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Primary School

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Term 1, 2016  
Week 4 of  
8 weeks

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## Welcome books for our Preps!

Last week at our school assembly, our new Prep/Foundation students were all awarded a beautiful picture story book to commemorate starting school at Yarra Glen Primary School in 2016.

As we read out each child's name it was lovely that all our preps were so excited and eager to receive their books and share this with their family. Learning to read is so important and enjoying reading together is a wonderful time of the day or evening to spend with your child. This home reading time supports your child's learning immensely. Put aside a quiet time in the evening and on the weekend to be involved in your child's learning. Whether they are starting their first year at school or in the last year of primary school, your support, involvement and interest is vital to their success.

Speaking of starting school, our prep students have had an amazing start. They are very settled and so eager to learn and participate in everything. I'm sure many parents will be observing different responses to their child/ren starting school. It is an enormous change. The hours are longer and they are trying to take everything in and follow school processes which are quite different to kindergarten or day care. You may find that your child is very tired but isn't necessarily sleepy, they may not want to talk about school, they may be grumpy or still full of energy even when at home and hard to settle. These are all normal responses and it takes a little time for them to transition. Be reassured, that we will help them all, guiding them and assisting them at all times and make their learning and wellbeing a priority.

After our very successful 'Meet and Greet' last Thursday . I would to reiterate the importance of school and home communication. We have a number of ways of communicating with parents both formal and informal.

If you are concerned about your child in any way, please make a time to talk to us. Your first port of call is your child's teacher. Please make a mutually convenient time to discuss any questions or concerns that may arise. Also, encourage your child to tell a teacher immediately if there is anything that may be making them feel uncomfortable or upset or if they need help with a problem they are experiencing. The staff and I discuss our students wellbeing every day, so everyone is kept in the loop and can monitor the situation if necessary. This two way communication is a very important part of ensuring that all our students feel safe and happy.

It seems as if February is zooming past us as fast as lightning. We are looking forward to whole school photos and our annual Twilight Sports coming up. Please check calendar events for dates and times and we look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy weekend.

Enjoy being together.

Warm Regards

Sue Di Giacomo



**Persistence**  
**Encouragement**  
**Resilience**  
**Respect**  
**Inclusiveness**

### Calendar

Whole School Photos	11/3
Labor Day Public Holiday	14/3
Twilight House Sports (Students Start at 12 )	23/3
Last Day of Term 1 - 24 March	<b>2.30 Finish</b>



School Student Leadership Team

Grade	Teacher	Award	Student
Group 1	Mrs Scott	Student of the Week	Mason, Grace
Group 2	Ms Mottau	Student of the Week	Cooper, Piper
Group 3	Mrs Martin	Student of the Week	Gibson, Rya
Group 4	Mrs Owen	Student of the Week	Kobey, Alana, Charlotte, Aidan
Group 5	Mrs Ryan	Student of the Week	James, Haram, Lincoln
Group 6	Ms Lyons	Student of the Week	Alyssa, Bob
Group 7	Mrs Pitt	Student of the Week	Jacob, Jessica



### School Banking: UPDATE

Commonwealth Bank : Student banking is offered at YGPS.  
*Thank you to Rebecca O'Brien & Emma Doherty* for volunteering to do Student Banking. Date for the start of banking will be advertised once they've been trained by Cindy



**BOOK CLUB:** Catalogues for Issue 1 of Book club have been distributed and are due back by **19th February**. **NO LATE ORDERS** please.

Orders are payable by cash, credit card or cheque made payable to : Scholastic Australia. Thanks Deb Smith

**Remember:**  
**YGPS school drop off and pick up times.**

The school yard is only & supervised between

**8.45—9am &**

**3.30—3.45pm.**

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN UNSUPERVISED.**

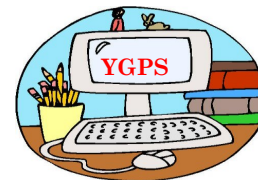


**A couple of outbreaks have been reported and treated. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HEAD REGULARLY.**

**Head Lice** is an ongoing battle between school/parents and THE LITTLE CRITTERS. Please make sure you check your child's hair **REGU-**



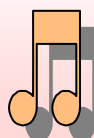
**Remember to check the School WEBSITE [ygps.vic.edu.au](http://ygps.vic.edu.au)**



Community Fliers are placed in the notice board within the Admin building for upcoming local community & surrounding area events. It is worthwhile supporting our local businesses within Yarra Glen / The Yarra Valley. **This week's updates: Babysitting Service 0432272054 & School Crossing Supervisor Position with Yarra Ranges Council**

**GUITAR LESSONS** have started every **Tuesday** in Term 1. Guitar teacher, Bob Johnson teaches strings, free board, chords, tuning, runs, scales and songs. Lessons are half hour at a cost of **\$23.00** for one student or **\$18.00** each for 2 students.

**For further information please contact**



**School Uniform** is only available online at **A PLUS SCHOOLWEAR (Trading as AGS Pty Ltd)** . All purchases can be delivered directly to the school.

Please go to their website

[www.apluschoolwear.com.au](http://www.apluschoolwear.com.au)

phone **(03) 9354 8345.**

**Julie Riddell tutoring service-** Please contact Julie for details on 042242-4694

### **REPLY SLIP: EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ELECTRONIC COPY OF NEWSLETTER**

**Family Name** ..... **Eldest Child's Grade** .....

Could you please indicate your preference:

Hardcopy

We will access newsletter on School website

email address is .....