



**Yarrabah  
School**

"The small school  
with a big heart"

# Yarrabah School

## Newsletter #8

July 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

### Principal's Report

#### *Welcome back to Term 3*

All staff from Yarrabah would like to welcome you back for another exciting term of activities and building.

In particular we welcome a number of new students and their families. Welcome to Roman and his family. Roman has started full time in the Transition section. We also welcome Hamish and his family. Hamish starts in the Lower Juniors section on a part time basis. Welcome to Ryan Vogt who has started in our EEP program.

This term we have a number of Come See weeks planned. Please look at the school website or the calendar in this newsletter. Your teacher will invite you to a Come See day in coming weeks.

#### *New Administration Area*

You are all very welcome to pop in and say hello in our new admin area. It has been set up really well and we are very comfortable. All visitors, casual relief workers, volunteers and visitors will sign in here now. The new admin area is located near the new entrance to the school. A parent and friends shelter has been constructed on the wall of the admin area.

#### *Building Update*

Those who drive to the school will have noticed the work taking place on Mill Street. The builders have started to level the site. The Junior and Middles playgrounds have been removed. Fences have been put up across the school with shade cloth and a number of very heavy excavators have arrived. We are on the way to a new school. Detailed plans will be on display in the new administration area.

#### *Goodbye and good luck*

This term we say goodbye to Lachie who is leaving today to start at his new school next week and to Paul B who will be leaving in the next few weeks. We wish them all the best at their new schools.

#### *Hydrotherapy Update:*

The hydrotherapy pool will not be available for programs until further notice due to a gas line being cut. The builders were unable to locate an important line leading from the front to the back of the school. As a result the line has been cut. Discussions are in progress with the builders and architects about this matter. Hydrotherapy is an important part of some students programs. We apologise for the interruption. Yarrabah hydrotherapy staff will keep families informed.

#### *Presentation Assembly*

There was a presentation assembly held on Wednesday afternoon in honour of the amazing donation by the Alpha Victoria Sovereign Chapter in conjunction with the Freemasons Charitable Foundation. The chapter has donated \$10,000 to assist the school in purchasing another eye gaze.

We thank the Freemasons for this amazing donation.

#### *School Sports Victoria Reps*

We would like to congratulate Athan and Paige in their efforts to reach the School Sports Victoria Cross Country event held in Bundoora on Thursday. Well done to Paige and Athan! Congratualtions to Ethan who finished 7th in the 13-15 age group on the day.

Matthew Harris  
Principal

# Important Dates and Information - 2018

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### Science Day Incursion - Whole School

Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>

### Snow Trip

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

### Yarrabah School Fundraising Dinner

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August (6:30pm – 12am)

Doors open at 6pm

Woodlands Golf Club Mordialloc

### Term 3 ends – 2:30pm finish

Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>

### Term 4 begins

Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>

### Queensland Camp - Seniors

Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>

### Staff Professional Development Day – Student free day

Monday October 29<sup>th</sup>

### Staff Professional Development Day – Student free day

Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>

### Term 4 ends – 12pm finish

Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>

### Fundraising Dinner

Tickets are now available for the fundraising dinner being held on the 25th of August. Seats are rapidly disappearing.

The funds raised from this event will go towards our new Hydrotherapy Centre being built in stage 2. We have been very fortunate to have received a \$500,000 dollar grant from the State Government towards the construction of this facility. We need to raise another \$250,000. Some of this has been raised in previous fundraisers. Your support will enable us to build this amazing facility.

It will be a fun night. Tracy Bartram will be our MC, there will be silent and live auctions and many fun games during the night. The food is traditionally excellent and the company we keep at Yarrabah is second to none.

Come and have a fabulous night with Yarrabah supporters and those who want the very best facilities for our students.

Tickets can be purchased via:

<http://www.ticketebo.com.au/yarrabah-school/yarrabah-masquerade-dinner.html>

Thank you to all families, staff, businesses and local community members who have donated goods and

### Sports in Schools result

A BIG thanks to those who collected sport in schools vouchers - we had a total of 10,111 vouchers and we purchased these items for Yarrabah School:

- First aid kits
- Tunnel
- Echidna balls
- Grip ball sets
- Quoits



## Pick up, Drop Off and new Admin Office

As you know there are significant changes to the school grounds due to the building works commencing over the term break.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and tolerance throughout this time. We are especially proud of how our students have adapted to the changes to the school entry / exit and outdoor spaces.

