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Need Uniforms?
Yugumbir State School
Uniform Shop - Phone 3380 0354
EFTPOS available – No personal cheques
Open:
Monday 2:30 – 3:30pm
Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30am

CELEBRANT
Trish McMahon
I am a professionally trained authorised Civil Celebrant
“Together we can create your perfect ceremony”
Ph: 0417 856 058
Email: patricia_mcmahon@bigpond.com

P & C ASSOCIATION of
Yugumbir State School
Vansittart Road, REGENTS PARK. Q. 4118
Email: admin@yugumbirss.eq.edu.au
Website: www.yugumbirss.eq.edu.au
Wish to thank the following sponsors for the support given to the production of this newsletter.
Rule of the Week:

**The rule of the week: “Leave your eating area clean”**

It is important our areas are clean. By keeping our areas clean, we are not encouraging wildlife, such as feral cats, rats and birds, to live where we eat.

Litter also takes away from our beautiful school and is a danger to the environment, as plastic bags and wrappers can get washed down drains and into our waterways.

To help keep our school clean we encourage students to use the many bins available and do not walk around the school while they are eating.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Technology is impacting positively on the education of students in schools across our state. Well-planned use of technology ensures a continuing focus on enhancing learning within our key areas of numeracy, literacy and science, cognisant of the fact that our students are entering high schools, workplaces and society in general where technology is playing an ever increasing role.

Throughout Qld, many primary schools are very advanced in the use of technology as tools to support learning. The advent of effective wireless networks within schools has allowed school to introduce “iPad classes”, broad use of iPads and “bring your own device” procedures, maximising the ownership and use of technology within learning. Other schools have established special “laptop classes” whereby students purchase their own laptops and the majority of learning on any school day occurs with an emphasis on effective use of the laptop.

In every case, the use of technology enriches the learning within class programs, adding a dimension which is often difficult to measure.

The benefits of purposefully integrated technology within the teaching and learning process in a school for students are varied but essentially include:

- Developing of an understanding of the capability of technology to solve problems and to improve efficiency
- Engendering an ability to “think technologically” to maximise the use of technology within the "ways of working" in a range of circumstances, current and future.
- Developing the skills to use technology to solve problems and to present, research, store and analyse information.
- Developing capability to communicate effectively and efficiently, now and into the future, especially regarding students’ future learning and workplaces.
- Teachers plan highly effective, engaging lessons to benefit students, capitalising on technology to motivate learning.
- Preparing students to have the knowledge, skills and confidence to access online learning effectively.
- Providing access to an almost unlimited amount of information and experiences within the community and the wider world.
- Promoting and supporting responsible use of technology.

Yugumbir State School integrates technology within class programs considerably. There are desktops, laptops and iPads available to every class. A new wireless system has recently been installed, using approximately $150 000 of school and departmental funds. This builds significant capacity to our iPad and laptop usage.

There is no limit to the strategies that can be adopted to support our students’ learning. However, technology does not change our focus on our key learning areas but enhances how success may be achieved. Growth in technology is very expensive but our school is committed to maximising opportunities for our students.
One initiative introduced in 2016 was the three iPad classes in Year 5, to continue into Year 6 in 2017. This involved parents signing an agreement and purchasing an iPad over time so that every child in each of the three classes was able to use an iPad within lessons regularly. The outcomes of this first year for our Year 5 students, have been most positive. The level of integration of technology into class lessons has been high and feedback from parents, students and teachers has been very positive.

This week, all Year 4 students were issued with a letter, explaining the iPad program to parents and asking those interested in being included in the program to submit an “expression of interest” to ensure their child is eligible for a place within the iPad program in 2017. It is anticipated that this program will be increasingly successful in its second implementation.

