

JANUARY
2021

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AUSTRALIA DAY – JANUARY 26

Australia Day is the day to reflect, respect and celebrate. We reflect on the resilience of the First Nations Australians. We pay respect to our heroic frontline workers. We celebrate the Australian spirit, our mateship and our sense of community. We

Message

From the Principal

Welcome back to 2021!

Welcome to our new families who will be joining us for the commencement of the school year.

Strategically, the School Board is moving ahead with the vision of Yarranlea Primary moving to a three-teacher school as part of our growth strategy. This will be a major change as the school has been operating for over thirty years including as a state school with a two-teacher model.

By the time, you arrive back at school the building operations will have commenced for the extension of the CAD with the anticipated completion at the end of term 1. We will begin the year with a P-2 class and a 3-6 class.



General entry conditions to the School

With building now underway, this necessitates changes to drop off and pick up of children. The following information is critical for the general safety of your children and yourself.

Unfortunately, with the recent lockdown the School Board has decided to revert to the 2020 COVID risk management plan for the time being.

1. Parents can drop off and pick up their children from the front gate. However, we are still conscious that **social distancing between adults is required** so please move off the Griffith Grounds as quickly as possible.
2. Due to construction, the three carparks in front of the school will not be available. You will be unable to enter from this gate.
3. Entry for the students will be via the front gate at the school.

A reminder that we share parking with Psychology therefore drop off and pick up should be kept to a minimal time.

Please note changes may occur to drop off and pick up, which will be determined by the conditions set by the QLD Chief Medical Officer and Independent Schools Queensland.

Entrance to the School from Front Gate only



P&F

I have requested that the P and F meetings move to a Tuesday. Board meetings will change to a Tuesday.

Other news

Every third year Yarranlea has a planned excursion to Canberra. Late last year the group took a vote and a trip to Fraser Island and up to Bundaberg was determined as the alternative. We have elected to travel by bus. A meeting for parents will be held for those who may have any concerns regarding excursion/trip details.

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NO NUT POLICY: The school has children attending who are severely allergic to nuts or nut product which can trigger a potentially life-threatening reaction. Please do not send any nuts, peanut butter, dip containing nuts or nuts in baked food. Some food packaging says that it does not contain nuts but has been processed on equipment that may contain traces of nuts. These items are OK, unless otherwise advised.



First Day of School:

WHAT TO BRING:

- MORNING TEA/LUNCH
- WATER BOTTLE
- HAT

PLEASE NAME ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS



SWIMMING:

WILL START IN TERM 1, INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW SOON.

WHAT TO BRING:

1. SWIMMING BAG
2. SUN SHIRT
3. BATHING CAP
4. GOGGLES
5. PACK THONGS OR SANDALS (EASY FOR THE CHILD TO TAKE OFF) FOR YOUR CHILD TO WEAR TO THE POOL



PLEASE NOTE: First Day of School

Arrangements

Unfortunately, after the recent lockdown the School Board has decided to revert to the 2020 COVID risk management plan.

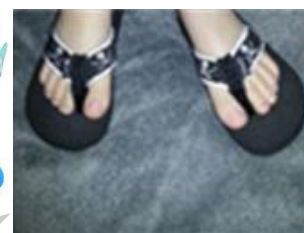
This policy does indicate that no parents will be able to enter onto our school site as we have created our own "bubble" however, we are aware of the special time the beginning of the year brings for our new families.

Therefore, the first day of the school term, we are welcoming **our new parents and their children onto the school site.** They will be able to take photos for their special day. We request that parents wear their masks but can remove them when photos are being taken.

All parents will drop off and pick up their child from the front gate. We are hoping things will change soon to bring everyone back on site .

FRIDAY SWIMMING MUST HAVE

Thongs or Sandals for walking
to and from Pool,
(No Laced Shoes for Preps please)
Swimwear,
Swimming Cap, Towel,
Goggles.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Young people can feel a range of emotions when they are heading back to school, which include feelings of excitement, anticipation, and nerves. Some students can adjust to the changes and settle into things quickly. However, some young people may find this a daunting and challenging time. There can be a number of reasons why it might be hard to go school: trying to make new friends, pressure to get the best marks, dealing with bullying, or perhaps going through a mental health.

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

- Talk openly and honestly with them, and let them know that you are concerned.
- Reassure them that you will be there for them, and ask what they need from you.
- Let them know that there is lots of help available.
- Help find an appropriate service, such as a headspace centre and support them in attending.
- Help them build a support network.

HEALTHY
KIDS



YARRANLEA STAFF 2021



Mr Costin is the proud Principal of Yarranlea Primary since 2015. Mr Costin. He has taught throughout QLD. In his career, he has been Deputy Principal and Principal for well over 30 years.



Ms Hoey co teaches with Mr. C. This is Ms Hoey's second year at the school. Ms Hoey has a passion for Science and the Environment.



