Bullying: No Way!

ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH, YARRABAH STATE SCHOOL TOOK A STAND TOGETHER AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE ALONGSIDE MORE THAN 1000 OTHER SCHOOLS ACROSS AUSTRALIA.

AUNTY LUCY & AUNTY PAULA BROUGHT SOME POSTERS IN AND SPOKE TO OUR STUDENTS ABOUT BULLYING & VIOLENCE.

THE YARRABAH DANCE GROUP PROUDLY PERFORMED ON OUR NEW STAGE IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL. THANK YOU UNCLE DAVID & AUNTY ROBERTA.

AFTER THE PARADE OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS HELPFUL OUR TEACHERS WITH SOME "SILENT SPORTS & FUN GAMES." THE HIGHLIGHT WAS OUR INNOVATIVE "EGG THROWING" COMPETITION WHICH WAS WON BY AUTHOR HAMS & DYLAN MURPHY WHO THREW A DISTANCE OF 30.19 M.

THE DAY CULMINATED WITH STUDENTS BEING GIVEN "BULLYING. NO WAY" WELT BANDS & OUR NEW YARRABAH STATE SCHOOL BULLYING POLICY.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Tue Mar 26
  - 1Y-12A, 2A Pool Excursion
- Fri Mar 29
  - Good Friday, Easter Holidays
- Mon Apr 15
  - School Returns – Term 2
- Thu Apr 25
  - Year 4-7 Athletics
- May 14-16
  - NAPLAN Tests
- Thu May 29
  - Gala Rugby League Day
- Mon June 10
  - Queens Birthday
- Thu June 13
  - Year 4-7 Athletics
- Mon June 17
  - Foundation Day
- Fri June 21
  - Last day of term

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MISS SUZANNE AND MR GAVIN ARE TEACHERS AT LOCKHART AND THEY WERE PROVIDED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE DIFFERING CLASS AND YEAR LEVELS. THEY REPORTED THAT THE STUDENTS AND ALL STAFF WERE VERY WELCOMING AND THAT THEY FOUND EVIDENCE OF GOOD PRACTICE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO IMPLEMENT IN THEIR SCHOOL.

THE KOWANYAMA EDUCATION ASSISTANTS, CHINA MAJOR (MISS CHINA), MARIA DICK (MISS MARY), JOSEPHINE GREGORY (MISS GREGORY), NORELLA BERNARD (MISS NORELLA) AND JOELLA KITCHENER (MISS JOELLA) WORKED IN THE READING PROGRAM WITH OUR EDUCATION ASSISTANTS AUNTIES ROBYN, LARISSA AND ATINA IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD THEIR CAPACITIES AND TO DEVELOP AN INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE STUDENT READING LEVELS IN THEIR SCHOOL. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THESE LADIES IN OUR SCHOOL AND AGAIN THEY WERE WELCOMED BY ALL OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, ESPECIALLY MR STEVE, MR JONO AND MS SARAH WHO PREVIOUSLY TAUGHT AT KOWANYAMA STATE SCHOOL. SOME OF OUR EDUCATION ASSISTANTS WILL TRAVEL TO KOWANYAMA TO FURTHER SUPPORT THEIR EA’S TO DELIVER READING AT KOWANYAMA STATE SCHOOL.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE DURING THIS TERM HAS BEEN THE BEST THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN’S EDUCATION AT YARRABAH STATE SCHOOL BY sending them to school every day. ATTENDANCE AT THE SECONDARY CAMPUS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY MEASURABLE; THERE IS A POSITIVE CHANGE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL WITH STUDENTS ATTENDING REGULARLY, PREPARED FOR LESSONS AND TRYING THEIR BEST TO PARTICIPATE IN LESSONS. EVERY DAY COUNTS.

REGARDS

SIMON (SPIKE) COTTON
YARRABAH STATE SCHOOL – GREAT SCHOOL
Sports Corner: We have had a very busy start to the year!

Cross Country: Both the Yarrabah Primary and Secondary School Cross Country events have been held in Term 1 and we are now preparing to take our teams to District Cross Country in Term 2. If your child achieved 1st, 2nd or 3rd from grade 4 up it would be fantastic if some personal training could be encouraged!!

Rugby League: The U-15 boys have had a fantastic start to the year winning all three games against Djarragun, Mareeba and Bentley Park 2. The team is starting to come together through some hard training and improved discipline. Unfortunately we have had some players miss games due to poor behaviour. This is a reminder that students must be performing at school as well as on the field to get a spot in the 17 on match day. Some teams have already started the season well are Ammiel Harris, Irvin Ambrym, Monty Noble, Bruce Munygra, Harold Cedric and Roy Yeatman. Special mention to Javan Nicholas who has stepped up at both school and footy and has bagged two tries in each of his two games. And finally Zac Mossman who is punching above his weight as a Grade 8 playing against mostly Grade 10 students and going well!!

Congratulations to the following students who made the TCS U-15 District Rep side: Ammiel Harris, Bruce Munygra, Irwin Ambrym and Norris Gordon.

The U-12 boys and girls played their first game of the season on Wednesday against Isabella State School. This was probably the smallest side we have ever fielded with many Grade 5 students (it is a grade 6/7 comp). What they lacked in size they made up for in heart with Keshon Hunter Flanders and Elijah Street topping the tackle count. These two boys saved several tries tackling much bigger kids. Natalie Gordon made some great tackles as well and showed many of our boys the way. Elywn Tibero and Lamech Gilmartin were outstanding on both attack and defence and Vernon Hyde got the forwards running on to the ball.

The highlight of the day came when Dylan Murgha diffused a kick in his own in-goal, stepped a player and took off down the side line, he then beat three players and ran 100m to score under the post. Ty Williams likened the try to Ben Barba. At half time Yarrabah were leading 18-0 and Isabella were stunned. The wheels fell off in the second half and Isabella scored 4 tries to 0 and we were lucky they missed all their kicks. Yarrabah U-12 have a lot to work on before taking on Gordonvale at Jillara Oval after the holidays. End score18-16 Yarrabah.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the Multigrade District side to play in the Peninsula Carnival in Innisfail in Term 2: Elywn Tibero, Vernon Hyde, Arthur Harris.

U-12 Prep:

- Preparing for their first prep morning tea for the year. We enjoyed playing, eating and making fun memories with our family and friends.

Our prep morning teas will continue throughout the year. It is an enjoyable way for families to come and be a part of their child’s first year at school. We love showing off all the hard work we do and our dances we are learning.

We hope to see you all at our next morning tea.

Jess and Amanda (Prep Teachers)