

YERONG CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 3 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2022 school year! It has been great to see our students settling into to the new school year. Students have made a wonderful start to learning after quickly stepping back into the school routine. Well done! Our new school captains and vice captains have taken on their new leadership roles after receiving their badges.

Staffing 2022

Relieving Principal and K-2 Teacher: Kellie Noske

I will be continuing to deliver the comprehensive evidenced-based literacy program, InitialLit. I am also programming and delivering Maths and History to K-2 class and Sport on Mondays to K-6.

3-6 Teacher: Mardi Casley

Mardi has moved into a fulltime role within our school and will be teaching the 3-6 class. On Tuesday afternoons Mardi will be teaching Creative Arts to K-6.

Release From Face-to-Face (RFF) Teacher: Nicole Mulholland

Nicole will be with us Wednesdays and Thursdays. She will be delivering the library program to K-6 on Wednesdays. Nicole is also programming Personal Development/Health and Science for K-2. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings Nicole will be collaborating with myself to deliver the InitialLit program to K-2.

School Administration Manager (SAM) and School Learning Support Officer (SLSO): Barbara Salter

Barbara will be assisting in the K-2 classroom each morning Monday-Thursday to assist in the delivery of the InitialLit program in an SLSO role. Monday-Thursday Barbara will be performing her SAM role each afternoon.

Relieving General Assistant (GA): Paul Jenkins

Paul is continuing in this role for 2022.

P and C

The P and C held their AGM yesterday afternoon. Thank you to our new committee for 2022. The office bearers for this year: President – Terri Anschaw, Vice President - Jason Hayman, Secretary – Sarah Kennedy, Treasurer – Peta-Ann Willis. Thank you to these parents for their continued support of our school.

School Planning

After the completion of our External Validation (EV) in 2021 I am in the process of reflecting on our 2021 Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). The process now involves creating on new SIP to cover 2022-2024. I will have a draft plan ready to share with the school community at our next P and C meeting. The direction and programs will be very similar to the SIP implemented last year. Our overall school and student performance indicates that our programs are providing students with excellent growth and achievement.

COVID Update

As outlined in previous correspondence we will continue to have a variety of COVID restrictions in place. These include:

- Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits will be provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school. The use of RAT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. They are a quick and easy screening tool to help detect COVID-19. It is a simple process of placing a nose or throat swab in a chemical solution, which is put onto a scanning device. Results can be ready within 15 minutes. Use of RAT kits is highly recommended but not mandatory. Instructions are included in the kits detailing how to use the tests, check the results and dispose of the tests safely. You can also download the instructions through the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) website. The user guides will also contain a contact number for the suppliers if you need additional support.
- Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff and students in Year 7 and above and strongly recommended for all primary students. Masks will be provided by the school if required.
- Only fully vaccinated visitors essential to delivering and supporting learning or wellbeing can come on a school site.
- We will continue to use good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, good air flow and ventilation in learning spaces, as well as physical distancing practices.

Have a great fortnight!

Warm Regards,

Kellie Noske
R/Principal

Work Hard, Be Kind!



Miss Casley's News

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 1, 2022!

This year our 3-6 classroom has 9 students after farewelling the outgoing Year 6 students. We welcome Annaleise and Kye to Year 3; Seth, Pat, and Salina to Year 4; Rori, Campbell and Leilya to Year 5 and Connor to Year 6.

In Literacy we are studying two novels. The Year 3/4 novel is: Chook Chook: Mei's Secret Pets by Wai Chim and the Year 5/6 novel is: Sister Heart by Sally Morgan. We are also focusing on reading and responding to different texts and creative writing.

In Mathematics we continue to build on our knowledge and skills in Whole Number, Multiplication and Division, Addition and Subtractions and Measurement and Geometry.

Science this term is really fun with access to the STEM kit for 'Inventor Robotics'. This kit focuses on building and coding robots, let's see if I am teaching the students or the students are teaching me!

