



YUNA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and community members,

Welcome to the 2024 school year.

After three years as Principal of Yuna Primary School and 18 months of retirement, I am delighted to return to the school in an acting capacity to cover Mr Amazzini's absence.

Mr Amazzini has commenced his Deputy Principal position at Wandina Primary School. In his absence, I would like to acknowledge his efforts and the tremendous contribution he has made to Yuna Primary School to date, and to the learning outcomes of our students. Whilst we wish him well and every success in his new role in Geraldton, we look forward to his return at the beginning of 2025.

We have had a great start to the year, even though it has been extremely hot, and our teaching and learning program is well underway. Students have settled in remarkably well and are fully focussed on achieving their personal best.

Welcome to our New Families.

This year we welcome three kindergarten students, Emily, Nixon and Stevie, and two new families to our school. It is terrific to have Bonnie and Robert, and Kevin and Irie as part of our school community.

We Have a NEW School Uniform and it looks GREAT.

Yuna Primary School P&C were generously awarded \$2000 from the AGIG Community Partnerships Program for the refresh of the school uniform. The grant funds have enabled the P&C to provide all students with new polo shirts free of charge, and to have some spare sizes in the system for new students coming into the school (now that the traditional 'hand me downs' have been deleted). AGIG's relationship with the community is through the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) that runs through farming properties of both students and staff. The Yuna Primary School P&C, staff and students are very grateful and thank AGIG for their generosity in supporting our community.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will conclude this week. All students have made excellent progress. I would like to thank Sophie Batten, this year's swimming teacher, for her expertise and effort. It is great to have an ex-student supporting the students at our school.

We are very lucky to have the pools onsite, supporting these lessons and daily swimming. We are grateful to have the support of CABY (Creating a Better Yuna) enabling us to have such a great resource.

CHUNABI

CHUNABI (Chapman Valley, Yuna and Binnu) was formed to strengthen student performance through support, collaboration and connection between our three small schools. Our first collaborative learning day will take place at Binnu on Friday 23 February.

NAPLAN Tests

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments happen every year. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are tested on the fundamental literacy and numeracy skills that every child needs to become successful learners in school and beyond. NAPLAN is a national, consistent measure to determine whether or not students are meeting important educational outcomes.

Children can be reassured that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program and they should simply do the best they can on the day.

This year NAPLAN testing for our Year 5 students will take place in Week 7 of Term 1 from Wednesday March 13 - 15, with follow up testing the following week if necessary.



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Chaplain

Unfortunately, as with teachers, there is a dire shortage of chaplains in the Midwest. Presently, the Youthcare Chaplain Coordinator Peter Hanrahan is working very hard to fill the two days per week allocated to our school. Peter will visit our school in week 5 to provide a workshop to students.

Should you be interested in the role, or should you know anyone who may be, please contact the school.

Kind regards,

Roseanne Ulrich

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