

**YANGEBUP  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**Parent Handbook**





*Our vision is to promote a respectful environment that gives students a sense of belonging, the safety to take risks and the opportunities to achieve their academic goals.*

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## Principal's Message

Yangebup Primary School is located in the heart of the Beelihar wetlands. This beautiful location means that from time to time, we are visited by unique wetland birds and we try to reflect this natural environment in our school with plenty of trees and native plants. Our school boasts spacious classrooms as well as varied play areas including a sensory garden. We are a relatively small school and this allows us to foster a strong sense of community and belonging.

Yangebup Primary School opened in 1982 and caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The school population consists of students from wide cultural backgrounds, providing rich and diverse opportunities for all. We offer specialised subjects in Visual Arts, Physical Education, Music, Japanese and Science from Year 1 – 6.



In the early years, we use a synthetic phonics approach to teach students how to read. The morning is structured to explicitly teach students basic skills to be able to read, write and understand numbers. Students still get plenty of opportunities for play throughout the day.

Yangebup Primary uses a modified Habits of Mind program as a whole school approach to learn how to be skilful problem solvers. We also have a whole school mindfulness program to help children to relax and focus. Our approach to behaviour is a positive one, where we undertake to teach students the behaviours needed to function positively and effectively in our society.

Our staff are highly dedicated to our students, providing fun lunch time activities, breakfast club and lots of support of help them achieve their best.

The Yangebup community is highly supportive of the school. We have a pro-active and effective P&C and School Council. Parents are also welcome to become Class Parent Representatives, allowing them to meet with the Principal once a term to give feedback from their classes parents.

We are committed to our goals of giving all students a sense of belonging, the safety to take risks and the opportunities to achieve their academic goals. We provide a safe and supportive environment dedicated to giving children opportunities to learn, create and become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

*Andrea Macfarlane*  
Principal

## **Absence**

Parents are asked to contact the school via telephone or email if their child is unable to attend. Parents need to apply to the principal by email if they wish to go on holidays during the school term.

## **Assemblies**

School assemblies are held throughout the term on a Wednesday, starting at 2.20pm, in our Undercover Area. *Please see the term planner for dates.*

## **Before and After School Care**

Teddy Bear Corner OSHC Club operate a Before and After School program on our school grounds. Vacation Care is also offered. Contact: 9337 3538 or visit [www.teddybearcorner.com.au](http://www.teddybearcorner.com.au)

## **Bell Times**

Start of Day:	8.40am
Lunch Play:	10.50am
Lunch – Seated and eating:	11.20am
End of Lunch session:	11.35am
Recess:	1.35-1.55pm
Final Siren for Day	2.55pm

The office opens at **8.15**, and classrooms at **8.30am**. Students may enter the school at 8.15am but must go to Breakfast Club in the Science Room on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays to be supervised.

## **Breakfast Club:**

All students are welcome to come to Breakfast Club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.15 in the Science Room.

## **Car Parking**

Off road parking is available either by the tennis courts or Kindergarten on Osprey Drive, at the bottom of Moorhen Drive, or behind the shops on Swallow Drive.

At no stage are parents to use the Staff Carpark as this can cause a dangerous situation due to staff vehicles, delivery trucks and school buses using this carpark.

## **Chaplain**

Our School Chaplain Joel supports the school's Pastoral Care and Values programs including a School Mentoring Program.



## **Communication and Reporting**

Throughout the year a variety of methods will be used to communicate between students, parents and staff. These include:-

Parent Teacher Interviews	As requested
Newsletter	Fortnightly (Thursdays)
Connect	Regular communications
Facebook	Regular updates/reminders
Academic Reports	End of Terms 2 & 4

## **Dentist**

Our School Dentist is located at South Lake Primary School on Mason Court, South Lake. Their contact number is 9417 3242

## **Parents and Citizens (P&C)**

The P & C works positively and effectively with the school to achieve it's aims. Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, during school terms, at 6pm in the library.

