

YANGAN SS NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 8 – 2023

WEEKLY EXPECTATION: BE RESPONSIBLE– I WILL BE A
POSITIVE ROLE MODEL TO OTHERS

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- Year 3/4 – Ms Kate Tilbrook (Tues + Wed)
- Year Prep/1/2 - Ms Ange Washbourne
- The Arts– Ms Lisa Holden
- LOTE – Ms Lisa Holden
- HPE – Ms Ange Washbourne
- Technologies – Mr Steven Grogan
- Teacher Aide - Mrs Petrina Lamb
- Teacher Aide - Mrs Kate Grayson
- Teacher Aide - Mrs Kylie O'Dea
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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year! As we approach the last stretch, it's hard to believe there are only 12 school days left. The end-of-year excitement is palpable, especially in classrooms where students are engaged in some fascinating activities.

In the 5/6 class, students have delved into lifelike financial mathematics, while the 3/4 class has been busy tackling various angles. Meanwhile, the P/1/2 class has wrapped up the term with some beautiful poetry. It's truly heart-warming to witness high-quality work samples land on my desk, and nothing beats the joy of praising our younger students for their outstanding poetry pieces.

As we gear up for the final weeks, we have exciting events on the horizon. Next week, we dive into swimming sessions, followed by our carnival in week 10, Year 4-6 STEM excursion, and, of course, the highly anticipated End of Year Celebration. There's still plenty to look forward to!

I want to extend my apologies for the recent influx of forms that have made their way home. Rest assured, I am actively working on refining our systems for the upcoming year to streamline the process and alleviate any inconvenience.

Here's to a fantastic conclusion to the school year.

STAFFING 2023

We are very excited to announce that our staffing model for 2023 will remain the same:

P/1/2 – Ms. Ange Washbourne

3/4 – Ms. Kate Tilbrook (Wed/Thurs) & Mr Grogan (Mon/Tues)

5/6 – Ms. Lisa Holden

Our Fun Fridays will remain the same with our specialist lessons and library.
We look forward to working with this successful model again in 2024.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BUSHFIRES

A Community Recovery Hub will operate this Saturday 25th Nov, from 9am to 3pm for Swanfels and Upper Freestone residents.

Hub location: Yangan School of Arts Hall (tbc)

Date: Saturday 25th Nov

Time: 9am - 3 pm (agency set up by 8:30 am)

Present will be the Qld Department of Communities' Community Recovery Team assisting community members in processing financial assistance grants, along with Red Cross, Lifeline, Salvation Army, and other relevant agencies offering specific support packages.

As before - If you are an organisation providing disaster-specific assistance to affected community members, you are invited and encouraged to have a presence at the hall.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BUSHFIRES

Any questions, please contact James Wong at Southern Downs Regional Council

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END OF YEAR CELEBRATION PLAN

Our End of Year Celebration will begin at 6pm on Thursday 07/12/23. Please bring a plate to share as we will have nibbles from 5:15pm. All family members and community members are most welcome to attend. Our celebration will take place in the Big Shed.



You're Invited to



Yangan State School End of Year Celebration

Thursday 7th December 2023 6:00pm (5:15pm refreshments)

Program of Events

- Principal's Welcome
- P&C President's Report
- Pre-Prep Presentation
- 3/4 Reflection of Term 1 (slideshow of Term 1 activities)
- 3/4 Performance Introduction |
- 3/4 Performance "The Greatest Show"
- 3/4 Book Presentation
- Choir Performance Introduction
- Choir Performance "A Million Dreams"
- P/1/2 Reflection of Term 2 (slideshow of Term 2 activities)
- P/1/2 Performance Introduction
- P/1/2 Performance "Come Alive"
- P/1/2 Book Presentation
- 5/6 Reflection of Term 3 (slideshow of Term 3 activities)
- 5/6 Performance Introduction
- 5/6 Performance "This is Me"
- 5/6 Book Presentation
- Student Council Reflection of Term 4 (slideshow of Term 4 activities)
- School Leaders' Report & Leadership Handover (Leadership Team Announced)
- Presentation to Year 6 students
- Year 6 PowerPoint Presentation
- Principal's Conclusion

GARDEN PROJECT

One of my main goals of 2024 has been the creation of a vegetable garden for our school community. After the sad loss of our beloved yellow fort, the space left behind lent itself as the perfect spot for us to grow some fruit and vegetables. I did some research and applied for three separate grants in the hope of securing some funding to make this possible. Much to my surprise all three grants were successful- one from Landcare, one from the Macintyre Wind Farm and one from the Department of Health titled 'Pick of the crop'. With these three grants combined we were able to go big on our garden!

Vegetable beds were ordered, a pad was established and the creation began. Many hands made light work and it was great to have parents and community members working together to assemble the beds. The students loved getting involved and shovelling the dirt into the beds has been a highlight of the last fortnight. Now that the beds are filled, the fruit trees are in and the seeds have been planted. The students are loving checking the progress and even the playgroup got involved planting some butterfly friendly seeds to attract pollinators to our garden.

The aim of our vegetable garden is for it is to be a space for everyone. The playgroup has low gardens for easy access, the bench is a space for anyone to take a rest and the fruit trees and raised beds will hopefully soon be providing healthy produce for the kids and families alike to enjoy.

My vision is that our community feels ownership of this new space. That at school pick up parents feel able to pick up the hose and give the plants a quick water or younger siblings search for a snow pea or carrot while waiting for the bell, or even we have a glut of something we can donate to the wider community.

A garden is a place of happiness and seeing all of our efforts over the past year to make this space a reality has really put a smile on my face. Thank you everyone for helping to achieve this!

