Early Education Program
We began this term with the topic of autumn. We have been going for walks around the block searching for autumn leaves to collect and then we have used these leaves for some pasting activities or just to play with in the classroom. We love to listen to them crunch and crumble.

The weather is getting colder so we remind families to send along coats to wear during outside play and as the coughs and colds begin, we are encouraging children to cover their mouths when they cough and use a tissue for their nose. It is important to remember if your child is unwell it is best to keep them at home so that they can recover properly.

We were very lucky to participate in our whole school launch of the house teams. The children had such a good time sitting with their team colours and getting to parade around with all the big kids. We joined in on singing the school rules song with the school kids and we looked great in our team colours.

This week we invited our Mum’s to come and join us for Morning tea. It was lovely having our Mum’s at school and the children were very excited to hand out their gifts that they had worked so hard to make.

Lower Junior
This term we are learning about Australian animals – their habitats, their food and their coverings eg feathers, fur etc. The children are enjoying making paper plate animals, bushland collages and exploring textures of the local environment. We are also basing our Maths and English around our theme.

We are planning an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary later in the term to meet some of the animals we have been learning about.

This term we are also taking the school buses out for community access. We have been to local shops to practice walking without touching the items, as well as purchasing things for our mums for Mother’s Day. We have also been to local parks and had fun playing in playgrounds and meeting other children. We also took sausages and cooked them on the barbecue in the park for one of our sessions.

Sadly, we said goodbye to several staff members for various reasons but we are excited to welcome new staff members to our section. They have fitted in very well into their classrooms and we have had some informal “get to know you” sessions during the week.

Upper Junior
During Term 2, the focus for theme has been Australia. Upper Junior students have been learning about the states, cities as well as Australian animals. Towards the end of the term, students will get the opportunity to make some yummy Australian food.

Over the past 4 weeks students have started community access, walking in the local community around the block, the football oval and the park. Students have loved working on their road skills while being safe in the community.

Within English, a major focus has been phonological and phonemic awareness, where student enjoyed listening, identifying and manipulating the sounds of the alphabet as well as making words.
**Middles**

We have had a good start to term 2. Students have been working hard on their English and Maths cluster groups. Students know their morning routines and are able to navigate their way to the appropriate classrooms. A new group of St. Louis students started with us this term. They will be attending every second Thursday afternoon to work with our students. We have swimming this term. The first two weeks went really well. Students love the opportunity to go on the school buses and swim. They all really enjoy going in the water. Great start to the term.

**Transition**

The students have started cluster groups for English, Maths, Social safety and Ready set play. Now the classrooms are physically closer to each other, students have coped really well with the new changes and programs are fully planned to their ability.

On Friday the 11th May we have an afternoon tea for Mothers/Grandmothers and Carers to celebrate Mother’s Day. Students will make cupcakes and scones during Life Skills sessions.

**Inters**

Students had a great time participating in the School Colour Fun Run. During the afternoon we also celebrated the introduction of houses. All of the students are on the lookout for house points!

Swimming is continuing this term and takes place every Thursday. All of the students are doing so well and are loving their time at Waves.

Interschool sport began with a Cross Country Event two weeks ago. Yarrabah was represented by a team of 14 enthusiastic Transition, Inters and Senior Students. Each and every student should feel really proud as they all completed each event and never gave up!

The sports for this term are Gymnastics and Football.

For Science we are looking at Natural Disasters. We making our own paper Mache volcano that we hope to explode by the end of the term.

Our Electives as part of the Bridge Award are going really well. Students choose different activities that range from working in the café, bike riding, and movie making.

**Seniors**

Senior Formal – This year there will be 17 students participating in their formal. Students have been learning their dances while staff have been busy putting all the preparations in place. Over 120 tickets have already been sold so it is looking like a big attendance this year.

Catering – Is a new program choice for students who are wanting to focus on extending on their catering skills. Students plan, prepare and deliver lunch time meals to staff each Wednesday. Lunches so far have included assorted subs and rice dishes.

