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Term 1, 2016
Week 1 of
8 weeks



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What a terrific start to 2016 school year!

A fabulous start to Term 1 this morning with all our students returning to school for the 2016 school year. I was dazzled by very happy greetings and smiling faces. So much enthusiasm and happiness about being back at school.. perhaps just a few sleepy faces that struggled with getting up so early this morning after the holiday break. I think we all know how that feels.. but nevertheless, there was still excitement!

I visited our new prep students this morning and was greeted by lots of chatter and beaming smiling faces. They were all busy drawing and playing and socialising with each other. All students settled so quickly and are already so eager to learn.

I was promptly asked by one prep student, whether they would learn to read and write **'today'** because they needed to know soon as they were busy- you know!!

It is just such a highlight seeing our new preps come to school on their first day. They are so inspiring and ready to learn anything and everything. I visited all classrooms this morning and there was a terrific positive vibe across the school.

We are looking forward to another fabulous year of learning at our school. Many thanks to all families that have picked up their book packs and paid school fees. This sets up our students for a successful year, right from day one and enables us to operate all the wonderful programs they experience at YGPS.

Kind Regards, Sue Di Giacomo

Enjoy the photos of our new preps!



Persistence
Encouragement
Resilience
Respect
Inclusiveness

Calendar

Our Grade structure and staffing is as follows for 2016:

Principal - **Ms Sue Di Giacomo**

- Gr P/1 - **Mrs Trish Scott**
- Gr P/1 - **Ms Maddie Mottau**
- Gr 1/2 - **Mrs Marie Martin**
- Gr 2/3 - **Mrs Tash Owen**
- Gr 3/4 - **Mrs Helen Ryan**
- Gr 4/ 5- **Ms Kelli Lyons**
- Gr 5/6 - **Mrs Kath Pitt**

Art and Indonesian-
Mrs Lorraine Parfitt

Performing Arts-
Mrs Liz Thorne

Finance / Office - **Ms Judy Bourke**
Office Support - **Mrs Trish Dean**

CSEF ELIGIBILITY (APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE) Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, **be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR** Be a temporary foster parent, and; Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

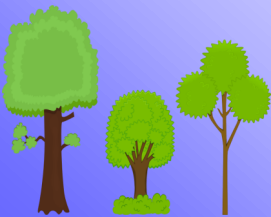
Eligibility Date For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

School Newsletter

After a bit of debate about the School Newsletter we have agreed that it would be more efficient to have a 'News Only' newsletter sent home every Thursday.

However on the last Thursday of every month, the School Newsletter will encapsulate and detail all events / photos & special work from students from that month.

This will ensure that all school events are noted and students are congratulated for achievements and success without hurting too many trees in the process.



If you have an email address that we can send all School Newsletters to...this would assist us all.

Please advise the Office Staff of your email address.

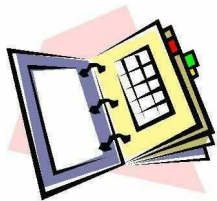


What a great turnout!

Thanks for picking up your **BOOK PACKS** and labelling them.

If you haven't been able to pick up your **BOOK PACKS** please come to the office and collect them ASAP. Labelling everything is really important as it ensures that YGPS students are responsible for their own belongings and there aren't too many confused people when bits go missing.

Don't forget you need to bring your **BROWN ART FOLIO** back to school 1st week of term.

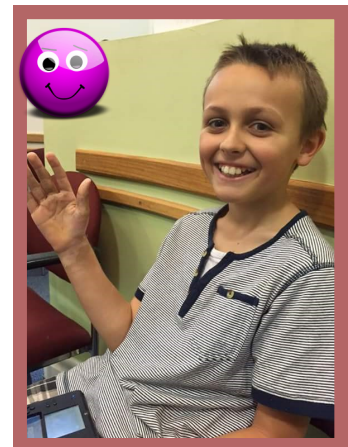


If you want to keep your child's folio to store their work please order a new folio by writing your child's name and grade on the outside of an envelope and placing \$2 inside and hand it into the office.

Orders need to be placed 1st week of school. **THANK YOU. Mrs Parfitt**

PS 2016 Preps will get their own new folio :)

We know you all had a great holiday. Some students went away; to other states of Australia as well as within Victoria. Some students travelled further abroad. Some stayed at home. Some went to the skate park and some went swimming. One student finally got his cast removed after 6 long weeks. **Jake Ashmore** finally was allowed to swim on 11 January in Ballarat!!



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To all YGPS Students, Parents, Grandparents, Friends and Carers...
If you are unsure about anything please **JUST ASK**. Ask your child's teacher, other parents, school staff and/ or other students.

Each new school year brings new challenges for everyone and if you have any concerns / questions...**PLEASE ASK**

