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Yates Avenue Public School



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten Orientation Program

The last of our five Kindergarten orientation sessions was held yesterday. Our 2019 Kindergarten children and their parents have had many opportunities to learn about the school expectations, classroom environment and routines for next year. The children have also connected with their Year 5 buddies who will help support their learning and wellbeing. We are looking forward to seeing them all start school in 2019!

If you are yet to enrol your child, please see Mrs Copping or Miss Rose in the front office and complete an enrolment form.

Cumberland High School -

Year 5 Interactive Science Program

This term, students in Year 5 are attending Cumberland High School once a week to participate in an Interactive Science program. This four-week program provides hands-on activities to enhance student learning. These activities set out to challenge and engage students, while linking directly to the Science curriculum. The program focuses on the topic of *Our Material World*. Students will conduct a range of laboratory experiments that both explain and demonstrate scientific reactions.



Class Planning - 2019

We are currently reviewing student numbers and finalising class formations for 2019. An important part of this process is calculating the number of students in each grade. If you know of anyone who has moved into our catchment area and is looking to enrol their child into our school for next year, please suggest that they do so ASAP to help with the planning process.

If you have any concerns or things that you think need to be considered for your child's placement for next year, please email me at david.macsporrان@det.nsw.edu.au

School Plan Milestones –

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Home

PBL is an integral part of our school three-year plan and 2018 milestones. As part of this focus, yesterday we hosted a parent information session, seeking ideas about morning routines which encourage students to arrive at school on time. We arranged these ideas into behaviours which are safe, respectful and responsible and aligned them with our school PBL system. Below is a summary:

Before we arrive at school, we are **Learners** who are:

Safe

- ✓ Hold hands when walking on the pedestrian crossing.
- ✓ Walk directly to school.
- ✓ Wear a helmet when riding a bike or scooter.

Respectful

- ✓ Greet other people in your family.
- ✓ Follow instructions the first time you are asked.
- ✓ Help others when you are ready to leave.

Responsible

- ✓ Dress yourself, eat breakfast and brush your teeth.
- ✓ Place your lunch box and hat in your bag.
- ✓ Put on your shoes.

New Uniform Items - Sports Shirt and Hat

Our new school hat and sports shirt is now on sale in the uniform shop on Tuesday and Friday mornings. The hat (\$18) has the school logo and is adjustable, but without the cord which hangs below. The sports shirt (\$28) looks great and is a quick-dry fabric, similar to the staff shirt.



Have a great week ☺

David MacSporran
Principal

CALENDAR

Thursday, 8th Nov – Preschool Turtles Orientation (group 1)
Tuesday, 13th Nov – Canteen Specials Day

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

School Attendance – Parent Information
Canteen Specials Order Form

FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.....

K-6 Excursion – Thursday, 13th December

An end-of- year excursion has been organised for all students K-6 on Thursday, 13th December. We will be going to the Reading Cinemas, Auburn. K-2 students will be watching 'The Grinch' (PG) and 3-6 students will be seeing 'Storm Boy' (PG). Afterwards, we will be having a picnic lunch in the Auburn Botanical Gardens. The permission note was sent home last Wednesday. Could you please return the note and payment by Friday, 24th November. Where possible, please pay online using the POP option on the school website.

Parent Concerns – Contacting the School

From time to time, you may have concerns about your child's learning and wellbeing at school. It is important that you follow the correct process when addressing these concerns, in order for it to be resolved in a constructive and timely manner.

If you are concerned about an issue that has arisen in the classroom or playground, please follow these steps:

1. First phone the school and make an appointment to see your child's teacher.
2. If you are still not satisfied with the response, speak to the relevant Assistant Principal about your concerns.
3. If the situation has not been resolved to your satisfaction, contact the school and make an appointment to see the Principal.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a memorial day which dates back to the end of the First World War, to remember those who died in the line of duty. This year, Yates Avenue Public School will commemorate Remembrance Day with a service on Monday 12th November. The service will be held under the COLA, beginning at 10:50am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Selective Schools Entry

This is a reminder to parents and carers of Year 5 students that the cut-off date of applications for entry into Selective High Schools for 2020 is Monday 12th November 2018. If you are interested in applying or finding out more information, please visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>. All applications must be entered online.

Mr McNeilly

Rel Assistant Principal

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Over the last few weeks, our 2018 children have welcomed the 2019 children to our preschool orientation sessions. The children greet our visitors and play with them while the families learn more about our Preschool program and all the great things that are happening in our school. We look forward to welcoming all our new children and families to our school community. It is also a very exciting time for our preschool children as they continue to attend their Kindergarten orientation visits. Yesterday the children attended another transition day at Yates Avenue Public School and returned to share their experiences.

"I liked going to my brother's school and playing in the kitchen". Mohammad

"I saw Jack there. He's very tall and has an orange drink bottle. He's helps me and plays with me". Benson

"I liked playing with the playdough and doing craft". Sebastian

"I like building with the blocks and drawing" Tevita.

"I played with my sister and some other friends" Erin.

"We had fruit there and ate it inside. I had an apple." Joey.

"Mummy took me to big school. I did a drawing there" Jooah.

"I saw my friends and we read a story about the three little pigs". Nadia

"I had a little play and read a book" Ilariah.

"We played with some toys and the buddy friends played with us" Chloe



Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Lilli and the preschool children

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus Area – Moving Around the School

*When we move around the school, we are **Learners** who are:*

Safe

- ✓ Walk quietly at all times.
- ✓ Stay in our class lines

Respectful

- ✓ Be considerate of students and teachers when walking past
- ✓ Follow instructions from staff

Responsible

- ✓ Return to class promptly
- ✓ Enter classrooms quietly



OFFICE NEWS

Office hours: 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday
Any families with change of information please inform the office. All notes will be sent home on Wednesdays with the school newsletter. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please inform the office. Parents/Caregivers please pick up your change from the office.

PLEASE NOTE: **NO PAYMENTS** CAN BE MADE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR P&C MONIES, e.g. UNIFORM SHOP, SCHOOL CANTEEN etc.

Kim Copping

School Administrative Manager

Skoolbag App

Thank you to the many parents who have downloaded our Skoolbag app. This has helped to strengthen communication between home and school. Skoolbag allow us to update you on school events by sending reminder alerts straight to your phone. The newsletter and all permission notes can also be accessed via Skoolbag. To download, simply go to the 'App Store' or 'Play Store', type in the school name and install. Click on 'Push Notifications' to receive updates immediately.

Follow us on Twitter - @yatesavenuePS

Please join us on Twitter to keep updated on school events and student achievements. Our Twitter feed is yet another way for parents to stay connected with everything that is happening at our great school.

Nude Food Day – Thursday, 15th November

CELEBRATE NUDE FOOD DAY

NUDE FOOD is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic, or commercial packaging.

Yates Ave Public School will be participating in NUDE FOOD day in 2018 to promote conscious choices about food and the impact choices can have on the environment.

NUDE FOOD = A HEALTHY BODY + HEALTHY PLANET

We are celebrating NUDE FOOD DAY on

Thursday 15th November

Get ready to make your valuable contribution towards a healthier environment!

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's No 1 parenting educator

Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows

that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✓ **Establish a morning routine.**

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven't fully prepared for the day.



✓ **Identify and remove distractions such as television.**

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ **Teach some of the basics of time management.**

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ **Arrive at school ten minutes early.**

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✓ **Model a good routine.**

Its pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

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