Yarrabah 10 v Gondwana 4

It was a nail-biting match with some great skills on display. Both teams played really well, making this a fantastic match. Yarrabah's performance was outstanding, and the team worked hard for each other.

A special mention is given to Yarrabah's footballers for their outstanding performance.

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

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**FORTECOMING EVENTS**
- May 16th: NAPLAN Tests
- Thu May 29th: Gala Rugby League Day
- Mon June 10th: Queens Birthday
- Thu June 13th: Yr 4-7 Athletics
- Mon June 17th: Foundation Day
- Thu 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

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Please ensure that your child or children are attending school every day to prepare for the upcoming NAPLAN tests to be conducted from May 14th to May 16th. Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit tests in literacy and numeracy, and their results will be measured against the performance of students in their year level across Australia. While the debate regarding the worth of NAPLAN tests continues, I believe they provide valuable data as to where our students are in their learning and the work we need to do to ensure our students are provided the same opportunity as all other students.

As a school we analyse the individual results of all our students and look at their relative gain from their previous tests. Students at Yarrabah State School who attend school every day show good relative gain in their test results. What is also very obvious is the importance of attendance at school every day. Students who attend irregularly do not show gain in their learning and fall behind their year group in their knowledge of literacy and numeracy.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS:** Student attendance this term started well however week two saw some significant slippage in attendance. Please make sure your children are attending school every day. When students miss a day at school they slip behind the rest of the class and find it difficult to catch up on their learning. This is compounded when students attend school irregularly, it is almost impossible for them to catch up to their peers.

**One or two days doesn’t seem much but, ……..**

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Please give your child every opportunity to succeed in life – education is the answer and the provision to a way forward.

Simon (Spice) Cotton

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Aim High – YARRABAH STATE SCHOOL – Like a Seahawk
YEAR 8/9/10 A: At the end of last term, students from Year 8, 9 and 10 in the A class went to Shambala Animal Kingdom in preparation for our new Science unit: examining living, non-living and once-living things. We saw lions, a rhino, an ostrich, tigers, a cheetah, bears, otters, an emu, hippos, tortoise, lizards and lots of different monkeys. We learnt about how tigers and cheetahs raise their young, that the lion alpha male has the darkest mane and that bears are omnivores like humans! We are now learning about the observable features of living things such as reproducing, growing, moving and responding to stimuli. Our trip to the zoo was a great introduction to examining living things.

By: Miss Bel, Mary, Redina, Nyoka, Javarn, Norris and the whole class.

Yarrabah students represent Mulgrave District at Peninsular trials:

Rugby League: Congratulations Elwyn T for his selection in the Mulgrave District rugby league team. Elwyn will represent our district at the Peninsular trials later this term. Special mention also to Vernon & Arthur who represented our school at the district trials.

Cross Country: Congratulations Dylan M. & Karcela F. who both successfully made it through the Mulgrave District cross country trials. Karcela came 2nd and Dylan 4th. Both students will compete in the peninsular cross country in the coming weeks.

What: The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program is back!

Why: This program enables our School and early learning centres to earn educational resources simply by shopping at Woolworths. You will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points for every $10 spent collect these and our school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

When: Monday 8th of April to Sunday 9th of June.

GOTCHA: Week 3

FREE Well Women’s Clinics at Edmonton Community Health

Thursday 16th May 2013

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, info on Contraception, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

For appointments phone 4226 4900