**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

What a great term we have had! Students have been actively engaged in many educational activities. So much fun, with so much learning!

Reports went home on Monday. If you have any queries please make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss these.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing break … if you are lucky enough to grab some time from your busy schedules.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to three of our Year 6 students who have gained positions in programs at some outstanding government schools. What a wonderful achievement!

**Perth Mod Academic Extension:**

- Alex Cottle
- Jennifer Le Pham
- Arad Mirzaei

**Mt Lawley Languages Program:**

- Alex Millar

Our rich and varied curriculum provided great opportunities for our students to gain these prestigious positions by supporting their personal development, and academic growth and excellence.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2017**

Kindergarten enrolments are due now. If you have a child who is to be part of the Kindy program next year, please enrol by **22 July 2016**. Please do not hesitate to ring or come into the office if you have any queries.

**Adventure Playground**

As most of you have seen, this has begun! It will take about 3 - 4 weeks to complete. We will be posting photos of the journey on our webpage for all of you who are unable to visit school due to work commitments.

**Japanese Visitors**

We are privileged to have Japanese Students from GOLD Intercultural Learning coming again to visit YPS on Monday 1 August. The group of students will be based at Mount Lawley Senior High School and is visiting local schools to share cultural experiences. They will be coming and instructing some of the senior students on the art of calligraphy writing. This is a fantastic way to support our students in developing their understanding of other cultures.

**Parent Help**

We are in the process of ordering a new shed. To reduce the cost, we would love to have some help early next term to erect this. If you are able to help on a Saturday, could you please let us know what times best suit you. Please phone 9242 2726 or email me on Kim.Fraser@education.wa.edu.au

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**Important Events**

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**Japanese News**
I am very happy with the progress that students have made in their Japanese speaking skills in a Semester 1. Some students will have the opportunity to practise these skills when Japanese exchange students Yokine Primary School in Term 3.

On July 25 (Monday of Week 2), students will have the opportunity to taste some Japanese foods. To be more sustainable and reduce plastic waste (that can take 500 years to breakdown) I am requesting that students bring their own reusable plate and cup. Chopsticks will be provided. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

You might like to check out my webpage for Japanese language, traditional and pop culture at http://kurashosensei.weebly.com/

yoi yasumi o,
Have a lovelly break,
Andrea Kurasho
Japanese Language Teacher

**Merit Awards**

| Room 2 | Bailey Pilapil, Ali Boussi, Cameron Pickett, |
| Room 3 | Rodrigo Prazeres, Kyra Chiko |
| Room 4 | Sophia Souris, Anna Munk-Nielsen, Rafay Hamid, |
| Room 7 | Arshin Allikhan, Aryan Acharya, |
| Room 10 | Ben Anderson, Oscar Robinson, Hunter Seager, Kaya Lacey, |
| Room 11 | Ally Davis, Pacificle Dufitimukiza, Alexander Millar, Marija Pavlovic, Hayley Barnes |

**Lexile Awards**

**BLUE:** Alaaqua Marshall, Ethan Budd-Christie, Chloe Whittaker, Bailey Pilapil, Hellen Tonet, Joel Simms, Mya Boussi, Sienna Kelly, Mariam Aoun, Steven Sanouvong, Romeo Lyszkowicz, Hadi Mantach, Stephan Kapadia, Pacificle Dufitimukiza, Taylah Bonney, Marj Joy Ante, Darryl Waswa, Arya Meshkat Hazrati

**RED:** Harry McCabe, Joseph Ante, Hellen Tonet, Eddy Yang, Vaishavi Chauhan, Sera Trinh, Abbey Mcfarlane, Matthew Kikiros, Kye Candy, Mya Boussi, Noah Furtado, Vanessa Tran

**BRONZE:** Sarah Davis, James Durkin, Aryan Acharya, Matthew Kikiros, Brendan Gannon

**SILVER:** Aryan Acharya, Alisha Yau, Teddie Lei

**GOLD:** Om Kadam, Aryan Acharya

**Mindfulness**
This may seem the current “buzz” word but it is for great reasons we are beginning to take our students on this journey.

Mindfulness is good for our kids. There is an emerging body of research that indicates mindfulness can help children improve their abilities to pay attention, to calm down when they are upset and to make better decisions. In short, it helps with emotional regulation and cognitive focus.

