NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Kim Fraser

From all the great reviews from parents and staff, Open night last Monday was a great success! It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members come along to celebrate the amazing work the children do here at YPS!

The best part of the night for most of the children was the opening of the Adventure Playground! Even though it was raining and cold it didn’t stop them from having a wonderful play on the equipment.

A very big thank you to the P & C who cut the ribbon and officially opened the Adventure Playground.

This has been used non stop since its opening and is used not only for play but also as an outdoor classroom for many learning areas. The Kindy and Pre Primary students also use it further supporting play based education.

Building Works
Previously the School Board and P&C sent a letter to Parents and Carers about the condition of our school. In raising those concerns there have been numerous conversations and correspondence with the Department of Education requesting meaningful action be taken around the Quadrangle area. These efforts have received the full support of the School Board, P&C, community and YPS’s local Member of Parliament, the Honourable Mr Michael Sutherland MLA. These requests have taken place against the backdrop of difficult economic conditions for Government. We noted that we intended to be patient with a response from the Education Department, but to a limit, before taking any further action. Despite this difficult environment, we are pleased to report that the following remedial work is now to be undertaken which will significantly benefit the look and feel of the School. It is a welcome addition to our new Nature playground.

We look forward to these works being completed during the next school holidays and once again thank Mr Sutherland MLA for his support. Where appropriate we will also continue to engage with the Department of Education about additional improvements that can be made to YPS to continue to enhance our great School.

Kim Fraser (Principal), Brad Gannon (Board Chair) and Kelly Barnes (P&C President)
What’s Happening at YPS!

**MERIT AWARDS**

**Room 2**  Akshath Poludasu, Bianca Di Scerni, James Stramsek,
**Room 3**  Ava O’Heare, Lenoxx Lyszkowicz,
**Room 4**  Sienna Kelly, Sarah Davis
**Room 5**  Sophie Talbot, Levi Barbaro, Luke Fisher
**Room 6**  Aneesha Barbier-Verios, Aidan Piacentini, Annabel Grieve
**Room 7**  Bella Gil, Scarlett Vallerine,
**Room 10**  Rori-Cate McCutcheon, John Vu,
**Room 11**  Mana McCrae-Roberts, Mason Audet

**LEXILE AWARDS**

**BLUE**  Kathryn Rankin, Jaylah Frederico, Lisa Cafagna, Anastasija Postoloski, Rishi Limbachiya
**RED**  Ethan Budd-Christie, Hellen Tonet, Arya Meshkat Hazrati, Presley McGuinness, Hadi Mantach,
**BRONZE**  Daryl Waswa, Sarah Davis, Julia Petrut
**SILVER**  Rylan Candy
**GOLD**  Lulu Taher, Waiman Chen

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**Book Fair**
A huge thank you for everyone’s support at the Book Fair. We sold $3108 worth of books which means the school can purchase more books to value of $932. Congratulations to the winners of the three $20 vouchers: **Auron Room 7**, **Anastasija Room 2** and **Kaya Room 10**.

Julia Croswell Librarian

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**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.

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**Pictures tell a thousand words.**

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**Friendly Student Award**
Jennifer won the Friendly Student Award at the assembly on 12 August. She used her Getting Along skills, by inviting a fellow student to skip with her.

Well done Jennifer.
What's Happening at YPS!

Room 5 News
This term, Room 5 has been learning all about countries around the world. We have been writing persuasive texts about why you should visit these countries. We have even done some amazing Olympic art using different shades of paint and carefully cutting out athlete silhouettes.

We have learned about the countries and athletes that were participating in the Olympic Games this year. We now know all about the history of the Olympics and the lots of different sports and games in which the athletes compete.

Room 5’s assembly item was all about the Olympic Games. We decided which our favourite sports were and worked very hard together in our little groups (even during recess and lunch) to choreograph the steps to our dances.

Some of us in Room 5 were feeling a little nervous to get on stage as it was our very first time! We did lots of practising and realised that it is okay to feel nervous. We learnt that we can work through the butterflies in our tummies and still get on stage and perform.

