Dear Parents & Carers

I’m Thrilled to bring our first newsletter to you. Every alternate week we will be sending home a school newsletter to share school news, celebrate student success, achievements and keep you informed of school events.

This Wednesday we will be hosting a meet the teachers afternoon. This is an opportunity to drop into the school at any time between 3.30 & 6pm to have an informal chat with your child’s teachers. You will have the opportunities to join in with school tours so that you can see the beautiful learning spaces at Yandelora school.

The school was handed over to the Department of Education on Friday January 25th. Staff all participated in on site induction on their first day of professional learning.

Students are really enjoying their new learning environments which are bright, well lit and are inviting learning spaces.

The builders remain on site to fix any little bugs we come across during our day to day operations. Repairs are conducted before or after school when the students are off the premises.

Now that staff have filled the rooms with resources the learning spaces are exciting, our students are happy to engage in learning.

I am really happy with the way students have settled into their new classes and routines. One of my greatest joys each day, is greeting the students every morning as they arrive either with parents or on Assisted Student Transport to start their school day.

It’s wonderful to see how staff and students have quickly formed connections. I look forward to connecting with you all over the next few weeks.

Jacquie Lockyer
Principal
**Up Coming Events**

**Wednesday 13th February**
Meet the Teachers Afternoon Tea
Any time between 3.30pm – 6pm

**Tuesday 26th February**
Personalised Learning Support Plan Meetings
Appointed times of 4pm – 7pm

**Parent Helpers**
Library Thursdays & Fridays
10am—12 pm

**Watch this space for the future**

**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.

**Our Staff**

All staff at Yandelora are experienced and passionate educators. They bring to their roles a vast range of skills and knowledge, which they are generously sharing with each other.

Jacquie Lockyer: Principal
Aaron Gardener: Assistant Principal
Amanda Mair: Assistant Principal
Rebekah Harkin: Assistant Principal
Kathy Wong: Administration Manager
Gayle Hudson: Administration Officer
Cathie Ratcliffe: Teacher
Sarah Kidd: Teacher
Tamara McGowan: Teacher
Charmaine Cohen: Teacher
Danielle Tully: Teacher
Patrick Mathews: Teacher
Joanne Archer: Teacher
Megan Lees: School Learning Support Officer
Vicky Tran: School Learning Support Officer
Linda Dacich: School Learning Support Officer
Ted Raciborski: School Learning Support Officer
Wendy Wilkinson: School Learning Support Officer
Tania Rees: School Learning Support Officer
Tracey Haywood: School Learning Support Officer
Tonya Smith: School Learning Support Officer
Angela Kane: School Administration Library
Peter Potts: General Assistant
Mitch Watkins: School Counsellor.
Home School Communication

We encourage communication between home and school. Please write in your child’s home — school diary as a great form of communication with your child’s teaching team.

You are welcome to send an email to your child’s teacher by emailing to the school’s email address attention it to teachers name in the subject line. Phone calls can be made to the school on 4648 0057 a message can be left for the teacher with the office staff.

Seesaw

The Seesaw App is a wonderful way that we an share photos of your child directly with you throughout the day. We encourage you to download the application so we can share with you your child’s achievements and successes.

Transport

Many of our families have applied for and been granted transport to and from school via Assisted Student Transport. In the last week we have worked very hard to establish the order in which runs should leave the school to best meet student and family needs. We are quickly establishing routines that are efficient, organised and provide students with the structure they require when being picked up from school that enables them to have a safe pleasant journey home.

Safety at drop off & pick up

Please be mindful in carpark when walking your child into school. Make sure you cross the driveway on the pedestrian crossing and walk on the footpath rather than the driveway. Always hold your child’s hand when walking near vehicles.

Parent Helpers

This week we would like to invite parents who are able to help get resources ready for students use. Any parent or family member are welcome to come along, Thursday or Friday mornings starting from 19th February form 10am - 12pm to help Angela cover and prepare Library books and readers for use by students. A light morning tea will be provided.

External Therapy Providers

At Yandelora School we are happy to support therapy for students in our school setting. The therapy must occur within the classroom with no students to be removed from class for these services. The therapy provided must support the students goals developed at the students personalised learning and support planning meetings.

External therapists must participate in an induction process, prior to the provision of therapy to students at school.

This consist of a number of steps in the process as follows.

1. Parents inform the school in writing that a nominated therapy provider will be working with their child and outline the therapy goals
2. The nominated therapist needs to complete relevant mandated online professional learning, present their insurance and other relevant paper work.
3. Meet with the Principal for an induction meeting
4. Present ongoing program and ongoing assessment of student progress toward achieving goals

We are almost finished developing the therapy induction process as a school. We ask for your patience as we prioritise getting to know your student and preparing their personalised learning and support plans.

We appreciate your support that we have no therapists at school in term 1. This allows us to get to know your children and focus on teaching and learning at this point in time.

A therapy package will be sent home to families outlining the processes and requirements for having external therapy providers working with students at school.