Pathways Exhibition – will be held at the EXPO on Monday 18th June. A flyer will be sent home to families this week.

School Leaders were acknowledged at Assembly in the last week of Term 1.

**Principal’s Representative** – Tyler  
**School Captains** – Brittney and Ross  
**Vice Captains** – Derek and Jacqui  
**Students Voice Representatives** – Cale and Annie

Youth Night – A youth night is being organised for Thursday 21st June at school. The activity will be a disco and pizza evening.

Late in Term 1, students were invited to St. Louis De Montfort market stall to sell decorative plant pots. From this success, we were invited to have a stall at the City of Kingston Eats and Beats Festival on Saturday 12th May. We had a very successful day and raised $339. Funds raised will be used for the end of year Queensland Camp. A chocolate drive is also planned as is another community bbq, the venue being Aspendale Gardens community shopping centre in June.
**Colour Fun Run**

On Friday 20th April Yarrabah held its annual Colour Fun Run on the senior running track. It was a fantastic day for a run and the event was well attended by students and their families and friends. EEP and Lower Junior started the day off and had a ball running/walking the track and getting a squirt of paint. Upper Juniors and Middles were next up and worked super hard around the course for a solid 30 minutes. Well done to Ben in Room 22 who ran 22 laps. The High School closed out the day with a 40 minute session. There were many students covered in sweat and paint – a great sight to behold. Congratulations to Athan from Room 24 who ran 37 laps. As a school we ran 1823 laps, which equates to 291.7km – a fantastic effort. Together we raised a total of $7395.07. A big shout out to Michael Morrison, Austin Paino, Oliver Nelson-Best and Jacqueline Berthelsen who raised considerable amounts of money! The money raised will help fund our hydrotherapy pool.

A fantastic effort by one and all – thank you to the entire Yarrabah community for your support. It's greatly appreciated. Until next year…. Stay fit and healthy!!

**Cross Country**

Selected transition, inters and senior students represented Yarrabah at the South-East Special Schools Sports Association cross country event held on Friday the 27th of April. We were very impressed with our students who ran in either the fun run -1.8km or their age group event - 3km on the day. All our students completed the course with a positive attitude and pushed themselves tremendously. A special mention to Athan Bougiouklis who came second in the 13-14 boys, 3km event. Well done to the students who attended cross country, you made us proud and represented Yarrabah School very well, especially showing great sportsmanship by encouraging students from other schools along the finish line.
On the 29th of April we had a whole school team announcement and celebration assembly.

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On this day Tim Richardson attended to hear Matt announce our teams; the students all came dressed in their team colour and as they were announced their team had the opportunity to parade around the track and burst through a team ribbon. This was the first opportunity for our school to come together in this manner and celebrate the school rules. Each class and section are now busy celebrating how we follow the school rules by collecting points for the teams.

On a weekly basis, the student voice will collect the points from across the school and our Principal Representative Tyler Barnfield will be responsible for making sure the points are transferred to our tally board; situated on the glass window near the office. We will be having events over the year to build up our points and at the end of each term we will celebrate how well we are following the school rules with a team colour day assembly. We would love our families to talk about the school rules, which are really rules for life - being kind, safe, and ready to learn and being responsible. Make sure you stop and look at the tally as you pass through the foyer and help your child take pride in the teams.
Week 5 already! Swimming has begun with many students enjoying the sessions. Swimming continues Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for weeks 5, 8 and 10. Please pack swimming clothes and towel for your child for each day.

Middles students Jazmin and Lester doing their work in the ‘Writing Without Tears’ Program.

