



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 AGM 7pm	Tuesday, March 29 th
School Council Meeting 7.30pm	Tuesday, March 29 th
Wandin Districts Athletics – Grade 4/5/6	Thursday, April 7 th
End of Term 1	Friday, April 8 th
Term 2 commences	Tuesday, April 26 th
School Photos	Thursday, April 28 th
Bunning BBQ	Saturday, May 21 st

Yering Primary School is a KIWI FRUIT & NUT FREE School

Mrs Cole's Column

It was great to see the excitement and celebration when our students won the title of 'Champions' at the small school swimming carnival. Well done to you all and once again it was excellent to hear that all student displayed enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and excellent behaviour. I am waiting to hear from the Lilydale RSL in regard to a date for our annual ANZAC commemoration service that we hold at Coombe Cottage each year. We have been invited to join Yarra Glen and always endeavour to get our students to represent our school at Lilydale and Healesville, if we can. If your child would like to represent our school at any of these services, please let us know. The Lilydale service is an early morning dawn service and the others are mid-morning. I will need to know as soon as possible about the Yarra Glen service because we prepare a reading for the service.

Today the Grade 5 students completed a practice writing test as part of preparing for NAPLAN, which will take place in May.

Just a reminder that making contact on the mobile phone is between the hours of 8am-5pm. Please note that occasionally I might send a message out after 5pm as I am still working on my list of tasks for the day after teaching all day. I do apologise if this happens, but it is usually just information and there is no need to reply.

Staff at Yering wish to keep you informed regarding your child, our students, and we really appreciate the support that is given back from parents, keeping us informed, especially regarding things that might affect your child's education and well-being. Considering time restraints at times, staff are very good at communicating items regarding your child to other staff, making sure that we are all on the same page with your child's needs, health issues, worries, whatever. We appreciate your trust in us to work with your child and do the best job that we can

with your child, allowing us to all be on the same page with your child.

Staff will be in contact shortly to discuss your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Your child's IEP will be sent to you via email.

A volunteer Working With Children's Check (WWCC) is required for anyone who enters our school, especially if you volunteer in classrooms, excursions, camps, swimming, Breakfast Club, fundraising committee, working bees, or anywhere there is close contact with students. It is free and only takes a few minutes to organise at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au This allows us to keep everyone safe and attends to everyone's well-being. Please let Janet know you have obtained a WWCC for future reference. Thank you in anticipation.

The Department of Education and Training is working with the Department of Health to gather feedback from parents/carers and staff to review and improve, where possible, the implementation of the rapid antigen testing program in schools.

This will be done by identifying a representative sample of schools to distribute a link to surveys for parents and staff respectively, with the principals of each sample school also invited to complete a principals' survey.

Each of the surveys are entirely voluntary and anonymous. Our school has been identified as one of the schools invited to take part in this survey. Please click on the link to contribute to the survey.

[Rapid Antigen Testing in Schools Survey - Parent Survey](#)

I will forward some information and a consent form regarding another survey home to the parents of students over 11 years in the next couple of days. The survey is about the Free Sanitary Initiative where girls can access free sanitary items in the girl's toilet. Please read the information sheet and return the consent form if you wish to participate. These forms will need to be returned by Friday 1st April, so as the survey can be completed at school by the end of term.

Deanna Cole

Principal

Quote for the fortnight: Parents are the bones upon which children sharpen their teeth.

School Captain Report

Last week on Thursday we went to Coldstream Primary school for Harmony Day. We did some dances and learnt about resilience too. About three weeks ago, the grade 5-6's went Kayaking on the river. We had lots of fun. During this week, Mr. Fisher came in and told us about Healesville High School. It was very interesting. The

grade 6's also got their leadership badges and jackets too.

Billie and Kiara

School Council

Congratulations to Christine Topma, Charmelle Adams, Naomi Cartwright, Teresa Sadler and Jen Adams for their nominations to go on School Council.

Yering Primary School Council members are Meridith Day, Jess Brooks, Christine Topma, Charmelle Adams, Naomi Cartwright, Teresa Sadler, Jen Adams and Deanna Cole. Thank you to our outgoing school council member Doug Wookey.

Class Talk

Whole School Writing focus

Our writing focus is **Narrative**.

A **Narrative** is a spoken or written account of connected events; a story, tale, account, record, play, TV show, etc.

Sound Waves

In the past weeks we have been focusing on the phonemes (sounds) 'e' as in egg, 'd' as in duck, 'l' as in igloo and 'f' as in fish in our spelling program, 'Soundwaves'.

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

Grade P/1/2

Thank you to those of you who are finding the time to read at home with your child. It is very important for your child to read at home daily and it's great to be able to spend some quality time with your child sharing a book and talking about it.

We have been reading lots of fairy tales. Students have been working toward writing their own fairy tale after drawing and describing their character and setting for the tale.

The Grade 2 students have been learning a variety of strategies to use when working with addition and are now looking at the same with subtraction. Other students have been working on addition to 10 and subtraction from 10.

Grade 4/5/6

The Grade 4-6 classroom has been busy and buzzing with activity. We are working through our narrative unit and there are some fantastic stories beginning to take shape with some excellent writing taking place. We have been having lots of fun in maths with hands on activities as we complete our unit on measurement. Just a

reminder to everyone that their homework is due on Wednesday 6th April in order to enjoy our end of term Homework Club activity. Remember to bring it in on Fridays for extra MVP points and help if needed.