Instrumental Parent Information Afternoon - Year 3
October 19 is the date set aside for Yugumbir’s Instrumental Parent Information Afternoon. This is for parents of any year 3 students interested in joining the Instrumental Music program in 2017. It will be held in the music room at 3.30pm. Children have been tested and will soon be allocated suitable instruments. Music shops will be in attendance and music staff will be there to answer any questions or concerns. The instrumental is one of those special programs unique to Qld state schools. Students are enrolled into this program, some initially provided with an instrument but others having to purchase their own. The tuition by highly qualified teachers, during school time, is free. Students are required to practice at home. Student nomination for this program is highly recommended. The benefits of learning to play an instrument within our school context are both immediate and lifelong. Students learn the basics of how to play an instrument, they are in a group context developing skills to work very sharply within a team, obtain great satisfaction from the progressive achievements as they develop their skills and ability and enjoy performing at school activities, competitions and functions. Indeed the benefits of learning an instrument at primary school are lifelong. In secondary school, continued participation in the instrumental music program build friendships, builds a sense of belonging and enhances students’ engagement in the life of their school. There is also data that links achievement in music to positive academic performance.

Pupil Free Day
Parents and students are advised that Monday 17th October is a pupil free day. This is the case in every state school across the state. On this day, our teachers and teacher aides will be engaged in two very critical programs. Those from Prep to Year 2 will be re-introduced to “Letterland”, a phonics program that we have decided will be explicitly taught in every classroom across these year levels in 2017. The effective implementation of this program will boost the Early Years language learning of all students, providing every student with a sound base upon which to build their language development.

Year 3 to 6 teachers and aides will be introduced to the school’s new focus on the teaching of writing. This new program will be fully implemented in 2017. It will encompass a focus on clear content appropriate for each year level, explicitly taught in a consistent manner across every classroom. Central to the program will be the teaching of specific skills of writing and processes to support student experimentation, practice and mastery of these skills. These two initiatives are important aspects of our development plan for next year. It is advantageous to make best use of this pupil free day.

Prep Information Sessions – Wednesday 19th October
We are looking forward to meeting new parents for 2017 as we continue our enrolment process. An information session will be held to inform parents about our school and in particular, Prep. The invitation is attached to the Newsletter. Please reply if you intend to come to this session. Please feel free to pass this on to any other families intending to enrol their child at Yugumbir.

Mick Quinn
Principal
ICAS Mathematics Competition 2016

Students from Yugumbir State School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the Mathematics ICAS Competitions this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificated of Merit, Credit and Distinction.

Our Spelling results were:

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Music & Year 6 Photos

Wednesday 12th October

Could Year 6 students please wear their Year 6 Shirt. If you do not have access to one, alternatively you can wear your School Polo shirt.

Music Students – Please bring (do not wear) the following items to change into:-
- Long black pants
- Performance Shirt
- Black Socks
- Black Shoes

Thank you.

Helpers Needed

Halloween Disco
(Friday 4th November)

The next disco will be on the 4th of November, the theme is Halloween.

The P&C are looking for parent helpers, anyone who is available to help on the night at Junior or Senior Disco, or both. Can you please contact Bonnie on 0420313055.

Thank you.

Is your child absent from school??

Email: absent@yugumbirss.eq.edu.au
Phone: 3380 0360

** NEW EMAIL ADDRESS **
Curriculum News

Book Week Celebrating 70 Years!
(August 20-26 2016)

Theme: Australia! Story Country

Yugumbir State School will celebrate Book Week on
Monday 10th to Friday 14th October
(Week 2 Term 4)
In conjunction with Book Fair

• Classroom Door Decorating
• Dress-Up as Favourite Book Character Parades
  Year 3-6 @ 9am Friday 14th October
  Year Prep-2 @ 10am Friday 14th October

Annelie Schulz
Head of Curriculum

HORTICULTURE - WORKING BEE

On Saturday the 22nd of October at 8am we are looking at having a Working Bee and will be seeking approximately 20 volunteers to help out on the day.
We will be planting the 3 new garden areas around the main walkway in our school.
We are also going to lay 2 new turf areas for the students.
If you are able to help on this day, even if just for a couple of hours, please contact Mr Want on awant6@eq.edu.au or 33800333 and leave your name, your child’s name, contact number or email address, and how long you can assist us on the day.

