



# Dryandra Primary School



An Independent Public School

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NUMBER 10



Dear parents and carers

I cannot believe that we are at the end of another term! Where has the time gone? We have continued to make lots of progress in our priorities. Our school is continuing to focus on our Talk for Writing program and our Explicit Direct Instruction approach in English. We have been trialing a new mental maths strategy called Maths Mastery and it is showing some positive results. We have been implementing Literacy Pro in the Year 3 to 6 classes to improve home reading and we have purchased about 900 new books for the library. This is a great achievement. Some classes have also been working on Literacy Planet which has a focus on spelling and reading. Our goal is to make some decisions in readiness for our new business plan commencing next year.

## LEARNING JOURNEY AND BOOK FAIR

The 'Learning Journey' was a tremendous success. Thank you for your support. It was lovely to see students sharing their work with their parents/carers. The expression on the children's faces and the pride in the eyes of the parents was very special. It was a wonderful opportunity to come into the school and see the hard work and achievement of the students. We enjoyed sharing our achievements with the wider community. We look forward to hosting another Learning Journey next year.

The Book Fair was sensational. This really helped to create a sense of community. Seeing parents and students visiting the display and purchasing books was very inspiring. Encouraging reading is the cornerstone of future success and it was pleasing to see the library buzzing with excitement. Thank you for supporting this venture for our school. We raised about over \$1000 for our library. A big thank you to Mrs Brown, Mr Walters and Mrs Stephen for organising and coordinating this event for our school. Well done!

## Congratulations to Mr Cumming and Mrs Wallace!

Congratulations to Mr Cummings for coordinating the recent Interschool Athletics carnival. It was a magnificent event! Thank you also to all of our staff who helped to make it a wonderful school event. I would also like to thank Andi Hancock and our parent helpers for organizing the sausage sizzle. Our student participated enthusiastically and coming 4th overall, against some other bigger schools, was a great achievement. Well done Dryandra!

I would also thank Mrs Wallace for organising the Kings Park excursion for our junior classes. This was an enjoyable and engaging excursion which the children just loved. Thank you also to all of our parents for coming along to help out! This excursion really helped to create a sense of community. Thank you to everyone involved and for making it such a special event for our students.

## NEW BUSINESS PLAN 2022-2024

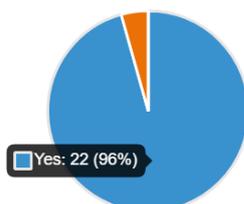
I would like to thank all of the parents who completed our survey on our vision and belief statements. This commences our planning for our new business plan which will include the staff and School Board.

The following information has been collated from the survey. The majority of parents support our vision and values statements.

### Preparing our students for tomorrow

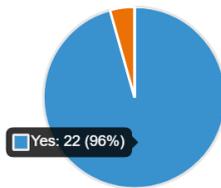
As a school community we prepare students to participate in an ever-changing society. We celebrate and recognise our cultural diversity while supporting students in a safe and stimulating environment. By working together with families, students are encouraged to be caring, responsible and active citizens.

96% of parents/community support our vision.



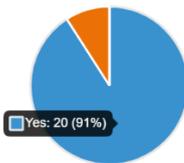
**CARING - We show genuine interest in the academic, social and emotional well-being of others.**

96% of parents/community support our CARING value.



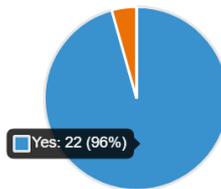
**LEARNING - We create the environment, opportunities and experiences that enable all to achieve their best.**

91% of parents/community supporting our LEARNING value.



**WORKING TOGETHER - We cooperate respectfully, share responsibilities and accept the differences of everyone within the group.**

96% of parents/community support our Working together value



### **Final thoughts**

We have had a wonderful term with lots of great things happening. Look at what we managed to achieve this term.

