Quote of the Week

The books that rested on old-fashioned wooden shelves represented the dreams and aspirations of their writers.
- Teresa Mlawer.

Date Claimers

**November**
04 Free Dress Day $2 Donation
04 Big Sing concert and awards 6.30pm YSS Hall
05 P&C Fundraiser—Estee Lauder Shopping Day
09 Prep 2017 Orientation 9am
14 4W Pullenvale Excursion
15 YSS Senior Swim Carnival
15 P&C Meeting 7pm Res. Cntr.
16 Active School Travel Celebration
16 Yr 4HM - Pullenvale Excursion
17 Yr 4D - Pullenvale Excursion
19 Fairfield Family Picnic
23 School Chess Tournament
24 Junior Swimming Carnival
25 Big Play - Concert/ Awards - Night 6.30pm YSS Hall
28 Smart Start Financial sessions
29 Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea 2-3:15pm
29-05 December - Book Fair

**December**
01 Behaviour Reward Day Yr 2’s (at the pool)
01 Book Fair Sales 3.15-5.45pm
01 Academic Awards Presentation 9-10am Years P-2
02 Yeronga SHS Transition Day for Yr 6 2017 Attendees
02 Prep Fun Day at Pool (morning)
05 Book Fair Sales 3:15-5:45pm
05 Bazil Grumble Shine Stars Term 4 Performance
05 Year 6 Graduation
08 Behaviour Reward Day Yr 1s (at the pool)
08 Academic Awards Presentation 9-10am Yrs 3-6
09 Last Day of School Year

Payments due...
- Term 4 Swimming payments
- 2017 Student Resource Scheme payments

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

**HOMEWORK TIME SURVEY** (Dan Crowley)

The school is currently reviewing how effective homework is working at the school and how it meets the varied needs of families. Is homework a valuable learning tool for your child or is it the cause of battles and stress in your household?

Tell us your homework story by completing a short survey (designed in SurveyMonkey).

Complete the survey now by using this link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TKZSJ8](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TKZSJ8)

**STEM/ DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES/ ICT BREAKFAST**

- Friday 18 November 7:00am – 8:30am

We are holding a breakfast forum as part of our Quadriennial School review to share information about the next four years with regard to Digital Technologies and ICT at our school. The Regional STEM champion is keen to attend to communicate the bigger picture. We are looking for input from our parents to explore ways to engage our community on this journey. If you are able to join us for the morning, could you please contact the school office by phone or send an e-mail to lmact@eq.edu.au

**DEBATING**

Last week I was delighted to watch two Year 6 teams participate in QTU debates. The Year 6 teams have worked with Ms Sandra Turk (Spanish teacher), during their own time to prepare for four debates this year. The confidence and skills the children demonstrated was a delight to see. I do not envy any of their parents trying to argue a point with them!

Congratulations to the students for their courage, commitment and incredible talent. Thank you to Ms Turk for her efforts to develop their skills and the parents who have transported children to and from the venues. The two teams are going to debate the hot topic of whether homework should be banned, with Year 5 students and interested others as their audience, in the next few weeks, to identify potential Year 5 debating team members for 2017.

**8 MINUTES EACH DAY**

The busy lives we lead mean that we often feel overwhelmed with how much there is to do and how little time there is to get everything done. The guilt and self-flagellation we can engage in as parents (or grandparents!) is worrying. It is a relief to hear that spending just 8 minutes every day giving your child undivided attention can set your child up for success.

Michael Carr Grieg, from the Family Peace Foundation, has highlighted that spending at least 8 minutes each day, giving your child your undivided attention, is what is required to help your child feel ‘safe, valued and listened to’. The vital point is that you are completely present and not multi-tasking!

What could you do in those eight minutes? Here’s a few ideas -

1. Play a quick game of hide and seek (bonus points for outside in nature!)
2. Look at baby pictures or photo album and share some memories
3. Hug
4. Dance or sing to some favourite music
5. Build a Lego tower
6. Play Simon Says or Eye Spy
7. Skipping, hopping or running races in the backyard or up the hall
8. Read a book together! (My favourite because I can combine it with No 3).

I was amused by a friend’s anecdote that her 10 year old son, who heard Michael Carr Grieg’s 8 minute philosophy recently, promptly informed her that he needed much more than 8 minutes! An important way to remember 8 minutes is the minimum.

The mantra ‘Do the Simple Things Well’ is an important message with this one. You need to be fully present rather than being distracted by your phone or the TV or the need to cook dinner. Taking 8 minutes to connect meaningful with your child is very doable and a worthwhile goal to ensure their bucket is full of love!
From the Principal (continued)

SCHOOL VISITORS
Next week we will have two lots of external visitors. The Assistant Regional Director will conduct a Learning Walk through our classrooms to look for evidence of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria, an important facet of our improvement agenda this year. This strategy has allowed our children to have a clear understanding of what they are learning about during each English lesson and how to determine how well they are going.

