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*Small School Big Learning*

## Newsletter

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*Our Vision: Developing independent, confident and creative learners in an individualised learning environment*

*We value Teamwork, Respect, Responsibility & Independence*

### Dates to Remember

**Grade 6 Graduation**

**Reports sent home**

**Christmas Family Get Together**

**Christmas Activities**

**End of Year excursion (Knox Leisureworks)**

**2018 school year finishes (1.30pm finish)**

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (week of)**

**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

## Yering Primary School is a NUT FREE School

### **Mrs Cole's Column**

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2018! Just where has the year gone!

Our School Review went very well. I would like to thank the panel – Peter Fotheringham (reviewer), Mary Azer (Senior Education and Improvement Leader), Kay Rowe (Principal from Toolangi Primary School), Mick Corr (Principal from Chum Creek Primary School), Deb Hobbis (Assistant Principal from Launching Place Primary School) and Teresa Sadler (School Council President) for their time on the panel, as well as their insights, comments and contribution to the process. It was a really positive experience. I would also like to thank Meridith and Nick for meeting with the panel, as well as the students who were called upon to answer some questions about our little school. They made me extremely proud.

The highlights for our school were student well-being, FISO (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes) priority - positive climate for learning, our community engagement, FISO priority - community engagement in learning and resource management, FISO priority - professional leadership.

Our new School Strategic Plan (SSP) will include developing students who are inquiring, creative, critical thinkers, engaged in and connected to their learning (building Student Voice and Agency), maximizing learning growth of every student in Maths and English (continuing our work on writing and comprehension in reading, and building our Maths curriculum) and developing resilient students who display growth mindsets and behaviours and attitudes that reflect our school values.

I would like to reiterate the excellent behaviour of our students once again during our Book Launch at Lilydale Library the other week. They sat beautifully while many of our students, including Nick, read their stories that

have been published in the book. I believe that Andrew has a few more copies if anyone would like to order a book.

I would also like to mention again, for those who haven't purchased, that there are several school production DVD's left for sale. They would make a great Christmas gift for someone special.

We will be heading off on our end of year excursion on Thursday. The students will have 6 X 20 minute sessions/activities, including the waterslide and the inflatables. Your child will need to bring bathers, a towel and underwear (if they come to school with their bathers on), a plastic bag for wet clothes/towel, lunch, drink bottle and snacks. We will grab our hats in the morning from school. Goggles are not appropriate to wear on the waterslide and on the inflatables.

I would like to congratulate Zander for winning first prize (5-6 year old category) in the Lilydale Air Show colouring competition. Well done Zander!

It was great to see our school represented at the show.



It was great to be able to trek down to camp and see the campers settle into their rooms, and to visit Churchill Island on the way. It was the last primary school camp for our Grade 6 students, so we are glad to hear that everyone had a great time. The camp sent a lovely email saying, 'We really did enjoy having your group come and stay with us and hope that the participants have gone away with many fond memories of their time spent here.' I would like to thank Nick and Meridith for attending camp and being on deck 24/7, and for their care and support of the students whilst on camp. ☺

A very big thank you to the school community for your support throughout the year.

I would like to thank the staff for their ongoing care and support of our students and the wider school community. You are more than welcome to visit us at any time.

I would also like to wish our Grade 6 students all the best in their future and hope they all have a wonderful night tonight as they graduate from Primary School.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a safe and happy new year. We'll see you in 2019.

*Deanna Cole*

Principal

**Quote for the fortnight:** A good compromise is one where everybody makes a contribution.

## Student of the Week



**Nate** for being ready to learn more often.

**Kai** for excellent effort in class.

**Kiara** for reading expertise.

**Billie** for improved reading comprehension.

**Grady** for improved resilience.

**Kiptyn** for working diligently on all tasks.

**Ella** for working hard in maths.

**Brody** for effort in writing.

**Stephanie K** for great effort in class.

**Sam** for great effort in maths

**Joel R** for taking risks in persuasive writing.

## 0Art Award



**Kiara** for always giving your best.

**Billie** for always giving 110%.

**Grady** for listening well.

**Ella** for improved effort.

**Bailey** for great research and reporting.

**Josiah** for excellent effort all year.

**Joel R** for always being helpful in the art room.

## **Student Attendance for November**

For the month of November, the following students had 100% attendance – Billie, Kai, Joel C, Joel R and Josiah.

**Remember: *It's not cool to miss school and It's not great to be late***

## **YV99.1FM**



Please note the first radio broadcast for 2019 will be on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. All our dates for radio in 2019 will be on Fridays.

**Steph H, Brody and Tyson** will be our presenters. We will send (via email) the script to practice over the holidays. The students will be required to send through some details about their holidays to add to the script, so they can write about some of the things they do over the holidays, what they got for Christmas, how they

spent their Christmas day, for example, in the meantime

Remember to tune in at 10.15am to YVFM 99.1 to listen.

## **Parent Club**

### **End of Year**

Our End of Year excursion will be held at Knox Leisureworks on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you can help with transportation, please see Dea. We will be leaving around 10am and return by approx. 3pm

### **Family get together**

Dinner will be served from 5.30pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Singing, readings, music will commence at around 6.30pm, followed by some speeches and a visit from Santa.

### **Shortbread fundraiser**

Thank you to those who supported the Christmas fundraiser this year.

### **Thank you**

My time has come to say goodbye and to thank you all for supporting myself and the Parent Club, and the many fundraising activities that help our little school financially.

I have enjoyed being involved in this school community and I will miss being a part of it.

A big thank you to Dea, Nick and Lisa for their support and ideas.

I would also like to thank Tracey Miller, who has given so much of her time to help me.

Thank you to Jo Haycraft, who has dedicated her time to the uniform shop, and for always offering to help. Very much appreciated!

Thank you to Christine Topma for looking after Scholastic Book Club, Katrina Hebblethwaite for also helping when needed and to all the many members of the Parent Club over the years ... Thank you!

Please continue to support this great little school. Your help is needed to help it thrive.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and I hope to see you all soon.

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## **Class Talk**

### **P/1/2**

We have been doing many Christmas bits and pieces, as well as some lovely pieces of writing to do with Christmas.

We have started winding down already, as we are very tired in the P-2 classroom, after a big year and many final assessment tasks.

### **3/4/5/6**

It has been a great finish to the year for the Grade 3-6 class. In Literacy we have been writing letters about issues in the community. Ideas have included having more bins in the Yarra Valley, providing more shelter for the homeless and allowing children under 18 to vote in elections. The grade 6 students have also been writing speeches for their graduation.

While reading, we have worked on an author study, examining the language features in some of our favourite books.

Maths has seen us finish testing and consolidate our use of the four operations, while in science we have completed our earthquake unit.

In PE, the students have played Frisbee golf, designing their own courses to challenge each other.

Goal time this year has seen students complete enough personal learning goals to earn a pizza party. This occurred on Wednesday and all thoroughly enjoyed a well-deserved treat.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday period and I look forward to seeing you again next year!