



Small School Big Learning

Yering Primary School

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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 (Webex)
Grade 5/6 Kayaking (elective)
Whole School Swimming Carnival
Labour Day Holiday
Whole School Swimming program
School Photos
End of Term 1

Wednesday, February 17th
Thursday, February 18th
Tuesday, March 2nd
Monday, March 8th
Monday 15th – Friday 19th March
Thursday, March 18th (TBA)
Thursday, April 1

Yering Primary School is a NUT FREE School

Mrs Cole's Column

Welcome back to the 2021 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 student, Maverick. He's taken to school really well.



Welcome to Emma, our new Grade 6 student, who has also settled in well to her new school. Also a huge welcome to our new family – Smith. Please make them feel 'at home' at Yering.



Congratulations to Billie who received the 2020 Rotary Junior Citizenship Award at the end of the year. Well done Billie!

Also a big congratulations to Zoey who was the proud recipient of the Yering Primary School Scholarship for 2021, kindly sponsored by Yering Business Advisors. Great job Zoey!

Coming up in Term 1 we have whole school swimming, school photos, School Council AGM, kayaking for Grade 5/6 (optional); just to name a few things.

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 kept well-timed and I encourage all of you to keep conversations with staff around your child's well-being and education.

Meridith's hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday until 2pm and all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you wish to speak to Meridith or myself regarding your child's education and well-being, please arrange an appropriate time via email, or in passing to catch up in person.

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.

A copy of the Yering Primary School's Parent Code of Conduct is attached to this newsletter 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, Snapchat and other social media platforms 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 2021, 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.

Arianna, our school crossing supervisor Monday to Wednesday, has left the crossing to go on to new ventures. I was only advised that she was leaving us after she finished work yesterday. Arianna passed on her appreciation to our school community and expressed how welcome she felt. She also said she will miss everyone. We wish Arianna all the best in her new employment.

Deanna Cole

Principal

Quote for the fortnight: With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.

Staffing for 2021

The staff at Yering for 2021 are:

Deanna Cole	Principal & P/1/3 teacher Music/Drama/Respectful Relationships
Meridith Day	4-6 teacher/Phys Ed/Art
Lisa Shaw	Business Manager (Tues/Thurs)
Yvonne Powell	Integration Aide (Thurs/Fri)
Ruth Butler	Integration Aide (Mon – Thurs)
Kathryn Vine	MARC Van (Library)

Music/Drama: Monday

Fitness: Tuesday/Thursday

Art: Tuesday

PE: Wednesday

MARC Van: Thursday

2021 School Captains

Our Grade 6 students, Cameron, Ella, Emma, Ruby and Tyson, 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 X 2 families, Brooks, Kirkwood, Rogers, Steur and Topma.

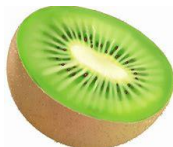
Thank you to Daniel for mowing and weeding over the holidays.

Essential Education Costs

The Essential Education costs for 2021 have been emailed to you all. Costs vary depending which class your child is in. A statement will be forwarded home in the near future.

Costs include student stationery, consumables such as art supplies, student insurance, Life Education session and online subscriptions. Tuition is free but the consumables listed above are purchased on your behalf for your child's education.

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.

Swimming Program



The 2020 swimming program will commence on Monday 15th March and continue all week until Friday 19th 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.

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 our website to view our uniform policy. We are currently working some issues with uniform purchases. We will keep you informed.

Please note on free dress days appropriate hats, 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 by 9.15am. Staff will contact you if you do not let the school know.

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 an appropriate hat to school they are required to spend recess times 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 be emailed to everyone each fortnight, so please make sure we have your current email address. The newsletter also appears on our website. Please ensure you read the newsletter carefully. It will have important announcements about what is happening at school in regards to your child's education.

Facebook Page



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

I would like to thank Daniel Adams for the upkeep of our Facebook page for the past year. Thank you Daniel.

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.

Personal Devices

Student's personal devices, such as iPads, tablets, mobile phones, etc, are not permitted at school, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

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



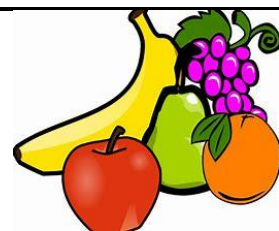
For safety reasons, it is strongly recommended that you enter the car park from the Coldstream end of the crossing. The line in the road is broken on that side for turning into the car park.

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, and ensure that your child is leaving through the gate. 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

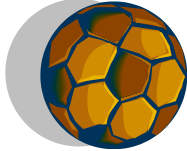


Please note that we encourage the students to bring along some fruit/vegetables to school for consumption at 10am each morning to feed the brain and keep it going until recess time. Some students mention that they are hungry at that time of day. Please make sure the fruit or

vegetable/s is something that can be eaten while they are working, minimising mess, for example, apple, dried apricots or sultanas, 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. They will arrive in about a week and will be available to all students.

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.

Class Talk

Whole School Writing focus

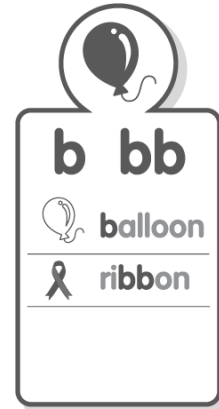
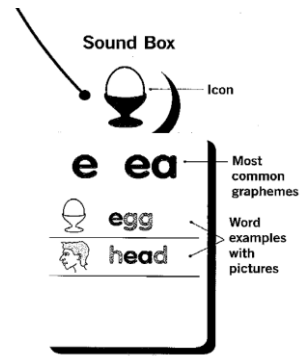
Our writing focus for the next 4 weeks will be **Information text**.

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

This 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

Science Focus for Term 1

Biological Science

Growing Well (P/1/3)

Plants in Action (Grade 4-6)

Integrated Studies for Term 1

People and Places

P/1/3

We are very pleased to be back at school working hard. Students have already commenced their Soundwaves books, learning about the sound 'b', and are working very hard on information reports, working on the difference between facts and opinions and writing facts about themselves.

In Maths, we have started working on Place Value. Everyone is picking all concepts up very well.

We have completed some fun activities and science experiments.

This week we have started Japanese, Drama, Art, PE and MARC Van.

4/5/6

Welcome back for a brand new year! I am super excited to be back in the classroom and planning for what should be a 'normal' school year. We have hit the ground running in the 4-6 classroom with our start of the year

assessments all completed. That along with some games and fun activities have made for a lovely first two weeks back. On Friday this week, homework books will be sent home. Inside the front cover is a letter explaining the process. Students are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night, something that challenges and interests them. This can be out loud to a member of the family some nights and independently others. Homework books are due in each Friday to allow me to check the students' progress, with the final pieces due by the last

week of term. Thank you in advance for your support from home.

Yarra Valley Soccer Club Season

The Yarra Valley Soccer Club are looking for players for the 2021 season.

Check out their facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/YarraValleySoccerClub>

Please see notice board for more information.