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/TKZSJP8

Thank you to those many parents who have already completed the survey.

**CELEBRATING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

Last week Jane Sedgman, the Assistant Regional Director, and Mark Campling, Regional Director, visited Yeronga State School. Mr Campling met with the leadership team to discuss strategies we have used to gain the improvement that has taken place for literacy and numeracy in Year 3 in the last four years. Mrs Sedgman also met with the strategic team and visited 6 classrooms on a learning walk with myself to gauge how well our school improvement priorities had been adopted this year.

Both were incredibly impressed with the teaching quality, student progress and collaborative leadership that was evident. Staff are working to ensure our children are participating in engaging, rigorous and collaborative learning opportunities. It was great to see the co-operative learning happening throughout our school as teachers work to teach students how to collaborate and to be able to articulate their knowledge and understandings to each other. Teachers are making learning intentions and success criteria visible to ensure children can monitor their own progress through the lesson.

The feedback from both parties was extremely positive and acknowledged the great work that is happening at Yeronga State School – there is much to celebrate.

**2020 SCHOOL VISION**

Next week I will share the proposed vision for the next four years via e-mail and include a survey link for parents to provide feedback, and make suggestions regarding any aspects you would like us to consider as we begin consolidating the vision.

The vision for the last four years has been a great guide for us however it was a little wordy and difficult to communicate succinctly. It would be great to capture our vision in four or five words this time so those of you who are great at that, would love to hear your ideas

I encourage you to take 10 minutes or so to complete the survey to ensure that your ideas have been considered for the next step in helping our school go from great to excellent!!

**QSR FORUM CONSULTATIONS**

Two areas for development that came from our school review were around the digital world and supporting advanced learners, which we have previously referred to as highly able. We are conducting two forums around these areas to share information, clarify expectations and explore ways to overcome challenges.

The ICT/STEM/ Digital Technology forum is tomorrow morning from 7am – 8:30am.

The Advanced Learners forum will be held in Week 9.

**CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVE SCHEME**

In 2017 we will be again seeking two parents for each classroom to be the parent representatives for that class. The role of the Parent Rep is to strengthen the parent-school partnership, create a welcoming class atmosphere for new families and promote parent involvement within our school. Class teachers will be looking for parent representatives for their classrooms early in the new school year.

Thank you to all the class parent representatives this year and the coordinator, Greta Palmer for the excellent manner in which you have helped connect our families, students and school. We look forward to working with you.

Continued.....
REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

Last week some of our Year 6 students attended the Stephens Remembrance day celebrations, including our essay writing competition winner Rebecca Heape. Rebecca presented the Remembrance Day poem she wrote after a visit to the Stephens RSL Meeting for Veterans Day recently. The Treasurer of the Stephens RSL, Mr Col Diachkows, presented gift vouchers to Rebecca and other winners on assembly this week.

CLASSES- 2017

Class Allocations for 2017 are under way and we intend to publish proposed classes on Wednesday 7 December. At this stage we will have 26 classes, including 4 Prep classes. This is two more than this year.

The classes are by no means final as classes will not be finalised until after Day 8 2017 which is when the final staff allocations for 2017 will be known. If school enrolments or year level enrolments change significantly at this time, we will need to reorganise classes.

We will e-mail your child’s class placement to parents.

STUDENT ACADEMIC AWARDS

Year 3-6 will receive awards on Thursday 8 December. Year 1-2 awards will be presented on Thursday 1 December from 9am – 10am. We look forward to seeing you there.

SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual swimming carnival for 9 years and above was held last Tuesday 15 November. Thankfully it was a cooler day than last week and the grit and determination some children demonstrated was a sight to behold. Congratulations to Lawson house for the sixth consecutive Swimming Carnival win. Evans and Kendall were snapping closely at their heels this year so it will be interesting to see what happens next year!

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

WOW! On Wednesday 16 November 74% of Yeronga State School students actively travelled to school. That's more than 400 students. Congratulations to everyone who walked, scooted, cycled, caught public transport or car-pooled. Active travellers were rewarded for their efforts with breakfast courtesy of Councillor Nicole Johnston and members of the Ekibin Lions Club. A numbers of students were also awarded certificates for achieving 50 stamps in their Active School Travel passports.

Thank you to Leah Lane, Brett Gillespie, Debbie Cowie and Kerri McGuire for their support for Active School travel in our school. A special thank you to our Year 6 senior leaders, Ms Wise and Mr Quirk for their continual staffing of the AST stations each week. You have been sensational.

