

# YULUMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

Community Newsletter  
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School Details	School Hours	Canteen Days	Yuluma Dental Clinic
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Greetings All,

Welcome to the 2017 School Year here at Yuluma Primary School. If you are new to the school, we welcome you especially, as you will soon discover the strong community spirit and sense of care among students, between families and across the school community. This is your school and we – together – work to provide your child with the very best we can offer in education.

I would like to offer my profound gratitude to Ms Sandra Barnes and Ms Kate Rennie who have acted as Principal and Deputy Principal during the 4<sup>th</sup> term of 2016. Along with our magnificent staff, Ms Barnes and Ms Rennie have concluded the 2016 year in fine form and established much of the start of this year. An outstanding job well done. My long service leave was restful and, in retrospect, conveniently timed to meet a variety of family needs. Thank you for the warm welcome back.

I would like to welcome all teachers back to school including Mr Andrew Nguyen who will be taking our yr 1/2 class in room 8.

The school continues to grow and develop. The communication between your child, their teacher and yourself is key to positive success and achievement. Our "Meet the Teacher" briefings will be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the term (13 – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb). The Term Calendar will indicate your child's class meeting time. Bring your questions, notepad and pen to record significant class level policy and practice so that you are fully aware of the team approach to learning

Our first School Board Meeting for the year will be held in week 3 (13<sup>th</sup> Feb). Issues for consideration, questions, or creative ideas for the development of the school, may be forwarded to the Board Meeting via the front office or any of the Board Members.

Excluding the first meeting for the year, parents are able to observe the twice a term meeting, by indicating their wish to attend to the principal.

Member	Child	Year
Wendy Whalan	Nicholas	4
Mike Newton	Louis	4
Dave Amin	Farris, Leean & Salmin	PP, 2, 4
Christina Read	Ivy	2
Kim Pitts-Hill	Principal	
Sandra Barnes	Deputy Principal	
Lesley Burrell	Year 6 Teacher	
Megan Bird	PP Teacher	

*Kim Pitts-Hill  
Principal*



## Coming Events

### 2017 Term 1

#### February

- 13** Pre-Primary Parent Information Session
- 14** Year 4, 5 & 5/6 Parent Information Session
- 15** Year 1 & 2 Parent Information Session
- 16** Year 1/2 & 3 Parent Information Session

## Term Dates

### Term 1 2017

Wed 01<sup>st</sup> Feb – Fri 07<sup>th</sup> Apr

School Development Days for 2017  
*Students do not attend school*

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Public Holidays  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March



Fun at last years Colour Run

Year	Teacher	Room
Kindergarten	Mrs Chris Wheeler	1
Pre-Primary	Ms Megan Bird/Mrs Cat Timms	3/4
Year 1	Mrs Jo Johns/Mrs Leanne Ireland	9
Year 1/2	Mr Andrew Nguyen	8
Year 2	Mrs Cheryl Hadfield/Mrs Barbara Armstrong	7
Year 3	Mrs Chris Felton	11
Year 4	Mrs Kathryn Kaaks/Ms Sandra Barnes	12
Year 5	Ms Kate Rennie/Ms Sandra Barnes	13
Year 5/6	Mrs Lesley Burrell	14
Art	Ms Carmel Reilly	16
Japanese	Mrs Margo Whittle	10
Music	Mrs Cheryl Hadfield	17

## Deputy News

2017 has commenced with a minimal amount of fuss and a maximum amount of effort from students and staff alike. Creating an extra class for 2017 has given us the luxury of small class sizes in most year levels. We look forward to seeing the positive impact of this additional resourcing across the school.

We have number of new initiatives that will evolve in 2017.



**Back Row:** Ms Sue Poole, Miss Anne Coumbe, Mrs Jo Johns, Mr Mal Sara, Ms Sandra Barnes (Deputy Principal), Ms Jan Anderson, Mrs Raelene Izett, Mrs Kathryn Kaaks, Mrs Natasha Sobejko, Ms Carmel Reilly, Mrs Barbara Armstrong, Mrs Nicola Mehravari, Miss Kristy Woolard, Mrs Cheryl Rule, Ms Megan Bird, Ms Catherine Solecio, Mrs Margaret Smith, Mrs Amanda Vanderputten, Mr Kim Pitts-Hill (Principal), Ms Natalie Warne, Mrs Tatiana Southgate  
**Front Row:** Mrs Leanne Ireland, Ms Kate Rennie, Mrs Tania Maslin, Mrs Sally Moldrich, Mrs Chris Wheeler  
**Absent:** Mrs Cat Timms, Mrs Lesley Burrell, Mrs Christine Felton, Mrs Cheryl Hadfield, Mrs Caroline Napier, Whittle sensei,  
**Principal:** Mr Kim Pitts-Hill

Our first new event for 2017 is the inaugural Ocean Net Student Leaders Conference at Challenge Stadium on 20 February. Our Year 6 students will join Year 6's from Newborough, Deanmore and Scarborough at the conference which will be opened by the Deputy Premier Liza Harvey. It is very exciting to be involved in this program that we hope will become a yearly event.