Email [yangebuppandc@gmail.com](mailto:yangebuppandc@gmail.com)

## **Faction Teams**

The school has three Factions – Koort (Red), Boodjera (Green) and Ngangk (Gold). Students are encouraged to wear their faction shirts to school on Fridays.

Faction shirts can be purchased from the P&C, along with reversible school/faction hats.

## **Homework**

At Yangebup we believe homework to be worthwhile as it extends learning opportunities beyond the school environment.

Homework is a positive learning tool that develops, consolidates and reinforces skills and understandings presented in class.

We recognise that homework can assist in developing sound work routines, organisational skills and self-discipline and should be of educational value. Completing homework is the responsibility of the home.

The purpose of homework is

1. For students to practise and reinforce what has been learned in class.
2. For students to develop sound study and work habits.
3. For students to develop good reading habits.

Homework will not be set for children who are sick or who are going away on holiday.

### Parent Responsibility

- To provide an area where the child feels comfortable.
- To monitor the time spent on homework- a routine time block taking into account other activities.
- To check and sign homework tasks.
- To show interest and to offer guidance but not to solve content problems.
- To notify the teacher in writing, via the communication book, if the homework could not be completed by the due date.
- Read to, and listen to your child read.

## **Late Arrivals**

If your child arrives at school after the start siren at 8.40am, they will need to collect a late slip from the office.

## **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones and other electronic devices brought to school by students need to be handed in to the front office at the start of each day. Valuables should not be brought to school. The school does not have a legal right or the human resource capacity to investigate theft, so any student who leaves a mobile phone or any other device in their bag is unlikely to be able to retrieve it in the event of theft.

## **School Nurse**

The School Nurse provides screening of vision, hearing and development for all Kindy students, and/or any child commencing school for the first time in Pre Primary and Year 1, on completion of a consent form (including children that are new to the country). The School Nurse is also available for children that parents and/or teachers have concerns with. The School Nurse will send out consent forms early in the year.

## **School Parliament**

The student parliament is a group of elected Year 6 students who are recognised and selected for their leadership skills. The parliament simulates the Parliament, with ministries and shadow ministries formed to carry out many responsibilities around the school, including running our whole school assemblies.

## **Student Early Release**

Parents/guardians who wish to take their child/children out of class during the school day MUST report to the office to complete a Student Leave Pass. Once this has been authorised by a staff member it then needs to be handed to the classroom teacher.

## Term Dates 2024

### **Semester One**

Term 1            Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Term 2            Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

### **Semester Two**

Term 3            Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4            Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### **2024 Pupil Free Days**

Term 1    Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
Term 2    Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 3    Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 4    TBA **and** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### **2024 Public Holidays**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Labour Day  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Good Friday  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Anzac Day  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – WA Day

## Uniform

We expect students to wear their uniform everyday and wear it with pride.

Wearing of the school uniform is compulsory at this school. Hair must be neat and tidy. Long, loose hair encourages the spread of head lice so long hair needs to be tied back at all times whilst at school. Jewellery is limited to watches and earrings, if permitted by parents, but earrings should be either studs or sleepers. We discourage necklaces, bracelets, rings or long earrings being worn as they pose a hazard in school and sporting activities. Children also get upset if they go missing or are broken.

It is an Education Department requirement that all students wear hats when in the sun. Therefore school hats are to be worn all year round at school, whenever the students are outside. If a child forgets their hat they will be required to sit in the shade of the verandah during recess and lunch breaks.





The following items can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

<b>BLUE POLO SHIRT</b>	<b>WARM UP JACKET</b>
<b>FACTION SHIRTS</b>	<b>WARM UP PANTS</b>
<b>NETBALL SKIRT/SKORTS</b>	<b>REVERSIBLE SCHOOL/FACTION HATS</b>
<b>BOYS SHORT</b>	<b>BUCKET AND LEGIONNAIRE HATS</b>

Black pants/bike pants/skorts can be purchased from local department stores, but they must be plain – no black denim or logos.

