

YULUMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Coming Events

2018 Term 4

December

- 6-7 Year 4 Zoo Camp
- 7 Reports to go home
- 9 Board Meeting
- 12 Year 6 Graduation
Assembly and excursion
- 13 Awards Assembly
Last Day of School

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 2019

Mon, 4th Feb – Fri, 12th April

Term 2 2019

Tues, 30th Apr – Fri, 5th July

Term 3 2019

Tues, 23rd Jul – Fri, 27th Sept

Term 4 2019

Tues, 15th Oct – Thurs, 19th Dec

Pupil Free Days

Thursday, 31st January

Friday, 1st February

Monday, 29th April

Monday, 22nd July

Monday, 14th October

Friday, 20th December

Greetings All,

School Creed Survey

The results of our School Creed Survey showed that a majority of respondents (33/23) favoured the changing of the creed. The issue of inviting students to have a say in how the creed should be changed appeared to not be favoured and the question as to should the word GOD be changed to THE EARTH also appeared to be not supported. Considering that total respondent level (56 individuals) represents about one third of the total families in the school, the survey then appears inconclusive. As a result the current School Creed Sign displayed in the undercover area will be taken down for rebadging, and the matter reconsidered in the new year.

New Board Members

Two new board members have been elected to the school board. I'd like to thank all folk who offered their support and enthusiasm, and wish to congratulate Mitch Whalan and Michelle Tan. Yuluma is fortunate to have strong support from the parent body and wider community such that ownership, interest, and involvement in the life of the school is a valued role of parents. Thank you all.



Farewell

As a last piece for our newsletter I want to say thank you to all the school community for working with me in developing and building the school. Student learning, student behaviour, parental support, community outcomes and a host of related issues all seem to have made steady improvements over the years. As this year's year 6 students graduate, I will remember that they were in kindergarten when Ms Barnes and I arrived in 2011. I have thoroughly enjoyed the work and the interaction with our hard working staff and energetic community. Students are the beneficiaries – they are our focus.

Our staff are the core strength of the school; each teacher in each class supported by educational assistants, our front office team, library personnel, our cleaners and gardener, tackle the annual program and long term plans to improve student achievement, performance and behaviours. Their modelling is paramount to effective student learning, but it's no easy task fronting up each day bright eyed and bushytailed, and then stay on top of numerous emotional states in order to focus on learning. The team, the entire staff group, is a strong force, and in the main are able to rise above all challenges for the better. I congratulate and thank each and everyone for their individual and combined contribution to making Yuluma a great school. Thank you to all the community that has passed on their thanks to our staff.

The gifts, sentiments, thoughts, cards, expressions of thanks and well being for all our staff but particularly for me personally have been quite overwhelming. I was especially surprised and humbled by the gift presented at Thursday's Graduation ceremony; the binoculars will help with my vision of the future (they'll be perfect on the boat), and my wife and I will thoroughly enjoy our dinner gift. I am very grateful and thank everyone for everything. I am very happy to have had the opportunity to have worked for you, and with over this time. My thanks again to Sandra Barnes who has been a tireless deputy, a source of creative ideas and a power for change.

I leave you in good hands with the incoming principal Ms Janine Moses. Ms Moses has a long, and experienced background in schools both large and small and identifies well with the needs of students and the development of the wider community. Together, with the school board, Mrs Barnes and the staff, Yuluma will continue to learn and grow. I wish everyone a restful break and a successful new year.

Kind regards,
Kim Pitts-Hill
Principal



We say goodbye and good luck to our year 6's as they head off into their various high schools.

Kindy Orientation

In November we welcomed our 2019 kindy's and their parents for an information and orientation session. We are excited about them starting their schooling life.



LIBRARY NEWS

A busy term nearly completed!

Please take all library bags home now for a good wash ready for 2019 or if the bag is looking a little worn maybe a waterproof replacement bag is required!

Keep enjoying reading by visiting your local or state library and seeing what fun activities they have over the holidays.

Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas and long, relaxing break.

HAPPY READING

Mrs Alderton



Japanese 日本語 news

Connect and Communicate with Nihon Sugoi desu. Wow what a year!!!

In 2018 there have been many opportunities for all students to connect with Japan and its culture both in and outside of the classroom. We have linked with art, calligraphy, science, storytelling and Japanese folklore. The Pre-primary assembly featured the Japanese play Momotaroo. All students showcased their literacy skills. In preparation for our Japanese speaking scientist author visit in book week, many Year 4 students read some of Cristy Burnes titles. Alderton sensei and I have arranged for more of Cristys titles to be available in our library. They are about science related topics, fictional characters and some are based on Japanese yokai. We have several complete Takeshita series available and if you didn't get to borrow one of Cristys books this year, make a plan for next. Rakugo with Charley and Kitty visited Yuluma this year and plan to return in 2019. We found that we have some upcoming comic story tellers at Yuluma.

