



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 Review	Wednesday 8 th February
Grade 6 School Captain Badge Presentation 9am (Bridget Vallence)	Tuesday, 14 th February
School Review	Wednesday 15 th February
Grade 5/6 Kayaking (elective)	Tuesday, February 21 st (TBC)
School Council Meeting (Webex)	TBC
Whole School Swimming Carnival (Grade 1-6)	Wednesday, March 1 st
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday, March 13 th
Melbourne Museum/IMAX excursion	Tuesday, March 14 th
Preps attend school full time	Wednesday, March 15 th
NAPLAN testing (Grade 3 & 5)	Wed 15 th – Mon 27 th March
Harmony Day excursion	Thursday, March 30 th
End of Term 1	Thursday, April 6 th

Mrs Cole's Column

Welcome to the 2023 school year. Everyone seems to have settled in well, and already looking forward to the many great things we have planned for this term. A big welcome to our new Prep/Foundation student, Zara. Please make Zara feel at home at Yering.



Congratulations to Kiara who received the 2022 Wandin Rotary Club Citizenship Award. Great job Kiara!



Also a big congratulations to Cruz who received the 2022 Yering Primary School scholarship. Well done Cruz! There are many important items in the newsletter each fortnight, so please make sure that you take the time to read it carefully. It is one form of important communication that we use.

Coming up in Term 1 we will be visiting the Melbourne Museum/IMAX, School Council AGM, kayaking for Grade 5/6 students (optional), Small School Swimming Carnival, school nurse visit; 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. Please send an email or touch base in passing and we can arrange a time that suits each of us.

In 2023, Meridith's hours are as follows:

Tuesday - All day

Wednesday - All day

Thursday - All day

In 2023, Ruth's hours are as follows:

Monday – All day

Tuesday – All day

Friday – All day

Janet Orchard, our Business Manager, is here on Thursdays only.

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.

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.

Breakfast Club is held on Monday mornings. We have decided to start serving from **8.40am** from Monday 20th February since we have all students taking part. Thank you to Ruth for volunteering her time to prepare breakfast for our students. As Breakfast Club coordinator, Ruth will decide at the end of each term if we will hold a special breakfast. This will be communicated to you.

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.

Office Items

Janet has given CSEF forms to those eligible families to complete and return to the office by Thursday 16th February.

Janet has also provided an annual combined permission notice for those who haven't yet returned them. They were handed out at the end of 2022. These notices are to provide permission for your child to have stingose applied, go on local excursions and media photos, for example.

Annual Privacy Reminder For Our School Community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Staffing for 2023

The staff and their roles at Yering for 2023 are:

Deanna Cole	Principal Classroom Teacher Music/Drama
Meridith Day	Student Support Classroom Teacher (Thurs) Phys Ed Art
Janet Orchard	Business Manager (Thurs)
Ruth Butler	Integration Aide (Mon/Tues/Fri)
Kathryn Vine	MARC Van (Library)
Ashleigh Katsi	LOTE (Japanese)

Music/Drama: Monday

Fitness: Tuesday (Deanna) / Wednesday (Meridith)

Art: Tuesday

PE: Thursday

LOTE (Japanese): Wednesday

MARC Van: Friday

2023 School Captains

Our Grade 6 students, Keira and Zoey 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. I will inform Grade 6 parents of the date and time of our badge presentation once informed and badges have arrived at school.

Student Medication

If your child is on any medication at any time throughout the year and you require staff to administer it on your behalf, 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.

Thank You

I would like to thank the following people for coming to school over the holidays to have the schoolgrounds ready for students to start school – Ruth and Bruce Butler, and the Steur family.

Thank you to Ellen Adams for mowing and whipper snipping over the holidays.

There was no official working bee called, but there may be one called in the near future.

Please remember that if you ever have a spare moment to pull weeds, sweep or blow leaves, etc just go for it.

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 a staff member know by 9.15am. Staff will contact you if you do not let the school know.

Remember: *It's not cool to miss school.*

Absences over a whole school year can equate to:

0 – 6: This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.

7 – 10: This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over 1 year of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

11 – 20: This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to 2 years of schooling between Prep and Year 10.

20+: This is a very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over 2.5 years of schooling between Prep and Year 10. Remember:

- Students need to attend school regularly to make the most of educational opportunities.
- There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.
- Poor patterns of attendance in the early years lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult to form positive relationships with their peers.

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 a 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 and follow our page.

I would like to thank Daniel Adams for the upkeep of our Facebook page for the past few years. A very big thank you Daniel. We are in the process of allotting someone.

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 3.30pm, due to our finish time of 3.15pm. 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, grandparents, friends, etc, who 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.

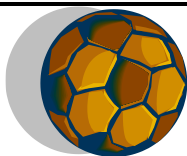
Brain Food



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 be placed on tables for students to sip at during the day, filled with water only. Please do not freeze these as the condensation from the bottles spoils student work.

We generally have apples, supplied by Foodbank, available for students to eat throughout the day.

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 **Narrative text.**

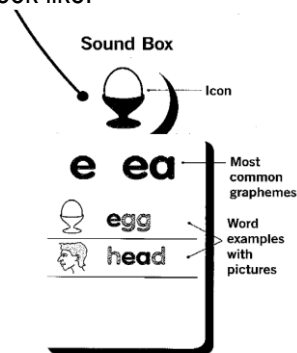
Narrative text

is an account of a series of related events or experiences, whether nonfictional (memoir, biography, news report, documentary, travelog, etc.) or fictional (fairy tale, fable, legend, thriller, novel, etc.). Narratives can be presented through a sequence of written or spoken words, through still or moving images, or through any combination of these.

Sound Waves

We will be working on our Soundwaves spelling program again this year. We will commence next week. 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

Area/Perimeter

Science Focus for Term 1

Biological Science

Dinosaurs

Integrated Studies for Term 1

Personal and Social