The Regional Director, Mr Mark Campling, will be bringing an interstate government official to our school next week to gain an understanding of why our school has consistently improved in Reading over the last four years. Our school has lifted the number of children in our top 2 bands by nearly 20% during this time and the reasons are many and varied. Both visits will be an opportunity to celebrate the great things we are doing.

Interestingly, we have been contacted by at least four schools who wish to visit and discuss our writing program. Whilst it is flattering to have people wanting to visit, it is difficult to find a narrative that people will find inspiring. At Yeronga SS we believe in doing the simple things well and getting on with our core business which is to develop literate and numerate (and curious) learners. The systems and processes we put in place to make sure we are consistent and persistent to ensure every child can meet the benchmarks help make us successful. The strong ownership, responsibility and accountability year levels feel for every child underpins everything we do.

Debbie Spanner, Principal

From the Deputy Principal
Carla Walker, Deputy Principal, cwalk51@eq.edu.au

Orientation Morning for Prep 2017
All parents with students coming to Prep in 2017 should have received an invitation to the Orientation Morning next Wednesday 9 November. Along with the invitation a number of information sheets have been emailed to help parents in preparing their child for Prep. Please use these as a reference to support your child over the next few months leading into starting Prep.

Details on which classroom each child will be visiting on the morning will be sent out next Monday. Please be aware that the class groupings are for this day only and may change for the beginning of the school year.

The children and parents will be invited to be with the prep teachers for an introductory period in the classrooms at 9:15am. Parents will then move to the hall for some information presentations.

The children will remain with current Prep teachers until 10:30am. Parents will then collect them from the rooms.

The uniform shop will be open during the morning.

Class Visits
During Orientation Morning the current Prep students will visit a year one classroom and year 1 students will visit a year 2 room. Year 2 will also visit a year 3 classroom. This is to familiarise them with the different eating areas, play areas and routines in the rooms.

Please note that the students are moving as a class group and this is not the grouping which will be used for the upcoming school year. In the same way the teacher they have on the day is not necessarily the teacher they will have next year.

Carla Walker, Deputy Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Student Resource Scheme – Due 4 November
If you wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme, please ensure the attached form is completed and received by Friday 4 November. The amounts for each 2017 year level are listed below.

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

Please send the completed form to booklist@yerongass.eq.edu.au

We will not be able to accept any orders after this date as the bulk order will have been finalised.
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
pandc@yerongass.eq.edu.au

Thank you to all the Parents and Kids who helped out with World Teachers Day and Movie Night. Both events were a resounding success.

Also, don't forget these following important events/ dates:

Free Dress Day for 2017 Fete – 04 November
Did someone say FETE?? Yes, it is that time again. 2017 Fete is on 27 May 2017, so mark the date in your calendars now! While you are there, mark 4 November as a FREE DRESS DAY. Bring along a $2 donation which will go towards fete costs which helps us to pay for some of the upfront costs associated with the fete.
Thanks for your support and keep your eye out for more exciting fete news as the term progresses.

Fairfield Family Picnic – 19 November
The P&C are running a snow cone stall at the Fairfield Family Picnic on 19 November. 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.

MUSIC NEWS
Jane Plumridge, Music Specialist

Big Sing tomorrow night
Here are the details:
- Big Sing Celebration and Awards Night
- This Friday 4 November
- YSS School Hall (not the High School)
- Students due 6:00pm, for rehearsal (I will be accepting students from 5:45pm)
- 6:15pm : doors open for audience
- 6:30pm : concert start
- Gold Coin Donation
- Seniors: Wear senior shirt and the rest of the formal uniform
- Others: Formal, blue uniform, not the polo shirt

Seating will be quite limited.

Further Rehearsals this Year
Piccoli and Cosmio rehearsals finish this week. Stella Voce continues in reparation for 2017 commitments. Rehearsals start at 7.45am instead of 7.30am.
As previously noted: Any Year 3 Cosmio students who wish to try out some Stella Voce (Senior Choir) rehearsals to see if they want to join in 2017, can join Stella Voce for the remainder of this year, Friday Mornings 7:45am (doors open 7:35am).
Year 6 Stella Voce members do not have to return if they do not want to.
Year 2 Cosmio Students who want to be considered as special entry to Stella Voce (extension students) can also try out by attending for the rest of this term.