Year 6 students created their own kokedama, a Japanese moss ball. Known as the poor man's bonsai they are designed to be kept indoors and can last for several years if cared for appropriately or repotted. The Year 6 students were also able to view the Hyogo Sister State Friendship Japanese garden installed at Dumas House while on their excursion to Parliament House. Some say our school Japanese garden is one to consider as a competing space. We have added new bonsai to the garden, one is called Aussie garden bonsai. I would like to say thank you to the wonderful efforts of Mal our school Gardener and the Year 6 students who have worked hard to maintain the Japanese garden over the year. We have hosted a number of visiting Japanese language teachers which will continue and in 2019 we will also be hosting a Japanese language assistant one day each week, Mrs Yuka Oxby. We are looking forward to another hosting opportunity when a Primary School visits us in 2019 for students to engage with more Japanese speaking people and make new international friendships. All students in Years 3 -6 wrote calligraphy and we had a State winner with Baran taking out the Year 6 prize. Many year levels worked on a Japanese art project with Reilly sensei. We were able to display most finished pieces of work in the undercover area for several weeks early in Term 4.

We have had a very enthusiastic group of Year 2/3 students eager to train as members of the Junior taiko team. Although we were not ready to debut at the recent concert the members were inspired by the demonstration of the Senior team and are improving each week. We are using smaller bachi and smaller taiko than our senior taiko team. A huge arigatoo to Nguyen sensei who has assisted me at lunchtime training each Monday. Also a huge arigatoo to Hadfield sensei and Burrell sensei too for all their work with the senior team. The senior team looked fabulous in the team uniforms at the recent concert. Both the Senior and Junior Taiko teams bring Yuluma spirit to training and performances. We look forward to 2019.
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Whittle sensei

Japanese language teacher

MUSIC NEWS

End of Year Concert

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of coordinating the school's end-of-year concert. What a fantastic night of music, song and dance from our talented students! We enjoyed performances from the guitar and clarinet students, Drumming Squad, Recorder Orchestra, Junior Crooners, Chillis and Peppers as well as the whole-school finale with everyone on stage. I am always amazed by how well our students can step up and take everything to the next level when they perform, exceeding even my own expectations.



Congratulations to all involved, and thank you to all parents, friends, families and staff for your ongoing support of the music program at Yuluma Primary School.

*Mrs Hadfield
Music Specialist*



ZOO CAMP

On the 6th of November the Year 4 class, accompanied by Mrs Barnes, Mrs Kaaks, Miss Donaldson, Mr Nguyen and Mrs Napier, stayed overnight at the Perth Zoo. The students began their night by a "Race to Save" which took them around the Zoo finding animals which are endangered.

After a dinner the students were broken up into groups one group undertook enrichment activities. Whilst the other students went to the Discovery Centre and learnt about the different habitats in Australia. Both groups then entered the Savana and did a night time Safari of the area. In the morning we explored the Zoo and saw the Nepalese Red Panda, the Gibbons, a Sumatran Tiger, and a Sun Bear waiting to be fed. We ended our experience watching the Cockatoo's feeding on food we had created the night before. All students had a very enriching experience at the Perth Zoo.



YEAR 4 BUNNINGS INCURSION

Last Wednesday the Year 4 students undertook a "Grow Your Own" workshop run by Holly from Bunnings Innaloo. The students learnt how to correctly plant seedlings, when to plant and how to care for our new garden beds. We would like to thanks Bunnings Innaloo who kindly donated all of the products we used. Our community garden is now full with plants and seedlings so please make sure you come back and check it out.



*Mrs Kaaks
Classroom Teacher*



Our pre-primary and years ones had an adventure filled with play at the Kings Park nature playground on Tuesday. Well done all staff and parent helpers for another highly successful excursion.

Chaplain's Chat

Wow! What an exciting second half of the term it has been. I shared in the previous newsletter that we had received funding to undertake a project promoting Aboriginal arts and culture in the school. Local group Urban Indigenous visited the school last month. Year 5 and 6 students learnt about Aboriginal art symbols and created two dot paintings as a collective canvas. These are now on display in Teaching Block four wet area – feel free to check them out. Playgroup has continued to run in November and December. It has been fantastic to see over a dozen children attending with their mums and dads each session. Last Monday the children made Christmas cards for their families and friends. They enjoyed making shapes out of Playdoh, and using the musical instruments. They also heard a story about a dirty dinosaur while enjoying a shared morning tea! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those parents who have helped make Playgroup this year such a welcoming and fun experience for all involved.

