

# YULUMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Community Newsletter  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy start to the term and we are already half way through our third term of the year. There has been a lot of teaching and learning carried out in every classroom, as well as many extra-curricular activities. Our students competed in the interschool cross country and will have the athletics carnival to participate in during the upcoming weeks. Book week is being acknowledged with an incursion with Wendy Binks on **Tuesday 24 August**, and dress up on **Thursday 26 August**. Our PEP students are participating in One Big Voice on **Friday 20 August**, with selected students participating in TAIKO drumming as the pre-concert entertainment. We wish all of our PEP students all the best for this event.



**Public School Review** – Mr Rod Lowther, Director Schools Review, and Cameron Linley, Principal Carlisle Primary School, recently visited our school to complete a review to form a judgement about the school's performance.

All Western Australian public schools are reviewed every three years by the Department of Education's Public School Accountability directorate. The aim of these reviews are to assure the community, the Minister for Education and Training and the Director General that our school is operating effectively and delivering high quality education to our students. The review also acknowledges the achievements of the school and gives feedback to support our ongoing improvement journey. In collaboration with the staff, a self-assessment of our school's performance over the past three years was provided to the Review Team. When the report is completed, it will be shared with our school staff, our Board Chair, the Regional Executive Director and will also be made available on our school website. As you know, we take great pride in working together with our school community to provide a high quality education for all of our students in a caring and supportive environment. Our dedicated and professional staff work together, and in partnership with you, our families, to provide many enriching learning experiences for our students. Our School Board and P&C also work closely with the school to build excellent community spirit and a sense of shared belonging. We look forward to sharing the outcome of the review with you. I am pleased to announce that our school was commended for our practices, student achievement and overall performance of the school.

**Farewell Mrs Alderton** – Jenni Alderton, our school librarian has decided to retire. Her last day will be Thursday 9 September. Jenni has worked at Yuluma Primary School for the past 13 years and prior to Yuluma, Jenni worked at Subiaco Primary School for 17 years. We wish Jenni all the best for her future endeavours and thank her for her years of service to public education.

**Interschool Cross Country** – Our annual Ocean Net interschool cross country was a great day with fabulous participation from our students. Our students competed against Doubleview Primary School, Deanmore Primary School, Scarborough Primary School and Newborough Primary School. Congratulations to our students who did so well. Thank you to Mrs Maslin for her leadership in coordinating the running club before school each Wednesday, and to the students who have shown their commitment by participating each week. Thank you to all of our parents who assisted with transporting students to the event and supporting our school.

**Edu-dance** – Our students from Pre-primary to Year Six have all been participating in Edu-dance with great enthusiasm. Our concert will be held on **Thursday 16 September** at and I hope that you are all able to come and view the concert in the covered assembly area.

**Facebook** – We have a school facebook page. Please 'like' the page and check in to see what is happening at Yuluma Primary School. The page is: Yuluma Primary School (with the new logo).



**Enrolments 2022:** If your child is leaving Yuluma Primary School and will not be at our school in 2022, please inform the office with the school they will be transferring to in the new year.

### Dogs on Site

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. All dogs must remain outside the school perimeter, regardless of size or temperament please. If you are bringing your dogs to school for drop off or pick up, please arrange for your children to meet you outside of the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Book Week** – Dress up as your favourite book character following this year's theme: *Old worlds, new worlds, other worlds*. Book week assembly will be hosted by our Year One class on **Thursday 26 August**.

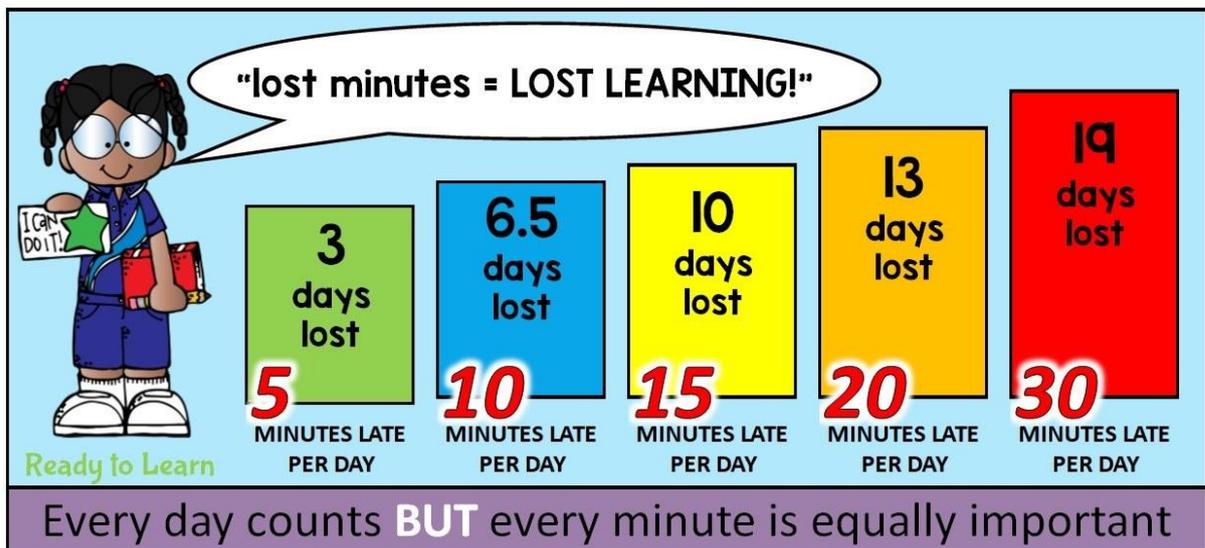
**THANK YOU** to our wonderful P+C who have donated \$400 for the cost of sunscreen in each classroom as voted in their meeting earlier in the year.

