



YARRABAH State School
Kindergarten to Year 10

Aim High Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Today we are officially half way through Term 2 and what an exciting time it has been! We have been thrilled to have our families and community join us for a range of events and activities in recent weeks including the amazing celebrations of Mother’s Day at the Kindy and Primary School and International Women’s Day at our secondary campus. I would like to sincerely thank all of those involved in organising these great events and our families and community for coming along to be part of the fun!

The Australian Curriculum has recently been reviewed and our staff will soon be providing feedback to ACARA around the proposed changes. We will keep you up to date about the potential implications of this review and what these amendments may mean for teaching and learning in our school. NAPLAN tests were also conducted in years 3,5, 7 and 9 last week and our students are to be commended for engaging positively with both the literacy and numeracy tasks.

At the beginning of this term Mr Kerry Hardy, Deputy Principal Junior Secondary, took up a position at Trinity Bay State High School in Cairns. We welcome Mrs Rebecca Slater as our new Junior Secondary Deputy Principal and look forward to continuing our journey with her. Becc brings exceptional leadership skills and curriculum knowledge, amongst many other tremendous attributes, to this role and I am very much looking forward to having in our Executive Management Team.

Recently I was advised by our Assistant Regional Director that I would be remaining at Yarrabah State School for the remainder of the school year. I am absolutely thrilled to have this amazing opportunity and am very excited to be working with the great staff and students of our school, and the very supportive local community.

Over the last two weeks major facilities and maintenance work at both the primary and secondary campuses has commenced. The stairs at the primary campus will soon be back in action and plans for installing additional air-conditioning and front office remodelling on our Junior Secondary site are well underway. It has been quite a challenge ensuring all of this important work is done whilst also managing the remedy of significant storm damage on each of our three campuses, and I would like to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of our Business Manager, Steph Halter, and her awesome team.

The next five weeks of this term will see even more exciting teaching and learning, Athletics Day, NAIDOC celebrations, Clontarf and Mission Australia camps for their respective groups, Kindy family days and a host of other fantastic opportunities for our students, their families and our community. A famous African proverb says that “it takes a village to raise a child” and we certainly value and appreciate working together with our fantastic families and community in providing our students with the best possible opportunities for their futures.

Cheers

Michelle

Mother's Day Celebration

On Friday 07/05/2021 our Prep—Year 2 students celebrated all of our amazing Mums, Aunties, Big Sisters and Nannas down under the fig tree. There was plenty of pampering and relaxing going on with activities such as: nail painting, glitter hairspray, massages, card making and giant Lego.

Students performed "You are my sunshine", "Mother's Day" and "Rock-a-bye your bear" and made biscuits for their mums to say thank you for all that you do for us.

A massive thank you also goes out to Mr Jordan from the Junior Secondary campus for coming down for the afternoon and taking some family photos for everyone.

It was a great afternoon that was enjoyed by all with plenty of smiling faces and laughter.



Jute Theatre Performance

Earlier this term we had the pleasure of hosting the Dare to Dream team of young local performers who took a handful of our mob through four days of fun and crazy theatre workshops. After a performance on the Monday of their fun, highly energetic and thoughtful production about the experiences, events and hopes of young Indigenous kids and their motorbike adventures, a select group of our students from grade 4 to 6 went through 3 days of workshops that included movement, improvisation and music.

On the Friday the whole school enjoyed watching our kids get up and with no shame perform skits, games and a deadly dance piece! The Dare to Dream hosted by JUTE Theatre, brings these shows every year to our school and what a valuable cultural treasure they have become! Thanks to all supporting staff and of course WELL DONE to all the kids involved! Yay! The Arts rock!





Clontarf White Ribbon March

A number of our year 5 & 6 boys participated in a White Ribbon fun run to support raising awareness against domestic violence against women. It was a great turn out and the boys had a ball. They ran their hearts out which made us all really proud.



RSAS Lunch Support

Lunch support is available through RSAS for Primary and Junior Secondary students. We understand that sometimes lunch may not be available at home on a 'slack week' so the RSAS team has been offering students lunch, making sure that they are receiving a meal while at school. If lunch is a reason why your child is not coming to school then we can assist you with that. Come speak with our team members.



RSAS Updates

Transport support

There are some changes to our transport support service this term. For parents who are calling for a pick up, these will now begin after 9:30am each day. To be at school on time, we would like to encourage parents to bring their kids to school or for students to use the Community Council Bus Service. To jump in our vehicles, parents are required to provide us with a signed consent form.



