From the Principal  
Debbie Spanner, principal@yerongass.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL REVIEW

We recently received the report from the school review conducted prior to the holidays. This review was overwhelmingly positive and the reviewers highlighted the strong collaboration and team work that is evident across our school community. The key recommendations help clarify the work we need to do in the next four years:

- Promote a culture of inquiry and innovation throughout the school where creative exploration and independent learning are promoted and valued.
- Ensure integration of general capabilities and CPL Theories of Action into all curriculum units including ICT, problem-solving, social capability and critical and creative thinking.
- Embed the school's pedagogical framework to ensure all teachers have a clear understanding of agreed high-yield strategies for consistent implementation in all classrooms.
- Narrow and sharpen the focus of the school's improvement agenda to enable classroom teachers to embed collaboratively agreed strategies and teaching practices.
- Further support classroom teachers in planning differentiated learning experiences for high achieving students to ensure they are appropriately engaged, challenged and extended in their classroom learning.

The review affirmed the path we have begun to travel as we expand into inquiry based learning experiences, partnered with the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy. We are in the research phase of exploring options for our high achieving students. The Executive Summary report can be found on our school website.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY DATA

School Opinion Survey data was recently received. Year 5&6 students, parents and teachers complete this data annually. The school continues to enjoy strong support from its stakeholders, with many aspects of school operation deserving of celebration. All stakeholders strongly believe this is a good school and that they would recommend this school to others.

Parents strongly believed were that behaviour is well managed, teachers are interested in a child’s wellbeing, staff are responsive to your enquiries and the school provided useful information online. Students strongly believed that the school looks for ways to improve and the school challenges them to think. Staff strongly believed that this school encourages me undertake leadership roles and this school encourages coaching and mentoring support.

Whilst all stakeholders overwhelmingly endorse the school, there are some response trends that we will investigate further as we develop our four year plan:

- Parents may be looking for some enhancements in communication.
- The issue of students ‘feeling accepted by other students’ is showing a downward trend.
- Teachers indicate need for extra support in using student evidence in planning.
- Staff indicate some extra development in using ICT may be useful.
- Staff indicate some enhanced communication between staff may be helpful.

Quote of the Week

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.  
Dr Seuss

Date Claimers

October
21 Gala Day 3
21-23 Brisbane Schools’ Music Festival (Snr Band & Strings)
29 BCC Movie Night

November
01 Yr 5 Hoodwinked Pullenvale
02 Yr 4 Big Bang Science
03 Yr 5 Hoodwinked Pullenvale
04 Free Dress Day $2 Donation
05 P&C Fundraiser—Estee Lauder Shopping Day
09 Prep 2017 Orientation 9am
11 Big Sing concert and awards 6.30pm YSS Hall
14 4W Pullenvale Excursion
15 YSS Senior Swim Carnival
15 P&C Meeting
16 Active School Travel Celebration
16 Staff Meeting 3.15pm onwards
16 Yr 4HM Pullenvale Excursion
18 Yr 4D Pullenvale Excursion
17 Year Level Co-ordinators’ Meeting 7.45am
19 Fairfield Family Picnic
23 School Chess Tournament
23 Staff Meeting 3.15pm onwards
24 Junior Swimming Carnival
25 Big Play - Concert and Awards Night 6.30pm YSS Hall
28 Smart Start Financial sessions
29 Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea 2pm
29-30 Book Fair
30 Staff Meeting 3.15pm onwards

December
1 Behaviour Reward Day Yr 2’s TBC
1 Book Fair Sales 3.15-5.45pm
1 Academic Awards Presentation 9-10am Years P-2
2 Yeronga SHS Transition Day for Yr 6 2017 Attendees
2 Junior Swimming Carnival
5 Junior Swimming Carnival
8 Junior Swimming Carnival
12 Junior Swimming Carnival
13 Big Play - Concert and Awards Night 6.30pm YSS Hall
15 Prep 2017 Orientation 9am
19 Prep 2017 Orientation 9am
23 Prep 2017 Orientation 9am
26 Prep 2017 Orientation 9am
30 Prep 2017 Orientation 9am

Payments Due …

⇒ Swimming
⇒ Yr 4 Big Bang Science Workshop
⇒ Student Resource Scheme
⇒ Yr 5 Pullenvale—Hoodwinked

Continued.....
From the Principal (continued)

FACILITIES NEWS
- New Building- Approval for Music/ Classroom block has progressed for final financial approval. The Senior toilet block will be removed as part of the build and new toilet provided to replace them.
- F Block Rectification- The removal of the old music room to create an undercroft will commence over the coming holidays. The new building should begin once this is complete.
- Tennis Court – Resurfacing of the tennis courts will begin over the holidays.

QUADRIENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW
The information from the school review, school opinion surveys and additional consultation will inform the development of our next four year plan. We have identified four areas that we will consult around:

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<td>Strategic Team and SIT team</td>
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<td>Identify strengths &amp; needs of YSS students to develop strategies to foster greater resilience &amp; grit</td>
<td>STUDENT WELL-BEING</td>
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<td>GROWING</td>
<td>Align school community 4yr vision - target different stakeholders to gain broad perspective</td>
<td>2020 Vision</td>
<td>E-mail- Digital presentation and invitation to contribute via survey monkey</td>
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<td>ACHIEVING</td>
<td>Think fest to help identify strategies to transform classrooms into 21st century learning spaces</td>
<td>ICT &amp; DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</td>
<td>Digital Technology Forum</td>
<td>Invitation to parents, staff, external providers</td>
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LANGUAGE INNOVATION GRANT—YONG ZHAO
The $25 000 Language Innovation Grant that our school recently received is for improving the visibility and audibility of the Spanish language and culture in our school. Professor Yong Zhao, a distinguished education academic, will be working with our school as a critical friend on this project. Professor Zhao’s works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education and we hope that his help will allow us to truly stretch ourselves to deliver 21st century learning in our language program.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
Last term an email was sent home regarding the Student Resource Scheme (SRS). For 2017 Yeronga State School is introducing a SRS for all year levels. The SRS allows parents to purchase their school requirements at a discounted rate due to the school purchasing in bulk. The prices for each 2017 year level are shown below. If you would like to participate, complete the attached form and return to the “Office” payment box or to booklist@yerongass.eq.edu.au by 4 November. Invoices will be issued upon receipt of the form for your payment.

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Online Learning (Mathletics and Literacy Planet) will be invoiced to families purchasing their own books as well as those using the SRS.

CLUSTER
Yeronga State School has been progressing well on its improvement journey however it is essential to connect to the outside world to maintain forward momentum. Our Curiosity and Powerful Learning project has given us the opportunity to join a cluster of likeminded CPL schools. We will collaborate as leaders, teachers and possibly students, to help embed inquiry approach across our schools. Recently I joined two Principal colleagues on the first day of a two day review at Graceville State School, that showcased the work they have been doing this year. It was a privilege to be invited in to observe this process, as a possible strategy for us to review our progress in CPL as we move forward. We look forward to working with all or some of these four schools as we strive to achieve our goal of developing learning environments that create literate, numerate and curious learners.

Debbie Spanner, Principal
Student resource scheme/booklist
Parents wishing to take advantage of the Student Resource Scheme need to have forms into the office by 4 November. This is a final date as prices can only be guaranteed with a bulk order. Forms are attached to this newsletter. Booklists are available from booklist@yerongass.eq.edu.au if parents wish to buy items themselves.

Camping with dad
Nature certainly put on the best of weather for our weekend to allow the 80 or so dads who came to Camping with Dad to make the most of the grounds and activities organised. Thanks to Chappy Jennifer and her helpers along with the many dads who took on tasks of cooking, cleaning, setting up and pulling down the camp. Jennifer put in many hours to ensure the camp ran smoothly and it showed. I can vouch for the fact all were well fed, smiling and happy. And that was children as well as dads. The games kept everyone active and the bonfire was pretty spectacular.

A great school community event which I think may have become a tradition. And we all know how the Yeronga SS community feels about traditions.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
pandc@yerongass.eq.edu.au

Yeronga is celebrating World Teacher’s Day on Friday 28th October. The P&C is hosting a morning tea for our fantastic teachers in recognition and appreciation for everything they do for our children every day. There are three ways you can help to make this a wonderful morning and show our teachers how much we appreciate them:

1. We need some plates to share - savoury, sweet, fruit & vegetable platters. Some suggestions if you’re stuck for ideas:
   - Sushi
   - Sandwiches
   - Fruit
   - Veggies & dips
   - Cheese & crackers
   - Quiche/frittata/slices
   - Cakes/cupcakes/scones

   Access to ovens etc for heating food is not possible. Food will need to be delivered to the senior staff room between 9am and 10:30am on Friday 28th. If you are able to help please email Saba at saba@mussie.net so we can keep track of what we have.

2. Short on time and unable to provide any food? You can also make a small donation to the P&C which will be used for coffees, drinks etc (via the boxes in the Admin or Grade 1 building). Please mark the envelope World Teachers Day.

3. Volunteer to set up and pack up for the morning tea - please email Saba at: saba@mussie.net if you are available to help.

   Thank you for supporting the P&C and the wonderful staff at Yeronga State School.

Also, don't forget these following important events/dates - we still need lots more helpers for the Movie Night and the Family Picnic Day. Click on the links provided below to sign up for each event. Estee Lauder tickets are only available for purchase on flexischools until Friday 28th, so get don't forget to grab a ticket!

Brisbane City Council Movie Night – October 29th
Nicole Johnston is sponsoring an outdoor community movie night at the school on October 29th. We will be asking for volunteers to help sell food and drinks on this night – it’s a great opportunity for us to develop relationships with our wider community and put on a fun, economical family night. If you can help out on the night, please go to http://signup.com/go/3MkNQ6 to register your details and we hope to see lots of Yeronga families there enjoying the movie!