Debbie Spanner, Principal

ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to our students for their outstanding results in Mathematics and English.

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Debbie Cowie, ICAS Co-ordinator
1. **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/EULJYi](http://signup.com/go/EULJYi) to sign up for the snow cone stall. This is a great event for the kids to help at too with adult supervision.

2. The PNC is currently looking for a new piano teacher to conduct lessons for the kids at the school as an extra curricular activity. If you can recommend anyone, please email financeyspc@live.com.au.

3. Thanks to Peter, Mandy, Richard, Gavin, Kristen and Leah for manning the snow cone stall at the senior swimming carnival on Tuesday!

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**FROM THE BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER**

**STATEMENTS**

Statements will be issued this week. To assist us with finalising the 2016 financial year could you please attend to payment of any outstanding invoices asap. Please note that if there is a negative symbol this is a credit (eg -$5.00). This credit can be applied to any outstanding or future payments. If you have a credit and would like it to be used please email Nicki. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Nicki Allardyce nalla6@eq.edu.au

**QPARENTS**

Have you accepted your invitation to join QParents? If you would like the invitation resent please email Nicki Allardyce nalla6@eq.edu.au. QParents is a free service and once you have joined you will be able to:-

- View and print Report Cards
- See all financial transactions made and the method of payment
- Pay multiple invoices per student in one transaction
- Check and notify the school of any absences
- Update all personal information eg address, medical etc

Initial registration needs to be done on a computer and then you will be able to access all information via your phone, ipad etc. Further information on how to register is also available at the office.

Nicki Allardyce, BSM

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**Jane Plumridge, Music Specialist**

**Choir congratulations**

Congratulations to all members of our Choral Program. 100 and 44 students have participated in one of our three choirs each week this year. Over 40% of our year one cohort choose to be in a choir. We had a wonderful night of singing together last Friday night. It was a time of celebrating the joy of singing together. The night finished with the giving out of awards recognising both excellence and the wonderful team spirit that we see in all Yeronga music groups. Many people were thanked on the night including Paul Sutherland and our cleaner, Mark Jardine, who never fails to help out and create a wonderful stage and seating for all our concerts. Choir Captain, Rebecca Heape and Assistant Director, Helena Shearer once again hosted the evening with flair and confidence. Thank you to everyone for a great night.

If the days of choir rehearsals in 2017 are available before the end of the year they will be published in this newsletter.

**Choral Excellence Awards**

Prep- Oliver Cook  
Year 1-Sasha McKenzie-Sillar  
Year 2-Elyse Griffiths  
Year 3-Milly Burg  
Year 4-Huong Mai  
Year 5-Helena Shearer  
Year 6-Bill Skerritt Edeson  

**Chorister of the Year**

Rebecca Heape Year 6

**Music Spirit Awards**

Sam Lane; Samantha Cahill; Alexander Cook; Maggie Stafford; Angus Shaw; Laura Polin; Hana Polin; Ainsley Hodge; Lily Stevenson; Martha Webb; Eddy Burg; Georgie Burg; Zoe Hayes; Abbie Wold; Lyla Wickham; Safira Lake; Charlie Wade; Evie Leonard; Emma Rowan Hannah Campbell; Veronica Hewitson; Lauren Griffiths; Kyla Van den Boogart; Leila Teasdale-McKenzie; Caitlin Round; Eloise Nutley-Ley; Sienna Head; Abbey Wilsdon; Helena Shearer; Milla Palmer; Maddison McCarthy; Isabella Mayorga.

**Music Photos**

Silver Rose photography has left the book of photos and ordering information in the school office. You can preview photos and take away ordering information at your leisure.

**Big Play**

Our next concert is Friday November 25 when all members of the Strings and Concert Band programs under Charise Holm and Robyn Rosewarne will celebrate their year together and receive awards. The call for students is 6:00pm. The concert commences 6:30pm. The uniform is the formal blue uniform except for Seniors who wear their senior shirt.

**Raffle**

We would like to run a raffle at The Big Play. Donations for ‘goodie baskets’ or scratchie for the ‘scratchie tree’ can be dropped into the main office.

**Instrumental Recruitment**

Offers for the Strings and Concert Band Beginners Programs for 2017 will be sent home next week. We have had 30% more nominations than there are places, so some children will miss out. Our numbers are set by Education Queensland and no extra places can be given, though we would like to give everyone a place.