Creative Arts this term is being taught by myself and is a whole school class. So far, we have focused on abstract self-portraits, which the students have put their full effort into creating and they look fantastic!

History will focus on "The Gold Rush" era, including the Eureka Stockade. We are also sharing a great novel at fruit time written by Jackie French called "The night they stormed Eureka". Both the students and I are eager for the next chapter to come along as we are all transfixed.

Health this term is a unit called: Power to Protect and students will be investigating the essential question: How can I enhance my safety and wellbeing?

Hope you had a great rest over the school holidays and are keeping safe.

Best regards,

Mardi Casley - 3-6 Classroom Teacher

Mrs Mulholland's News

Library

In Library K-6 and I have been looking at CBCA Shortlisted books Rodney Loses It by Michael Gerard Bauer and Boy by Phil Cummings. These books and the class activities associated with them have a focus on strategies to not lose your cool or calm down rather than starting an argument, different ways of communicating with each other and conflict resolution.

Health

The focus for K-2 in Health this term is "How do we get along with others?" So far, we have looked at some ways to care for and include each other. The children really engaged with and enjoyed picking the emotions that were portrayed in a Sesame Street video clip and then creating their own role play of an emotion for their classmates to guess. We also enjoyed some story books about different ways people could be feeling after various actions by others. We also introduced a "Kindness Circle" in yesterday's lesson.

Science

For our K-2 Science lessons this term our school has been lucky enough to secure a T4L Stem Resource called Tablet Robotics. It contains B-Bots, Dash Bots and Lego WeDo. This is a wonderful addition to our curriculum and provides many great unique learning opportunities for our students. Last week the children met their B-Bot and watched some introductory videos on how they work. Then they got to use them by pressing the directional arrows to code a path for them to move around the classroom. We even worked out how to make the robots turn or spin in circles which the students found very exciting.

Best Wishes.

Nicole Mulholland

Calendar - Term 1 2022 - Students - Yerong Creek PS

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
Week 1	Rori Birthday 1/1 Salina Birthday 15/1 Liam Birthday 20/1 Kye Birthday 24/1				28 January SDD 1	29 30 Jan
2	31 January SDD 2	1 February Students return to School	2 February	3 February	4 February Greater Kengal Swimming Carnival	5 6 Feb
3	7 February	8 February	9 February P & C Meeting	10 February	11 February Ice-creams \$1-	12 13 Feb
4	14 February Hunter Birthday Tennis 1:45-2:45	15 February	16 February	17 February	18 February Ice-creams \$1-	19 20 Feb
5	21 February Tennis 1:45-2:45	22 February	23 February	24 February	25 February Ice-creams \$1-SR Swimming Carnival	26 27 Feb
6	28 February Tennis 1:45-2:45	1 March	2 March	3 March	4 March Ice-creams \$1-Assembly	5 6 Mar
7	7 March Tennis 1:45-2:45	8 March	9 March	10 March	11 March Leilya Birthday Ice-creams \$1-	12 13 Mar
8	14 March Tennis 1:45-2:45	15 March	16 March Athena Birthday P & C Meeting	17 March	18 March Ice-creams \$1-	19 20 Mar
9	21 March Tennis 1:45-2:45	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March Ice-creams \$1-	26 27 Mar
10	28 March Tennis 1:45-2:45	29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April Ice-creams \$1-	2 - 3 Apr
11	4 April Annaleise Birthday Tennis 1:45-2:45	5 April	6 April	7 April Assembly	8 April Greater Kengal Cross Country @ Pleasant Hills PS	9 10 Apr
Hols	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April Good Friday	16 17 Apr
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Water Bottles

It would be great if all our students packed a water bottle each day.
Each classroom has a tub for water bottles.

Many learning minutes are lost when students need to run out to the
bubbler for a drink during class.



Fruit Break

Please remember to pack your child fruit for our fruit break.

Our fruit break is taken after fundamental movement skills session each
morning.

Students eat their fruit in their classroom.

The fruit break splits our literacy block.