Faction shirts are available through the uniform shop.

Shoes can either be joggers or buckled up sandals.

Orders can be lodged through the P&C Facebook page or emailing the P&C (yangebuppandc@gmail.com). Paid uniform orders can be left with the school office. Our Uniform Shop Coordinator will fill the orders on a regular basis, and deliver the items to the child's classroom.

**Please remember to CLEARLY NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING, especially jackets and hats.**

## **Communicable Diseases**

It is possible that at some time during your child's education he/she will contract one of the common diseases of childhood. Parents are asked to note the exclusion periods for particular diseases, as the danger of spreading the infection is prominent not only whilst the child is suffering from early symptoms, but they can still retain infection in their person or clothing after symptoms fade. For some diseases exclusion period details are provided by the Health Department.

**Chicken Pox – Exclude from school.** Where no medical certificate of recovery is available, exclude until all vesicles have crusted. Contacts need not be excluded.

**Ringworm– Exclude from school** until person has received antibiotics for 24 hours, contact need not be excluded. Ointment is available from all chemists.

**Rubella (German Measles) – Exclude from school** until at least 4 days after onset of rash. Contacts need not be excluded.

**Measles – Exclude from school.** Where no medical certificate of recovery is available, re-admit four (4) days from the appearance of spots, if well. Unimmunised contacts should be excluded until 14 days after the onset of the rash in the last case occurring at the school. If unimmunised contacts are vaccinated with MMR within 72 hours of their first contact with the first case, or Immunoglobulin within 6 days of exposure they may return to school following vaccination.

**Whooping Cough – Exclude from school** until 5 days after appropriate antibiotic treatment or for 21 days from onset of coughing.

**Head Lice (Pediculosis) –** The health Department recommends that long hair should be tied back to help combat head lice. Children should be **excluded from school** until effective treatment has been given and all lice removed from the hair. Contacts are not excluded, but should also be treated as a precautionary measure, as should all sheets, pillows etc.

**PARENTS MUST CHECK THEIR CHILDREN REGULARLY.**

**Hepatitis** – Transmitted through contact with infected persons. Incubation period around thirty (30) days. **Exclude from school**; re-admit only with a medical certificate of recovery but not before 7 days after onset of illness. Contacts need not be excluded.

**Conjunctivitis** – Discharged inflamed eyes. Must be excluded from school until discharge is cleared.

# 2024 TERM CALENDAR

## TERM ONE (Jan 31<sup>st</sup>-Mar 28th)

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	JAN 29	30	31	FEB 1	2
2	5	6	7	8	9
3	12	13	14	15	16
4	19	20	21	22	23
5	26	27	28	29	MAR 1
6	4 Labour Day	5	6	7	8
7	11	12	13	14	15
8	18	19	20	21	22
9	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday

## TERM TWO (April 15<sup>th</sup> – June 28th)

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	Apr 15	16	17	18	19
2	22	23	24	25	26
3	29	30	MAY 1	2	3
4	6	7	8	9	10
5	13	14	15	16	17
6	20	21	22	23	24
7	27	28	29	30	31
8	JUNE 3 WA DAY	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14
10	17	18	19	20	21
11	24	25	26	27	28

## TERM THREE (July 15<sup>th</sup> – Sept 20th)

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	Jul 15	16	17	18	19
2	22	23	24	25	26
3	29	30	31	AUG 1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9
5	12	13	14	15	16
6	19	20	21	22	23
7	26	27	28	29	30
8	SEPT 2	3	4	5	6
9	9	10	11	12	13
10	16	17	18	19	20

