Yangan State School News

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and students

At Yangan SS, we regularly follow-up on students to ensure they strive to achieve their best possible result. We don’t want them to just ‘have a go’, we expect all students to ‘give their best effort always’.

Semester One Report Cards are issued at the end of this term. All students need to ensure they bring their positive attitudes and quality behaviour to their learning performances at school every day.

I know our school families support these views and appreciate school staff maintaining the high standards of academic performance and behaviour. Let’s continue to work together to ensure Yangan SS remains a great school.

What is Explicit Instruction?

This year you may have heard your child talking about warm ups and WALTs (We are learning to). This represents parts of the model for explicit instruction (a model of how we teach) which is designed to be systematic, direct, engaging and success oriented.

A warm up activity is designed to engage students in the topic; in some cases this involves revising what has occurred in the previous lesson to move information from short term to long term memory.

Explicit instruction is a sequence of supports:

- WALT (We are learning to…) - setting a purpose for learning (how & when skill/strategy will be used)
- telling students what to do
- showing them how to do it
- guiding their hands-on application of the new learning
- and learning by reflecting

Explicit instruction begins with setting the stage for learning, followed by a clear explanation of what to do (telling), followed by modelling of the process (showing), followed by multiple opportunities for practice (guiding) until independence is attained.

Explicit instruction moves systematically from extensive teacher input and little student responsibility initially to total student responsibility and minimal teacher involvement at the conclusion of our quality differentiated teaching and learning model (Explicit Instruction).

Strengthening discipline

While the majority of students come to school ready to learn, a very small percentage do the wrong thing and misbehave - that’s why the Queensland Government is strengthening discipline in state schools. “Strengthening Discipline in Queensland State Schools” is the first of 15 strategies being introduced under the Government's new Great Teachers = Great Results initiative to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students.

Strategies include:

- giving principals greater powers to discipline students
- cutting red tape and streamlining processes for exclusions, suspensions and cancellations of enrolment
- developing more alternative learning environments for students with complex behaviour needs

SCHOOL VALUE:
CARING
This Week’s Focus:
I stay where I know I am safe
implementing new behaviour contracts with students and families

During next term we will be reviewing and developing our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan in collaboration with our school community.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s education or any other school related matter, please have no hesitation in contacting the school (4664 8224) or emailing me at the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au

Have a great week.
Regards, Ian Rathmell

SCHOOL NEWS

Gotcha Values Awards

Improving – Emma Mauch (for improving in her ability to use an effective strategy during an assessment task)

Congratulations to Emma as the recipient of this special award. Emma received this award for her personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Prep/Year One Excursion

Prep/Year One students had a fabulous time on their excursion to Warwick yesterday. They learnt important fire safety at the Fire Station and even got to squirt the fire hose. At Pringle Cottage they had a glimpse into the past and found out how different life was over 100 years ago! Thank you to parent helpers. Your support was invaluable! Congratulations children, on your great behaviour. Many positive comments were received.

Southern Downs/Darling Downs Cross Country

Congratulations to Ethan Kelly and Aiden Steele who participated admirably in the Southern Downs Cross Country at Allora last week. Both performed well and Aiden has been selected to participate in the Darling Downs event. Best of luck, Aiden.

Year 4/5/6/7 News

On Monday afternoon we had a special visitor to our school. Evelyn Burnett came to share her life in the Torres Strait with us. She used a PowerPoint to show us how people lived in the Torres Strait. She shared information, stories and a dance. There are five cluster groups in the Torres Strait. Many people use dinghies, ferries and planes to get from island to island. She came to assist Year 4/5 with their history and understanding of Indigenous people and Torres Strait islanders. We thoroughly enjoyed her presentation.

On behalf of Year 4/5/6/7 we would like to thank Evelyn for giving up her time to share her life in the Torres Strait.

P&C News

Mother’s Day Morning Tea

Last Wednesday the P & C held its annual Mother’s Day Morning Tea. We had a great crowd of parents and locals who enjoyed the home baking and a cuppa.
Blue Care and Killarney Aged Care both bought people along. This is the second year that Blue Care has attended our morning tea. Both groups really enjoyed their day out and it would be great to see them next year.
The raffle prizes and lucky door prizes were provided very generously by local businesses. Charlie, Kate and Colette drew the raffle tickets. Both Kate and Colette drew their own names and generously re-donated the prizes they won. Thank you to the parents who contributed to this morning tea. The baking contributions, the setting up, the beautifully decorated tables, and of course the clean up afterwards are all times when the parents have got together to support this event.
This very enjoyable morning helped raise the P & C approximately $590. The money raised goes directly to your P & C to be used to help create and improve the learning environment and school environment for every student.

Next P&C Meeting is Wednesday 5 June at 3.15pm
Jump Rope for Heart News
Jump Rope for Heart was first introduced in 1983. This year it celebrates its 30th Birthday. Since then it has been implemented in thousands of schools across Australia.

Remember to keep fundraising, keep skipping and most importantly…keep having fun!

Heart Health Tip #1
One of the simplest ways to make your favourite recipes healthier is by substituting ingredients with one of the 1100 Heart Foundation Tick approved foods in supermarkets. Jump on-line http://www.heartfoundation.org.au to discover some delicious and healthy recipes for your next meal.

A healthy heart is a happy heart!

Book Nook Quotes
‘Books had instant replay long before televised sports.’
Bern Williams

‘There is wonder in reading Braille that the sighted will never know: to touch words and have them touch you back.’
Jim Fiebig
CURRICULUM CORNER

Yangan State School’s values and beliefs about behaviour and learning directly relates to Education Queensland’s *Code of School Behaviour*. Our school’s values and beliefs underpin our Responsible Behaviour Plan. Our school aspires to securing success for all our students by:

- Caring for one another;
- Improving our performances; and
- Contributing to our school community.

The following list of school values are on wall charts throughout the school. As a part of daily teaching we often refer to these values. During weekly parades we select a particular school value and discuss its importance.

**Improving Values are**

- I accept other’s apologies.
- I give people a second chance.
- I own up and learn from my mistakes.
- I think for myself.
- I do the best I can to do quality work.
- I participate well in lessons.
- I come to classes prepared.
- I reflect on work and play.

We will share the school value of *contributing* in our next curriculum corner. At the end of semester we provide feedback to you on your child’s progress in our school values.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BRING CULTURAL EXCHANGE INTO YOUR HOME!

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

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