Congratulations to Room 5, I am so proud of all your hard work and positive attitudes which made the assembly a success. You all got out on stage with confidence and smiles on your faces and performed like superstars!!!!

Miss Demasi

Chess Club
On Wednesday 17 August, the Yokine Primary School Chess Club invited Carmel Primary School Chess Club to come to the Art Room for a chess match at lunchtime. The students played very seriously, but amicably, for 45 minutes.

Our chess club meets every Wednesday in the Art Room after students have eaten their lunch. The Year 6 coordinators are Alex Cottle, Zavier Cullen and Clinton Pham. These students expertly assist in supervising and teaching students while they play then they pack up all chess sets at the end of the session.

Ms Justine Banning

Colour Run
You may have been wondering what these colourful tubs of batter are? Well this will soon be colourful powder for our very first COLOUR RUN. The P&C mums have been busy making this and will be making over 75kg of the colourful powder. Thank you P&C mums you are amazing !!!!

HELP: If you have any empty sauce bottles please drop off at the office.

Remember to find some old white or light coloured clothes to wear on the day.
What’s Happening at YPS!

Choir News

Last Friday night the Yokine School Choir, as part of a 4000 strong choir, participated in the One Big Voice festival at Perth Arena in front of an audience of 7000. It was a spectacular sight with amazingly talented performances.

Many thanks to Ms Banning for the many hours spent rehearsing with the choir and to Mrs Fitzpatrick and Ms Pynes who assisted with supervision.

Jump Rope for Heart

The final amount donated to the Jump Rope event was $1548 and has been greatly appreciated by field officers, Kelsey Hake and Amandeep Bajwa from the Heart Foundation. Prizes for students should arrive within two weeks as a big thank you to acknowledge the fundraising efforts. Sponsors who requested receipts will receive them in the mail to the address provided on the sponsorship form. Many thanks to parents and sponsors for supporting this worthy cause.

National Science Week

It was great to hear from students that a number of families attended the Perth Science Festival in Northbridge to help celebrate National Science Week. There were a variety of activities for everyone to get involved in and help to understand the importance of science in our daily lives.

Students in all classes completed special activities during the week relating to the theme Drones, Droids and Robots. They learnt what drones are and how they can be used, pictures of droids (androids) were shown and the likeness to humans amazed everyone. Robots and the important work they do in our world and the entertainment they’ve provided in movies like Star Wars and Wall-E, were discussed. Other activities included colouring in pictures of robots, throwing models of aeroplanes around, making paper aeroplanes and testing how far they could fly and making models of robots from templates.

Mr C. Lunardi

LUNCH SPECIAL

Friday 26 August
Beef Burgers or Chicken Burgers only $3.00

Faction Carnival Friday 2 September

Each year the P&C run a very popular cake stall at the sports carnival. We ask families to donate cakes, cookies, muffins, cupcakes or other tasty treats on the day. We will also be asking for volunteers to help serve cakes, which is a great way to meet all the lovely YPS students.
YPS PLAYGROUP

With a sign of Spring approaching
Flowers are blooming
Birds are chirping

Our lovely children are enjoying the outdoor play at the newly constructed Adventure Playground. They enjoy playing with the water pump the most. Recently, our pre-kindly children have been learning letters and sounds. They have been making art and craft related to the particular letter of the week.

YPS Playgroup continues to run every Tuesday
during the school term from
9am till 11am

As it is the second half of the school year now, we will only be collecting small contribution of $2.50 (one off fee) from new members to cover art and craft materials and some incidentals.

If you are interested, please contact

Sumaiya on 0406 631 113 or Lee on 0433 282 836
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.psig@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
Venue
Yokine Primary

Day
Monday's

Start Date
25th July

Time
3:20 – 4:20pm

Kit Bag
Please bring the following: Trainers - Sun Hat – Snacks - Plenty to Drink

Children are to meet the coaching team on the school oval directly after school.

This terms sports are: Soccer, Basketball & Footy

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