Mrs Brown is expecting their third child in April. Mrs Brown will remain on the class to the end of term 1, 2021. She will retain her teaching days of Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. She will be working closely with Ms Zuilou.



Ms Rebecca Zuilou will replace Mrs Brown at the end of the term 1 **however, to ensure a smooth transition Ms Zuilou will be co teaching with Mrs Brown during all of term 1.** Ms Z is an experienced early childhood teacher and is familiar our school as she completed her internship with Mrs Brown and Mr. C a few years ago. Since graduating, she has taught overseas and in Brisbane in the early childhood area.



Ms Woelz has been at the school since 2020. Ms Woelz will work across the school but her main focus for term 1 will be with the upper group.



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Mrs Carmen Hooper is our music specialist but works across other areas such as interschool debating etc.



Stephanie Kennedy is our teacher aide and will be placed with the lower school. When we move across to the 3-teacher model, Stephanie will be shared between the three classrooms but her priority will be with the lower grades



Tracey Birks will move between administration and teacher aide duties on the days she is at school.



Sharlene Roach is our finance guru/ School Board Secretary. Sharlene does a lot behind the scenes.



Sally Silva has been with us since term 3 2020 and assist Sharlene with the finances.



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Maree Pooler is our Outside School Hours Care Coordinator.



Chloe Staples is an Outside School Hours Care Educator/Responsible Person.

Chloe is studying Bachelor of Primary Education Majoring in Early Learning

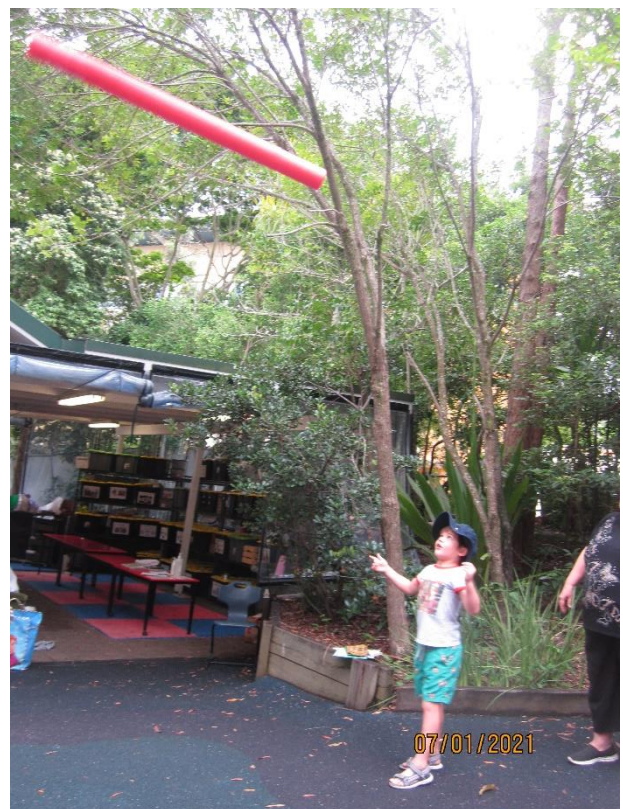
VACATION CARE



HIGHLAND DANCING



Scottish Caber Toss





REAL-LIFE FINDING NEMO: TURTLE SURVIVES EPIC EAST AUSTRALIAN CURRENT JOURNEY FROM CAIRNS TO SYDNEY

The adventures of a juvenile flatback turtle that washed up on a Sydney beach, thousands of kilometres from home after likely being swept off-course by the East Australian Current, have been likened to a real-life Finding Nemo.

The flatback turtle species is endemic to Queensland and the waters of southern Papua New Guinea. Co-founder of the Cairns Rehabilitation Centre, Jennie Gilbert, said it was highly unusual for a flatback turtle to travel so far south.

She said the turtle, found on Cronulla Beach in May, likely fell ill and was swept down the coast on the East Australia Current.

"It literally did a Nemo," Ms Gilbert said.

"As a hatchling it was probably unwell, got caught on the eastern current, literally floated down and was washed up on the beach at Cronulla."

How long that journey took is unknown, but the turtle researcher estimates it was up to several months based on its health when found; Cronulla weighed barely half-a-kilogram.

Cronulla the flatback turtle was taken to Taronga Zoo



Water Play & Cooking



CONFIRMATION OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE ATTENDANCES

OSHC Extra-Curricular Booking/Permission Form to be returned.

Dear Parents,

The booking/permission form for each OSHC extra – curricular activity was emailed on Thursday 7 January 2021. (attached)

If you wish to book your child into either of these activities and have not emailed your form back, please do so as soon as possible. Completed form is required to confirm placement into these programs.

Thank you to the parents that have submitted their booking form.

If your child is attending Before or After School Care from Term 1 please confirm your days via email:

m.pooler@yarranlea.qld.edu.au

I look forward to seeing you all in Term 1, Maree.