- NAIDOC week and special assembly
- Book Week and Book Week Parade
- Science Week
- Chance to Dance
- Faction and interschool carnivals
- Kings Park Excursion
- Fathering Project evening
- Day Zero

I would like to thank everyone for their conscientious efforts and enthusiasm for supporting our students. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday. Please keep safe and I look forward to catching up with everyone next term.

Paul Biemmi

Principal

To celebrate book week, Room 2 have been learning about the famous author, Dr Seuss! Did you know that his real name is Theodor Geisel? And that his middle name was SEUSS?

Room 2 did an AMAZING job on Thursday and their hard work paid off! They should be very proud of their assembly and the hard work they put into learning the song, setting goals, and creating interesting characters (just like Dr Seuss )



<b>Kindy /Pre Primary 1 - Mrs Wallace/Mrs Hutchinson</b> <i>Maria Nelkoska</i>	<b>Kindy /Pre Primary 2 - Ms Coventry/Mrs McGee</b> <i>Ahmed Suror &amp; Raiyan Salmani</i>
<b>Year 1 /2 Room 1 - Mrs Whitcombe</b> <i>Dina Yasir &amp; Righteous Abulo</i>	<b>Year 2 Room 2 - Mrs Warr /Ms Pusey</b> <i>Aleigha Foster &amp; Yasmine Al Lihwi</i>
<b>Year 2/3 Room 5 - Ms Walters</b> <i>Katrina Nguyen, Manueline Anderson &amp; Melvin Nguyen</i>	<b>Year 3 Room 8 - Ms Van Dijken/ Mrs Fairhead</b> <i>Sahana Khan &amp; Charlea Rogerson</i>
<b>Year 4 Room 16 - Ms K Dunstan/ Ms Pusey</b>	<b>Years 5 Room 17 - Mr Cumming</b> <i>Mia Le &amp; Alyssa Moss</i>
<b>Years 6 Room 18 - Ms Young</b> <i>Amy Huynh, Angeli Thang Ceu, Bradley Trio &amp; Lian Hlawn Ceu</i>	<b>AUSLAN – Ms Salame</b> <i>Violet Miller Room 16 &amp; Manueline Anderson Room 5</i>
<b>HASS – Ms Owers/Ms Salame</b> <i>Mehreen Kaur &amp; Room 8</i>	<b><i>Wonderful effort !</i></b>

**Aussie of the month winner  
for September  
Soe Oo Room 18**



Book Fair voucher winners Bradley, Ela, Asmina, Lujane, Mehreen & Ava all took part in the Book fair coloring in competition . They all won a \$10.00 gift voucher which they spent at the Book fair.



The Fathering Project invited Dads and students along for a fun Pizza and Paper plane making night on Thursday 2 September. This involved making a pilots license and some creative paper planes. Thank you Mr Ward, Mr Biemmi, Mrs Whitcombe & Ms Salame who stayed behind to help make this a success. Stay tuned for the next event.



Our friends at The Smith Family kindly donated 7 Basketballs to our school. These were provided by the team from Highgrove Bathrooms. Thanks to The Smith Family and Highgrove.

# Interschool Carnival 2021

Joseph Glory 1st place



Sahana Khan 3rd place



Hasan Al Saadi 3rd place



Harmony Websdale 4th place



Jamyshia Anderson Intermediate Champion Girl

Veli Siringul 3rd place



# Interschool Carnival 2021

Hakeem Ahmed Meleshe 3rd place



Jamyshia Anderson 1st place



Aliya Gelato 2nd place



Noah Mohamed Kheir 2nd place



Asmina Khan equal 1st place



Harmony Websdale 4th place



Kaiden Thaimadan 2nd place



# Interschool Carnival 2021

1st Westminster PS

2nd Roseworth PS

3rd Koondoola PS

4th Dryandra PS

5th Dianella PC

6th Hudson Park

7th Nollamara PS



Thank you to our P&C Sausage sizzle helpers (L-R) Amira, Sophita, Fartun, Jenny, Fardowso & P&C President Andi.



## School Board News



On the 25<sup>th</sup> August, the Dryandra School Board met for their first meeting of the term. We welcomed our new nominated parent member to the Board, Sharon Gillet.