## TERM FOUR (Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Dec 12th)

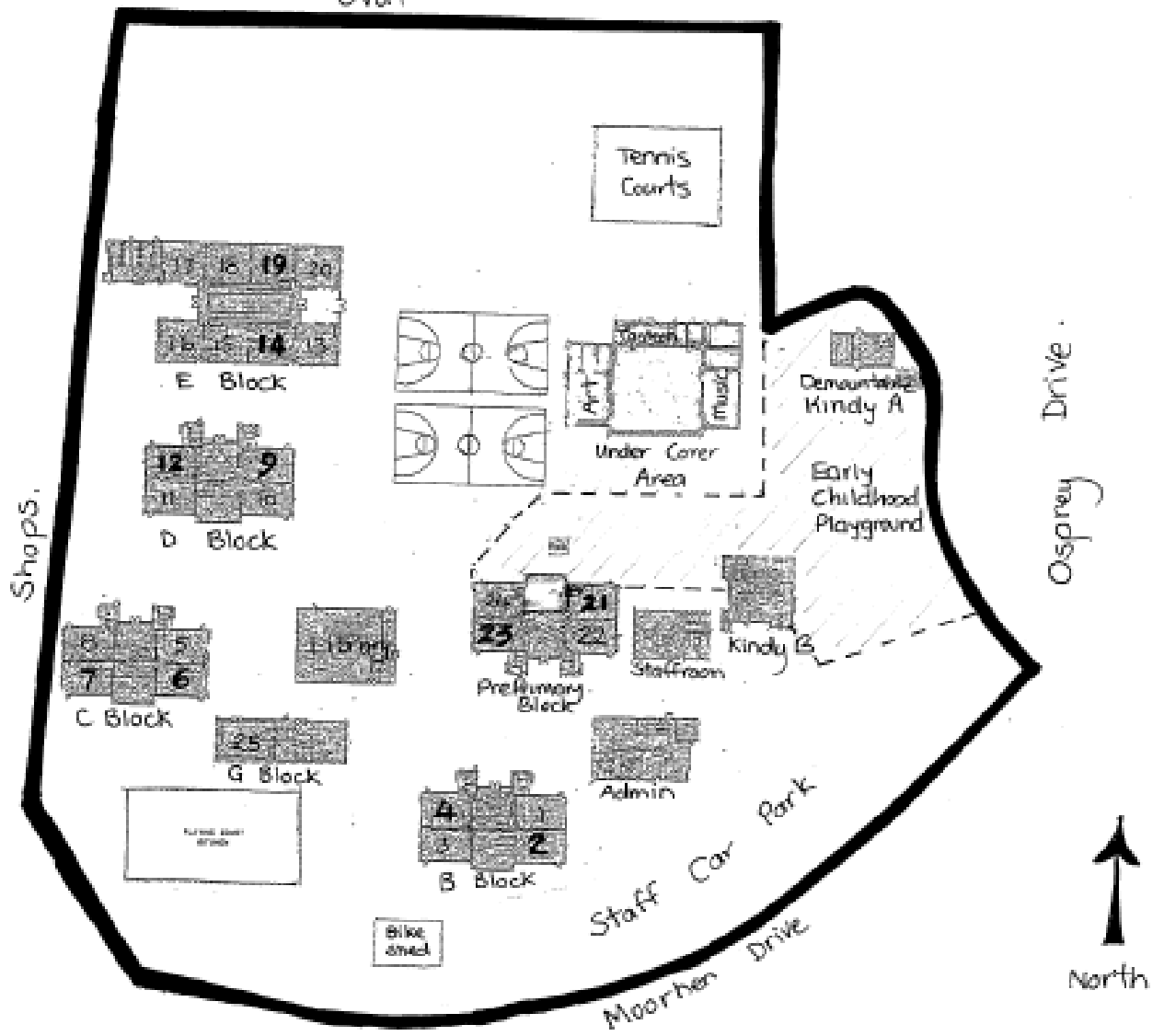
WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	Oct 7	8	9	10	11
2	14	15	16	17	18
3	21	22	23	24	25
4	28	29	30	31	NOV 1
5	4	5	6	7	8
6	11	12	13	14	15
7	18	19	20	21	22
8	25	26	27	28	29
9	DEC 2	3	4	5	6
10	9	10	11	12	13

### School Development Days

Term 4 Development Day to be advised.

### Public Holidays

Oval



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