I trust you all have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you again in 2019 for another fantastic year.

*Miss Eden
Chaplain (Tues, Thurs, and fortnightly Monday)*

P&C

Canteen

Hi everyone,
Over the past 3 weeks I've been working alongside Anna familiarising myself with the role of Yuluma's Canteen Manager in preparation for taking on the role in 2019. I'd like to extend my deep appreciation to Anna for the invaluable support and assistance she's provided during this period.

I've thoroughly enjoyed working in the canteen, particularly the opportunity to meet so many parents and students. I look forward to commencing as Canteen Manager, working with the P&C and playing a part in the school community to promote 'learning, growing and eating together'.

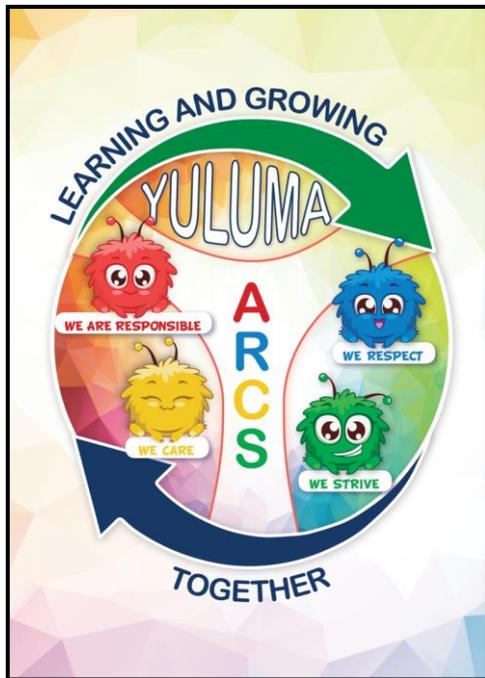
Keep an eye out for the new menu for Term 1, 2019, which will be available in the first week of term.

Once again, a huge thankyou to Anna and wishing her every success in her new endeavour. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Chrissy Mack
Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop Opening Hours 2019

We will be opening the uniform shop from 9am until 12pm on January 31st and February 1st, the two days prior to school commencing next year. Our normal opening hours remain the same but will be reviewed at the end of term 1.



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Cooperation	Courtesy	Cleanliness	Courage
Reliability	Honesty	Compassion	Enthusiasm
Responsibility	Humility	Consideration	Excellence
Trust	Respect	Joyfulness	Fairness
	Tolerance	Kindness	Friendliness
			Patience
			Perseverance
			Self-Discipline

Some advice from our School Nurse

Screen time

Children and adolescents should not spend more than two hours a day on screen based activities. Excessive screen time often leads to poor health, poor fitness and overweight.

Activities like surfing the net, social networking, watching TV and playing screen games can be educational and fun, but all involve sitting still for long periods of time. Set family rules around screen time and encourage your child to try a range of active pastimes, especially during daylight hours.

For more information, go to <http://raisingchildren.net.au>.

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Physical activity for kids

Physical activity should be part of a child's daily routine. Physical activity is not only fun, but also important for healthy growth and development. Being involved in physical activity helps kids to make friends and learn physical and social skills. The two points to remember are:

Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity each day and up to several hours is even better!

Children should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (e.g. TV, computer games, internet), especially during daylight hours.

Remember, by encouraging your child to be active when they are young, you are helping to establish a routine that will stay with them throughout their life.

For more information, go to <http://raisingchildren.net.au> or visit www.natureplaywa.org.au/ for some great active outdoor ideas.

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Dear families,
Thank you for a great 2018. We enjoyed all the fun times together and are looking forward to a wonderful new year.

Parents, if you are interested in Vacation Care, Doubleview OSHCLUB is the nearest Vacation care to us. Just hop online and book your child in.

Thank you to Mr Pitts-Hill, teachers, cleaners and staff for their hard work this year and farewell to Mr Pitts-Hill. We wish you the best on your new chapter in life.

We hope everyone will have a wonderful break, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you

Lindé Kyras (YULUMA OSHCLUB COORDINATOR) & **Christina Tse** (YULUMA OSHCLUB EDUCATOR)



Congratulations

Rayju, year 3, won Liza Harvey's Christmas Card Drawing Competition for our school and a \$50 gift voucher. Well done Rayju!



To all our award winners from Pre-primary to Year 5.

