

AUGUST
2020

From the Principal



Lesson We Are All Learning From This Year

Professor John Hattie penned some thoughts about the remote learning experience from earlier this year. Our hearts go out to Victorian counter parts who are enduring another bout of restrictions and lock down.

Professor Hattie identified from his research, on average, most students will not fail, go backwards, or 'turn off' schooling – indeed many will take the change in their stride, the re-boots on return will quickly make up for lost weeks, and we will again discover that students are much more resilient than many consider them to be. Of course, there will be some who do not refocus, do not make the needed gains and in the first weeks back we need to be vigilant to identify these students. We need to be more attentive to those with lower self-regulation, the lonely with few or no friends, and those who are more reluctant to get back on task.

Hence over the last few weeks since returning in term 3 we have introduced clubs at lunch time in which to vary our school routine. These are voluntary and include:

- Tech on a Monday and Friday
- Art on a Tuesday with Stef Kennedy (Teacher Aide).
- Lego and Voice on a Wednesday.

We will be conducting Yoga and Touch Football for this term.

In relation to **Parent Teacher Meetings** the School Board has requested these are conducted by **TEAMS**.

Week 6 – August 17th

Parent Teacher Interviews commence on TEAMS for Prep to Year 1 Students

Week 7 – August 24th

Parent Teacher Interviews commence on TEAMS for Upper Grade



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On This Month

Week 5 – August 10th

Yoga commencing - Each Monday
 P & F Meeting - Wednesday 12th
 Brisbane Show Holiday - Friday 14th
 Report Cards Released – Via Email - Friday 14th
 Touch Football - Each Friday

Week 6 – August 17th

Parent Teacher Interviews commence on TEAMS for Prep to Year 1 Students

Science Week
 Debating - (First round) Wed 19th August at 1.45pm.
 Optimind Practice

Week 7 – August 24th

Parent Teacher Interviews commence on TEAMS for Upper Grade Students - Year 2 to 6

Optimind Submissions – Thursday 27th
 Snapshot of Yarranlea – Saturday 29th
 2nd group of 2021 Enrolments

Week 8 – August 31st

Excursion - Wednesday September 2nd

Morton Bay Environmental Centre –
 Details in next Newsletter

Gazetted Student Free Day - Friday September 4th

As per Education Qld Calendar – noted on the 10/7/2020

OSHC will be operating a full day program.

Please make booking as soon as possible.

Program and Booking form attached.

Week 9 – September 7th

Week 10 – September 14th

P and F Meeting – Wednesday 16th

Last Day of Term - Friday 18th

Free Dress Day and Planning Day

AROUND THE COUNTRY And OUR WORLD



National Tree Day ----- 2
 National Aboriginal & Torres Islander
 Children's Day ----- 4
 Homeless Persons Week ----- 3-8
 Dental Health Week ----- 3-9
 International Day of the World's Indigenous
 People ---- 9
 International Youth Day ----- 12
 World Elephant Day ----- 12
 National Science Week ----- 15-23
 Keep Australia Beautiful Week ----- 17-23

Yarranlea Limited Executive Summary 2020 Overall Average



This is a good school	
My child is happy going to this school	
The school is a safe place for my child	
My child is getting a good education at this school	
The staff at this school take an interest in my child	
Communication between the home and school is good	
I know what is happening at the school and coming events	
I can make contact with my child's teacher or other staff easily	
The school responds quickly to my concerns	
My child's teacher is approachable	
The school Principal is approachable	
The school principal is committed the best possible education for my child	
Parent-teacher conferences are useful	
The school report card keeps me informed about my child's progress at school	
I am happy with the quality of teaching my child receives	
The problems-based learning environment for homework is interesting and assists my child in their learning. (APPLIES UPPER SCHOOL ONLY)	
This school takes a balanced approach in providing an all-round education	
The school's expectations of students are clear	
Staff at the school make me feel welcome	
My child's teacher makes me feel welcome	
This school is well equipped	
I am happy with the school's facilities	
I am happy with my child's access to computers and other technologies available throughout the school	
Student behaviour is well managed	
Improvement/feedback welcome	
Strong community relationship	
OSHC & Vac care are valuable	
We will use OSHC in the future	
We will use vac care in the future	
OSHC & Vac care are fun/engaging	
OSHC/Vac care staff care	
The YP&F group assists with communications between the school and parents	
The YP&F groups is worth having	
I enjoy the activities organised by the YP&F group	
The YP&F groups is well organised	
The average score for each statement is colour coded for quick reference.	
Strongly Disagree	
Neither Agree or Disagree	
Strongly Agree	

