

# Newsletter



**Term 1 Issue 2 February 2023**

## Upcoming Events

### **Monday 20 February**

Yale PS P&C AGM

### **Term 1 Assemblies**

Wk 4- 24 February- **C6**

Wk 6- 10 March- **C3**

Wk 8- 24 March **NAPLAN**

Wk 10- 6 April

**ANZAC Assembly**



### **Monday 6 March**

Labour Day

### **15-24 March**

NAPLAN

### **Thursday 6 April**

Last day of Term 1 for students

### **Friday 7 April**

Good Friday

### **Wednesday 26 April**

First Day Term 2 for students

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GLEN READ

Dear Parents and Carers

School is in full swing now and the majority of our students have arrived at school and enrolled and well settled in to their classrooms routines. I would like to commend our students for the way they have commenced the school year and for the way they have knuckled down, and are working hard. Overall the behaviour of the Yale Primary School students has been excellent and I haven't had to talk to any student about inappropriate behaviour. Well done students and thank you teachers.

This year the Department of Education has launched a Quality Teacher Strategy (QTS) for use by all Western Australian public schools, and sets out the systems commitment to improving quality teaching across the state, to deliver effective teaching to all public schools. QTS, The Phonics Initiative, is one part of the approach to quality teaching. All students in Year One across the state will be assessed in Term 3, 2023 in regard to their proficiency in phonics.

### **Progress of the replacement building at the school.**

Mr Melling, Mrs Lawrie and I met a week ago with the Department of Finance, Department of Education to discuss where the new building plans were up to, to replace the building we lost in the fire. At this point in time I have been told the new building will begin in July which will mean that the builder will most likely be using the front staff car park as a site office. This will then lead to a part of the staff car park being fenced off. The way parents move around the school will most likely change for safety reasons.

### **Crossing the Staff Car Park.**

I would like to ask parents **to stop using** the staff car park as a thoroughfare and I would like them to use the paths to walk around the staff car park. Several staff cars have sustained damage as parents move in between the cars, and through the car park. Students should also not be walking through the staff car park to avoid being hit by moving vehicles.

Kind regards

**Glen Read**

## MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL CAROLINE CHURCHILL

Sat Sri Akal everyone

Last week our pre-primary students completed their On-Entry testing. This testing assesses student knowledge in their understandings of oral language, reading, writing and numeracy. The assessment assists teachers to identify the learning needs of their students at the commencement of the school year. Parents and carers also receive a summary of the results. All public schools in Western Australia participate in the Department of Education's Pre-Primary On-Entry assessment.

Our office superstars continue to shine. Congratulations to those students who visited the office this week. Keep up the great work everyone.



It is fabulous to see great learning in our school. As an Admin team we are regularly making informal visits to classrooms and it is so rewarding to see our students happy at school and engaged in their learning. Thank you to our teachers and education assistants for all the work they do to provide a welcoming classroom atmosphere that encourages our students to reach successful educational and social outcomes.

Office stars are also part of our Admin team. I would like to thank the staff who work in our front office, for their tireless dedication to ensuring that staff, students and families are welcomed, informed and supported. We truly appreciate all you do to for our school.

Attendance continues to be a major focus for 2023. Students being here everyday and on time, gives them the best chance to settle into class routines and progress in their learning.

*Thank you to all those families who contact the school, teacher, or use one of our on-line platforms to let us know when their child is away.*

*It is truly appreciated.*

## MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL CAROLINE CHURCHILL

Thank you to our student leaders for their first experience (in week 2) of leading a school assembly. While this assembly was more of a welcome back to staff and students, and did not include the wider school community, it is still quite a daunting task to stand up in front of a whole school and run an assembly. In week 4 the assembly item will be presented by C6. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

*Caroline Churchill*

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

### EC1 NEWS

This week in EC1 is all about learning the names and the sounds of letters S A T P and correct writing formation of the letters. We have also been discussing what makes us special and their own qualities they have as a person. EC1 have painted their first portrait of themselves with a comment of why they are enjoying Pre- Primary.





## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



# B4

B4 has been making fried rice to celebrate Chinese New Year. B4 enjoyed making the fried rice with lots of vegetables.





# IMPORTANT SCIENCE ROOM SAFETY INFORMATION

Dear Parents

There are number of regulation and requirements related to Safety of the Student in a Science Teaching Laboratory as we have at Yale PS. Having a dedicated science laboratory teaching room in primary schools is a relatively new phenomenon so the guidelines are still being modified for the primary school. However, tried and tested guidelines are followed.

The students have been taught the **Safety Rules** and are reminded throughout the school year. Department of Education protocols are adhered to, this includes hand wash and gel, equipment spray with antiseptic for desks and bench surfaces.

We thought you would like to know some of the needs for a safe learning environment for your child and that they are adhered to.

The physical safety needs related to fire, chemical, water, electricity, the handling of animals and gardening at primary school level are as necessary at primary level as they are at high school level. We have standard protocols and equipment installed, for example, fire blankets, fire extinguishers, buckets of sand, eye flush hoses and first aid ice etc.

No running or throwing – commonsense rules in any classroom.

Gardening gloves are used in the garden and face-masks if we are using potting mix and manure in the bedding stages. Children are taught to use equipment such as shovels, trowels, gardening forks and hoes correctly and safely.

Mixing chemicals we only use kitchen level chemicals, plastic gloves and eye protection are worn, handling of glass containers is taught and adhered to.

Gloves are used when handling earthworm materials, changing water in tanks, feeding and watering butterflies, chicks or any other animal that is being observed from time to time in the science room. Hands are washed immediately after all these activities.