Senior students will go to camp at Rottneest Island from the 21-24 March. This year the camp will be a four day program as it was challenging to squeeze in all of the opportunities into three days in previous years. Information regarding camp is being sent home.

Further information will be sent home over coming weeks regarding learning and events linked to learning.

Thank you to all of the community for their support in making the start to 2017 a wonderful experience.

*Sandra Barnes*  
 Deputy Principal

## Library News

Welcome to all our students and especially our new people for an exciting year of Book Borrowing.

All students are asked to bring a waterproof library bag to the Library on their Borrowing day and to use it when transporting their library book/s from school to home and back again. I have asked the students to refrain from drinking or eating when they are reading their library books at home and also to keep the books safe in their library bag when not being read.



This year classes borrowing on **TUESDAY'S** are Pre-Primary, Year 1/2 Room 8, Year 2 Room 6, Year 3 Room 11 and Year 5 Room 13.

On **THURSDAY'S** the classes borrowing will be Year 1 Room 9, Year 4 Room 12 and Year 5/6 Room 14.

On another note look out for the PIAF Writers Festival Family Day on Sunday 26th February. Information can be found on their website Family Day@Perth Writers Festival. It's lots of fun with many free activities for children.

I hope you all will enjoy the year and the fantastic books we have in the library.

## **HAPPY READING**

*Mrs Alderton*

**Music News**

### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM at YULUMA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are extremely fortunate at Yuluma to be a part of the Education Department's instrumental program. This program offers free tuition to hundreds of students throughout the state. It is a highly competitive program which is designed to prepare students to continue learning their instruments in high school.

Students in Year 5 may be offered the chance to learn either clarinet or classical guitar. There are only 5 places available for each instrument. At the end of Year 4, all students sit a Musical Aptitude test. Places are offered to students based on the following criteria: performance in the test; attitude and ability displayed in music classes; parental support; and general academic ability.

Students for 2017 have already been selected and notified, and will commence lessons this week.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q: Can my child learn an instrument prior to Year 5?

A: They can learn an instrument privately, however there are no private classes offered at Yuluma. We may be offering private keyboard lessons later in the year.

Q: Will it help my child to get in to the Instrumental Program if they start learning privately before hand?

A: ABSOLUTELY NOT! In fact, IMSS teachers will only accept beginners.

Q: My child has been offered a place but not for his first choice of instrument. What should we do?

A: This happens frequently, because there are only 5 places available for each instrument. There is no obligation to accept an instrument. Here are some points to consider. This is an excellent program which supports students' music learning and prepares them to continue their music studies in high school. Your child has been selected because they have an aptitude for music, and deserve every opportunity to develop this talent. Many children grow to love their instrument even if it is not their first choice. Children who study music in high school find themselves in a supportive and highly motivated peer group which is an excellent foundation for life, whether or not they continue with music studies after high school. Music develops skills that are applicable in all subject areas, and music students are often successful in gaining entry to academic programs in high school.

Q: Why aren't more instruments available to learn at Yuluma?

A: The number of instruments offered depends on the size of the school. Most schools of our size only offer one instrument. The choice of instruments is set by the local high school, which needs to have a balance of instruments when students enrol in Year 7. For example, clarinets are highly sought after for concert bands, orchestras and jazz ensembles.

Q: Will my child be able to learn an instrument in high school if they learn privately in primary school?

A: Most state high schools (including Churchlands) will only accept music students who have been learning through the Education Department.

Q: Will my child still be able to learn an instrument in high school if they are not offered an instrument in primary school?

A: Not usually, although it depends on the high school.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. I am at school Monday to Thursday, or email me on [cheryl.hadfield@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:cheryl.hadfield@education.wa.edu.au).

*Cheryl Hadfield*  
(Music Specialist)

## Running Club

Running club commences again on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 7.40am – 8.20am. Permission notes are required for your child to attend. All students are encouraged to attend, however Kindy and Pre-Primary need to be accompanied by their parents/carers.

Mrs Maslin  
Co-Ordinator of Running Club

## Netball

Netball notes will be going home this week for expressions of interest for playing on Saturday mornings for years 3 – 6.

Mrs Izett  
Netball Co-Ordinator

### Some Highlights of 2016