Saturday 22nd October
8.00am
Everyone is welcome
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Please find the following information for your convenience.

- Tuesday - Year 6 Senior Band rehearsals continue (7.30am)
- Thursday - Year 5 Intermediate Band rehearsals continue (7.30am)
- Friday - Year 4 Junior Band rehearsals continue (7.45am).

MUSIC SHIRTS

All students have now received their music shirts. If however, your child has grown out of their current shirt, the music department has plenty of stock and once payment is made to the cash window a new shirt will be allocated to you.

MUSIC UNIFORMS

It is now the time to make sure that your child has the correct black shoes, black socks and full length black trousers to be worn with the music shirt for all the events that are happening in Term 4.

MUSIC PHOTOS

All music ensembles will have their photo taken on Wednesday October 12. This is in Week 2 of Term 4. All children are to wear their school uniform in the morning and bring their full music uniform to get changed into. We anticipate that the photos will commence about 9.30am. Please make sure your child has the correct shoes, socks, long pants, and music shirt for the photo. No instruments are required.

INSTRUMENTAL PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON-YEAR 3

October 19 is the date set aside for Yugumbir’s Instrumental Parent Information Afternoon. This is for parents of any year 3 students interested in joining the Instrumental Music program in 2017. It will be held in the music room at 3.30pm. Children have been tested and we are in the process of allocating suitable instruments. Letters have been sent home, please RSVP to the music department ASAP. Music shops will be in attendance and music staff will be there to answer any questions or concerns.

BRISBANE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our 3 bands will be competing in the Brisbane Schools Music Festival on the Saturday October 22. This is held at Centenary SHS annually and students are to find their own transport to and from the venue. Individual notes for each band, have been sent home. Each band is to arrive one hour prior to their performance time.

Year 4 band - arrive 11am for 12pm performance
Year 5 band - arrive 3.30pm for 4.30pm performance
Year 6 band - arrive 3pm for 4 pm performance.

Please note that Year 6 is BEFORE our Year 5 band - this is not a typing error.

Once your child's band has performed, you are welcome to leave the competition, however you are more than welcome to stay for as many performances as you wish. The festival runs for the entire weekend.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

The music department’s end of year concert will be held on Monday evening November 28 in our school’s hall. All welcome.

BAND DATES TO REMEMBER:-

- **Wednesday 12 October** – Music Photos (All Groups)
- **Wednesday 19 October** - Year 3 Parent Information afternoon - Instrumental Music
- **Saturday 22 October** – BSMF – All Bands
- **Monday 28 November** – All Bands, Choir – End of Year Concert.
**TUCKSHOP**

Hours of Operation – 8.30 am to 1.30pm
Tuckshop does not open before.

ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE HANDED IN BY 9AM
NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9AM
Lunch Times 1st – 11am – All Year Levels
2nd – 1.30pm – All Year Levels

**“NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9AM”**

Eftpos is NOW available at Tuckshop – NO CASH OUT
Accepts: Mastercard, Visa, Debit Cards
30cent Flat Fee will apply to all transactions.

**Tuckshop Lunch Orders**

Parents please remind your child that if they are having tuckshop, to hand in their lunch orders to the Tuckshop prior to the first bell.

**NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.**

There is NO CREDIT available at the Tuckshop. If payment does not accompany the order then the order will not be delivered.
Tuckshop CANNOT change large notes as we do not keep a large amount of change on hand.
If your child’s order does not have the correct money in it to cover items ordered then your child’s order will be changed without any notice given to them.
If your child’s order comes in late they may not receive what they have ordered.
If your child has tuckshop and goes home sick and we are not notified, then No Refund or Substitute will be given.

