

## REPORTS

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### President's report – Kym Mansfield and Hamish Townsend

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- 1. Welcome to our new Principal!**
  - The P&C Exec team warmly welcomes Mrs Eunice Webb to Yeronga State School – we are enjoying Eunice's leadership and look forward to partnering with Eunice and the school team throughout 2021 to support our children's education and spearhead some great projects.
- 2. Prep and new family welcome activities – Morning Tea, and Saturday Picnic**
  - Both the Welcome Morning Tea hosted on the first day of school (27 January) in partnership with Chappy Jenny, and the Prep Welcome Picnic (Saturday, 30 January) were really well attended.
  - It was wonderful to meet so many new parents and carers who have joined our school community, and we look forward to many more opportunities to connect throughout 2021.
- 3. Dental building planning**
  - Hamish and Kym have represented the YSS community at several planning meetings for the dental building refurbishment during the December to February period. This will be a tremendous asset to our school and it is exciting to see plans well and truly underway.
- 4. Nature Play and oval refurbishment project**
  - Progress is being made – thank you to the organising/advisory committee for progressing this over the holiday break (Hamish Townsend, Anna Rimpau, Tracy Freeman, Clare Triggell, Eunice Webb, Sarah Cordingley, and landscape architect Tessa Leggo)
  - Tessa will present the concept plan at this February meeting (exciting stuff! 😊).
- 5. [Just One Thing](#) volunteering survey**
  - We have received the highest number of responses to our Just One Thing survey (64 at the time of writing this report) since the first year it was promoted in 2018. THANK YOU to everyone who has put up their hand to volunteer across a wide variety of activities throughout the year – it's not too late to let us know your '[One Thing](#)' for 2021.
- 6. Extracurricular activities**
  - All 2020 extracurricular providers have returned this year to offer a range of activities for YSS children on school grounds – RISE tennis, netball and Active Kids; art and craft, chess, piano, guitar. All details are available on the P&C website at [www.yerongasspandc.org.au/index.php/extracurricular/](http://www.yerongasspandc.org.au/index.php/extracurricular/)
- 7. Debbie Spanner Community Care Fund**
  - To Debbie Spanner's leadership of YSS as Principal over 8 Years, 26 families contributed \$1,300 to the Debbie Spanner Community Care Fund that will support YSS children to fully participate in school organised activities (incursions, excursions, camps, etc) when their financial circumstances may not otherwise enable them to do so. This Fund will be managed by the school administration team to ensure the confidentiality of the children and families supported.
  - Debbie has expressed her appreciation for the gesture.

From Debbie:

*I am absolutely stunned that you would do something so special in my name. It was such an honour to lead, collaborate and partner with the Yeronga State School community, beginning in 2012. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional life. Partnering with the many parents who contributed, to enact visions and create a learning, caring, growing and achieving environment for all, was such a highlight. Thank each and every one of you for your contribution to the school during my (and your) time there.*

*The generosity of the parents in my name is truly humbling and I am so grateful that YSS students will continue to be supported in such a manner. A new era for Yeronga begins with Mrs Eunice Webb installed as the new principal. I know Eunice and am very confident that she is a great match to lead the school to the next level. I am so proud of all that we achieved so far together and will be cheering from the sidelines as the school continues to move forward.*

*I hope to see many of you at some 150th celebrations. Travel well and safely!*

*Cheers, Deb*

## **8. Foundation Day Assembly**

- Congratulations to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee on a wonderful Foundation Day Assembly on Friday, 5 February, and tree planting ceremony with 4 YSS Principals.
- Hamish and Kym were honoured to attend and hear stories and milestones from the past 150 years.

## **YOSHC report – Elizabeth Fainga’a, YOSHC Manager**

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### **1. New YOSHC Manager**

- Elizabeth Fainga’a started with YOSHC on Monday, 18 January. Hamish, Kym, the P&C Exec and YOSHC teams are delighted to have Elizabeth leading the service.
- A massive THANK YOU to Cate Jordinson for stepping into the Acting YOSHC Manager role, and Alec Higgins for taking on the Deputy Manager role while we underwent the Manager recruitment process. Both did a stellar job and are now back working in their substantive roles.

