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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

YV99.1FM 'Schools In' program

MARC Van commences

Cooking Lunch/Free Dress Day

Harmony Day performance

Labour Day Holiday

Whole School Swimming program

School Photos

Friday, February 1st

Monday, February 4th

Wednesday, February 6th

Thursday, February 21st

Monday, March 11th

Monday 25th – Friday 29th March

Tuesday, March 26th

Yering Primary School is a NUT FREE School

Mrs Cole's Column

Welcome back to the 2019 school year.

I do hope everyone had a restful holiday, although it was a little hard to sleep sometimes due to the heat.

It's great to see that everyone has settled into school well and ready to learn.

We have been busy planning some wonderful excursions for this year that will fit in with our units of study.

Coming up in Term 1 we have swimming, school photos, Harmony Day performance, a planned city excursion, a couple of cooking days, YVFM presentations, School Council AGM, golf lessons, kayaking for Grade 5/6 (optional). Busy, busy, busy!

If you wish to meet with a staff member, please ensure that you make a convenient time that suits both parties

that does not impact on our student learning times and supervision.

It is important to ensure your child is coming to school unless they are unwell. School attendance is very important to your child's learning. A day or two of being absent means they may have missed out on the learning of new concepts and information, which can also create added stress to learning. Arriving on time to start class daily is also very important. It places added stress on students if they miss out on instructions at the start of the day, and cause disruptions to their class when they walk in late.

Over the year we will provide many extra-curricular activities for the school community. Extra-curricular activities are activities that fall out of the normal curriculum that is provided; outside of the normal routine. They are activities like swimming, excursions, camps, sporting events and clinics, incursions, etc.

Please find attached an anticipated costs sheet that gives an idea about possible and estimated costs for the year. Of course there are some additional costs that come up through the year, and incidental items, and some optional items like skiing, kayaking and other sporting events that we might offer to the senior students.

A copy of the Yering Primary School's Parent Code of Conduct can be obtained for your perusal. It is appropriate for everyone to adhere to the guidelines set out in this document. Speaking positively about the school, being inclusive of everyone in the school community, being supportive of your child's learning and helping your child to become independent are just a few things that are important to mention. Please remember, that as adults, we must lead by example. We are our children's first and most important role models.

Just a reminder that the age to join social media like Facebook and Snapchat is 13 years of age. There are many stories around social media, some not good and some good. Please be aware of the hazards around social media in regards to your child/ren. Their well-being is most important.

Throughout 2019, we will continue to share our educational journey with you, highlighting what our students are doing at Yering PS, in the newsletter.

Deanna Cole

Principal

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

Staffing for 2019

The staff at Yering for 2019 are:

Deanna Cole	Principal & 1/2 teacher Music/Drama/Values
Nicholas Westerman	3-6 teacher/Physical Education
Meridith Day	1/2/Art/Classroom Science
Lisa Shaw	Business Manager (Tues/Thurs)
Yvonne Powell	Integration Aide
Ruth Butler	Integration Aide
Faye Barry	Bridges Program/Cooking/YVFM
Mariette Buckle	Visiting Teacher
Julie Cumming	MARC Van (Library)
Kathryn Vine	MARC Van (Library)
Kumi Clayton	Japanese

Meridith will be in on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Deanna will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

YV99.1FM



Please note the first radio broadcast for 2019 will be on **Friday 1st February (tomorrow)**. Steph H, Brody and Tyson will be presenting. Remember to tune in at 10.15am to YVFM 99.1 to listen.

Student Medication

If your child is on any medication at any time throughout the year, please ensure that you fill in a medication form. These can be collected from a staff member.

The DET Medication Policy states that schools should not store or administer analgesics such as Aspirin and Paracetamol as a standard first aid strategy as they can mask signs and symptoms of serious illness or injury, therefore Panadol will not be given unless it comes to school for your child and a medication form is completed by a parent.

Working Bee

I would like to thank the following families for attending our mini working bee – Padjasek (Brooks), Topma, Sadler, Steur and Hebblethwaite. It was short notice, but the school just needed a few jobs done before the start of the school year.

Thank you to Brian, Faye and Daniel for mowing, weeding and other jobs that were completed over the holidays.

We will call a working bee for further work around the school.