No orders will be taken over the phone. NO EXCEPTIONS.
If students forget their lunch or it is left at home etc. they have a choice of either a vegemite or jam sandwich NO OTHER CHOICE, plus a piece of fruit and water. Lunch must be paid for by the following day NO EXCEPTIONS.

Allergies: If your child has a certain allergy to food products you are quite welcome to come and check out the ingredients of products offered by the Tuckshop.

VOLUNTEERS: IF YOU CAN SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH OR ONE DAY A MONTH TO HELP AT THE TUCKSHOP, PLEASE CONTACT THE TUCKSHOP. WE ARE URGENTLY IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HELP.

ROSTER:
Wednesday 12 October – Roz
Thursday 13 October – Chris
Friday 14 October – Ricky, Jana, Jamie
Monday 17 October – CLOSED – STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 18 October – Carol
Wednesday 19 October – Pauline
Thursday 20 October - Kim

**LUNCHBOX**

The Lunchbox Drive is an exciting initiative that supports the environmental focus of many schools in their endeavour to reduce waste by promoting ‘Garbage Free Days’.

With items such as our Sandwich Keeper range, families can prepare and pack healthy, rubbish free lunches for the whole family, helping fight childhood obesity.

The potential business that the Lunchbox Drive can generate is enormous! Accessing hundreds of families with a ‘common cause’ to generate funds for the school, could result in thousands of dollars in sales.

Order forms have been sent home this week.

**SPORTING RESULTS**

7th October, 2016

**Softball (Boys) Yr 6 Div A:**
Yugumbir Snr (Team 1) 21 def Yugumbir Snr (Team 3) 4

**Softball (Boys) Yr 6 Div A:**
Yugumbir Snr (Team 2) 22 def Greenbank 6

**Softball (Boys) Yr 6:**
Yugumbir Snr (Team 4) 23 def St. Bernadine’s Jnr Team 16

**AFL (Girls) Yr 6 Div 1A:**
Yugumbir Div 1A 54 def Regents Park SS 24
Best on the Field – Jordyn B

**AFL (Girls) Yr 6 Div 1B**
Yugumbir Div 1B 38 def Parklands 26
Best on the Field – Karlleah S

**AFL (Girls) Yrs 5&6 – Div 2**
All girls played very well learning the skills of AFL.
Best on the Field - Shelby M

16th September, 2016

**AFL (Girls) Yr 6 Div 1A:**
Yugumbir Div 1A 69 def Park Ridge SS 10
Best on the Field – Kyalah A

**AFL (Girls) Yr 6 Div 1B**
Yugumbir Div 1B 37 def Regents Park SS
Best on the Field – Paige G

**AFL (Girls) Yrs 5&6 – Div 2**
All girls played very well learning the skills of AFL.
School Bank Account Details:
Yugumbir State School General Account
BSB: 064 159
Account No. 00090333

Current Activity Codes and Closing Dates:

Yr 3 Camp – House of Happiness 3HOU
Due: Closed
Yr 6 Camp - Somerset Yr6CAMP
Due: 31/10/16
Yr 6 Wet’n Wild * YR6WNW
Due: 31/10/16

Yr 3 Camp – House of Happiness
Due: Closed
Yr 6 Camp - Somerset
Due: 31/10/16
Yr 6 Wet’n Wild *
Due: 31/10/16

No refund available for this excursion, due to pre-booking of Tickets. *
* Please contact office prior to payment, to check if you are eligible for any refunds from previous excursions/sport.
* Please advise if using Annual Theme Park Passes for this excursion.

Yr 4 “Living History Aust” Yr4HIST
Due: 19/10/16
Yr 2 Beenleigh Historical Village YR2BHV
Due: 19/10/16
Yr 1 “The 3 Stories” * YY1PERF
Due: 19/10/16

REMINDER
Student Free Day

Monday 17th October, 2016
School resumes Tuesday 18/10/2016
YUGUMBIR STATE SCHOOL
GETTING READY FOR PREP 2017
INFORMATION SESSIONS.

