

Open Night

This was a huge success with about an 85% turnout of families coming to celebrate with their child all the fantastic things they have been doing. It was great to provide this opportunity to parents who are unable to make school during the day. We had lots accolades from families on a job well done.

NAPLAN

This will go out to parents tomorrow for years 3 and 5. We did relatively well except with our Year 3s in Maths. This cohort has a number of students who are working with support as well as a number who have English as a Second Language. Staff will begin to review this through in-depth analysis on the data and directions that need to be taken. Our new Challenge program run by Jo Greenway will support some processes to address this as well.

PALS Grant

We have been successful again in gaining funding of around \$800. The PALS grant is an initiative of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs which encourages young Western Australian school students to develop projects that promote reconciliation in their local community. Our proposal is for students to research Aboriginal Art and the history and stories and develop art works linked to this. We are looking at making colourful totem poles and planks to add to the old Kindy fence to brighten up the front of the school.

We are looking for donations from parents of colourful sample pots of house paint. We will be advertising this in this week newsletter.

Painting

We are having all the classroom and hall doors, as well as the front entrance poles, painted over the next few weeks. We were able to secure some funding to assist with this.

Signage

We are in the process of having Kiss and Drive signage and new road markings completed for the front of the school. This will hopefully reduce the car hazards out the front and keep our kids super safe.

Ministers Visit

The Hon. Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery MLC will be visiting next Thursday 31 August 2017 at 10.10 – 11.10. The School Board Chair, Bradley Gannon, and P & C President, Kelly Barnes, and Sandra Moulton, will represent our parent body. Yokine will showcase our STEM and Numeracy programs.

Kindy Numbers

We are just over the 40 student mark for 2018 down from our 63 in 2017. All of our local schools are showing a reduction in numbers as well. We have had lots of school tours with prospective parents who have wanted to come to YPS due to its good reputation which has been very rewarding for our staff who are highly committed to making YPS a great school.

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