NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Kim Fraser

What a full on term and what great fun we have had! Book Fair, Open Night, National Science Week, Faction Carnival, Lapathon Colour Run and Interschool Sports Carnival. We could not have such a successful school without our amazing students, great staff, dedicated P & C and School Board and the support of our parents; we are very privileged to have such a welcoming and engaged community.

Thank you to the P & C who spent an inordinate amount of time making the ‘colours’ for the Colour Run. The event was so much fun! Parents can you please make sure that all forms and donations are returned to the P & C as soon as possible.

NAPLAN 2016

NAPLAN supports us in developing sustainable programs that continually support the academic achievement of all of our students. We had solid growth in our Year 3 data: in Writing we moved from below expected standard to expected level as with Grammar and Punctuation Numeracy, Reading and Spelling. Our Year 5 data showed a decline in Numeracy, Writing and Grammar and Punctuation. Spelling and Reading were as expected.

We have begun to use our analysis of all our data from NAPLAN and our in school assessments; ACER and Brightpath, to identify areas requiring focus and strategies to develop to support strengths and deficits. Development of a whole school approach to English is in progress and will be fully implemented in 2017.

Families Leaving

We have begun our planning for 2017. If you are not returning in 2017 to Yokine Primary School, could you please let the front office know as soon as possible as this has an impact on our classes for 2017.

Congratulations

Mrs Sue Bralich has been offered a promotion as Deputy Principal at Jolimont Primary School for Term 4. While we are all going to miss her greatly, this is a fantastic opportunity. We wish you well in your new leadership role Mrs Bralich. Ms Morton will be the Kindy Stars teacher for Term 4.
Message from School Board Chairman

The School Board met in week 7 of Term and set out below is a brief summary of some of the items discussed:

- As is usual, the Board reviewed the finances of the School including both income and expenses. We are pleased to report that voluntary Contributions made has reached a fantastic 91.77% of all Students. This is a great outcome for the School but most importantly the Students and makes a real difference to each and every one of them. As a result of this level of Contributions, the School was able to purchase the additional bank of computers [pictured below] which has been of great benefit to the learning environment and our students. For those who have not paid their 2016 voluntary Contribution there is still time to do so and you will be sent a reminder. Every dollar makes a real difference to the School;
- The Board was pleased with the outcome from the communications it initiated back in May 2016 on behalf of the School with respect to required repairs and maintenance. This will see just under $100,000 spent on the condition of the School during the Term 3 holidays. We are certainly looking forward to these works being completed and the difference it will make. It was pleasing to secure this level of commitment in a difficult economic environment for government;
- Student and Staff Numbers for 2017 were reviewed and are looking very positive. This is information we cannot release at this point but as soon as we are able to we will. New Parents and Carers to the School have commented on the wonderful feel of the School when visiting and of its great reputation in the local area;
- Contributions and Charges for 2017 were reviewed and approved – these will be released in Term 4 and are broadly reflective of this year’s charges;
- The progress on the second stage of our Adventure Playground involving a pathway and ‘mindfulness’ garden to be added near the Blue seat area was also discussed. This being a initiative previously approved. The work on this is scheduled to take place in school holidays and will be a welcome addition to our current Adventure Playground;
- The Board reviewed the School’s latest NAPLAN results to hand and our progress against the School’s targets. Staff are still reviewing the NAPLAN results and we will be reporting in future newsletters on the results and key points.

Thank you once again to all Parents and Carers for their support of the School through making voluntary Contributions – together we have made a real difference.

Regards
Brad Gannon
School Board Chair
What's Happening at YPS!

Room 6 News
This term Room 6 has been “travelling around the world” learning about different countries. We have been busy writing persuasive texts and have learnt lots of information about landmarks, food, culture and animals. We created lots of fantastic art work like our Giant Pandas from China. We have also been cooking and trying delicious food from Italy (pizza) and the Lebanon (chicken kebabs). After we cooked and ate the delicious food we wrote some procedures. In room 6 we have made passports and we are busy filling our suitcases with interesting facts about the countries we have visited.

Coding across the school!
Hello everyone, I noticed during the parent-teacher night a few weeks back that there was great curiosity surrounding what is being done in the computer labs this year with Digital Technology. As many of you know, DT has become its own area within the curriculum, and I would like to share with all of you what your children have been doing.