Cooking



Our first cooking day is on Wednesday 6th February. Please find the lunch order form attached to this newsletter.

On cooking days, we want to ensure the health and safety of everyone, so please ensure your child comes to school with clean nails, hair tied back and healthy. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Fees

Our school fees for 2019 will be \$160. A statement will be forwarded home in the near future.

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.

Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club is provided through Foodbank School Breakfast Program. The food arrives at the start of each term and is accessible by all students at our school. Food includes cereal, fruit and toast to name a few. It will continue to run 2 mornings a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8.30am – 8.55am. Jess Brooks and Stu Kirkwood will continue to volunteer as Breakfast Coordinators. Thank you for your efforts last year.

2019 School Captains

Our Grade 6 students will take on the role of School Captains this year.

The role of School Captain entails presenting the weekly assembly (Friday mornings), helping with the school newsletter, representing our school, changing the front sign and performing numerous public speaking tasks. I'm sure they'll take on the role confidently and continue to display a positive role model for all our students.

Nut Allergy



Please be aware that Kiara is anaphylactic to nuts. For her safety and well-being we ask you to please refrain from sending your child/ren to school with nuts, or nut products, in their lunchboxes. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

YVFM 99.1



The students in Grades 3/4/5/6 will again be participating in the 'Schools In' Radio Program on several Fridays throughout the year on Yarra Valley FM 99.1. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience life behind the microphone and also develop their public speaking skills. The students do a great job planning and writing all their own material for the ½ hour presentation.

The dates will be placed in the newsletter as they arise. In anticipation, I wish to thank Faye Barry for the work she has done with the students in the past, and in the future.

Music Lessons



Allan Gibson, our guitar teacher, will commence back next Thursday 7th February. Allan also teaches saxophone, harmonica and flute. Please see Deanna if your child would like to learn the guitar.

School Photos

School photos will be held on **Tuesday 26th March**. Please arrive on time on this day as the photographer will commence at 9am sharp. 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.

School Council Elections

School Council elections will be coming up. Please think about the impact you can make to your child's education by becoming involved on School Council. More information on school council nominations and elections will follow shortly.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform at all times. If a photo opportunity arises full school uniform is required. Please see Deanna if you require a uniform policy for perusal.

Please note on free dress days appropriate footwear and clothes that cover shoulders still need to be worn.

Student Absences



If your child is going to be absent on any day please let the school know or provide an absence note.
Remember: It's not cool to miss school.

Punctuality



Punctuality to school is extremely important to your child's day. It makes the day start well for your child and creates less distraction for those already working in the classroom. Being late means important instructions may have been missed.

Remember: It's not great to be late.

Sunsmart



Yering is an official Sunsmart School and students, staff and parents are encouraged to adopt Sunsmart practices. The wearing of hats at school is **compulsory** during term 1/early term 2 (up until April 30th) and term 4. If a student fails to bring a hat to school they are required to spend lunchtimes and playtimes in the undercover area. **No Hat, No Play.**

Sunscreen is available at school for all students to put on if they wish.

Newsletter

Newsletters and photos will now be emailed to everyone this year to save time and cost. Please find attached, a form to complete and return with your email details. This will commence next newsletter.

The newsletter and photos will appear in colour when emailed, which is a bonus.

Facebook Page



Don't forget our Facebook page where many events and other information are listed for your perusal. Please check it out and like the page.

Student Information Form

Student information details have been sent home today with each child. Please read through and check the emergency contacts, medical details and occupation groups (the latter has an impact on our funding). Please sign and return the student information sheets to school by Tuesday 5th February to confirm that the details are correct or with corrections marked. Lisa cannot print off any student details at school until all forms have been checked, updated and amended. It is very important that these details are returned **immediately** for Lisa to update and amend next Tuesday.

Photograph permission form

A photograph permission form is attached to this newsletter. Parent permission is required for children's photos to be included in newspapers, our school website, Facebook page and school promotional material. Children's surnames are not included with the photograph.

It includes photos taken by newspaper photographers or by staff members who may send photos to the newspaper.

Late Arrival / Early Dismissal Book

If your child/children arrives late for school or leaves early for the day please fill in the late arrival/early

dismissal book which is kept in the rack near the staffroom door. Where possible, when making appointments for your child it is much better for them to be made after school hours to avoid disruptions to their learning.