**Keep it simple.** Mindfulness is a big word for young kids to understand. Put simply, mindfulness is awareness. It is noticing our thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations, and anything that is happening right now.

The purpose of teaching mindfulness to our children is to give them skills to develop their awareness of their inner and outer experiences, to recognize their thoughts as “just thoughts,” to understand how emotions manifest in their bodies, to recognize when their attention has wandered, and to provide tools for impulse control.

It is not a panacea, and it will not completely get rid of what is, frankly, normal kid behaviour. Tantrums, loudness, whining, exuberance and arguing are normal parts of being a child.

**Band**
An amazing performance from the band rendition of Hey Brother by Avicii. Thank you to the band members and a special thanks to Mrs Banning for all her outstanding effort in coordinating these wonderful performances.

**Lost Property**
The lost property bins are over flowing!!!! If your child has lost any school uniforms please come and have a look in the lost property bins located in the Photocopying Room.

Please label all your children's clothing, that way lost property can be returned to your child.
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Life Education Van
All the students had a wonderful and engaging time attending the Life Ed Van last week. Children were involved in activities that help them to develop relationships skills, positive communication, both face to face and online, problem solving and decision making skills.

New Signage
Our new signage has finally arrived!

It all looks fantastic and we have had lots of visitors comment on how fresh and up to date our school looks!

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Sports News
Jump Rope for Heart
The school has registered to participate in Jump Rope for Heart and the event will be held on Friday, 5th August in Term 3. Please visit the web site http://www.jumprope.org.au/Pages/default.aspx and click on the Parents tab to find out important information about the program. Donations can be made online to this worthy cause at http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Yokine-Primary-School-YOKINE-WA-122474. Thank you to the parents who have already donated and we currently have $51. There are great prizes to be won for special fundraising efforts. Starting with thirty dollars students can win a skipping rope.

Mr C. Lunardi

Science News
National Science Week will be held between 13th-21st August with the theme being Drones, Droids and Robots. The theme centres on the real-world application of autonomous technologies in areas including agriculture, mining, manufacturing, medicine and space and deep ocean exploration. Technology has transformed our day-to-day lives – from robot vacuum cleaners and lawn mowers to automated pool cleaners. Help celebrate the importance of science and technology in our world by being involved in anything relating to science and technology in the lead-up and during National Science Week. For more information visit http://www.scienceweek.net.au. 

Mr C. Lunardi

Lunch Special
Friday 1st July
Homemade Macaroni Cheese only $3.00

Canteen News
The canteen is now open only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week. When there is a Friday canteen special, Claire would love to have a volunteer to assist her between 12 and 1pm (1 hour only) as it can get very busy. Training and a cup of tea will be provided. Also, those who volunteer in the canteen will receive 5 faction points!

IMPORTANT NOTICE
WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL
Please be aware that some of our students have a SEVERE allergic reaction to peanuts / nuts and peanut / nut products.

It would be appreciated if you could ensure that food brought to school for playtime and lunch does not contain any peanuts or peanut / nut products.
PAYMENT OPTIONS

We are pleased to offer multiple options for receiving payments at Yokine Primary School

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Credit card payments can be made using the QKR app:

The new Qkr (pronounced ‘quicker’) phone app is available for families of students at Yokine PS. Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply select Yokine PS from ‘Nearby Locations’ on Qkr or type YOKPS after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr, and then the app will always recognise you as part of the school in future to make payments even easier.

QKR is safe, secure and fully backed by MasterCard and the Commonwealth Bank. All Credit Card details are encrypted meaning you have peace of mind knowing your information is not accessible and remains confidential.

BANK TRANSFER

Payments can be accepted directly into our bank account:

A/c name: Yokine School Fund
BSB: 066 127
Account Number: 00900206
Reference: Student name and class
Please email yokine.ps@education.wa.edu.au with the details of your payment.

CASH/CHEQUE

Payments are to be placed in a sealed envelope in the Payments ‘mail box’ attached to the Front Office Reception counter – the envelope marked CLEARLY with the following:

Student Full Name
Class number
Reason for Payment
$ Amount enclosed

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Kids Group Fitness Class

Monday 25th July - Monday 19th September
4:00 - 4:45pm  |  $100.00 for 9 sessions

Louise 0414 319 696  |  feelfitness.com.au
Louise@feelfitness.com.au  |  Loftus Community Centre

look forward to hearing from you!
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