All students from years 1-6 have been busy coding since term 2. We’ve done pen and paper coding through CS unplugged, block coding puzzles through code.org, and directional languages through Lightbot. Most classes have also transitioned into using Scratch and Scratch Jr this term.

Scratch is another block coding program, but it’s used to make basic animations and games. Rather than focusing on directional languages and concepts like variables and conditionals, Scratch builds on these skills by allowing students to create with code. The junior years have been focusing on using Scratch Jr to make animations, while further developing their coding skills, while the upper years have been working with the more advanced program Scratch to create games, animations, chatbots, and quizzes.

I would like to ask all parents of students in the senior years (5-6) to have their children show them what they have been creating in Scratch. Some of the work that is coming out is truly outstanding. Unfortunately, Scratch Jr is being used on the tablets, and cannot be accessed from home. Nevertheless, I am extremely proud of the progress your children have made across the school in two short terms, and am looking forward to feeding back more information on their progress to you in term 4.

Paul Butler
Digital Technologies Teacher

CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING ALL PARENTS AND CARE GIVERS WELCOME TO ATTEND
Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Tuesday 25th October at 6.00pm in Room 8 (Term 4 Week 3) and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples’ privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they’re accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

Lorraine Manning
Curriculum Leader
What’s Happening at YPS!

**Colour Run**
What an enjoyable afternoon as we ??? Our first Colour Run, so many happy faces with huge grins and so many pleasurable comments from so many children “This is the best day ever”, “I’m having so much fun” and “I love the Colour Run” were some of the countless comments from the students. Thanks to Mr Lunardi for setting up and hosting the event. Immeasurable thanks goes to the tireless P&C who without their endless effort and organization these wonderful days would just not be able to occur. Remember to get your sponsorship money in ASAP.

**Minilit**
We were very excited to receive our new whiteboards to assist in the delivery of the Minilit Program.

Ms Stott, Mrs Fitzpatrick and all the students who attend Minilit would like to thank the hardworking P & C at Yokine Primary School who generously donated the funds to purchase two new whiteboards.
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Friendly Student Award

Charlie Filear—Getting along with Peer Mediators and being kind to her peers in the playground

Nate Lindquist, Daniel McFarlane, Lennox Fisher, Bayan Nematian, Nicholas Whitaker—To sit with a new student who was eating lunch alone.

Thursday 22nd September
Beef Sausage Roll
&Paddle Pop
only $4.00

INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons will be held in Term 4 from 23th Oct – 4th Nov. (Weeks 3&4) for all students in Pre-Primary to Year 6. The cost will be $33. Information and consent forms will be sent home early in Term 4. This is just a preliminary notice for your information.

EDU-DANCE LESSONS
This is a reminder that Edu–Dance money is due by this Friday 23rd Sept. Lessons start in Week 1 Term 4 (Wed 12th Oct). The cost is $30.

Visitor to Room 5

Nic Naitanui from the West Coast Eagles came into Room 5 this week to talk about what life is like for a football player and the importance of healthy eating and living a healthy lifestyle. Thanks Nic for taking the time to visit at YPS.

CAMBOON LITTLE ATHLETICS

“Champions start Somewhere”.

Registrations are now open to join Camboon Little Athletics Club.
Training: Monday’s & Wednesday’s 4.30pm - 6pm at Noranda Sporting complex Wylde Reserve.

For more information please call
Elsha Scott on 0452 231 014
or
Email camboonlac@gmail.com

We like to promote participation rather than winning and encourage our athletes to have fun, show good sportsmanship and enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

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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2016 Discover Day

What will YOU DISCOVER at Telethon Kids?

FREE ENTRY & ACTIVITIES

Thursday 6 October
10:30am - 2:30pm
100 Roberts Road, Subiaco

For more information visit telethonkids.org.au

#DiscoverDay
Venue
Yokine Primary

Start Date
25th July

Day
Monday's

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

tel: 0449 858 598
facebook/olesportsaus www.olesports.com.au
Dads Raising Boys (under 12)

For a boy a close relationship with his father is like gold. A father is like an anchor for a son. A dad is one constant in life who models what they become as an adult.

All boys benefit from a strong male figure in their lives and it’s a father’s greatest privilege to be the man that not only gets to enjoy “tearing up the grass” with his sons but also to teach them how to become good men.

