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Primary School

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8 weeks

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## Remember when...

This week has been a week where many conversations have taken place in regards to remembering the great times we had growing up and what we did at school that we thought were 'just the best!'. It's funny what stays in your mind - it's usually the really happy memories and the very sad or tragic ones that tend to remain in our long term memories.

On Wednesday, this week, we quietly remembered a very sad event that happened only one year ago on 10<sup>th</sup> March. It is the one year anniversary of Ethan Healey and his mum Kelly. They tragically passed away in a terrible road accident on their way home from camping. In memory of this, we have framed Ethan's last picture. He has drawn his favourite place to be- that is; 'to float in space.' It is a beautiful picture that I have hung in the office just behind the reception area. Our intention is for you to look at the picture and remember the great times we had with Ethan and his mum at our school. This keeps them close to our hearts.

In thinking of this, I would like to say just how important it is to communicate with each other, not only in difficult or challenging times, but at all times. Having a quality conversation between parents, teachers/principal and the school is very important to us.

Making an appointment to see a teacher/staff member or myself gives us the time to have a quality conversation confidentially and privately regarding any concerns or questions you may have. It also gives us the opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and learning growth. We find that particularly in term one, many parents want to discuss matters with the teachers or myself to ensure their child is going to have a successful year. If you would like to chat to a staff member, just give our school office a call and Judy, Trish or Robyn will pass the message on for you. The staff member can then contact you and you can arrange a time together. You may also choose to write a note in your child's diary or send a note requesting a time to discuss a matter regarding your child or call into the office and leave a message for the staff member to contact you. This would assist us immensely with quality communication protocols. In future newsletters, I will include the updated and School Council approved communication policy and protocols for families. This may help further.

In saying all of this, I would like to say **thank you** to all parents who have made appointments to see us, as it has enabled all of us to give each family the quality time needed. Two - way communication is vital to a happy and healthy school - home partnership and setting up our students for success at school. Once again, thank you for supporting us in this quality communication protocol.

On a totally different note, teachers and myself have been out in the yard this week with Twilight Sports Training at lunch and playtime. Yesterday, house teams were training in, Corner Spry and I was very impressed with our House Captains and their inclusiveness and encouragement of their teams. I was also particularly impressed by one of our Grade 6 House Captains who expressed how happy he felt about his role in being a student leader at YGPS. He told me, the best satisfaction was that he felt good about what he was doing to help other students work as a team.

All teams were respectful and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship during their training. Our students were considerate and helpful, giving tips on how to improve catching and throwing technique. Well done to all students for their efforts. We are gearing up for a fabulous Twilight Sports evening on 24<sup>th</sup> March. I look forward to seeing all families and our school community there. **Continued over.....**



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

## Calendar

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

## REMINDER:

black and white portrait print.



PO Box 5222, Hallam VIC 3803  
Ph: 1300 766 055  
Email: info@schoolpix.com.au

Will be here in the morning for Whole School Photos. Please make sure your child is here on time the photographers will be ready to start at 9.00am **sharp** All children to be in School Uniform

Last, but not least, I would like to say that many visitors to the school have commented on how well mannered and respectful our students are. I love hearing this positive feedback and tell everyone how wonderful Yarra Glen Primary School is and how proud I am to be the Principal of our school. Everyone being respectful is something to be proud of.

Have a great long weekend.

Stay safe and cool,

Sue DiGiacomo

Grade	Teacher	Award	Student
Group 1	Mrs Scott	Student of the Week	Jade, Ryder
Group 2	Ms Mottau	Student of the Week	Oscar, Ryder
Group 3	Mrs Martin	Student of the Week	Logan, Riley
Group 4	Mrs Owen	Student of the Week	Lily, Charlotte
Group 5	Mrs Ryan	Student of the Week	Brianna & Ethan
Group 6	Ms Lyons	Student of the Week	
Group 7	Mrs Pitt	Student of the Week	Cooper, Holly & Emma

## HOT CROSS BUNS

Hot Cross Bun orders must be back by  
Tuesday 15th March.



**BOOK CLUB:** Catalogues for Issue 2 of Book Club have been distributed and are due back by **11 March**.

**NO LATE ORDERS** please.

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



**SCHOOL NURSE VISIT: HEALTH QUESTIONAIRES** have been sent home to all Prep Families, could they please be returned no later than **Friday 18 March**. Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 471.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.

**FROM THE OFFICE:** Could all notices and forms please be returned to School via your child/ren's classroom. We understand that parent paying by Eftpos will still need to come to the office. This process helps to streamline notices for the teacher and makes our 'Classroom/Office Tub' system run smoother. Thank you, Judy Bourke



A huge thank you goes to Maree Rothwell who has brought our First Aid room into the 21st Century by providing us with colourful new bedding. It's sure to make all who use it feel much better. Thank you Maree.



**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.**

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.

**When we support them, they can support us.**

**NB: If second copies of reports or other information is required by families can you please advise school office.**

**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.aplusschoolwear.com.au](http://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au) phone **(03) 9354 8345**.