WHERE: Yugumbir State School
HALL.
WHEN: Wednesday,
19 October, 2016.
TIME: 9:15 am or 6:15 pm.
Parents and Care providers of
children enrolled for Prep Year 2017 are
invited to attend one of our Information Sessions.
The purpose of the session is to:
- Provide parents with a brief outline of the Prep Year and
  how to prepare your child for Prep.
  - Receive the School Prospectus; Book List; and School
    Uniform Order Forms. (Uniforms may be purchased or
    ordered. Please bring Credit Cards/Cash)
  - Our Uniform Shop will be open 9am – 11am & 7:30 – 8:30
    pm (Uniforms may be purchased or ordered. Please bring
    Credit Cards/Cash)

V. WAKEFIELD. (Deputy Principal)
Please complete the enclosed R.S.V.P. and
return it to the school office by Friday 14.

YUGUMBIR STATE SCHOOL
GETTING READY FOR PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS.

☐ Yes, I/we will be attending the Prep Information Session,
Wednesday, October 19, @ 9 15am

☐ Yes, I/we will be attending the Prep Information Session,
Wednesday, October 19, @ 6:15pm

☐ No, I/we am/are unable to attend the Prep Information
Session, Wednesday, October 19, @ 9 15am or 6 15pm

Child’s Name: ____________________________
Parent/Care provider’s name: ____________________________
Number of people attending: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________

Please reply by Friday, October 14.
Phone: 3380 0333
Fax: 3380 0380
E-Mail: venke1@eq.edu.au

Park Ridge State High School
Year 7 Enrolments 2017

Parents or guardians of current Year 6 students who wish to enrol their children at
Park Ridge State High School for 2017 are advised that we are having an
Enrolment day on the following date:

At Park Ridge High
Mon 17 October (Student free day) 9:00 to 3:00pm
(no booking required) in the Resource Centre

Enrolment packages are available from the Park Ridge SHS Office.
Please assist us by bringing the following items to the enrolment interview:

✓ Student
✓ Completed and signed enrolment forms
✓ Student’s birth certificate
✓ Proof of residence
✓ Copy of most recent report card
✓ Any relevant specialised medical / legal / educational documents or reports.

Park Ridge State High School - 3380 4111
Office hours: 8am to 4pm

PLAYERS WANTED!!
The Park Ridge Panthers Cricket Club are about to start the new cricket season.
We are needing Junior Boys or Girls Cricket Players for Teams from U/10’s to U/15’s.

Season opens over School Terms starting 8th October to March.
Matches run 8:00am to 12:00pm each Saturday Morning
except post-Christmas U14 & U15 will run Sunday’s from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

- Club coaches are Level 1 Accredited
- Club Coaching Director is current Premier 1st Grade Player
- Club offers 2 x T20 Wickets
- Lighting approved for Junior Night matches
- Opportunities for a Representative Pathway with MSW Cricket

NEW FOR THIS SEASON!
Come & Try - Junior T20 Blast Program for Kids 7 – 12 years
 begins 8th October to 9 December – Friday Night’s from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Register Now! or for more information please contact:
Tracy on 0413 460 484 or email: parkridgecc1@gmail.com

Limited vacancies in Senior Men’s Division. A Club with Cricket for the Whole Family.
**Yugumbir's Halloween Disco**

Come dressed in your scariest costume!
**Friday 4th November**
Pre-Paid: $4 per student
Door entry: $5 per student
Prep - Year 2 (5.30pm-7pm)
Year 3 - Year 6 (7.30pm-9pm)

Pre purchased wristbands and Pizza and drinks will be available until Wednesday 2nd November. Simply complete and return the attached form in a sealed bag or envelope to the office. Please include correct money for entry OR entry and Pizza as NO change will be given. This will ensure you will not be waiting in queues on the night.