### **2. Grade 2’s – change of procedure for After School Care**

- Grade 2’s will walk themselves to and from YOSHC in the mornings and afternoons. This will enable the Educators at YOSHC more time to set-up for children and ensure we have a quality program running in the afternoons and quality cleaning processes in the mornings.
- Grade 2 students are also more mature and I feel that empowering them with this responsibility to walk to and from YOSHC will enhance their independence as Grade 2’s. I have outlined what they will need to do in the mornings and afternoons.

### **3. Successful end of year holiday care program**

- The holiday care program was a lengthy program with 6 weeks of opening. There were significant enrolments for holiday care requiring waitlists – this demonstrates the value and importance to YSS families.

### **4. Developing the YOSHC space**

- Planning is in motion to refresh the YOSHC spaces for students and staff focussing on best utilisation of available space as well as meeting the needs of the children attending – setting them up for success in the beginning of their school day and providing opportunities for wind down at the end of school days.

### **5. QCAN review and advisory service**

- The QCAN team continues to provide support to the YOSHC and P&C Exec teams. The next phase is to review the HR structure, policies and procedures, and Quality Improvement Plan (QIP).

## 6. YOSHC fee increase

- The fee increase planned for 2020 and endorsed by members, but delayed by covid, came into effect on the first day of school, 27 January, 2021. This was necessary to ensure the continued sustainability and quality of the YOSHC program.

## Tuckshop – Stacey Resetti

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Tuckshop has been open for 2 weeks in 2021 at the time of writing this report.

1. Tuckshop is still trialling a fourth day and is open Tuesday to Friday in Term 1, 2021 – we started the Tuesday opening trial in term 4, 2020, but it was such an atypical term with several camps and gala sports days that don't normally happen in term 4 of the school year that the P&C and Tuckshop team would like to get a better insight into ordering patterns during a more 'typical' term. We will let our school community know before term 2 if we have enough orders and volunteers to remain open on Tuesdays for the rest of the year.
2. Catering was supplied to 2 events last week – a planning meeting for the dental building refurbishment (lunch) and the Foundation Day (morning tea).
3. Our school community have responded well to the '[Just One Thing](#)' survey with quite a few parents offering to volunteer or bake for the tuckshop. Emails have been sent to parents to see when they can help. This is great news as the volunteer pool decreased from last year due to new availability or student are no longer at school.
4. More volunteers are needed to help in the Tuckshop to help pack orders Tuesday to Friday - [www.surveymonkey.com/r/yss2021justonething](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yss2021justonething)
5. Changing milk suppliers from Loins to Lactalics - Lactalics have won the tender with ASCA. This change will see a decrease in buying costs and a new milk fridge for the tuckshop.
6. New oven arrived in the first week of term. This has taken a huge load off only having one oven.

*Stacey and Yvonne*

## Uniform Shop - Yvonne Starr

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Uniform shop has had a great start to 2021. A big thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped for the back to school opening days – you made the experience much smoother for families and staff alike. Volunteers are welcome to help in the Uniform Shop throughout the year too – please let us know when you'd like to volunteer through the P&C's Just One Thing survey:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/yss2021justonething](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yss2021justonething)

It was wonderful to see all the preps dressed ready to start their schooling at YSS.

We may have to look into going down to a size 2 in our formal uniforms as this year size 4 were very big on a lot of our little preps.

Thank you to everyone for donating 2nd hand uniforms to the uniform shop. Your donations help a lot of families.

Our grey & white socks were a big hit, sold out of all our small sizes.

YSS staff shirts have arrived and they look amazing on our the staff/teachers with 150th logo on them.

Looking forward to a great 2021 in the uniform shop

*Yvonne Starr*