



*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

NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5 students)

Student Free Day

Grade 3-6 Cross Country Run

Whole School Swimming Program

School Council meeting

Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Council

Queen's Birthday public holiday

Grade 5/6 Round Robin Sports

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May

Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

## Yering Primary School is a NUT FREE School

### Mrs Cole's Column

I was extremely proud of the way the students represented the school at the Yering/Coldstream ANZAC service on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. It was a lovely service, which gave the opportunity for the President of Lilydale RSL, Mr Bill Dobson, to make a positive comment. He was impressed. Good work once again Yering students.

Thank you to the all of our students who attended the services on ANZAC day – Lilydale, Yarra Glen and Healesville. You did a great job.

While I am on the subject of commending our students, I would like to comment on the positive representation at the Grade 3-6 Athletics. Meridith returned with wonderful comments about how great the students were, having a go at all the events and working with students

from other schools. Once again well done to our students who attended. You make us very proud to be part of Yering PS.

While I am on a roll, there is another pat on the back for our students. A visitor to our school commented on how engaged our students were in their work, and Holly, the fruit fly person who visited our school, also mentioned the kids total engagement in her lesson on fruit fly. They asked interesting questions, constructed some wonderful traps and displayed enthusiasm throughout the entire session. Fantastic comments yet again. Well done again to all of our students.

While we are talking about fruit fly, the traps the students made are easy to make using everyday household items. Please encourage your child/ren to share their knowledge with friends and family because fruit fly is certainly in the area.

Please ensure that you make a note on your calendar that **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** will be a **student free day**. There will no staff on site. They will be at Professional Development at other locations.

Also Meridith has, and will be, attending some further Professional Development so as she can present the best quality teaching to our students.

I will be taking a week's Long Service Leave beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Please see Meridith if needed.

There are a few colds going around. Please help us to ensure good hygiene with the bugs that might hit us this winter. Encourage students to cover their mouth or use their elbow when they cough or sneeze, dispose of soiled tissues in the bin and wash or sanitise their hands after disposing of the tissue. We appreciate your efforts in helping us and your child to display good hygiene and cleanliness.

A very big thank you to Daniel for his upkeep of the grounds and his posts on our Facebook page. You have been doing an amazing job with our Facebook page.

*Deanna Cole*  
Principal

**Quote for the fortnight:** There are two mistakes one can make along the road to truth – not going all the way, and not starting.

## Student of the Week



**Cruz** for working diligently in class.

**Cruz** for excellent work in multiplication.

**Zara** for excellent work in multiplication.

**Jordan** for showing responsibility for her learning.

**Billie** for excellent effort in your ANZAC writing.

**Ruby** for good work in independent reading.

## NAPLAN

Please note that NAPLAN commenced on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May for Grades 3 & 5. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. It assesses the Literacy and Numeracy of our students. There are four tests – Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (includes punctuation, grammar, spelling) and Numeracy. These tests will be carried out over 3 days during the test period which commences on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Numeracy is the last one we have to complete, other than some catch up tests. It will be on Thursday at 10am. All tests are done online, except for the Grade 3 writing test.

## Education Week

Now in its 77<sup>th</sup> year, Education Week aims to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector.

This year Education Week runs from 23-29 May. The theme 'Building Connections' focuses on how the community can act as a support network, support students' learning and development and enhance social inclusion. Education Week is an opportunity for all primary and secondary schools, higher education, and early childhood services to showcase how they are building connections with the community around them. Yering Primary School hold many items throughout the year that build connections such as our recent ANZAC Day service, as well as representation of our school at services around the Valley on the day, visits from local politicians, attending Athletics and Cross Country Runs, working with Men's Shed and Animal Aid just to name a few. We will continue to make these connections with the local community.

Use the hashtag #edweekvic to get involved on social media.

For more information and to access the calendar of free activities, visit the **Education Week 2021** website.

## Class Talk



### Whole School Writing focus

Our writing focus will be Narrative.

### Sound Waves

We have been concentrating on the phonemes 'a' as in snail, and 'l' as in lizard.

ai				ay				a_e				a			
snail				cake				hay				lady			
ay				snail				ei				rein			
a_e				cake				aigh				straight			
a				lady				au				gauge			
ea				break				et				ballet			
ey				they				ez				rendezvous			

Extended Sound Box

l		lizard	
ll		bell	

Extended Sound Box

l		lizard	
ll		bell	
le		aisle	

### Whole School Maths focus for Term 2

Multiplication

Division

Fractions and Decimals

### Time

#### Science Focus for Term 2

##### Chemical Science

What's It Made Of? (P/1/3)

What's The Matter? (Grade 4-6)

#### Integrated Studies for Term 2

Civics and Citizenship

### P/1/3

Grade 3 students have been working on some practice NAPLAN tests just so they are aware of what to expect. We have been working hard on making sentences more interesting and coming up with great adjectives and verbs. Grade 3's have been introduced to adverbs formally.

When reading, some students are working hard on self-correcting, looking for smaller words and blends within words and reading for meaning, or deeper meaning.

In Maths, we have been working on multiplication (groups of/times tables). We will move on to division (sharing) and the relationship between multiplication and division. Brendan will be working on time for the rest of the term.

### 4/5/6

It was my absolute pleasure to take the Grade 3-6 to District Athletics last Thursday. All students were amazing, both in their physical efforts and taking responsibility. I can't say how proud I was enough! Many students had to act independently in their age groups and they did so beautifully, ensuring their scores were recorded and they were at each activity on time etc.

We are gearing up for District Cross Country in a couple of weeks with lots of running in PE and Fitness. I can't wait for another awesome day out with our students.