Boys whose dads are involved with them from a young age do better in lots of ways – academically, emotionally and socially. Well-fathered boys show the positive effects years later with an improved capacity for empathy and the health of their social relationships.

While very small boys often express a preference for their mother over their father, this often alters between the ages of two and four when Dad suddenly becomes the main attraction. It’s at this age that little boys get excited about cars, boats, tools and tractors, and as Dad increasingly becomes their partner in play, being just like him becomes their mission.

Play time with Dad arms young boys with the knowledge they need to understand what their limits are.

This workshop will discuss:

- The importance of the role Dad’s play in the development and nurture of boys
- The importance of play with your son
- Helping your son build self-esteem, a healthy identity and resilience
- How to manage difficult behaviour

**WEST LEEDERVILLE**
22 Southport Street, corner of Cambridge Street
Wednesday, 12 October 2016

Time: 6.30-9.00pm
Fee: $30 per person

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200 to enrol
Fathering after Separation

It's important for fathers to distinguish between their parenting role and the relationship break-up.

This seminar, held in a male-only environment, suggests ways in which fathers can keep in touch with children, even if hindered by formal access arrangements.

This seminar looks at:
- developing age-appropriate communication skills
- particular skills with child/children to cope with different space and time
- developing and communicating a functional and distinctly parent-focused relationship with the mother of their child/children
- enhancing your own health and well-being

WEST LEEDERVILLE
22 Southport Street, corner of Cambridge Street

Tuesday, 11 October
Tuesday, 14 December 2016

Fee: $30 per person
Time: 6.30 – 9pm

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200 to enrol
Kids and Today’s Technology

Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology.

Your knowledge of what’s out there, how it’s being used and how you manage it in your home will have a direct impact on your kids’ learning and safety.

Highlights of this two night seminar will include:
- Family conversation starters around technology
- Parenting boundaries and how other parents manage this
- Cyber bullying, predatory behaviours and safety
- Social media – how it works and control measures available
- How to maximise many good aspects of technology
- Apps, websites and sharing of many highly useful resources
- How to keep yourself up to date with technology

WEST LEEDERVILLE
22 Southport Street, corner of Cambridge Street

Wednesday
12 & 19 October
2016

Fee: $35 per person / $50 per couple
Time: 6.30 – 9.00pm

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200 to enrol
Mums Raising Boys
- up to the age of 12 years

However well-prepared mothers are logically, the emotional response to having a boy is often still, ‘Wow! This is unknown territory.’ It is true that for many mothers, the idea of raising a son carries its own set of worries.

As the primary female role model in a boy’s life, mothers play an important role in the development of their son’s identity including their ability to be nurturing. This in turn affects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women.

This workshop will discuss:
- The importance of the mother-son relationship
- What boys need from their mums
- Practical ways to improve and maintain a positive and rewarding relationship

WEST LEEDERVILLE
22 Southport Street, corner Cambridge Street

Monday, 10 October
6.30-9pm
2016

Fee: $30 per person

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200 to enrol
Parent-Teen Connection

We have all come through adolescence - do we remember? It has always been a challenging, sometimes frustrating period of life's journey. Thankfully, today's parents are usually more inclined to listen. Living with teenagers can be confusing and even worrying, but also rewarding. This course reduces stress and teaches parents to communicate, negotiate and minimise conflict.

This workshop will discuss:

- behaviours and tasks of adolescence
- developing a helpful perspective on adolescence
- communication adolescents understand
- handling conflict
- how to minimise discipline

WEST LEEDERVILLE
22 Southport Street, corner of Cambridge Street

Tuesday 18 25 October 18 November
6.30-9pm

Saturday 3 December 2016
9.30am-4.30pm

Fee: $50 per person / $75 per couple

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200 to enrol
Partners becoming PARENTS

This seminar will assist couples move from being a couple to becoming parents.

There are many joys and delights in becoming new parents and also many challenges. Managing the transition well and preparing your relationship for the change will help you build your strengths as a couple and help you manage all that lies ahead of you.

Every couple wants a happy and harmonious family life and it takes couple-relationship skills to make these dreams a reality.

Come along and enjoy the company of other parents-to-be and gain new skills for that exciting day (and beyond) when you become not just a couple but a brand new family.

WEST LEEDERVILLE
22 Southport Street, corner of Cambridge Street

Wednesday, 12 October
2016

Time: 6.30pm-9pm
Fee: $45.00 per couple

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200 to enrol