Personal goods brought to school

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

Please note the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Before & After School Duty

Please note that staff are not required to be on duty until 8.45am each morning. If your child arrives before that time, they will be unattended in the yard.

After school, staff are on duty until 3.45pm. Your child will be brought inside and can be picked up from the office, if you arrive after that time

Car Park



For safety reasons, it is strongly recommended that you enter the car park from the Coldstream end of the crossing. The line in the road is broken on that side for turning into the car park.

When departing, for safety reasons also, please leave the car park from the Yarra Glen end, no matter what direction you are travelling. There is a mirror to help see the traffic coming from Coldstream toward the crossing, making it safer to pull out there. Please make sure anyone else that may pick up your child/ren, is aware of these safety measures. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Crossing

Students must cross the road and be brought into school with an adult each morning. Students must also be collected from the school grounds after school hours, waiting beyond the paved area at the front of the school near the basketball court. Please ensure that the gate is opened by an adult to enter and exit the

school. Please also make sure other unaccompanied children are not going through the gate with you. These guidelines need to be followed for safety reasons.

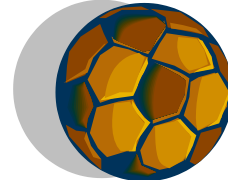
Brain Food/Fruit Snack



Please note that we encourage the students to bring along some fruit/vegetables to school for consumption at 10am each morning to feed the brain and keep it going until recess time. Some students mention that they are hungry at that time of day. Please make sure the fruit or vegetable/s is something that can be eaten while they are working, minimising mess, for example, apple, dried sultanas or apricots, banana, cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, etc. Drink bottles can also be kept on tables to sip at during the day. We ask that they contain water only and are not frozen. The condensation spoils student's work.

Apples, supplied by Foodbank, are available for students to eat throughout the day also.

Physical Education/Fitness



This year whole school Fitness sessions will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also Physical Education is on Wednesdays for Grade 3/4/5/6 students and Tuesdays for Grade P/1/2 students. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear on to be able to participate. It is expected that all students join in these activities. A note or phone call is required if your child is **unable** to participate.

Please also note that if your child has a sports top they should wear it on days when attending sporting activities.

Uniform Shop

Thank you to Jo Haycraft for her time as our uniform shop coordinator.

Lisa Shaw is now in charge of uniforms, so you can purchase items from her on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are second hand items available too.

School Banking



The school banking program with the Commonwealth Bank will continue for 2019. Please see Chris Topma if you wish to open an account, deposit money or get some further details.

Class Talk

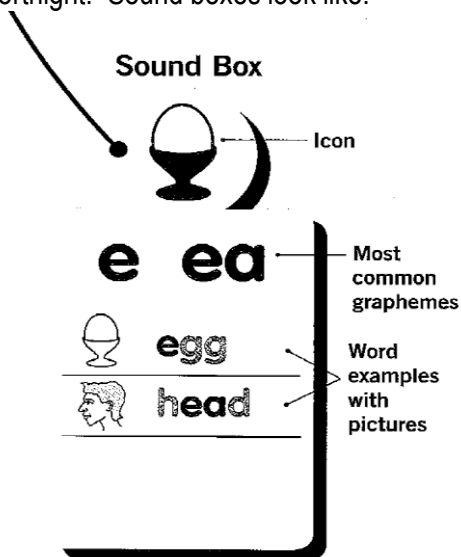
Whole School Writing focus

Our writing focus for the next 5 weeks will be **Information text**.

Informational text is non-fiction writing, written with the intention of informing the reader about a specific topic. It is typically found in magazines, science or history books, autobiographies and instruction manuals. They are written using special text features that allow the reader to easily find key information and understand the main topic. The author will do this by providing **headers** over certain sections, by placing important vocabulary in **bold type**, and by using **visual representations with captions**. These visual representations can be pictures or even infographics that include tables, diagrams, graphs and charts. In some cases the author will even provide the reader with a table of contents or a glossary to assist them in finding the information easily.

Sound Waves

Next week we will commence our spelling program with the phoneme 'b'. The sound boxes for each sound we have just completed will appear in the newsletter each fortnight. Sound boxes look like:



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)