Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.
Mattie Stepanek
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and exciting term we have had. I am always so proud to show visitors around the school. The students are so settled it is hard to believe that we have only been together as a community for this term.

As the school holidays approach I need to let you know about the exciting things that are happening at the school. Over the holidays air-conditioning is being added to the school hall. We are very fortunate that this has been included in the build. Our 5 mobile hoists will arrive ready for us next term. We are excited to have portable hoists coming, as they will be able to be used in a range of environments, rather than fixed hoists in bathrooms, which can only be used in the one space. Our playground which has some issues with drainage is being closely looked at and we believe that there will be a simple resolution to that wet area. Of note however is the access to Richardson Road.

Richardson Road access - this access was somewhat problematic during the build as there is a Sydney Water Asset under the ground. A temporary solution was to cover the asset with asphalt. This holiday they need to dig the asphalt up and replace with a specially designed cover. I insisted on the works being carried out in the holidays as it is a significant body of work and will cause the shut down of that access for 10 days. They need to start this process on the last day of the school term. I will contact the families that this will impact and I will work with the child care centre to ensure that we are able to safely bring all students for that day into school via Wilson Cres. I apologise in advance as I know this will cause complexity on Friday the 12th of April, but we will work with all of you to try and make the change as smooth as possible.

**TERM 2 FLU SEASON WILL BE UPON US**

Just a reminder that jack frost will be airing his dreaded coughs and sniffles throughout term 2 & 3. As we have some impressionable students with complex health issues we respectfully ask that students remain home while they are unwell and infectious. We must be responsible in attempting to keep them well as illness that may be insignificant for us can be critical for some of our students. If we feel your child has become unwell during the day we will call you to ask your advice on managing your child.

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**Up Coming Events**

- **Parent helpers**
  - Thursdays & Fridays
  - Book covering in library
  - 10am - 12pm

- **Annual General Meeting**
  - P&C Wednesday April 10th
  - Library 7pm

- **Easter Hat & T shirt Parade**
  - Friday April 12th
  - 10am—10.30am

- **Anzac day March**
  - Thursday April 25th

- **School Walkthrough Tuesday**
  - May 7th 9.30am-10.30am

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**2019 Term Dates**

- **Term 1**
  - Friday April 12th Last day of Term 1
  - School Holidays

- **Term 2**
  - Monday 29th April Staff Development Day
  - Tuesday 30th April Student's return to school
  - Friday July 5th Last day Term 2
  - School Holidays

- **Term 3**
  - 22nd July Staff Development Day
  - 23rd July Students return to school
  - Friday 27th September Last day Term 3
  - School Holidays

- **Term 4**
  - Monday 14th October
  - Students and Staff return to school
  - Wednesday 18th December student last day for 2019
  - Thursday 19th Staff Development Day
  - Friday 20th December Staff Development Day
  - Christmas Holidays begin.
**STICK ENCLOSURE**

A big thank you to Macarthur Pets in Gregory Hills for their kind donation to our students of a stick insect enclosure.

Our students are infatuated at how our insect walks around his enclosure.

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**OUR SCARECROW**

We have entered Captain Courageous our Scarecrow into the Camden Show. Thank you to all students and staff for creating an excellent exhibit for our school. Fingers crossed we get a place in the competition.

With a body as buffed as that who would vote for him to win.

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**ANZAC DAY MARCH**

We are going to have students participate in the march on Anzac Day in Camden. We appreciate that this will be in the school holidays and understand that families will possibly be going away. A note will come home next week with more details. In the meantime this information gives you time to think about whether this is an event you would like to participate in. Our school will be laying a wreath out of respect for our fallen on the day.

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**Welcome**

This week we welcomed a new student to the high School. Patrik started here on Monday, and it is hard to believe he is new to the school he has fitted in so well. Patrik immediately made new friends in the class and is being a great role model to the students around him. Welcome Patrik!

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*Jacquie Lockyer*  
Principal
Meet Block E

Echidnas
- Cathie Ratcliffe
- Vicky Tran

Eagles
- Amanda Mair
- Ted Raciborski

Emus
- Sarah Kidd (Monday-Thursday)
- Tamara McGowan (Friday)
- Linda Dacich

We are learning to:

- In E Block we are learning to follow routines, communicate our wants and needs and have fun at school. We are settling in well and getting to know each other and our educators. Over the term we have begun to extend our focus and attention to work for longer periods of time and try new things.

We are learning about:

- This term we are learning about our sounds, letters and sight words as well as reading every day. We are building our number recognition and number sense and beginning to solve a range of problems. We enjoy making lots of art and craft, building our skills and having lots of messy fun.
- Each week we participate in music lessons focusing on learning to clap. Joanne is our awesome music teacher and spends time with each class teaching the children to listen to the beat of a song and experiment with a range of percussion instruments.

PHONE CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL

We now have our landline phones connected the schools main operating number is 4648 0057. The school still has the mobile number 0499 780 860 but the preferred number to contact the school is the land line.

YANDELORA SCHOOL P&C

The P&C is holding the AGM next Wednesday night. It is so exciting that the families and friends of Yandelora are so motivated to see the P&C start up to support students at Yandelora School. Our connections between our school, families and community is incredibly important and we look forward to this body establishing and working with our school to maximise student opportunities. Please check the date for the AGM and I encourage you all to come along to be part of the start up of our wonderful new community.

In order to have voting rights to elect committee members a membership fee of $2 will need to be paid prior to commencement of the AGM. Positions will go to nomination and voted on by financial attendees. The successful candidates will be the representatives that will form our committee for 2019.

I look forward to you all being represented.

UNIFORMS

I’d like to thank Brooke Troy who has worked tirelessly with Kathy and Gayle to organise winter uniforms, jackets, hats and library bags. All with our beautiful school emblem proudly displayed! It is very exciting to see all students wearing their uniforms with great pride!

EASTER HAT & T SHIRT PARADE

All parents, grandparents and friends are invited along to watch the parade.

10am to 10.30am Friday April 12th.

A REMINDER ENTRY VIA WILSON CRESCENT