Hunter and Nathan participating in their Learn to Play classes. In previous weeks we have structured play around trains and doctors. This week it was cooking. Along with other students, Nathan showed his handy BBQ-ing skills, while Hunter loves to crack open and boil his eggs.
**Important Dates and Information - 2018**

**Newsletter #5**

**Camp Manyung (Middle)**
Wednesday May 30th – Friday June 1st

**Senior Formal – Rossdale Golf Club**
Wednesday June 6th, 6pm onwards

**Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – Student free day**
Monday June 11th

**Camp Manyung**
Wednesday June 13th – Friday June 15th

**Schools’/Pathways Expo – Rossdale Golf**
Monday June 18th (Prospective date)

**Yarrabah International Day - 9:30am**
Wednesday 20th June

**Youth Night - Senior’s Disco**
Thursday 21st June

**Blackwood Camp**
Monday June 25th – Friday June 29th

**Term 2 ends – 2:30pm finish**
Friday June 29th

**Term 3 begins**
Monday July 16th

**Term 3 ends – 2:30pm finish**
Friday September 21st

**Staff Professional Development Day – Student free day**
Monday October 29th

**Staff Professional Development Day – Student free day**
Friday November 30th

**Term 4 begins**
Monday October 8th

**Term 4 ends – 12pm finish**
Friday December 21st

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**International Day Invitation**

Dear parents and carers,

On Wednesday 20th June Yarrabah will be celebrating International Day. We would love parents, grandparents and/or carers to participate in their section’s activities on the day or to stay for the parade. We are hoping to celebrate the many and varied nationalities at Yarrabah. Students are encouraged to dress in cultural dress or alternatively dress up to represent a country of their choice. Students are welcome to bring a plate of food to share. For those who wish to bring items of interest from their country, suggestions are music, art, toys, games and photos. We will be having a parade at 9.30 for those who wish to participate and all are welcome. Please refer to your student’s section if you wish to be part of the day’s celebrations. Alternatively, please fill in and return the slip below by Friday June 8th.

Date: Wednesday 20th June 2018
Parade Time: 9:30am
Location: Senior Playground

Kind Regards,
The History Committee

I will be participating in my child's section activities for International Day on Wednesday 20th June 2018 at 9:30am.

Name:
Student's name:
Classroom number:

Please return this slip by Friday June 8th.
Come and join us for a day of information, morning tea and lunch.

Cost: $10 (includes Aspendale Sixth Avenue, Rosendale Golf Club)

18th June Monday

Yarrabah PARENT EXPO

Wednesday 18th June
Rossdale Golf Club
Sixth Avenue, Aspendale

You can’t pour from an empty cup. Take care of yourself first.

Come and join us for a day in the beautiful surroundings of Rosendale Golf Club. Enjoy a lovely lunch, visit information stalls and participate in a variety of workshops with a focus on wellbeing.

Some participating post school services include:

- Give a Care
- St. John of God Accord
- Marriott Services
- OC Connections
- DayATS West, Wallara, Skillsplus
- Jobsupport, Outlook
- Blairlogie

Come along and explore post-school options for young people with a disability.

Some participating post school services include:

- Give a Care
- St. John of God Accord
- Marriott Services
- OC Connections
- DayATS West, Wallara, Skillsplus
- Jobsupport, Outlook
- Blairlogie

Contact - Lisa Wilson (Pathways Co-ordinator) 9580 0384

Time: 12:30 pm - 2:30 p.m.

1:00pm - Lunch

Please return the attached slip with preferences by June 4th.

Registration/Tea Coffee 9:00 - 9:15
Keynote Speaker/Charles Thermos - Psychologist
Presentation theme: Self-compassion
Please nominate one session choice only from Workshop 1 and one choice only from Workshop 2.

Workshops session 1 (Please choose one)

- Respectful Matters and the Berry Street Educational Model
- Useful tips for challenging behaviour at home
- Communicating in the world around us

Workshops session 2 (Please choose one)

- Intensive Interaction
- Futures/Pathways
- How does your engine run?

10:45 - 11:30am

12:00 - 1:00pm

I ________________ will be attending the Yarrabah Parent Expo on the 18th of June.

Number of people attending _________

Morning tea and Lunch will be provided.

If you have any dietary requirements please indicate below.

Dietary requirements:_________________