Jane Plumridge, Music Specialist

CHESS NEWS
Ronelle Dunn, Chess Coordinator, rdunn19@eq.edu.au

Yeronga State School Chess Tournament is fast approaching. . . Wednesday 23 November from 8:45am to 12:45pm.
All students from Prep to Year 6 are able to participate as long as they are able to play chess. For all those interested please find click on the link Chess Championship 2016 Nomination Form for nomination and payment details.
I am hoping to see lots of students ready to challenge themselves and each other and to also have some fun! If you have any concerns or queries please feel free to email me.

Ronelle Dunn, Coordinator
Non-Fiction Section
You may have noticed that we are upgrading our library again. We are reducing the non-fiction section to make room for more STEAM type activities. STEAM standing for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. We have catalogued over 700 new resources so far this year. Our library is ever popular during lunch times with students engaged in a variety of activities. Our resources get used up very quickly. So we are asking if you are able to donate resources, it would be much appreciated.
This is a list of resources that we can use:
scrap paper or cardboard, glue sticks, sticky tape (including duct tape, masking tape or even coloured packaging tape), string, wool and small cardboard boxes. Our future design engineers or artists would really be happy to have more resources.
Debbie Cowie

School Newspaper
It is time again for the school Newspaper to be published. A large group of students from across all the year levels have been working hard all semester to get the ‘Know It All Newspaper’ ready for publication. This semester the theme of the newspaper is based around the author, Roald Dahl, with lots of exciting facts and activities around his books.
This time we are offering an opportunity for you to pre order your copy of the newspaper. This saves on printing costs. If you would like to purchase a copy or multiple copies of the School Newspaper then please click on the link, Know It All Newspaper, for order form and payment details—then return same to the library.
The newspaper will be distributed on Monday 21 November, with limited copies available for purchase at lunch times that week.
A copy costs $2 and all proceeds go towards the printing of the newspaper.
Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy the school newspaper.

Rescue a Book Sale is on again!

Date- 2 November to 11 November
Times- 8-9 am and 3-3.15pm, also students can purchase at lunch times.
(please note- Thursday and Wednesday mornings will be closed for meetings in the library)
All books are 10c each.
Come into the library and see if you can find a book that needs a new home.
We have a lot of non-fiction and fiction books for sale.
All proceeds go back into buying new books for the library collection.

Faith Hage

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

Dealing with Tragedy …
I think the recent tragedies in the news have affected us all, particularly with one incident being so close in our neighbouring community, and the other at a place where most of us have visited at one time or another. Our hearts have been saddened by what has happened, knowing that it could have happened to any one of us.
We don’t have all the answers but as adults we often have better understanding, greater perspective and ways to process what has happened compared to our children. So how can we help our children to deal with such tragic news? Here’s some ideas…

- Firstly, minimise the stress of the situation, and try to keep routines and maintaining a sense of normalcy.
- Limit exposure to the media so they aren’t seeing ongoing coverage of the tragic events.
- Give them space to talk and answer their questions factually but limit unnecessary details. Do lots of listening.
- Reassure them that they are safe, while modelling confidence and assurance yourself. Focus on any positives that have come out of the situation.
- Do something for those affected by the tragedy. A simple response is enough; say a prayer, make a small donation, draw a picture, or send a card.

Please seek professional help if you notice any ongoing behavioural changes, or they are excessively stressed by the event.
I personally have found great comfort in the way that individuals and organisations have come around and shown support to the families in these events. It is also wonderful to see how the community has responded and tried to find comfort and solidarity in the midst of great sadness.

Blessings, Chappy Jenny
The Last Gala Day for the Year
The last Gala Day of the year was on Friday 21 October.
Congratulations to all of those staff members and students who participated.

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 underway 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. Please click on this link—Swimming Exemption Form—to obtain the necessary form for this purpose in the very near future.

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, but for those serious competitors, more work needs to be done on their turns.

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.

Gymnastics Donation
An absolutely massive thank you to Mr Palmer (Father of Maisie, Harvey and Milla), who is a significant part of the Physical Education Department at Yeronga State High School, for a large donation of gymnastics equipment. Due to Sporting Schools we have been able to employ an external coach for this sport this year to teach fundamental movement skills, but have had little equipment. This very substantial donation has saved us large amounts of money and broadened our options for activities.

A big thank you again to Mr Palmer!

Higher Representative Honours
Congratulations and welcome back to our two travelling sport stars, Molly and Abbie. Both have been very busy this year with representative sport.

Well done to those two stars who, I am sure, did themselves and their teams credit.

Congratulations Molly!

Last week Molly travelled to Perth to compete in the National Touch Football Championships in Mandurah. Players from every state came together to compete over the week.

