What’s happening at YGPS this week?

We have had an exciting week so far with groups 4 and 5 attending an excursion to Edendale Farm in Eltham to launch their inquiry unit into Biodiversity this term. Edendale Farm is a fabulous place to visit with your family and is a terrific day out. Have a look at some of the photos from this fabulous excursion. There will be much quality learning happening back at school in the coming weeks.

Speaking of quality learning, this week when I was visiting the art room, I noticed that our Group 3 students were working on a number of activities to do with the adoption of our orang-utan, finding out facts, discussing their environment and looking at similarities and differences between orangutans and other mammals.

In last week’s newsletter, our Student Representative Council wrote about raising some funds for the adoption of our orangutan by having a FREE DRESS DAY and bringing a gold coin donation. This FREE DRESS DAY is now on TUESDAY 26th JULY. Please note this date change. We are looking forward to this special event.

You may be wondering why our old portable is still here. There have been many issues with the removal of the portable. We are now hoping that on Thursday 21st July (between 4-6pm,) the portable will be removed and taken off site to another school in need of a classroom.

PLEASE DO NOT BE IN THE SCHOOL CARPARK BETWEEN 4pm and 6pm on THURSDAY 21st JULY as the crane and trucks will need this entire space to safely remove the portable. For health and safety reasons, please no children, families or staff in the car park area during this time.

We are looking forward to reinstating the area and starting our outdoor chessboard once the portable has been relocated. I was discussing with some of our students what other wonderful games we can invent to play on this chessboard once the area has been established. Look out for our PERRI family chess board competition flyer coming out soon.

Parent Opinion Survey 2016: Thirty four families have been randomly selected to participate in the 2016 Parent Opinion Survey.

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15 per cent of the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended question will be scanned and provided back to the school.

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I ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. For example, feedback from parents helped to change the way we structure Parent-Teacher interviews.

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It has been wonderful to see just about every student in uniform. We are all proud of our school and should always be proud to wear the Yarra Glen Primary School uniform. Please check lost property which is now housed in the BER building, as there are many jumpers and jackets that are named and need to be collected. If your child is not in school uniform, please write a note and send to the classroom teacher. All uniform is purchased on line from APlus Schoolwear. If you are experiencing difficulty and are unable to purchase uniform, please see myself, Judy Bourke or Robyn Charles. APlus schoolwear delivers every 7-10 days to the school and directly to your door for a small extra cost.

**BE ON TIME and AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY. MAKE EVERY DAY OF YOUR LEARNING COUNT.**

Make it your goal to learn something new EVERY DAY!

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

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**PMP—PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM**

This exciting program for Prep students aims to give the children experiences in seeing, hearing, touching, processing making perceptual judgements and reacting through carefully sequenced activities which children enjoy doing like running, hopping, jumping, balancing, crawling, climbing, throwing, catching, bowling, sliding etc. using specially designed equipment.

This program does require a great deal of adult supervision and assistance. We would like to thank those parent helpers who have already signed up to help but we still need more helpers. If you are available and would like to participate in this very worth while learning activity please speak to Mrs Scott.

Sessions run on Friday afternoons from 12.00—1.15pm.