Mr Steve Conner  
Mrs Julie Muller  

Principal’s Message:

We are now well and truly settled into the year with this Newsletter finding us in Week 4!!

Student Leaders

Our school values the need to develop the leadership potential of our students. We again have a strong Student Leader process this year which has our Senior students taking on the roles of School Leaders and House Leaders. Our process involved students nominating for the position they were interested in and then presenting a speech to their peers outlining what makes them the best candidate for the position. A ballot was held for each position where students voted for their preferred candidate. The process followed here at Yeppoon State School is similar to that of the one held to elect our Local, State and National leaders.

I was extremely impressed with the number of students who nominated for a position and equally impressed with the standard of their speeches presented (it is not easy to speak in front of others!!). While not all candidates were successful in obtaining a position, all students should be congratulated for having a go and being good role models to others.

Our School Leaders were selected at the end of last year and our House Leaders are being selected as this Newsletter goes to print.

ARD Visit

Our Assistant Regional Director (ARD), Peter Tanzer, visited the School earlier this year. He was extremely impressed with the level of engagement he saw in the classrooms he visited. We discussed our Explicit Improvement Agenda for this year (Writing) and how we are going to monitor the improvement in this area and build the capacity of Staff. Peter commented on the high degree of consistency we have across our Whole School – consistent language, expectations and routines which reduces the cognitive load placed on our students and allows for greater concentration on the content being taught.

We have a fantastic Staff who all work in unison to ensure every student at Yeppoon State School receives the best possible education.

Literacy

We have included a segment in this Newsletter called Growing Literacy. This segment will support our Whole School focus on Writing as well as sharing some ideas families can assist in developing the Literacy skills of their children.

Continued inside....
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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS**

Congratulations to our Weekly Class Award Recipients for previous weeks.

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**Bucket Fillers**

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**SCHOOL & HOUSE LEADERS 2017**

Induction of the new School Leaders will be held this Friday on assembly, 9:00am. Our 2017 School Leaders are:

- Zachary Burns
- Flynn Moffatt
- Mason Pollard
- Jordan Wiltshire

House Leaders will also be presented on Assembly this week.

**GROWING LITERACY**

Welcome everyone to a new segment in our Newsletter. The focus of this segment is on Literacy, in particular reading, writing and spelling. Through this segment we aim to provide ideas to help your child/ren in the area of Literacy. The following are some top suggestions to get you started with reading and spelling.

- **Make activities fun!**
- **Try to spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child.** It is important to keep reading to your child even when they are able to read for themselves.
- **Try to listen to your child read out loud every day, and encourage them to read to younger siblings or other family members.** Reading out loud, even for a short time, can help build your child’s confidence in reading. Try asking your child to read notes (like this newsletter), signs and menus out loud regularly.
- **Try to have a range of different reading material available for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction – this can include newspapers, magazines, instructions manuals, and comics, etc.**
- **Let your child see that you reading and writing.** Let them hear you discussing books with friends
- **Playing word games such as I Spy, Scrabble, Pictionary, Boggle and crosswords with your child – these are great for improving spelling and vocabulary.**
- **Playing writing games such as simple word puzzles, anagrams, and a game of hangman.**
- **Ask them to write shopping lists, notes, birthday cards, thank you notes to give writing practice a purpose.**
- **Visit your local library and let your child choose books they like.** Borrow books for yourself as well as your child and borrow audio books you can listen to together, great for long car trips.

The following is also a handy website to visit: [http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/](http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/)

If there are any particular issues you would like to see in this segment, please contact the school with your ideas. Yours in Literacy, Yeppoon Literacy Team; Julie Muller, Chris Halberstater and Collette Louttit

**STUDENT CONTACT UPDATE**

Should the need arise where parents/carers need to be contacted immediately, up-to-date contact details are essential. As circumstances and address locations alter from time to time, current contact details are vital if at some time your child requires your assistance or medical attention. To serve the needs of our students efficiently, could parents/carers, please contact the Office to update their contact and emergency details.

**NEW MEDICATION FORMS / ASTHMA**

For various reasons students may require prescribed antibiotics and medications or blue relievers for Asthma.

Please note that all students requiring medication, MUST lodge a Medication Form with the office, completed by parents or guardians.

Medication Forms need to be completed each new year so parents please call into the office to update. All medication must be in the correctly labelled package/bottle. With the exception of asthma relievers and asthma spacers (flat pack or conventional), no medication should be kept in bags or desks or administered by students themselves. Please notify the office in writing of changes to medication.

**MESSAGES TO STUDENTS**

It is vital that the learning environment for our children is focused and interruption free. For this reason, all student messages that are received throughout the day from parents and carers are delivered to students at 2:30pm with distribution of other information and Newsletters. With this in mind could parents and carers...
**please ensure that messages to children are received prior to 2:15pm if at all possible.** Thank you.

**JUNIOR CHOIR**
If you love singing and having fun in the air-conditioned comfort of the Prep room then Junior Choir is for you!
All students from Prep - Year 3 are welcome to come along at first break Friday. We had our first rehearsal last week and are looking forward many more this year. Our goals this Term are to sing together in time and have as much fun as possible. See you there!

**CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING**
Cross Country training for any interested students, aged 9 to 12, will be held each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8am on the Doc Noon Oval commencing Tuesday 21 February through to Thursday 16 March.

**HEALTH CHECK FOR INDIGENOUS FAMILIES**
The Lumai Yumba program and Health Checks conducted by Bidgerdii have been postponed due to required maintenance on the Health van. Students who have received these invitations are welcome to still send them into the office.

**BUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2017**
You are invited to attend the 2017 Annual General Bus Conveyance Committee Meeting of two school bus services. The Bungundarra and Woodbury Bus Committee AGM’s will be held at the Keppel Coaches depot, which is located at 27 Plover Drive, Yeppoon, on Saturday 4 March, 2017 @ 9:00am. All bus run parents/carers are welcome to attend.

**HATS HATS HATS!**
As part of our school rules, and to keep our children sunsafe, we have a ‘no hat no play’ policy at Yeppoon State School. We are noticing more and more students are coming to school without a hat. Students who come to school without a hat will not be allowed to play or participate in organised sport. Please ensure you remind your child to bring their hat to school. We thank you very much for your support in this very important matter.

**DONATION THANK YOU**
We would like to thank Tim from The Barn Fruit and Veg for his generous donations to our school of fruit for our Breakfast Club. Please support The Barn Fruit and Veg who are located at 57 Tanby Road. Thank you.

**P&C NEWS**

**P&C MEETING**
This year’s first P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday 22 February in the T-Lounge (E Block Annexe) at 5:30pm.
We welcome new and existing parents from our school community! The AGM will be held in March – date and time closer to the date.

**CONTACTS**

**SCHOOL CONTACTS**
Please refer to Contacts on front page. For Student Absences, please email studentabsences@yeppoonss.eq.edu.au

Alternatively for basic admin matters or queries, please email admin@yeppoonss.eq.edu.au and for Newsletter items or to be placed on eNewsletter recipient list, please email sbrij39@eq.edu.au

**Dental Clinic:** 4939 2475 Please call to arrange an appointment.

**P&C CONTACTS**
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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**KIDS HELP LINE**
Kids can call 1800 55 1800 or visit www.kidshelp.com.au

**CAR BOOT SALE - BOOK YOUR SITE NOW!**
- Saturday 11th March 7am - 11am. Anglican Parish of Keppel Housden Place Car Park. Only $12 a site or $25 for two. Bric a brac, loads of treasures and a sausage sizzle - Something for everyone. Come and grab a bargain from the great variety of stalls. To book your site please phone Lyndall on 0418 392 303.

**YEPPOON SWANS AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL JUNIOR SIGN ON DAY**
The Yeppoon Swans sign on day for 2017 will be held at Swan Park, Cordingly Street on Saturday March 4th. Come along to Swan Park and give Aussie Rules a go. The junior sign on is on from 11am-1pm. Sign on fees this year are again only $95 for Under 9’s, 11’s, 13’s, 15’s and 17’s and $75 for Under 7’s for an 8 week program which includes an AFL Auskick pack. Under 7’s who have already registered in any AFL Auskick clinic in 2017 play for free (please bring your receipt from your registration). New players who are planning to sign on please bring along a birth certificate for proof of age. Training starts on Tuesday March 7th from 4.30pm-5.30pm for U13’s, 15’s and 17’s and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from that date. The Under 7’s, 9’s and 11’s will start training and games after the Easter holiday break. For further information please contact Stephen Bird on 0403309434.

**TRIPLE P SEMINARS**

**The Power of Positive Parenting**
takes the guesswork out of parenting by assisting you to:
Raise happy, confident kids - Manage kids' behaviour - Set rules and routines that everyone follows - Get on well with your kids and argue less - Balance work and family without stress

**Raising Confident, Resilient Children**
helps your kids to do well in life by assisting you to:
Get your kids to cooperate - Develop your child's social skills - Teach your kids to solve problems and be independent - Raise kids who are respectful and caring - Show your child how to set and achieve goals

**Raising Resilient Children helps your kids cope with life's ups and downs by assisting you to:**
Teach kids to manage their emotions - Develop your child’s ability to bounce back from disappointments - Show your children how to express strong feelings in a healthy way - Raise kids who can deal with stress - Encourage problem-solving and a positive attitude

**Location:** Yeppoon - Centacare CQ, 5/15 James St, (Corner of James & Mary Sts), Yeppoon Qld 4703
**Dates:**
- The Power of Positive Parenting - Friday, 10 March, 2017 - 9:15am to 10:45am
- Raising Confident, Competent Children - Friday, 17 March, 2017 - 9:15am to 10:45am
- Raising Resilient Children - Friday, 24 March, 2017 - 9:15am to 10:45am

**RSVP:** Mon 6 Mar 2017
**Cost:** Free
To register for the above program complete registration form and email to registrations@centacare.net or Phone 1300 523 985. For more information on this and other events at CentacareCQ please go to our website- http://www.centacarecq.com/events-education/

**Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday March 5**
Cap Coast Landcare - Meet at Landcare Rehabilitation Site, Park Street, Yeppoon at 8:30am-11:00am. BYO water bottle, hat, sunscreen, sun-smart clothing, gloves, closed shoes and chair. Contact Janet at Envirolink 4939 1002 or email envirolink@cqnet.com.au
The Smith Family is delivering the “Saver Plus” program in Central Queensland. Would you like $500 matched savings for school expenses? SMS name to 0408490984. Saver Plus participants receive up to $500 in matched savings to help pay for educational costs for themselves or their children, including school uniforms & shoes, textbooks & stationary, sporting, fees, uniforms and equipment, excursions, laptop etc., tuition & classes, TAFE, traineeship or apprenticeship costs and much more. People may be eligible to join Saver Plus if they or their partner: have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card; are at least 18 years or over; have some regular income from work; themselves or partner, full time, part time, casual or cash in hand; are a parent or guardian of a child at school this year, or starting next year OR are attending vocational education them self.

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