**New school telephone number** – We have a new telephone system at school which means we have a new number- **9416 9850**. We will still be able to receive calls for our old number but only for a short time, so please input this into your contact details to get used to it. Please be advised that the SMS phone number will remain the same.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

**Punctuality** - A reminder that classes start promptly at **8:30am**. It is important that students arrive at school on time so that they can start their day with everyone else and not feel that they are having to catch up with work and what has already happened in the classroom.



Janine Moses  
Principal

**Reading Helpers** - A group of dedicated parents have been coming into our school every week now for more than a term to listen to students reading. The support of these wonderful parents is making a difference across our school and we really appreciate this ongoing support.

**Uniforms** - If you have any uniforms your children have outgrown that are still in good condition, we would love to recycle them for use in either the uniform shop second-hand system or as 'loaners' we use at school.

We'd also love any shoes that have been outgrown to keep in our bank of 'loaners' too. If you have any you are willing to part with, we will be able to put them to good use!

**Waste Free Wednesdays** - We have started Waste Free Wednesdays in an effort to reduce the amount of plastic packaging that is going from lunch boxes to land fill. Every Wednesday, we will be rewarding students who have lunch boxes that do not contain any non-recyclable plastic packaging. Students will receive a Waste Free ticket that goes into a jar for their block. We count the tickets each week and will keep a record of the block using the least amount of non-recyclable plastic.

On Monday, we counted the following pieces of rubbish in our blocks. The audit results were;

Djidi-Djidi 71 pieces

Kooboolong 81 pieces

Quokka 69 pieces

We hope to see this amount reduced when we audit again later in the term.

Thank you to our Year 6 Waste Wise Warriors who helped to conduct the audit.



**Attendance** - Regular school attendance is critical for students to learn effectively. Every day of school missed impacts on long term learning, social skill development, and behavioural pattern establishment. We understand that for maximum transfer of knowledge 95% percent attendance is necessary. Attendance lower than 95% can impact on academic and social outcomes. There is an expectation that once enrolled, students will attend on a regular basis, and positive attendance patterns should be fostered. It is our focus to wrap positive support around each student to maximise their attendance.

If your child is genuinely ill, keep them home from school to prevent the spread of illness. Unless there is genuine illness, every child should be at school, every day.

If your child is unwell and absent from school please contact us to let us know via phone call, email or SMS **0418 949 529**.

This study from the Telethon Institute outlines the impact of setting attendance standards early and is an interesting read!

<https://www.telethonkids.org.au/globalassets/media/documents/research-topics/student-attendance-and-educational-outcomes-2015.pdf>

*Sandra Barnes*  
*Deputy Principal*

**Cuddly Animal Farm Incursion** - The Kindy classes both got to have an up-close experience with native Australian animals last week. We got to see and hold a Koala, two Dingoes, a Python, a Frill Neck Lizard and a Bobtail Lizard. We learnt about their habitat, diet, behaviours, how they survive in the wild and all of their different features. The best part was getting to hold the snake around our necks and stroke both the Koala and Dingo! The students had a fantastic time, and this will be a day they will remember for a long time.



*Charlie Wade*  
*Teacher*

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Yuluma Dental Clinic  
Operated on Yuluma  
Primary School site,  
Monday – Friday

Phone: 08 9446 8990

Term 3 2021

Tues 20 Jul – Fri 24 Sept

Term 4 2021

Tues 12 Oct – Thurs 16 Dec

# YULUMA LEGO MASTERS

Over the last two terms we have held junior and senior Lego Masters competitions each Monday. Everyone competed in partners and the winners of each week were invited to compete in the Grand Final. Each session gave the students opportunities to work in a partnership and practice communication, innovation and teamwork skills.

There were weekly themes to guide the competitors' creativity. These themes included, space, transport, mazes, buildings, animals, food and the Olympics. For our Grand Final, we had a Japanese theme!

Our champion competitors included: Shiqian and Carter W, Natalie L and Summer, Elena and Zoe, Ricardo and Fraser, Sophia E and Blair, Georgia B and Ayva, Sophia H and Ava, Izzy and Seline.

Congratulations to Izzy and Seline for being our Yuluma Lego Masters for 2021. Well done also to Sophia and Ava for being our senior champions and to Summer and Natalie for being voted our junior champions. I hope to see more amazing creations next year!



Louisa Read  
School Chaplain