Kate Tilbrook

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Vege Garden before and after:







FISCHER CUP – TENNIS

A special thanks to Mrs. Fischer for joining us at Monday's parade to present the trophy to the winning team. Mrs. Fischer shared some insightful details about the trophy's origins from her days cleaning at our school, adding a unique perspective. Congratulations again to our champions, Brodie and Zinedine and our runners-up, Kassidy and Mayah. We look forward to the excitement of next year's tournament!



READING PARTY

Students have a final two-week window to immerse themselves in reading. Those utilising Accelerated Reader will be evaluated based on the number of quizzes/words completed. For students in P-2, reading logs are available, providing a space to record books read independently or with an adult in recent weeks. Remember, the journey of reading and achievement continues not only until the school year concludes but also throughout the upcoming holidays! Keep those pages turning!

ACCELERATED READER

If you are having issues with logging in to Accelerated Reader firstly try the following:

Website: <https://global-zone60.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1439679>

Username (School login) – asmith163

Password (D.O.B 9th September 2026) - 9926

Please see Mrs Lamb for any further clarification.

STEM EXCURSION

Thank you to the students that have returned their permission form for the Year 4-6 STEM excursion to Killarney SS. The bus will leave on Tuesday at 8:30am from school so make sure you are nice and early on this morning. P-3 will remain at school and will catch the normal bus to swimming.

Please return all notes by tomorrow morning (Thursday).

SWIMMING

Thank you again to the students that have returned their permission form for swimming. Please note that tuckshop will still go ahead next week, it will simply arrive earlier at school. Please remember to pack a towel, bag for wet swim gear, thongs, sunscreen and goggles for swimming. As it is outside, a swim shirt will also be essential.

Please return all notes by tomorrow morning (Thursday).

Invoices have also been emailed out for swimming. Please follow the instructions on the invoice or pay via cash to Tracey in the office. Please pay \$10 per student by Friday 24th November.

END OF YEAR CLEANING TASKS

At the end of each year we appreciate parental help to get the equipment/resources in our classroom cleaned and ready for next year. There are a variety of tasks that need completing; some that can be done at home, some at school. If you can help out, a list of jobs is displayed in the P/1/2 classroom so that you can choose what might suit you. Just write your name next to your preferred job and tick off when completed. Any help is very much appreciated. Thank you.

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Can you help?

Listed below are some jobs that need completing before the end of the school year. If you can lend a hand please put your name next to the task you could do and tick off when completed. **Thankyou for your contribution to our classroom!**

Task	Name	Completed
Wash dolls clothes (Home)-anytime		
Wooden blocks wiped over-wk 9/10		
Duplo/Lego etc washed-anytime		
Other plastic toys washed-anytime		
Sandpit/cubby house toys washed-wk 9/10		
Wash play dough toys-anytime		
Tidy collage trolley (sharpen pencils etc.)-wk10		
Wipe over puzzles-wk 9/10		
Wash down paint easels-anytime		
Wash paint smocks-wk 10		
Wash cushion covers(home)-wk 10		
Sort and wipe book corner books		
Pull down posters/sounds in classroom - Wk 9/10		
Wipe words off sound posters - wk 9/10		

You may like to work in a group and make the task more manageable and social.

Thanks again, Ange, Kate & Petrina.

STEM EXCURSION

AG-TECH *Innovations*

OUTLINE | 1HR

OUR STEM JOURNEY

About us
What is AgTech

BUILD AGTECH CIRCUITS

AGTECH AUTOMATION DEMONSTRATION



DRONES *Machine Vision*

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OUR STEM JOURNEY

About us
What is STEM?
Drones in Industry

CAREERS IN STEM

MACHINE VISION TECHNOLOGY



STEM EXCURSION

The Science of **SPACE**

OUTLINE | 1HR

CAREERS IN STEM

Brainstorm Activity
What is STEM?

SPACE WORKSHOP

Life On Other Planets
The Solar System
Spectroscopy

WRAP UP



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our Year 5 prospective leaders delivered some outstanding speeches last Wednesday. It is one of the closest races and every student has polled remarkably well. It has been so close that votes have ended up in a tie for school captain. Our leaders will be announced at our End of Year Celebration.

The structure will now be:

3x School Captains

2x Sport Captains

3x Student Council Leaders (President, Secretary and Treasurer)

PLAYGROUP

We had a fantastic turnout to Playgroup this week and celebrated many birthdays in the group. We snapped some heart-warming photos of our little helpers in the front garden.



CALENDAR EVENTS

Term 4 –

STEM Excursion – Year 4, 5 & 6 – Week 9 – 28th November

Swimming – Week 9

Swimming Carnival – Week 10 Monday

Presentation night - Thursday Week 10 7th December.

2024 -

Long term date claimer – Yangan SS 150th celebration - Saturday 14th September 2024

P&C UPDATES

- Raffle tickets are still available. If you need extras please contact Tegan. All tickets sold or unsold are due back with the money by 6th December. We are still accepting prizes up to the day of the raffle.
- Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers for all your help over the year with our fundraisers. We look forward to what next year brings.



BUNNINGS
warehouse



Prep Transition



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Week 5 & 6



GARDEN CONSTRUCTION

FOREMAN LOY



READING
EXTRAVAGANZA



CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS

William C	Be Safe Award
Brodie	Be Respectful Award
Mayah	Be Responsible Award
Riley	Be Respectful Award
Imogen	Be Safe Award
Levi	Learning/Curriculum achievement
Jemima	Learning/Curriculum achievement
Max	Learning/Curriculum achievement
William W	Learning/Curriculum achievement