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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

School Council meeting @ 7pm	Monday, February 18 th
Grade 5/6 Kayaking	Tuesday, February 19 th
Family 'Get Together' @ 5.30pm	Friday, February 22 nd
Cooking/Free Dress Day	Wednesday, March 6 th
YV99.1FM 'Schools In' program	Friday, March 8 th
Labour Day Holiday	Monday, March 11 th
Grade 1/2 Golf session	Tuesday, March 12 th
Grade 3/4/5/6 Golf session	Friday, March 15 th
Harmony Day performance	Thursday, March 21 st
Grade 3/4/5/6 Athletics	Friday, March 22 nd
Whole School Swimming program	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th March
School Photos	Tuesday, March 26 th
'Billionaire Boy'/Art Gallery excursion	Tuesday, April 2 nd
Term 1 concludes @ 2.30pm	Friday, April 5 th

Yering Primary School is a NUT FREE School



Mrs Cole's Column

Our new website is finally up and running. It is still a work in progress and will contain all newsletters and photos that are attached to the newsletters, as well as notices for excursions/incursion, etc. Please check it out!

Our School Strategic Plan (SSP) for the next few years will be completed soon, after having had our School Review late in Term 4, and endorsed at School Council. Our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) will then be completed, after being endorsed by School Council. These two documents will then be placed on the website. Please make yourself familiar with the future educational direction of the school.

Some school policies are available for you perusal also. I would like to thank Jeff (our ICT technician) for his work on our new website.

Deanna Cole
Principal

Quote for the fortnight: A timid question will always receive a confident answer.

YV99.1FM



Please note the next radio broadcast for 2019 will be on **Friday 8th March**. Felicity, Bailey and Kiptyn will be presenting. Remember to tune in at 10.15am to YVFM 99.1 to listen.

Parent Club



Family Get Together

Our annual family 'get together' is next Friday, 22nd February, at Yarra Glen Activity Park, McKenzie Reserve, Cnr Anzac Ave and Bell St, Yarra Glen. The night will commence at 5.30pm. BYO picnic/BBQ dinner, drinks, rug, chairs, etc. Everyone is welcome.

School Fees

Our school fees for 2019 will be \$160. A statement is being emailed to you and a paper copy will be sent to you in the interim in case the emailing doesn't go to plan.

School fees include Mathletics (a computer program used by the students), photocopying, student insurance, Life Education session, school material charges such as pens, pencils, books, scissors, paper, etc.

Tuition is free but the consumables listed above are purchased on your behalf for your child's education.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student to be spent on camps, sports and excursions only. Application forms and further details are available from the office. Lisa has already submitted applications for everyone that received the payment in 2018 so no further action is required from these people. All other applications must be in no later than February 22nd, 2019.

Grade 5/6 Kayaking



Grade 5/6 students will be attending kayaking on Tuesday 19th February from 1.30-3pm at Lilydale Lake. They will be transported by private vehicles

School Photos



School photos will be held on **Tuesday 26th March**. Envelopes will be sent home shortly when received.

Swimming Program



The 2019 swimming program will commence on Monday 25th March and continue all week until Friday 29th March. Swimming program involves 5 one-hour sessions. A notice will come home later this term.

Pancake Day

I do apologise for my error in the date for Pancake Day the other day. Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) is on Tuesday 5th March, but consider it already gone at Yering

PS! It will work in better anyway, because we have cooking the following day.

If your child has not yet made a gold coin donation for the Cancer Council, it is not too late. Lisa will be forwarding the money to them next week.

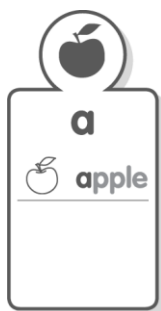
Class Talk

Whole School Writing focus

Our writing focus is **Information text**.

Soundwaves (spelling program)

In the last two weeks we have been concentrating on the following phonemes (sounds):



Extended Sound Box

Whole School Maths focus for Term 1

Place Value

Addition

Subtraction

Length

Volume and capacity

Mass

Please help to reinforce at home what your child is learning at school.

Science Focus for Term 1

Chemical Science

Bend it, Stretch It 1/2

Melting Moments 3-6

Whole School Integrated Studies Topic (Term 1)

People or Places

(Intercultural capability focus)

Grade P/1/2

We have had some very hard working students, so well done to those of you who have come back to school with a positive, hard-working attitude.

In Reading, we are focusing on predicting and making inferences about text. We have also been working on recreating an information texts.

In Writing, we have been working on the different parts of an information text and we are currently working on a staff project. We will place our projects up in the classroom when they are completed, as well as making mini documentaries on each staff member.

We would like to decorate our Writer's Notebook to make it more personal to each student. If you could please send some photos that you may have duplicate of, or a holiday brochure of a place you've visited, etc. We will use magazines to find other pictures to decorate – things we like to eat, places we like to visit, clothes we like to wear, etc.

As part of our People and Places topic, we will be working on a short life timeline for each student in Grade 1/2, between being born and present time. This needs to be 3- 5 highlights in their life. We would like for you to help them write down the highlights with approximate dates, so as we can place them on our timeline at school.

We will also be interviewing a grandparent or older person shortly, so we will be asking you to help your child do this too. Questions will be sent home. It can be done over the telephone, or in person. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Grade 3/4/5/6

Hello everyone and welcome back to 2019. We have hit the ground running in the 3-6 classroom, working hard on comprehension in reading and information reports in Literacy. Students have been researching an area of interest from a different culture, which has fitted in well with our 'People and Places' integrated studies unit.

In Maths, we have been working on a range of activities focusing on area and number, including designing a running track of a specified length using a map of the school.

We are working hard on our spelling skills and we have set our own goals to work towards.

PE has seen us play cricket and running games.