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Pre paid entry plus a slice of Pizza with Drink $5

__________________________________________________________
Phone No. ____________________________________________ have enclosed a total amount of $ ____________________________ (correct money only)

I understand wristbands will be given to students by Friday 2nd November. I agree to be contactable & drop off/collection my child/children from inside the hall at the designated times. Prep students will need a parent/adult to remain during disco.  
Signed: ________________________________
Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here’s what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school’s Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits.

Book Fair dates: 20–31 October 2016
Shopping hours: 8:00am – 3:45pm
Special activities: Colouring competition (1 prize per grade)

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!
Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Mrs Wiedman & Ms Miller
Library Staff

Air Wills
Deputy Principal
Dear Parents
Has your child had a free healthy mouth check-up this year?

Metro South Oral Health is committed to improving the oral health of our children.

Simply call 1300 300 850, Tue-Fri 7:30-4:00pm to arrange a free dental appointment.

Our dental clinics are open over the school holidays so call to arrange a dental appointment today.

Who is eligible for free dental care?
- All children age 4 through to grade 10
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
- Adults & children who hold a current:
  - Centrelink Card
  - Health Care Card
  - Pension Concession Card
  - Seniors card

1. Time for a dental checkup?
2. Telephone 1300 300 850
3. Attend the appointment with your child

For more information, visit www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth

1300 300 850

Not all clinics are open every day. We will try to accommodate your booking at a clinic suitable to you.
Are you interested in Volunteering?

Do you love meeting new people and interacting with children?

Are you looking to:

- Give something back to the community
- Use existing skills or learn new skills
- Build experience for your resume or help in career transition
- Meet new people, build new networks, be around like minded people

If this sounds like you we have exciting opportunities with:

- Playgroups
- Connect2kindy
- Reading program – Beaudesert Early Years Centre and Kindergarten
- Drivers (transporting families to our programs)
- Event assistants
- Others based on your skills or passion that fits with our programs

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living with wildlife

Swooping Magpies

Between July and November, magpies defend their young from threats.

Some magpies see us as threats—and they swoop. If you know what to do when a magpie swoops, you can stay safe and let these birds raise their young.

Safety tips

Mark July on your calendar

As a reminder that magpies will soon be breeding and that you must watch out for them.

Get to know where magpies breed in your area

Go to www.eph.qld.gov.au and print out a warning sign to let others know of the swooper.

Watch out for baby magpies

When they leave the nest, the parents stop swooping. Magpies only swoop for around six to eight weeks. From when the eggs are laid until the young leave the nest. If there are young in the nest, it should only be a few days before they leave and the swooping stops.

When a magpie becomes dangerous

If a magpie that is defending its nest becomes aggressive and a risk to human safety, the magpie may be removed.

Contact your local council, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection or a Licensed bird relocator in the Yellow Pages.

Avoid the zone

Magpies breed in spring. Avoid an area of 150 metres around a nest. If you must go near the nest of a swooper:

- Wear a hat and sunglasses or hold a school bag or umbrella over your head.
- Some magpies only swoop at cyclists. If you get off your bike and walk, the magpie should leave you alone.
- ‘Spike’ up your bike helmet with a few cable ties to scare magpies away.
- Magpies are less likely to swoop if you walk in a group. Team up with others if you walk through a nesting area.
- Watch magpies. If you may know they’re being watched they are less likely to swoop.
- Don’t fight back. Throwing sticks at a magpie will only make it more aggressive.
- Never approach a young magpie that’s out of the nest. The parents may think you’re trying to harm it. Rescuing baby magpies is best left to wildlife rescue groups to carry out after dark.

Locations:

- Acacia Ridge Early Years Centre and Kindergarten
  67 Nygam St Acacia Ridge
  Browns Plains Early Years Centre
- Cnr Wineglass Drive & Middle Rd, Hillcrest
- Beaudesert Early Years Centre and Kindergarten
  4 Michaelina Drive Beaudesert.

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