Community Attendance Plan (The CAP)



Our Community Attendance Plan is available for community members to view. This plan outlines the types of activities the RSAS team will deliver this year and the support we need from parents, carers, service providers and community members to achieve our attendance goal of 80%. If you would like to view or want a copy of the plan, come and visit our office to speak with the Coordinator. We are happy to share this with you.

School Holidays RSAS Camp at Wungu

Over the school holidays we hosted a 3 night camp for Junior Secondary students down at Wungu beach. The RSAS Camp is centred around engagement and relationship building and developing a strong generation of leaders for our community. Our activities facilitated leadership roles for participants to undertake, developed creativity, problem solving, fostered positive social interaction and bonding with each other, strengthened cultural connections to our Country, and stimulated adventure to learn more about our home and visit parts we would not normally go to on a regular basis.

Each day we reflected on the day's activities and debriefed on how it went. Participants were given the opportunity to talk about the highlights for them. We spoke about the purpose of the School Attendance Strategy program and the support we provide to students. Participants were given motivational talks to encourage improved school attendance.



Both students and staff enjoyed the camp and are looking forward to the next one. A big congratulations and thank you to the RSAS team!



Yarrabah Kindergarten



Kindy - Guyula A

Last week we had our Kindy Mother's Day Morning Tea and we had a lovely time celebrating with our Mums! Some of the special activities the children shared with their Mums were: nail painting, glitter hair salon, bead threading, glitter playdough, card making, flower pot plant craft and sharing some yummy cakes at morning tea.

This term we are inquiring about the plants in our garden and the creatures that live in it. We have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and the children have loved talking about how the caterpillar changed into a beautiful butterfly. The children have loved sketching and painting butterflies using oil pastels and watercolours.

We are also practising clapping the syllables in our names and through music and rhythm, we are having fun using instruments to practice keeping to the beat. The children have been enjoying using our Australian animal puppets and are loving our new class puppet 'Edwina the Emu' who loves to visit us and help the children with their song chants and counting.

Year 3 Learning

In Year 3 we have been learning about celebrations from around the world. This week we celebrated Diwali, the Indian festival. Year three loved creating their own handprint decorated elephants.



Mission Australia — Dream Buyal Bandu Program

The Dream Buyal Bandu girls have been busy getting ready for our annual 4 day Daradgee Camp in a few weeks & celebrating the wonderful women in their lives for Mother's day.

The girls spent last Friday making and personalising bottle lamps, wishing stars, coupon books and writing letters of appreciation to the wonderful women in their lives to say thank you for all they do.

*Reminder to families: Daradgee Camp dates are Tuesday June 1st to Friday June 4th Miss Leisa, Miss Tammy, Miss Anna & Miss Katrina are super excited!!



Our Lost Property bins are overflowing!

Please come in and have a look if your child has misplaced any belongings

Cleaning Staff Undertaking Annual Training



International Women's Day Event at Jnr Secondary



International Women's Day is celebrated annually across the world on the 8th of March, here at Yarrabah we celebrated at the Jnr Secondary Campus on 14th May



The Yarrabah State School teaching staff along with the Yaburu Bandu Girls Group planned the event in collaboration with the school nurse Miss Jodi Pipes and Centacare – Multi-cultural centre. We had the privilege of sharing the day with women from around the world. Our guests included women from Rwanda, Nepal, Asia, Samoa, Papua New Guinea and more and last but not least our beautiful Gunggandji Elders and many parents of our enrolled students.



The students, their parents and our special guests participated in activities which were promoted the sharing of culture and relaxation. The event was well attended with up to 120 attendees. We look forward to planning International Women's Day for 2022



Invitation to the Ditto Show. Tuesday 25 May 2021 11:20 am

PARENTS & GUARDIANS WELCOME!

Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure show has been educating Australian children since 2006, providing them with personal safety tools and strategies while supporting positive self-esteem and resilience -building.

Prep—Yr 3 will be watching the show on Tuesday 25 May at 11.20 at the Primary School.

Families are invited to join us—please come and sign in at the office

YARRABAH CAREERS MARKET DAY FROM 9:50

Wednesday, 26 May
Yarrabah State School
Junior Secondary Campus
Everyone Welcome

FREE BBQ

YARRABAH ART CENTRE

Department of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Queensland Government

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ACCOR HOTELS

YARRABAH STATE SCHOOL CAREERS WEEK DRESS-UP DAY!

COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS WHAT YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP!

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED CLASS!

FRIDAY 28 MAY

Yarrabah State School
Aim High Like A Seahawk