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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

Cricket Clinic	Tuesday, February 4 th
Cooking Lunch/Free Dress Day	Wednesday, February 5 th
Cricket Clinic	Tuesday, February 11 th
Cricket Clinic	Tuesday, February 18 th
YV99.1FM 'Schools In' program	Friday, February 21 st
Cricket Clinic	Tuesday, February 25 th
Labour Day Holiday	Monday, March 9 th
Whole School Swimming program	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th March
School Photos	Thursday, March 19 th
YV99.1FM 'Schools In' program	Friday, March 27 th

Yering Primary School is a NUT FREE School

Mrs Cole's Column

Welcome back to the 2020 school year.

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

A big welcome to our new Prep/Foundation students – Zara and Cruz. They've settled in extremely well.



Welcome to Jess – our new Grade 4 student, who has also settled in well to her new school.

Also a huge welcome to our two new families – Adams and Cartwright. Please make them feel 'at home' at Yering.

I would like to thank Meridith, Ruth and Von for making the transition in the operation of both classrooms relatively simple. The students have been great too.

Coming up in Term 1 we have whole school swimming, school photos, a Grade 5/6 leadership day, a couple of cooking days, YVFM presentations, School Council AGM, cricket coaching, kayaking for Grade 5/6 (optional); just to name a few things. 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. Staff need to be in class as soon as our morning briefing/assembly is over. Communication with staff should be important due to time constraints on both Meridith and myself. Meridith is at school every morning until 1.30pm (lunchtime) and all day Thursday. Meridith can be contacted on day.meridith.m@edumail.vic.gov.au for questions regarding your child's health and well-being, their education and making appointments to catch up in person.

I am on yard duty most mornings and after school if you wish to catch up then, or I can make a time to suit both parties. I only have a half day in the office on a Thursday afternoon to complete administration tasks. I am contactable between the hours of 8am and 5pm (Monday to Friday).

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 daily to start class 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 2020, we will continue to share our educational journey with you, highlighting what our students are doing at Yering PS, in the newsletter. Please take the time to read the Class Talk section of the newsletter each fortnight and be present in your child's education with us.

Deanna Cole

Principal

Quote for the fortnight: In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.

Staffing for 2020

The staff at Yering for 2020 are:

Deanna Cole	Principal & P/2/3 teacher Music/Drama/Respectful Relationships
Meridith Day	4-6 teacher/Phys Ed/Art
Lisa Shaw	Business Manager (Tues/Thurs)
Yvonne Powell	Integration Aide
Ruth Butler	Integration Aide
Faye Barry	Bridges Program/Cooking/YVFM
Kathryn Vine	MARC Van (Library)
Mary Grace	MARC Van (Library)

Meridith will be in daily until lunchtime and all day on Thursdays. Meridith will take Whole School Art on Thursday afternoons. The whole school will come together for music/drama, respectful relationships, etc on other afternoons with myself and either Ruth or Von. I will not be having a day in the office this year, so it will be important for me to get into the office as soon as possible after school. I would like to encourage all of you to keep conversations with staff around your child's needs and education, since our time will be more precious this year. Thank you in anticipation.

YV99.1FM



Please note the first radio broadcast for 2020 will be on **Friday 21st February**. Brody, Bailey and Tyson will be presenting.

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

2020 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.

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 – Adams, Cartwright, Kirkwood, Steur and Topma.

Thank you to Faye for weeding and Daniel for mowing over the holidays.

There will be an ongoing list of jobs placed outside if anyone would like to complete them, please see Dea.

Cooking



Our first cooking day is on Wednesday 5th February. The lunch order form was sent home today and is also 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 2020 will be approximately \$160. A statement will be forwarded home in the near future.

School fees include 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 will continue to volunteer as Breakfast Coordinators. Thank you for your efforts last year Jess.

Nut and Kiwi Allergies



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 also have a couple of students who are allergic to kiwi fruit. We don't see them very often at school, so we ask that you keep them to home eating.

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, returned today, Thursday 30th January. Allan also teaches saxophone, harmonica and flute. Please see Deanna if your child would like to learn any of the above instruments and to enquire about Allan's rates.

School Photos

School photos will be held on **Thursday 19th March**. Please arrive on time on this day as the photographer will commence at 9am sharp. Envelopes will be sent home once received in the office.

Swimming Program



The 2020 swimming program will commence on Monday 16th March and continue all week until Friday 20th 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 soon. 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.

We have lost 3 members – Tracey Miller, Teresa Sadler (President) and Kat Hebblethwaite. I thank you for your time on School Council, and any related committees such as Parent Club and Fundraising.

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 see Lisa if you require any uniform items. Lisa is in Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 via SchoolStream by 9.15am. **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 so please make sure we have your current email address. The newsletter also appears on our website, and will appear on School Stream.

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.

I would like to thank Tracey Miller for her upkeep of our Facebook page for the past few years and welcome Daniel Adams as our Facebook administrator. Thank you Daniel.

Student Information Form

Student information details have been sent home Friday 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 4th 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.

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, on occasions.

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.

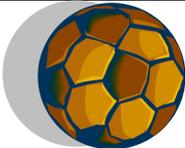
Brain Food/Fruit Snack



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 usually available for students to eat throughout the day. Unfortunately there was no order placed for a delivery at the start of term, but we will have the opportunity to order for a mid-term delivery.

Physical Education/Fitness



This year Whole School Fitness sessions will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while Whole School Physical Education is on Wednesdays. 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

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

Class Talk

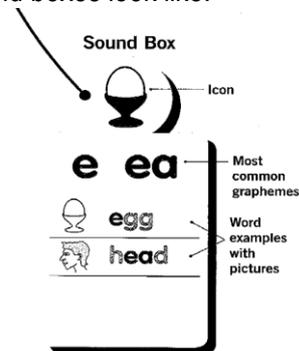
Whole School Writing focus

Our writing focus for the next 4 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 'e'. 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

Science Focus for Term 1

Biological Science

Feathers, fur or leaves? (P/2/3)

Among the Gum Trees (Grade 4-6)

Integrated Studies for Term 1

Critical and Creative Thinking

Growing Older and Wiser (P/2/3)

Ethics and Emotion (4/5/6)