Parent Survey Results 2020

Please find the 2020 Parent Survey results. The table for interpreting the results are as follows. The results indicate our parents were more than satisfied with the operational and functioning of the school. This is the second year in a row that this has occurred.



How will you science this National Science Week?

national science week

15–23 AUGUST 2020

scienceweek.net.au #scienceweek

2020 National Science Week – Deep Blue, the Future of Our Oceans

Yarranlea Primary School will celebrate Science Week next week, Week 6. Students will be involved in hands-on science activities working in small groups. There are a number of things that would enhance student's science experience. Could your child/ren bring the following to school next week please? (starting Monday):

- photos of ocean or beach experiences. These will be shared and discussed at school. Photos could be of a day at the beach, a fishing trip, whale watching, sailing, litter found in estuaries or the beach etc. Hard copies are preferred but if you only have digital photos please save to a USB for your child to bring to school.
- toy or model boats and sailing vessels, eg. model boats, ships, canoes.
- Empty 5 litre or 3 litre ice-cream containers or the like. If the container has a handle all the better.
- Plasticine or modelling clay. This will be returned.

Thank you. Regards Miss Hoey.

FOCUS: The incredibly simple secret to making mornings in your house more harmonious

I am definitely a crabby Mum first thing in the morning!

I don't want to be talked to. I don't want to talk back. I don't want to make breakfast; I don't want to hear the cartoons. I just want to be left alone until I'm ready.

This is not because I've woken up on the wrong side of the bed. It's because I have a brain, and brains are computers and they need to load before they can work. When we turn on our computer, we don't expect that we can immediately get stuck into that spreadsheet or Google search, we know it needs time to load. Our brain is no different! It needs to become active. It needs to get ready before we can do all the things.

But with our modern-day, rushed and urgent lifestyle, we make very little time or space first thing in the morning to prime our brain before we need to start using it.

And if we, as adults, experience this crabby, anxious morning feeling just imagine how much harder it must be for a child, especially a young child who doesn't yet have the emotional regulation skills that we as adults generally do. And yet they're expected to get up, get dressed, sit at the table, have their breakfast, do their teeth, remember their library book, pack their lunch and all the other morning jobs. Imagine the crabbiness, the anxiety that they must experience.

All of these morning tasks require what we call 'executive functioning' and the brain needs to be active before it can make these things happen.

If our kids haven't had sufficient time in the morning to play, to do some stretching, to move, to have some music, use their imaginations, a little bit of creative time or fresh air — then their brain is not necessarily going to be primed in the way they need it to be so that they can function easily.

But fear not! Because it is super simple to prime our brains, and one of the best ways to do this is with music.

Research tells us that when we experience music, more of our brain activates than it does when we experience any other thing. And this can happen from listening to music, making music, or even just thinking about it.

So, simply listening to music in the mornings as part of your daily routine will help activate your brain and your child's brain so that everybody can work together more harmoniously in the mornings. I recommend choosing songs that your children love, make a playlist, listen to your favourite CD. You could opt for an early morning disco



party — just turn on the music and all have a quick dance around the lounge room together.

A really important element of music is its physicality. Movement, dancing, stretching. This, in conjunction with rhythm and melody, absolutely does wonders for getting the brain active and ready to work!

