



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

Melbourne Aquarium excursion	Wednesday, February 16 th
School Nurse visit for Preps	Thursday, February 17 th
Grade 5/6 Kayaking (elective)	Tuesday, February 22 nd (TBC)
School Council Meeting (Webex) 7pm	Tuesday, February 22 nd
Whole School Swimming Carnival (Grade 1-6)	Wednesday, March 2 nd
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday, March 14 th
Preps attend school full time	Wednesday, March 16 th
Harmony Day excursion	Thursday, March 17 th
Wandin Districts Athletics	Thursday, April 7 th
End of Term 1	Friday, April 8 th

Yering Primary School is a KIWI FRUIT & NUT FREE School

Mrs Cole's Column

Welcome to the 2022 school year. Everyone seems to have settled in well, and already looking forward to the many great things we have planned for this term.

There are many important items in the newsletter each fortnight, so please make sure that you read it carefully. It is one form of important communication that we use.

A big welcome to our new Prep/Foundation students, Arlo, Jack and Piper, and their families. Please make them all feel at home at Yering.

Coming up in Term 1 we have our Melbourne Aquarium excursion, School Council AGM, kayaking for Grade 6 (optional), school nurse visit; just to name a few things.



Congratulations to Ruby who received the 2021 Wandin Rotary Club Citizenship Award. Great job Ruby!



Also a big congratulations to Billie who received the 2021 Yering Primary School scholarship. Well done Billie!

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. Please send an email or touch base in passing and we can arrange a time that suits each of us. The first point of contact **should** be your child's classroom teacher, so please make sure that you communicate with them.

In 2022, Meridith's hours are as follows:

Monday 9am-3pm

Tuesday 9am-3.15pm

Wednesday 9am-3pm

Thursday All day

Friday 9.15am-1.45pm

Brendan is at school all day on Wednesday (tutoring and Art) and Thursday (P/1/2 classroom).

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 when they return. 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. Most of our excursions/incursions, etc will occur to enhance student learning in the classroom.

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.

I have contacted the Shire of Yarra Ranges regarding the school crossing not currently supervised on

Thursday and Friday afternoons. School crossings across the shire have been affected by Covid, either because of illness or vaccination status of the supervisors. Please let me assure you that the shire and Hoban (crossing supervisors employer) are currently doing all they can to gain more staff to supervise crossings. I would also like to reiterate that staff, and school community members, cannot stop the traffic to cross the students, only a crossing supervisor can, and even then the School Crossing flags need to be visible. If a vehicle stops on one side of the crossing, it is not safe to assume that vehicles travelling up the other side of the crossing will stop too. I certainly will not cross the road with the students until I am certain that it is safe for us to do so. I, as well as all other staff, have a duty of care for all of our students.

Breakfast Club will commence again shortly. If you would like to volunteer one or two mornings per week, please let me know. We will endeavour to hold Breakfast Club two mornings each week.

Throughout 2022, 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: When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect toward others.

Staffing for 2022

The staff at Yering for 2022 are:

Deanna Cole	Principal & P/1/2 teacher Music/Drama
Meridith Day	4-6 teacher/Phys Ed
Brendan Phillips	P/1/2 (Thurs)/Tutoring/Art
Janet Orchard (Term 1)	Business Manager (Thurs/Fri)
Yvonne Powell	Integration Aide (Wed/Fri)
Ruth Butler	Integration Aide (Mon/Tues/Thur)
Kathryn Vine	MARC Van (Library)
Ashleigh Katsi	LOTE (Japanese)

Music/Drama: Monday

Fitness: Tuesday (Deanna) / Wednesday (Brendan)

Art: Wednesday

PE: Thursday

LOTE: Thursday

MARC Van: Friday

2022 School Captains

Our Grade 6 students, Billie, Jess, Kiara, Lucas and Ruby 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. Bridget Vallence will be presenting our school captain badges. I will inform all Grade 6 parents of the date and time of our badge presentation once informed.

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 working bee – Adams, Steur and Morley. I am not sure who may have attended over the weekend so my apologies for not mentioning you, since I am not aware. Thank you to Daniel for mowing over the holidays. Thank you to Ruth and Bruce for weeding and watering our new plants. Thank you also to Brendan for completing some repair works around the school.

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.

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, as well as on school excursions. Please see our website to view our uniform policy. 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 your child's teacher 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 regard 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 (in normal circumstances), 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 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 bottles can also be kept on tables to sip at during the day. We ask that they contain water.

Physical Education/Fitness



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

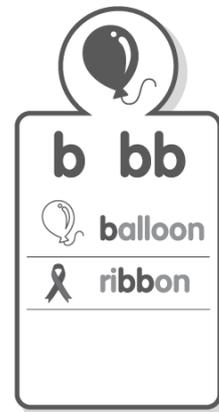
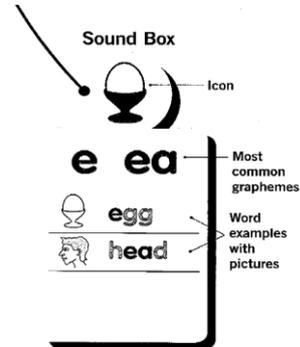
Our writing focus for the first half of Term 1 will be **Information text**.

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

We have been focusing on the phoneme 'b' in our spelling program, 'Soundwaves'. 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

Under the Sea

Integrated Studies for Term 1

Inclusiveness - Ethics