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Primary School

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Term 2, 2016  
Week 1 of 11  
weeks

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### Term 2 Off to a great Start YGPS..

We had a quiet but very happy start to Term 2 this week. It was terrific to see all students energised and ready to be back for a wonderful term. Term 2 is a very busy time. We have some excellent learning planned and some exciting events coming up. Our Athletics Day for Grade 3-6 students is being held next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Morrisons Reserve. We hope the weather will be good to us. This is a great opportunity for our Grade 3-6 students to be involved in a number of athletic events with four other schools.

Following this event is our Cross Country. This will certainly test our students' persistence and resilience! This term we will be focussing further on our PERRI values of Encouragement, Persistence and Respect. Many of our activities will focus on learning persistence, never giving up and having a go. If/when mistakes are made, they are simply 'opportunities' to learn, change and set goals for the future. This also helps build learning confidence and independence in our students. Encouragement can result in very positive 'can do' thinking. It just takes a moment to encourage your child positively. Sometimes, your child may not feel like coming to school, especially after a holiday break! Encouragement and the expectation to go to school EVERY DAY is vital for your child's learning. I was recently reading an article on school attendance and it stated that if a child misses 20 days of school a year, by the end of their Primary School years, they will **have missed almost an entire year of school!** That is very alarming. So we encourage every student to **MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT** and come to school each day. It will make a difference to your learning in every way.

Our Library has had a few additions made to it to further encourage students to use this excellent facility at our school for reading, writing and research. The Library will also soon be featuring YGPS 'Author Spotlight.' Look out for more information on this. I wonder which student will be the first to feature in our Author's Spotlight. It could be "YOU!"

The library is not the only place to **READ... Make it a daily habit to Read every day, Read every night...just READ everything all the time!** It's amazing what you learn, when you read...I wonder who will be the first child to reach 100 nights of reading before the end of May? If you are the first, hand in your home reading diary to your teacher and bring it along to my office to show me... I would love to see as many children as possible come and show me that they have reached 100 nights of reading or how about-150 nights!!! So, get busy reading and make sure you write what you've read in your diary straight way!

**This is my challenge to every student.**

Have a happy and safe weekend,  
Kind Regards  
Sue Di Giacomo



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

### Calendar

Athletics Day Grades 3—6's	19/4
Discovery Day Lilydale Heights Grade 5's	22/4
ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	25/4
Mother's Day Concert 2.30—3.30	5/5

Some of our new library furniture



Grade	Teacher	Award	Student
Group 1	Mrs Scott	Student of the Week	Kara
Group 2	Ms Mottau	Student of the Week	Abbie, Chet
Group 3	Mrs Martin	Student of the Week	Kai, Chase
Group 4	Mrs Owen	Student of the Week	Jazmine, Molly

**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**.

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

## COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all our students who entered work in Alwyn Gardens Colouring Competition. Your work was awesome and made the judges job very difficult to choose who to give the prizes to.

Prep to 2

First Jagger Grade 2  
 Second Mia B Prep  
 Third Charlotte V 2

Grade 3 to 6

First Jessica D 3  
 Second Charlie B 4  
 Third Zoe V 3

Highly commended

Lily E 2

Mrs Parfitt

## AUSKICK



Register now: -  
 Starts Friday 15th April  
 @ Yarra Glen Reserve

5.00pm

See flyer in the notice board outside the office.

**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

**REGULARLY.** If any head lice are found PLS advise the school **immediately.**

**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.**

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

## HEALESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Information Night

May 5th @ 7 P.M.

In the Performing Arts Centre

## LILYDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Information Evening

May 10th @ 7.30 P.M.

In the School Hall