Jane Plumridge
YSS WRITERS CLUB
Ms Linsday Jobbins, Year 4 teacher, ljobb1@eq.edu.au

The YSS Writers Club has been meeting weekly each Friday at first break this term. The students range from Year 1 to Year 4.
Ashley Hay, Hux's mum, has been sharing some creative prompts with our eager group of writers.
In one session, we sat in the Art Room and looked around us. Ashley asked a range of questions which encouraged us to use our imaginations. What do you see? What's inside the cupboard? What's inside the paint tin? What was here before the Art Room?
After writing for 10 minutes, we shared our writing. The variety of topics were amazing!
Ashley has encouraged us not to write the first thought that comes to mind. When I am writing, what might I not suspect? What is a bit different, a bit unusual, not "everyday"? Where can that thought lead me?
Thank you for your time and inspiration, Ashley

Ms Jobbins & YSS Writers Group

FROM EAL/D ROOM
Marg Malouf, ESL Specialist, mmalo5@eq.edu.au

FREE ENGLISH LESSONS IN THE COMMUNITY!
TAFE Queensland offers eligible adult migrants and job-seekers the opportunity to study English for free in the AMEP Programme. Students get at least 510 hours of initial English language training. For our school community, the closest TAFE centre is Yeerongpilly TAFE at 100 Wilkie Street, Yeerongpilly. The classes are conducted by postgraduate qualified ESL teachers. Students have to register within 6 months of arrival for TAFE English programmes and have 12 months to start their initial 510 hours training. Students also need to use up this entitlement within 5 years of registration.
Computing, excursions, community engagement and work experience are included in the different programmes. In addition to English teaching, students are given vital information about settling in Australia regarding Australian law, banking, health services, education opportunities, employment, careers, childcare and more. Specific employment-focused English programmes are also conducted.
Clients may also be entitled to receive up to 800 hours of further English training under the SEE program if they are job seekers. These courses help improve literacy and numeracy and are open to all adults wanting to improve their literacy skills.
For the centre closest to you, contact: Julie Gleeson at TAFE Queensland Yeerongpilly Campus on: 32151367 or Kim Schmidt for Mt Gravatt/Sunnybank Campus on: 32151425.
Please see newsletter attachment for more information. Click on link: Adult Migrant English Program

Marg Malouf

FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE
Faith Hage, teacher librarian, fhag4@eq.edu.au

BOOK FAIR
Book Fair is open in the Resource Centre after school everyday until Monday 21 November
Monday - 4:00pm; Wednesday – 4:00pm; Thursday - 5:45pm; Friday - 4:00pm.

Faith Hage

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

Volunteer's Afternoon Tea (29 November 2:00pm) ...
Invitations have been sent home for the Volunteer's Afternoon Tea coming up in less than 2 weeks. If you haven't received your certificate/invitation, please let your class teacher know. I wouldn't want you to miss out on being honoured for your wonderful help and support that makes this school so great! For those who can come, please return the invitation slip to my payment box so I can cater for the right number of people.
Even if you are unable to attend the celebration, know that you are very much appreciated by the school. I've had a number of staff talk through their list of volunteers with me, explaining how their volunteers have helped in the classroom or different activities, and how that time and effort has made such a difference to them and the children.
Apart from making a difference at school, being a volunteer is also helping you to be a better you! Often the volunteer experience helps you to develop different skills, gain more confidence, be a better communicator, find new friends and further cement others. It also helps to encourage happiness, circles of support, and build a sense of community. It is also a great thing to do for your children, to role-model volunteering your time and skills to support others. Well done to the many volunteers in our school community!

Children's Bikes for Sale ($50 each)
I have received a donation of children's bikes (2 girls and 2 boys) that have been used in a high school "Traction" program for at-risk students. They have been assembled and re-assembled several times but haven't been ridden. They have been checked over by a mechanic, but please understand that they are being sold "as is". There are some minimal scratch marks where they have been clamped at the tool bench. Please send me an email if you are interested in purchasing one of the bikes. The money raised will be used for programs being run in 2017.

Blessings, Chappy Jenny
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Cameron Bateman, P.E. Specialist, cbate12@eq.edu.au

SWIMMING
Swimming lessons continue successfully. 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.

Junior Swimming Carnival
Preparations are underway for this very important event on the Yeronga State School Calendar. Students need to be thinking, exactly which events they would like to swim in this year.

SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

AWESOME LAWSON !!!

Congratulations to LAWSON on winning interhouse swimming in 2016—sixth consecutive time. This trophy is now called the Healy-Johnson Trophy for our two most successful record breakers. It was a wonderful achievement.

Age Champions
Congratulations to our fantastic age champions...

