What’s happening at YGPS this week...

Yesterday I was visiting some Grade 1 students in their classroom. They were enthralled by their investigations into an EGGperiment! Their brief was to create a container for the egg so when it was dropped from a certain height, it would prevent breakage. The excitement was almost uncontainable! The students must have created well padded and well thought out containers, because only a few eggs cracked. Well done on their persistence and their creative thought processes.

I was also so impressed with how all students are being so respectful to each other and respecting each other’s learning. Our students are displaying more learning resilience and ‘having a go’ at problem solving and challenging their minds.

The Write 4 Fun Competition is now open and we encourage all our students to enter. Students can write original poems or short stories. There are also some great prizes to be won, but what is even better, is that your story/poem could be chosen to be published into a hard cover book. The book contains stories/poems from a number of students from many other schools.

Please encourage your child to enter and make some time at home so they can write their story or poem. See further details on a separate flyer about how to enter. The school will be purchasing the published book when it is available to us later in the year and it will become part of our Library so students can share this book with each other and their families.

Next week we are also hosting our annual Crazy/Funky Hair Day to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. So come along with crazy hair and bring a gold coin donation for this very worthy cause. I am looking forward to lots of creative and crazy hairstyles!

You may have also noticed that our students have been earning many PERRI tokens and our PERRI-O-METRE has almost reached the top. Our goal was to work as a whole school team and obtain 1000 PERRI tokens by the end of Term 1 for demonstrating inclusiveness and our other PERRI values. Collectively as a school, we have already reached 900 tokens and that was the total at last week’s assembly!

After having spoken to our students about their ideas for a small reward if they all reach their goal, we have decided to have a free dress day on the last day of term. Any PERRI tokens earned beyond the 1000 tokens will go towards next term’s goal. Well done everyone for your efforts. Keep it up!

Thank you to parents who have nominated to be on School Council this year. Congratulations to our new School Council members: Greg Crisp, Taryn Mason and Nicole Franklin and welcome back to all School Councillors: Mardi Black, Judy Bourke and Patricia Scott. I am looking forward to another great year at our school working together in partnership.

Have a great weekend. Be safe.

Kind Regards,  Sue Di Giacomo
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Grade | Teacher   | Award                  | Student            
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Group 1 | Mrs Scott | Student of the Week | Alyssa & Tyler 
Group 2 | Ms Mottou | Student of the Week | Nate & Quinn 
Group 3 | Mrs Martin | Student of the Week | Sam & Ellana 
Group 4 | Mrs Owen | Student of the Week | Maddison H & Jessica 
Group 5 | Mrs Ryan | Student of the Week | Jack L & Rose 
Group 6 | Ms Lyons | Student of the Week | Sienna & Blake 
Group 7 | Mrs Pitt | Student of the Week | 

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT: Barb Hill a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

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.

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.

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

Our Prep students have been learning about clocks and time.

- Students have been practicing skip counting by 10s. They made a paper chain and for every 10 links they attached a number to their chain. It went all the way to 150!