Free Dress Day for 2017 Fete – November 4th
Did someone say FETE?? Yes, it is that time again. Yeronga will be having a $2 Free Dress Day which will go towards fete costs and help to pay for some of the upfront costs. Thanks for your support and keep your eye out for more exciting fete news.

Estee Lauder Shopping Experience – November 5th
Looking for that special gift, looking to spoil yourself or wanting to stock up on bargain cosmetics and skin care? Grab your ticket for the Yeronga State School Estee Lauder Shopping Experience! Brands include: Estee Lauder, Clinique, M.A.C, Bobbi Brown, Jo Malone, La Mer, Tom Ford, Coach, Aveda, Aramis and Designer Fragrances.

How does it work? We have only 100 tickets available at a cost of $12 each. All ticket proceeds go to the P&C. Your ticket gives you entry to the shopping warehouse on November 5th between 10am and 4pm at Level 2, 33 Park Rd Milton. Tickets are available on flexischools and will be delivered to your child’s class. You can buy as many as you want for your friends and family, but don’t leave it too late, once our 100 are sold, we cannot get more. A great opportunity to grab some bargains for Christmas!

Fairfield Family Picnic – November 19th
The P&C are running a snow cone stall at the Fairfield Family Picnic on November 19th. Please go to http://signup.com/go/ELIEYi to sign up for the snow cone stall. This is a great event for the kids to help at too with adult supervision.
**ICAS Results**

Congratulations to our students for their outstanding results in Writing and Spelling.

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Certificates will be given out at assembly week 4 Term 4

**Book club**

All orders for book club must be returned by Monday 24 October. You can order online or drop your order form into the Book club Box at the Payment boxes.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Cameron Bateman, P.E. Specialist, cbate12@eq.edu.au

The Last Gala Day for the Year

The last Gala Day of the year is on this Friday, 21 October. Please ensure that fees are in before time and that you are assembled in your areas with your coaches and ready to leave, with lunch, hat, water bottles & sunscreen by 8:15. Don’t forget to thank your coaches for all their hard work through the semester.

Swimming

Swimming lessons have commenced for term 4. These are being held at the times stated in the permission note. Please remember to refer to the list on the permission note so that your children have everything they need for their lessons.

Swimming Carnivals

Preparations are beginning for these very important events on the Yeronga State School Calendar. Students need to be thinking from the commencement of lessons, exactly which events they would like to swim in this year as once the program is written there will be very little room for changes. If children wish to withdraw from events that they can swim they will need parental permission. A form will be uploaded to the school web page for this purpose. Please remember that as this year’s carnival will be held in the 25m pool at Yeronga Park there should be less concern over the completion of 50m events.

On a lighter note the big question is; who can end Lawson’s 5 year dominance in swimming? Can Kendall, who won cross country? Can Evans, who won Athletics by the narrowest of margins? Could Paterson, who are yet to chalk up a win this year? Only time will tell who will be the inaugural winner of our new swimming trophy. October to 2 November.

Upcoming Events

21 October: Gala Day 3
30 October to 2 November Qld Girls Cricket (Abbie Curness)
15 November: Years 3-6 (Senior) Swimming Carnival
24 November: Years 1-2 Junior Swimming Carnival
25 November: No swimming due to another carnival at the pool.
2 December: Prep Fun Day at the Pool (Morning)

Cameron Bateman, PE

CHAPPY NEWS

Jennifer Bennett, School Chaplain, jenniferb@chappy.org.au

Camp at School with Dad

Wow – it was an amazing camp this year. It was the 4th camp I had been involved with, and it was the best ever. I hope all 80 or so Dads who came had a fantastic time, and enjoyed spending time with their children doing some manly fun!

I need to thank lots of volunteers who helped make it happen, particularly my Chaplaincy committee who worked really hard: Sue Poole, Evelyn Heape, and Carla Walker, and other friends roped in to help. Thank you to Steve Griffiths, who volunteered to be First Aid Officer for another year. A big thank you to the Heape family who have helped five camps come together. David Heape has been the co-camp director with me, and has provided great leadership and support. As this is their last year at Yeronga State School, I now need a new Dad to step up to make it happen next year.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee next year and taking on a small role during the camp, please let me know. Camp will be held during the same weekend next year in October, where the student-free day is on the Monday.

Blessings, Chappy Jenny
COMMUNITY NOTICES

C&K KINDERGARTEN MOOROKA are currently taking enrolments for 2017 and places are filling quickly. If you have a child born between 1 July 2012 - 30 June 2013 and would be interested in a Kindergarten programme, please contact us on 3392 7306 for further information.

HAVE YOU GOT A SPARE ROOM? Become a host family.

MAKE A SPLASH DAYS for adults and children from indigenous and CALD (Culturally and linguistically Diverse) Communities.

MANGO FUNDRAISING The Brisbane State High Rowing Sub-Committee is running a Mango Drive to raise much needed funds for new boats for the rowing program.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NETBALL PROGRAM With the support of Western Districts Netball Association we are offering young people with an intellectual disability the opportunity to get involved with Netball

SOUTH JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB Experience the fun of cricket.

WALK FOR PREMS 2016 Show your support for premature and sick babies.