



Small School Big Learning

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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

Cooking/Free Dress Day	Friday, March 3rd
School Council Meeting (Webex) 7pm	Tuesday, March 7th
Whole School Swimming Carnival (Grade 1-6)	Wednesday, March 8th
School Nurse visit	Thursday, March 9th
Grade 5/6 River Kayaking (optional)	Friday, March 10th
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday, March 13th
Melbourne Museum/IMAX excursion	Tuesday, March 14th
Preps attend school full time	Wednesday, March 15th
NAPLAN testing (Grade 3 & 5)	Wed 15th – Mon 27th March
School Photos	Tuesday, March 21st
Harmony Day excursion	Thursday, March 30th
End of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)	Thursday, April 6th

Mrs Cole's Column

We started 2023 with a school review; a reviewer meeting all day for two days with two challenge partners (Principals from other Yarra Valley schools), myself, Mary Azer (Yarra Valley Network Senior Education Improvement Leader) and Amanda Dunn (Education Improvement Leader). The review panel reviews data from the last 4 years to guide the writing and implementation of the new School Strategic Plan (SSP) for the next 4 years. The new Strategic Plan is written from the report that the reviewer writes after the review. The data used as part of the review comes from NAPLAN, teacher judgements, and the Staff, Parent and Student surveys. It was a successful review where the students were involved too, answering questions for the

panel and participating in writing conferences. The new SSP will be available for the school community to peruse shortly but has a focus on writing and numeracy.

There were a couple of very happy Grade 6 students who received their school captain badges on Tuesday 14th February from Bridget Vallence MP. There was still some anxiety about the arrival of their Grade 6 jackets, but they were delivered the very next day. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on the girl's side for wearing them. I wish all the very best for the girls in their final year at primary school, particularly in their leadership roles.

Fun was had by all that went kayaking on Tuesday, while the junior students whipped up some pancakes for Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday. All students and staff had seconds for lunch. They were yummy!

Throughout 2023, we will continue to share our educational journey with you, highlighting what our

students are doing at Yering PS, in the newsletter and on Facebook. 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. Please read the reminder message from the office at the end of this newsletter.

Deanna Cole
Principal

Quote for the fortnight: Mutual respect is the foundation of genuine harmony.

Student of the Week Awards



Zara for settling in well at school.

Keira for displaying a mature outlook to her education.

Jordan for writing an amazing setting in your narrative.

Cruz for working hard to improve his writing stamina.

Art Awards



Zoey for amazing creativity creating a beautiful 'oops'

Annual Privacy Reminder For Our School Community

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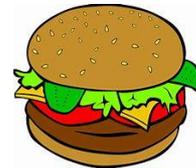
2023 School Captains

A big thank you to Bridget Vallence who came to school to present our Grade 6 students, Keira and Zoey, with their School Captain badges. Wearing a School Captain badge with pride and ensuring they are leading at all times, including being great role models for other students, is an absolute privilege.

School Council Elections

There are several school councillor positions up that will become vacant this month. There are 4 parent positions, 1 staff position and 2 community positions. I will forward all the necessary documentation separate to the newsletter. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else (with their consent) please see me for a nomination form. Please think about the impact you can make to your child's education by becoming involved on School Council.

Cooking



We have not participated in regular cooking sessions since Covid-19 hit us back in 2020, so we are bringing it back. We will be commencing cooking on the first Friday of every month unless it falls in the holidays. We will keep you posted about what we are making. If we are making a lunch option we will send an order form home and keep the price to a reasonable amount. This will most probably consist of a hot lunch option, for example, spaghetti bolognese, a sweet item like a cake, biscuit, etc and a juice. If we are making just a slice, cake, muffins, etc we will still inform you, but it will not replace the regular food that you give your child each day.

Cooking commences tomorrow, Friday 3rd March. We will be making a couple of slices. Please make sure your child brings a container on cooking days. There may be some to take home to share.

Class Talk

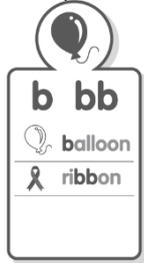
Whole School Writing focus

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

We will be commencing our Persuasive unit of writing shortly.

Spelling Program - Soundwaves

Since the start of the school year, we have covered the following phonemes (sounds) – ‘b’ as in balloon, ‘a’ as in apple and ‘k’ as in kite. The sound boxes for each phoneme (sound) are below showing you the most common graphemes (letter/s) that can make that sound.



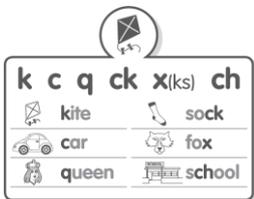
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Whole School Maths focus for Term 1

- Place Value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Length
- Area/Perimeter

Science Focus for Term 1

- Biological Science**
- Dinosaurs

Integrated Studies for Term 1

- Personal and Social

Whole School

Students have been working on making inferences and gaining greater comprehension when reading. They have been focusing on writing narratives and breaking down the parts of a story, then concentrating on each part such as writing great settings, developing believable characters and creating entertaining problems with creative resolutions.

In Maths, we have been working on Place Value, and will soon move into addition.

Meridith is working on Length in the classroom on Thursdays, moving into Perimeter with the senior students. She continues to work on the Dinosaur topic in Science with the students. This is a build up to our excursion to the Melbourne Museum coming up, where we will be focusing on dinosaurs, including a visit to Imax theatre to see a movie 'Dinosaurs in Antarctica'.