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OUR SCHOOL VISION: ONE People – ONE Fire – ONE Journey

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

WUNGU NETBALL CARNIVAL: Congratulations to our high school netball girls and a special thank you to Ms Sarah for coordinating such a great experience on Wungu Beach last week. Teams attended the carnival from Bentley Park College and Cairns SHS. The event was a not only a great endorsement for our school and the community of Yarrabah, it was a positive experience that the girls involved will hold in their memories for the rest of their lives. Thank you Ms Sarah and other staff involved. Our school is lucky to have staff who make the extra effort and a community that supports them to ensure our students have such positive experiences and are able to show-case their country (Paradise by the Sea) and their netball skills to students and staff from other schools. This is a great initiative!

CONDOLENCES: We offer our sincere condolences to all affected by the weekend’s tragedy in Yarrabah. Our school will consult with Gurriny and other support services to do everything we can to support students, staff and families who have been impacted.

COVID 19: We continue to manage the impact and effects of COVID 19 on how we conduct business at school.

ATTENDANCE: We thank parents for the huge effort on Tuesday last week getting children here for school photos! Attendance at the primary campus was 88%. This is our highest attendance in 2020 and a stone’s throw from the state average of just over 90%. Unfortunately, the following day at the primary campus, our attendance was 65%. A drop of 23%. Ouch!! If we can get 88% on photo day, we can get 88% every day. We really need a huge effort going into the last quarter of the year to get our attendance as high as we can. Our school needs parental support with this. Every day counts, every second matters when children are at school. Let us be united in our pursuit of our school mission: to nurture and empower every student with the core skills and values to become independent lifelong learners.

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VISITING THE SCHOOL: I remind parents that all visitors to the school are to report to the office. Under no circumstances is a parent/guardian permitted to come into the school and speak with a child who is not in their care. This is a serious matter and will be actioned accordingly by the Principal. Parents are welcome any time to visit the school however all visits need to be conducted through the office.

Yours in Education,
Jason Evert
Principal

Check out our school web site: http://yarrabahss.eq.edu.au
Primary Deputy Principal Report

#readingchangeslives - Reading Matters!
Our two major focuses in reading are **VOCABULARY & COMPREHENSION**!
We know that reading is the most important skill anyone can obtain to ensure they become an independent lifelong learner. That is why we have embedded the Four Lesson Reading Sequence Program as our signature reading framework. This program is fully inclusive of all students and delivered by all staff members - our deadly Education Assistants, our classroom teachers, our specialist teachers and our leadership team!
This year we even dedicated Professional Development days to ensure our consistent and frequent replacement teachers are fully trained in delivering our model of reading.

If you are keen to see how we celebrate our Radical Readers – please join our Yarrabah State School – Yarning Circle on Facebook.

Teaching reading is everyone’s business and we need a whole community effort to make Yarrabah kids – STRONG – DEADLY – PROUD and RADICAL READERS!

Cheers, Mr Tom

Connection over Curriculum

Year 7 student Jarkydus has been setting the Junior Secondary Attendance Tracker alight by presenting every day! Jarkydus has been working with Ms Francella to complete a range of literacy and numeracy tasks.

When asked about his ‘connection class’ Jarkydus responded “It’s deadly and I really like it when Ms Francella helps me to complete my work”

Well done Jarkydus!

SCHOOL REVIEW: Early next term we have a School Review. I feel confident with the programs and practices we have in our school now. It has been an incredibly challenging year and it is the commitment of the staff working in our school and the systems they are implementing that has enabled us to get back on track so well. I invite parents to be part of the review. We need some volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested. – Jason Evert, Principal

Media with Mr Peter

This year the 7/8 Media students have been creating a short video on their favourite places in Yarrabah. Locations included Giangurra, Kunjurra and Wungu. They used video cameras and drones to record. The students then edited their videos at school, shortening the clips, and adding text and music. We are looking into posting the finished products to the Yarning Circle to be viewed by the community.

I like Media because we go everywhere to do filming and editing and listen to elders. We fly the drone at good places. – Robert Madua

I liked learning from the elders and hearing their stories. I learnt how to edit and make a cool video. – Trayson Lefoe

A Note from RSAS

Please remember RSAS does their transport support between 8am and 9.30am. Parents need to make prior arrangements with the RSAS team to receive the transport support. This is not an alternative bus service. If you have made arrangements with our team, parents need to make sure that students are ready and waiting at the front of their house when our bus arrives. If students are not ready to come on the RSAS bus they must either walk, catch the school bus or arrange their own transport. Primary school students who live in the Mission are encouraged to walk to school every day.

RSAS would like to acknowledge those families and students making the effort to be ready and even get themselves to school every day. We love to see parents walking their students or waiting with them at the bus stop. Watch out for our random acts of kindness prizes for families making the effort.

REPORTS (Primary): We will be providing parents with a one page summary of your child’s progress this term. The report will include a photo, their reading level & target, their behaviour (positive and negative) and their attendance. Parents are also welcome and encouraged to arrange a meeting with your child’s teacher, as we will not be holding the usual end-of-term open day to distribute the reports. Reports will be distributed to students during the last week of school.

RSAS Deadly Transition Crew

As part of RSAS transition activities Ms Ngema and her deadly transition crew took some time today to commence designing their ‘positive message cap’. We look forward to seeing Caleb, Kellie, Marshall, Raesharn and Gertrude’s finished creations in the coming weeks.

Caleb said ‘We like working with Ms Ngema – she’s deadly’.

Kellie said ‘Ms Ngema helps us to get to school and she is fun’