The key focus of this meeting was to brainstorm and discuss the ways in which we viewed the school's vision and values and how we felt this should be expressed. The existing vision was shown, and the Board were invited to state whether they felt it reflected how we viewed the school and the school's direction.

A vision is an aspirational statement; it reflects the people within the school and makes an announcement about who we are to the rest of the world. Many schools adopt a short catchy phrase that will grab your attention and in just a few words say who they are and what they are all about.

The most common words in school visions include Religious affiliation, Community, Safe, Excellence, Potential, Skills, Global, Prepare, Achieve and Life-long. These words express the soul of the people shows where they are headed. The words do not focus on a finite outcome, that will come and go in a short matter of time.

The school had set up a survey for feedback on the vision. The vision is old and reflects who the school was, not necessarily who it is now. If you cannot see yourself in the vision, then the vision needs changing.

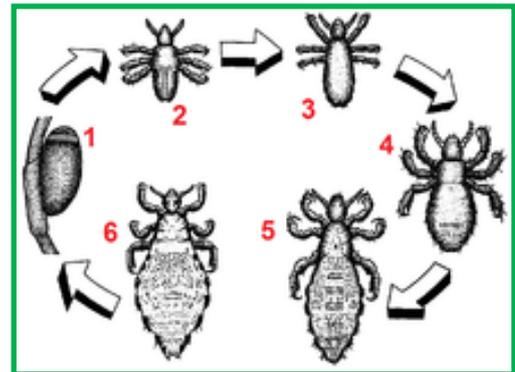
The Board spent time working through the survey and contemplating word choices, how relevant they thought they were, as well as if those words would continue to drive quality and map the way forward. Words are powerful; they are what we use to persuade, explain and connect with others. Words express who you are; hence, it was a long meeting of thinking, reflecting and one of healthy debate. We are hoping that the vision is developed and is reflective of who you are and who you want to be.

Dr Gill Kirk

School Board Chair

	<b>IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER</b>
	<b>OCTOBER</b>
<b>Mon 11</b>	Term 4 commences
<b>Wed 13</b>	Swimming lessons commence
<b>Thur 21</b>	P&C Disco 4.00-6.00pm
<b>Fri 22</b>	Swimming lessons end
<b>Mon 25</b>	<b>School Development Day-No Students</b>
	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
<b>Tue 2</b>	Aboriginal parent meeting to support Year 6 transition into High school 2.30pm P&C meeting 7.00pm
<b>Thur 4</b>	Room 1 Assembly
<b>Fri 5</b>	Dryandra road trip to Williams PS
<b>Wed 10</b>	School Board meeting 7.00pm
<b>Wed 24</b>	2022 Kindy Parent meeting 11.00am
<b>Thur 25</b>	2022 Kindy students transition
<b>Tue 30</b>	Room 17 Excursion to Ballet
	<b>DECEMBER</b>
<b>Mon 6</b>	Year 6 Excursion to Swan Valley Adventure Centre
<b>Tue 7</b>	KP Assembly & Book awards/Thank you morning tea
<b>Wed 8</b>	Class Christmas Concert 2.00pm
<b>Thur 9</b>	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 5.00-7.00pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Reports sent home
<b>Wed 15</b>	School Board meeting 7.00pm
<b>Thur 16</b>	Faction reward day & End of term 4

### HEAD LICE



Lice are tiny brown insects that move around the hair and scalp. Nits are the eggs, which are tiny, white and stick to the hair. These will hatch within a week and become lice (which are active for several weeks).

Signs and symptoms include itchy scalp and evidence of lice and nits on close inspection of the hair.

#### At home

- Buy nit comb and solution for washing their hair from your pharmacist and follow the instructions carefully.
- Check other household members and treat if lice or nits are found.
- Once treated, your child can return to school the next day. Notify the school to be on the watch for other outbreaks.

Tie long hair back when your child is attending school and check their hair regularly.