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Many Thanks!
Congratulations to our children on their behaviour over a long hot day. You were a credit to yourselves and our school. The spirit in which the carnival was conducted was wonderful to behold.

A great big thank you to all our parent helpers for the swimming carnival. They included Mr Noi, Ruth Bennett, Richard Flack and Amy Than. If anyone has been left off the list I apologise. It was wonderful to have the amount of parental support we had. I am very grateful as it makes running carnivals much easier.

Finally a huge thank you to all the Yeronga State School staff. We have a magnificent staff who always give their best in whatever situation they are put. Special mentions must go to Mrs McGuire, who helps me in preparing the carnival administration and then plays an integral part in running the carnival, and Mr Sutherland, who is always ready to help with setting up venues for carnivals and then volunteers his time to help with running the carnival.

YEAR 1 & 2

SWIMMING CARNIVALS
Details for this event are as follows:

Date: 24 November 2016
Classes involved: All Year 1 & 2’s
Where: Yeronga Park Pool (25m pool)
Commencement Time:
9:00am (for year ones)
11:45am (for year twos)
Expected Duration:
2 hours (for year ones)
2 hours (for year twos)
Event Status: Compulsory

For further information see the event notification on the team site.

UPCOMING EVENTS
24 November : Years 1-2 Junior Swimming Carnival
25 November : No swimming due to another carnival at the pool, but there will be gymnastics for those classes.
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

FROM THE OFFICE

The Student Resource Scheme
The Student Resource Scheme for Years 1 – 6 has now closed and invoices have been issued. For parents/carers choosing the booklist option, please click on the link below. Text book levels have been left blank, however please purchase the next level up from this year. Do not name any textbooks until the start of school as this allows the books to be swapped if necessary.

Year 1 Booklist 2017, Year 2 Booklist 2017, Year 3 Booklist 2017, Year 4 Booklist 2017, Year 5 Booklist 2017, Year 6 Booklist 2017
QUEENSLAND ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

On November 5 and 6 we sent a team to compete in the Queensland All Schools Touch Football tournament.

In 35 degree heat 50 teams from across the state meet at Cleveland to test their skills. Similar to last year the team performed well above expectation.

This was a great reward for the girls as they had trained several times a week and even on the holidays to improve their skills and game knowledge.

On day one the girls won all 3 pools games with the highlight being a 3 -0 win over one of the tournament favourites, The Glennie School (Toowoomba), which had Molly's Queensland coach calling the plays.

This win saw the girls qualify for the top 16 and a Sunday morning knockout game against The Glennie School again.

It was probably the fastest game of the tournament and after fighting back from 1-2 down, then 2 -3 down the girls won on the siren 4 – 3!

This saw a quarter final (Top 8) match up with another favourite, All Hallows. In another tremendously hard fought match the girls went down.

Considering the size of our school and the number of experienced Touch Football players we have, this result was outstanding.

I would like to sincerely congratulate all the girls on their efforts and I know it is an experience they won't forget.

Mr Curness, Coach

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please click on the links below for newsletter attachments:

Barefoot Summer Holidays : Barefoot nature play at Pullenvale State School
MBTA Junior Touch Development Camp : BMTA Junior Touch Development Camp 16-19 January 2017
Sapphire Netball Club : Registration for 2017
Southern Stars Ice Hockey Club: 2016/2017 Four week program.
Fairfield Family Picnic : 19 November
Yeronga Connection Dec-Jan Edition : December/January Edition

HEALTH INFORMATION

CHICKEN POX

We have been advised that there has been a case of Chickenpox in our school community. Please keep the following in mind.

Signs and Symptoms

The disease starts with cold-like symptoms such as a mild fever, headache, runny nose and cough. A day or two later a rash begins, starting as small pink blotches but rapidly progressing to itchy blisters which usually last three to four days before drying out and turning into scabs.

Transmission

Chickenpox is spread through coughing, sneezing and direct contact with the fluid in the blisters of the rash. The dry scabs are not infectious. An individual with Chickenpox is infectious for about one to two days before the onset of the rash and until the blisters have all scabbed, usually four to five days.

Exclusion from School (if infected)

Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least five days after the rash first appeared in non-immunised children, and less in immunised children.

SCHOOL BANKING

10.01.2016: 97 Bankers
Junior Banker : Tillie Darling-Wyeth (1Q)
Senior Banker : Jane Edwards (5N)

17.11.2016: 79 Bankers
Junior Banker : Ivy Pavic (1P)
Senior Banker : Kate Musgrave (3/4M)

REMEMINDER : The last banking day for 2016 will be Thursday 1 December (2nd last week of school).