Correct safety protocols are taught and followed when using power tools, saws, hammers, craft knives, screw drives and other basic construction materials.

**Basic closed footwear** must be worn when in the science room. **Long hair and fringes need to be tied up or secured in a hair net** to stop the hair falling over a students face which may prevent clear, **unobscured vision** when touching mixtures, tools, electrical circuitry (batteries only) or with animal enclosures that they maybe working with. **Loose flowing clothing or jewellery also needs to be contained.**

These regulations are **not negotiable**, as they are needed for the safety of your child and others in the class. It would be disappointing for your child if they had to sit and observe rather than participate.

There have been very few incidents at our school that fall in breach of the regulations, and the occasions have been quietly and amicably resolved, but we thought you would like to know that we take Science room safety seriously. The following is the Draft Advice for Primary Schools from the Education Department of Western Australia

Lessons use a variety of strategies and topics aligned to the Australian Curriculum. These include individual and group tasks, collection of data over a period of time either individually or as a team member. A variety of written and illustrated genre are used to allow students to demonstrate their understanding of skills and concepts being presented such as, flow charts, detailed labelled diagrams and report writing. All students are expected to complete all set work within a timely framework and to the best of their ability.

Sometimes students will need to collect data after school and over the weekend particularly if they are involved with Science Talent Search, PEAC or personal projects with my supervision. Familial and parental input is welcome! If you have a relative that would like to speak to our students in a specialist science area – please speak with me, or Glen Read (Principal)

Regards

**Cathie Donaldson** - Science Teacher



## YALE PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

The Yale P&C would like to officially welcome everyone to the start of a new school year, and extend a warm welcome to all our new families. The P&C has a Facebook page that keeps you up to date with school events, P&C meetings, and the ability to ask questions to other parents. Just search for "Yale Primary School P&C".

**Our first event for the year is:**

**Yale Primary School P&C 2023 AGM**

**Monday 20th February at 3.30pm held in "The Shed"**

**(Directional signs will be placed around the school)**

All current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

If you wish to nominate someone or yourself for any of the above positions please email [yalepandc@hotmail.com.au](mailto:yalepandc@hotmail.com.au)

**We need at least 12 people to attend this meeting as without an active P&C the canteen will close and there won't be any of the fantastic fundraising events that we hold each year, such as Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day Stall, Disco, Colour Runs etc! The current committee has become more committed with their personal jobs, and our president has left the school so we need some new people to take on roles within the committee and assist in organising events. Perhaps you would like to take on a shadow role of a committee member this year to learn the ropes? Please consider this and do not just leave it up to someone else, many hands make light work!**

All are welcome, you can be a parent, grandparent, aunty, uncle, friend, citizen etc.

A gold coin donation is all that is required to join the P&C and be able to vote.

Hope to see you there! Please join our Facebook page as listed above to let us know you are coming!



### Raising Children in a Digital World

South East Metro Parenting Support Services

For Parents and Carers of Children 4-12 years

1-session (Online)

Workshop Overview

Participants will learn strategies to help them support their children in a digital world including how to best use technology to enhance their child's development, rather than detract from it.



DATES

Friday

24 February 2023



TIME

9.30am - 11.30am



LOCATION

Online

(link will be forwarded once registrations are closed)



COST

Free



CRECHE

Not available



BOOKINGS

08 9251 5777



[parenting@communicare.org.au](mailto:parenting@communicare.org.au)



[www.communicare.org.au](http://www.communicare.org.au)

### Book club

Scholastic book club Issue 1 orders have now been closed. Orders should arrive within 2 weeks.

### Southern River Hockey Club

COME AND JOIN THE HAWKS FAMILY



  
SOUTHERN RIVER  
HOCKEY CLUB



Online registrations for the 2023 Winter Hockey season are now open. For more information, please contact Juniors Coordinator, Melanie via email:

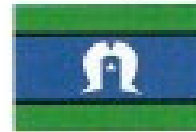
[juniors@southernriverhockey.asn.au](mailto:juniors@southernriverhockey.asn.au)

or on 0419 044 351

# Langford Aboriginal Association

Term 1, 2023

Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April




LANGFORD ABORIGINAL ASSOCIATION'S


## *International Women's Day*

### *Morning Tea*

**Wednesday 8th March 2022**  
10:30am - 12:30pm

**15 Imber Turn**  
**LANGFORD WA 6147**  
(Parking available at the netball courts)

 International Women's Day



You must register for this event!  
For more information please contact Admin on 9451 1424 or [admin@laalangford.org.au](mailto:admin@laalangford.org.au)



Transport is available to attend  
LAA programs!

Making it easier to attend our weekly programs  
for those in the local area. Call admin for more info.

PLEASE NOTE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING ALL PROGRAM DELIVERY DATES/TIMES ARE CORRECT.

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO THE ONGOING EFFECTS OF COVID-19 THESE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO KEEP OUR PARTICIPANTS UP TO DATE IF CHANGES DO OCCUR.



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# Together We Learn

A free play-based Pre-Kindy program for children starting Kindergarten in 2024 and their carers



The playgroup runs once a week during Terms 2 and 3.  
(Begins Week 2 of each term)

The program is designed to develop your child's independence and confidence in transitioning to kindergarten.

We aim to work together with you their parents, in supporting your child's development, through facilitation and visits from health professionals, educators, and key community services. We offer a variety of fun, age-appropriate activities for children and parents to engage in each week.

**Date:** Commences Monday 1 May 2023

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Venue:** Yale Primary School, Sage Road, Thornlie

For more information please:

Call 9235 7032 or email: [CPCBrookman@parkerville.org.au](mailto:CPCBrookman@parkerville.org.au)

Bookings  
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