Welcome

Help Needed
With the great weed growing weather we have been experiencing the students are finding it very difficult to get all the gardens back to their beautiful state. If parents who pick up their children after school would like to donate ½ hour - 1 hour to weed please let Mrs. Penrose know and she will have equipment ready for you to use. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Clean Up Australia Day (School)
Clean up school day will be held next Friday 28th February. All students will participate in this event as part of Yarwun State School Green Footprint Sustainability Plan.

Thank You
The school would like to thank Mr. Guerassimoff and Mr. Lenz who kindly gave up their time to erect our new hydroponics system. We are hoping to have our first plants in very shortly.

CQU Van Visit
CQU MET Van will be visiting the school 2nd May. Students in year 4-7 will attend. More information closer to the date.

Important Dates:
- Parade: Monday 2.30
- Music – every second Tuesday
- Library – Monday
- LOTE - Wednesday
- P.E - Thursday
- P&C – Third Thursday of the Month

Peter Pan
All students will travel to Gladstone to the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre to watch the Gladstone Combined School Musical Peter Pan. The bus will leave the school at approximately 10.00am and will return after the musical. Students will be required to wear full school uniform and bring their lunch and water bottle. There will be no cost for the students.

Library
Library has commenced. Mrs. Janelle Roy is our teacher librarian this year and will be at the school every second Monday. However children will have the opportunity to borrow books every week on a Monday. Books need to travel to and from school in a library bag.

Online Learning
As part of our Great Result Guarantee funding, the school has purchased online licenses for each child to access Literacy Planet and Mathletics. Children are able to access these programs at home if you allow them.

No Popper Friday
Our rubbish audit found that our main source of rubbish was the plastic off popper straws. The Green Team has decided to combat this problem with a no popper day. Friday’s will become No Popper Friday. Students who don’t bring a popper will have the opportunity to win a prize at the end of the month.

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle all days of the week, this helps us save water and rubbish.

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Win a set of 10 iPad’s for your school
Gladstone Observer is giving away a set of ten iPads to one lucky school. Importantly, participating schools will also feature within articles in the newspaper and online on Observer website about how the school is using technology to support student’s development.

A token will be published in The Observer everyday from Saturday February 22 until Monday March 31 and the school with the most tokens at the end of the 5-week promotion, wins the set of ten iPads. And what’s great is that all schools stand an equal chance of winning, as it will be pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner.

Reading Club
Reading Club will continue each morning 8.15 - 8.45am. If you are able to assist please contact the school.

Platypus Club
Platypus Club will commence on Friday 14th February. Parents are to escort their child to and from Prep classroom. Students are required to wear sun smart clothing, closed in shoes and to bring a sun smart hat.

Students are required to have one 96 page Scrap book.

Platypus Club is available for students who will be attending Prep next year. Platypus club is designed to developed social and early learning skills. For more information please contact the school on 49711111.

The ET Program-Excellence in Teaching Collegial Coaching
March 3rd - 4th all Teachers will be attending these two Professional Development days. Collegial Coaching engenders a climate of trust and growth in teaching and learning. Coaching amongst teachers has the potential to; improve morale and motivation of teachers, reduce teacher isolation, provide a culture of support, increase the likelihood of future innovation and change being embedded and sustained and develop pride in the school as a Centre of Teaching Excellence.

Yarwun State School Facebook Page
Don’t forget to have a look at our new Facebook page!

Swimming
The bus will leave the school at 9.00am please ensure that your child is at school prior to leaving time. Students will change into their swimming togs at school prior to leaving the school.

Focus on Spelling

Spelling Rule 15:
For words ending in a silent ‘e’ you must first drop the ‘e’ before adding a ‘y’

Koolaburras are very noisy birds.

bone ➜ bony           smoke ➜ smoky
ice ➜ icy             stone ➜ stony
rose ➜ rosy           race ➜ racy

TRY THESE...
flake ➜ ______________
taste ➜ ______________
spike ➜ ______________
scare ➜ ______________
nose ➜ ______________
laze ➜ ______________

Reading Strategies

REMEMBER
That getting meaning from print is what reading is all about.

TALK – about the book before you read it.
LOOK – at the pictures, the cover, the title.
ASK – “What do you think it is about?”
GO – through the book page by page.
TALK – about the picture and the words or ideas that might be in the book.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken Thursday 20th March. Students will need full school uniform with white socks and neat hair.
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**Fruit Break**

Students at Yarwun State School are encouraged to think about how their brain functions and the ways in which they learn. Studies have proven that if students maintain their water and food intake, this helps them to concentrate in the classroom. At approximately 10.00 am each day we encourage all students to eat a piece of fresh fruit and to always have their water bottles in the classroom.

We would like to thank Alexis and her family who kindly donated several watermelons last week for the students to enjoy.

**School Camp News**

School Camp Fundraising Pie Drives will be held on the following dates. Forms will be sent home for our first pie drive shortly. Next year will be a big school camp with students travelling away from the immediate area, if funds are available. It is therefore important that all families especially those who have children who will be eligible to attend camp to assist. Please note that our trip to Canberra (2 years ago) families were only charged $300.00 this did not mean that the full price of the camp was $300.00. Many hard work families fundraised to offer this to our children. This year all families with children attending school camp will need to assist. If you cannot sell pies there will be plenty of other opportunities to assist.

1- 19th March 2014 - forms back  
   27th March 2014 - pie drive delivered  

2- 3rd June 2014 - forms back  
   12th June 2014 - pie drive delivery  

3- 1st September 2014 - forms back  
   10 September 2014 - pie drive delivery  

4- 17th November 2014 - forms back  
   27th November 2014 - pie drive delivery  

**Congratulations**

Congratulations Mrs Jayne Hoffman and Mrs Trisha Jenkinson who each gained aged champions over the weekend in the Masters Swimming Carnival held over the weekend in Gladstone.