These strategies are super simple, they don't take a lot of time and you don't need to be musical to be able to achieve them.

So, if you or your children are finding that you're crabby in the morning, anxious, worked up, not functioning at your best, not able to get the jobs done on time then these simple, music based exercises are a must — and a fun one at that — to get you walking out the door harmoniously and calmly.

This article is a guest post by Allison Davis on maggiedent.com Allison Davies is a Registered Music Therapist who specialises in brain care, and a National 2016 AMP Tomorrow Maker. Alli lives in regional NW Tasmania with her young family. She is joining Maggie Dent and Dr Kaylene Henderson for Maggie's one-day conference Calming Today's Anxious Children happening in Wollongong (26 September 2020). www.maggiedent.com/calminganxiouskids

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GUMURRII

NATIONAL SORRY DAY COMMUNITY WALK

This year the students at Yarranlea and the Griffith community and friends were unable to Complete the 'Sorry Walk' that occurs each year.

The Gumurrii sector from Griffith contacted us to Provide a 'care pack' for each child in keeping with the care packs that we delivered during our isolation period.

These packs will be given to each child on Thursday 13th.



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY – AUGUST 4

Children's Day is a time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children. The day is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every child. Our theme *Elders of Tomorrow* highlights the uniqueness and importance of the knowledge and wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, starting in childhood. **Find our more here.**

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL WEEK – AUGUST 17 - 23

Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held late August each year, to raise awareness about the simple things we can all do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage action. **Doing your part is simple, find our more here.**

55 Interesting Facts About Elephants (for World Elephant Day)

1. There are numerous types of elephants found in Africa and Asia, with three distinct species and at least three...
2. The African Forest Elephant was formerly considered a subspecies of the African Bush Elephant, but it has since been...
3. There are three different types of elephants that are currently classified as Asian Elephants – Indian Elephants, Sri...
4. The Sri Lankan Elephant is the largest of the Asian subspecies, measuring 6.6 to 11.5 feet tall...

more at

<https://greenglobaltravel.com/facts-about-elephants-world-elephant-day/>



NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia largest community tree-planting and nature care event. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across Australian communities, no public events will run. This year plant a tree with your family in your yard.

There are so many reasons to plant a tree:

- To tackle climate change, trees absorb CO₂, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.
- To clean the air, trees clean the air we breathe, by absorbing harmful pollutants like nitrogen oxides, ammonia and sulphur dioxide.
- To prevent soil erosion and improve water quality
- To create and restore habitats.
- To improve your mental and physical health, being in the presence of nature reduces stress and anxiety in humans, in addition to other health benefits such as lowering blood pressure and reducing risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Choosing the right tree for your yard is important, find out what to choose by following this [link](#)

<https://theconversation.com/using-lots-of-plastic-packaging-during-the-coronavirus-crisis-youre-not-alone-135553>



OSHC NEWS

Through the many different roles that children create and engage in throughout their daily play every child is learning in their own time aspects of working together, creating their own world within child's play. Their right to explore, experiment, engage with multiple resources, is one of the reasons that freedom of playing unreservedly is so important.

Children grow and learn through play, more than the fundamentals -they are developing self-identity and social competencies. Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect. Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing. Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating. Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.



Feedback
is always welcome

**STUDENT
FREE DAY**
Friday
September 4th
2020



What you Should Bring on Day

- ❖ Your Morning Tea
- ❖ Your Lunch
- ❖ Your Afternoon Tea
- ❖ Drink Bottle
- ❖ Broad Brimmed Hat
- ❖ Sunscreen
- ❖ Please wear closed in shoes



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Friday

GAMES DAY
Mobile Basketball

Obstacle Courses – Create your own!!

Tiggy, Poison Ball, Soccer, Handball
and many more.....

Lots of
Board, and
Card Games
Available
to!!!!

Booking form on separate attachment



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