

We will be looking for nominations to fill the Leadership roles of President, Treasurer and Secretary. These positions hold tenure for one year and may be held as co positions.

Please attend this important meeting to ensure your active engagement with your school. Please consider nominating for the leadership positions to help our school take the next step in the education of your children.

Elverina will convene the meeting and declare the positions vacant and call for nominations.

As term one is a short term of only nine weeks we have effectively reached the half-way point of teaching and learning. In the coming weeks teachers will be testing our students to see how effective that teaching and learning has been. That collected data will then be used to either re-teach or extend our students.

The NAPLAN tests are only 8 teaching and learning weeks away.

I have been into all teaching and learning areas of our school and I can report that our teachers are delivering curriculum programs of excellence. Our new teachers have all settled in well and are forming positive relationships with their students. I am also very pleased with the homework implemented by teachers and the high return rates of completed homework. I would like to congratulate all parents/caregivers for supporting your child’s teacher and your child’s efforts to complete the set work by the due date.

Richard Huelin, our Assistant Regional Director will visit all classrooms on the 6th of March beginning with the Secondary Campus at 9:00am. The focus of Mr Huelin’s visit will be explicit teaching and consolidation of learnt curriculum. I will provide a report to you in the next newsletter.

Student attendance continues to be of concern. Teachers cannot teach and student cannot learn if students do not attend school or who attend school irregularly. The students who are making the best progress at Yarrabah State School are those students who attend school every day. EVERY DAY COUNTS for all of our students in all year levels.

Regards

Simon (Spike) Cotton
Principal

PRINCIPAL: ________ Mr Simon Cotton
DEPUTY PP: _______ Mr Steve Taylor
DEPUTY PT: ________ Bernard Yeatman
H.O.D. Secondary: Jay Sainsness
H.O.D. Primary: Jason Evert
H.O.G. Primary: Natasha Holzberger
H.O.S.E: ________ Annea Mathies & Kathryn Vereise

FOR THE COMING EVENTS

- Tues Feb 26th: P&C Meeting AGM
- Thur Mar 7th: Cross Country (Prim)
- Fri Mar 15th: National Day of Action against Bullying
- Tue Mar 21st: Cross Country (Sec)
- Fri Mar 29th: Good Friday, Easter Holidays
- Mon Apr 15th: School Returns

OUR SCHOOL RULES: Respect yourself, Respect Others, Respect the Environment.
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

2013 sees the kick-off of our exciting new leadership program. Students nominated for positions in 2013 and we have a number of class captains from across all the grades in the high school.

Our School captain for 2013 are Monty Noble-Swan and our vice captains are Norris Gordon and Ainsley Fourmille.

All students in the leadership program will be involved in a program aimed to develop their individuality, resilience, ability to work in a team and, of course, leadership.

Jay Sansness
H.O.D.

Sports Corner:

We have had a very busy start to the year. Rugby League has already started and the U-15 squad is training hard.

On Wednesday we had TCS U-15 Trials. We had six boys trial and managed to get four in. All the boys played well at both trials.

The following students were selected:

- Ammiel Harris
- Bruce Myngha
- Irwin Ambrym
- Norris Gordon (Shadow)

In the coming weeks keep an eye out for key dates as we are approaching the busy part of the year for sports. Term 1 and Term 2 are fairly hectic so there will be plenty of permission forms coming home!!

FREE Well women's Clinic

Where: Gurriny Yealamucka PHCC
When: Tuesday 5th March
Contact Number: 4226 4101

Where: Edmonton Community Health
When: Thursday 21st March
Contact Number: 4226 490

Services includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on contraception, Confinence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc.

All services are provided by specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week 4

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From The Deputy Principal Pre-Prep – Year 3:

Hello All,

It has been so nice to see the sunny weather and great days in the Bay, we would all welcome some more rain, although has meant a lot more fishing time after work. It seems as though the South East Corner of the State is having more of a wet season than us here in the tropics.

The school year has started really well, with almost of our students in class and working hard. Really impressed with the amount students who are returning their homework completed. It is really important that you help support your child's learning at home and at school. We would love to see you sharing in your child’s learning more often.

School Attendance; please ensure you inform the school if your child is unable to make it to school, it is so important for your children to attend school every day. If you require support please come down to the school and let us know and we will be happy to help.

Thanks Steve

Hi, We are the class of 1A. Our teacher is Miss Kameli and our lovely Ed Assistant is Aunty Esmary. At the moment we are learning about emotion in stories and relating these to our own lives. We are counting to 100, bundling in tens, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, and starting some small addition problems. In Science we are learning about living things and their environment. In History we are learning about our place in time, and in SOSE we are learning about why rules are important. We would love it if you wanted to come.