Just to confirm:

1. Entry is via back of the school, coming down James Street, from Mill Street, to the end and turning left. James Street is to be used as a one way only street.
2. Exit is also via back of the school and exiting via Mount View St.
3. Limited parking available at Browns Reserve.
4. Parents can drop and go at pedestrian gate for independent students.
5. Parking inside staff carpark is limited for wheelchair access students (passes have been given out).
6. All students and carers to walk on bike track and not on road.
7. All vehicles need to give way to members of public who are walking and riding on the track when crossing over to Browns Reserve.
8. If you need to pick your child up from school earlier than 3pm, please phone the school on 9580 0384 & your classroom teacher will be notified to escort your child to the back gate.
9. If you need to drop your child to school after 9.30am, please phone the school on arrival and your classroom teacher will be notified to meet you at the back entrance to collect your child.
10. The new admin office has a visitor toilet, sign in iPad, tea and coffee facilities and a waiting area for visitors. If unattended, please call 9580 0384 for assistance.

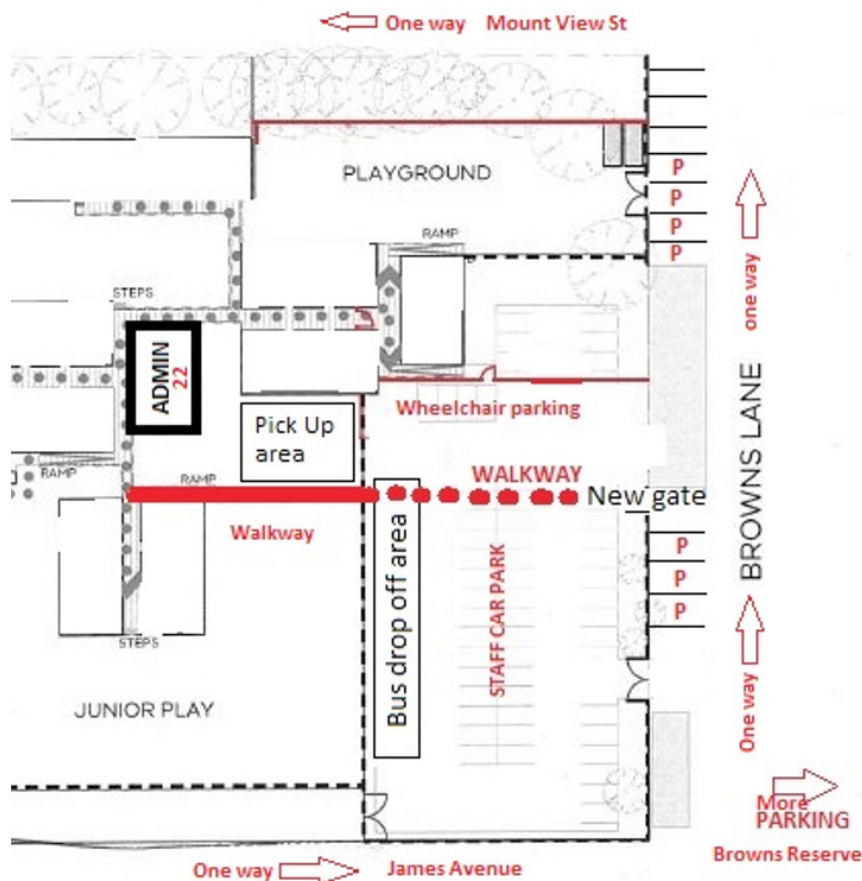
11. Payments for fees, camps and excursions etc. are made at the front, Mill Street, office.

Please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher if you have further questions.

Kind Regards,



Matthew Harris  
Principal



# Supported School Transport

## and transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) comes into place, the Australian Government wants to hear directly from NDIS participants, parents, carers, school communities and transport providers about how we could best support transport to and from school for NDIS participants into the future.

### **Transport provider and stakeholder workshops**

We are currently working with state and territory governments and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to understand if and how supported school transport could be delivered in the NDIS. To help inform future options, we are holding workshops with the services and supports delivering supported school transport, such as transport providers, disability services, advocates and other interested stakeholders. Workshops will be held in a number of locations across all states and territories during June and July 2018.

### **Register your interest at**

<https://engage.dss.gov.au/supported-school-transport-and-transition-to-the-national-disability-insurance-scheme/>

We encourage you to read the discussion paper about the future of supported school transport online at [engage.dss.gov.au](https://engage.dss.gov.au) prior to attending. If you are unable to attend a forum/workshop, you can still have your say by making a submission directly to the Department of Social Services online.

Current supported school transport arrangements will remain the responsibility of state and territory governments until all governments have considered the outcomes of the consultation and agreed on an approach.

Please note: Places are limited. Registering your interest does not guarantee you will be provided a placement. The Department is not able to provide funding support to attend a forum or workshop. If selected to be part of a forum or workshop, you will be sent further details about the time and venue.