The Queensland U12 girls went through the competition undefeated culminating in an 8-0 win against New South Wales in the final. Congratulations Molly!

Congratulations Abbie!
Abbie and the Metropolitan West Cricket team had a great time in Bundaberg. The team finished 4th in the state. Abbie played 7 games in 4 days. The conditions were hot and extremely windy. Abbie opened the bowling for Metropolitan West every game and took a variety of wickets including bowled, LBW, caught behind and caught. Her batting highlight was 30 not out against the State Champions Darling Downs. She also featured in the classic catches with a catch on the boundary after sprinting 20 metres in the howling wind.

Well Done Abbie!

Upcoming Events
⇒ 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.
⇒ 01 December: Year Two Behaviour Celebration (at the pool)
⇒ 02 December: Prep Fun Day at the Pool (Morning)
⇒ 08 December: Year One Behaviour Celebration (at the pool)

Cameron Bateman, PE
GALA DAY 3 : TOUCH FOOTBALL

All seven teams are to be congratulated on their improvement and effort over the three Gala Days.

On a hot day the Yeronga teams continued to work hard and work together.

Both the Senior Boys and Junior Boys B team were runners up in the B Division. The Senior Girls, Junior Girls and Junior A Boys all won their A Division premierships.

Congratulations to all the players who participated in the Grand Finals.

I would also like to thank Mr Hartin, Mr Sutherland and Mrs Quire for coaching teams this season. Also Mrs Bingham who ensured the three Gala Days ran on time by managing the time keeping and siren. (Please note we have a few players missing from the photos - we will attempt to add them next newsletter).

Mr C., Coach

GALA DAY 3 : NETBALL

Congratulations to our Yeronga Senior Girls B Netball Gala Day Premiership Winners!

Our Senior C girls and Junior B girls made the Finals and the Junior C girls the Semi-Finals. A wonderful effort considering a lot of the girls had never played netball before.

Congratulations Yeronga girls for your wonderful sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Kate Middleton, Coach
FROM THE EAL/D CENTRE
Marg Malouf, EAL/D Specialist

Yadhu from 4D has written a scary story! As it is the week of Halloween, we hope you enjoy reading it!

The Most Haunted House in the Universe
By Yadhurshika Rajendran  (4D)

There was a girl named Kate and she was with her friends in a holiday house but it was too little for them so they changed house.

The people next door said, 'Don't go in that house! There is a black ghost!' But Kate and her friends didn't believe it, they just went in the house without listening to them.

Later, that night they watched a movie called Grudge which is a scary movie from Japan and the girls were so frightened! Outside it was windy and inside there was smoke! Kate bravely went alone to the kitchen to see what was making all that smoke but the kitchen stove was not on. She then went to the bathroom to brush her teeth and she saw something black with a black dress and hair full of blood behind her in the mirror. Kate screamed and the ghost disappeared. She told her friends but they didn't believe her. They just laughed at Kate.

They said, 'Don't be crazy Kate! There are no ghosts in this house. Are you believing those people next door?'
And Kate said, "Yes, I saw the ghost in the mirror!"

It was so weird she wondered if it might be a dream. She tried to go to sleep but she couldn't stop thinking about that ghost. Was it real or was it a dream?

Soon after she thought something was crawling on her feet. She opened her blanket and it was the same ghost but this time the ghost was screaming at her! Kate screamed too and her friends came rushing in. Now they believed Kate! The ghost went into Kate's body and Kate and the ghost became one. Kate's eyes went red!

The ghost used Kate's voice to speak, 'My name is Holly and I had a friend called Lucy. One dark and stormy night we were riding our bicycles when it became so stormy that my bike was blown off a bridge and I fell a long way down under the bridge. I was very badly hurt but I made it back home to my house. There were a lot of people trying to help me but I didn't see Lucy. This is where I died.'

Kate's friends looked at each other in shock. 'So that is what happened to you!' Holly then said, 'I need to know what happened to my friend Lucy. I need to say goodbye and then I will move on to my ghost life. Until then I can't leave this house. Can you help me find my best friend Lucy?'

One of Kate's friends said, 'The lady next door said her name was Lucy! She's grown up now and married.' They ran next door and got Lucy and told her about her old friend Holly.

'But she is a ghost now. Come with us." Kate's friends said. 'My best friend is a ghost?' Lucy looked shocked and she was crying.
When Lucy came back into the house she saw Kate had fainted on the floor. The ghost of Holly was standing there. Lucy and Holly hugged and Lucy said 'My old friend! You are now a ghost! I'll see you again one day in the next life after I have grown old and died myself. I will then be a ghost like you.'

Kate and her friends finished their holiday and never saw another ghost again in their whole lives.

THE END