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This week at Yarra Glen Primary School...

Last week, I was chatting to some students about our school. My question to them was... 'Why do you like our school?' The answers varied from, I love coming here to see my friends, I love to learn, I love reading, I love to play sport and play outside, I love the new robots, I love Maths and investigations, and "I just love our school.. It's the best!" We just love hearing that our students are loving their learning!

OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT: ALWAYS AIMING HIGH!

It's always great to hear positive feedback from our students as we are always striving to improve our programs, our facilities and buildings. We are always aiming high and wanting the best practice teaching and learning to be happening at our school. Recently, our kinder students visited and were completely engaged with our Dash robots. Our Robotics program started last year in our Grade 5- 6 area with Lego EV3. We have now purchased a set of Dash robots and iPads with the connecting apps to introduce our Foundation- Gr 4 students to simple coding and sequencing. Coding will become a part of the curriculum in 2017 and will be an area that students will work further on in Secondary School. It is now being said, that coding is the second language of the future for our students. Who knows what jobs will be created through this path in learning?

Robotics involves a great deal of mathematical problem solving and deeper level thinking in the areas of Numeracy and Science. The engagement with our students is extremely high and this has resulted in high student motivation to learn.

ACHIEVEMENTS to CELEBRATE!

We have also achieved high standards in our Writing and Spelling this year. Staff have had professional learning in these areas over the past 18 months, to ensure we are catering to our students points of need and engaging them in their learning. The student engagement and stimulating learning results have increased positively over the last twelve months. This is great news!

In the next few weeks, our line marking will hopefully take place on our asphalt play area. Hopefully it won't keep raining! We have had to cancel a few times due to the rain. The line marking will finally see our outdoor chessboard, large snake, hopscotch and clock marked out in super bright colours. These line markings will further promote inclusiveness and teamwork along with creative imagination games and play. The last holidays saw our administration area, staffroom and corridor painted. This is the beginning of our painting and refurbishment program, which will continue over the summer break and into next year, prioritising each learning area to be painted over the holiday breaks. This will improve our school further.

THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS

Congratulations to our students for being so respectful of our school and helping clean up after our windstorms in the past few weeks. Taking pride in our school is commendable. Thank you to many of our Junior School students for spending their lunchtime, sweeping and picking up sticks. Also a big thank you also to Grade 4/5 and Gr 5/6 students for their fabulous efforts in cleaning up large tree branches and persisting with finishing the job. WELL DONE!

WE NEED YOU FOR MARKET DAY..

We are looking forward to a fabulous Market day next Thursday. If there are any families that can assist with set up and pack up, please let your child's class teacher know or let us know at the school office by next Monday. We will need assistance with setting up marquees, tables, barbecue, etc. We would love a helping hand.

If you would like to run a stall, please contact us on 97301254.

Our students are running fantastic stalls and are being so persistent and hard working! Well done!
Have a look at our wonderful stalls on the back page.

We can't wait..

We hope to see you all there on Market Day!

Have a happy and safe weekend,

Kind Regards, Sue Di Giacomo



Persistence
Encouragement
Resilience
Respect
Inclusiveness

Calendar

Market Day Late start 12pm	27/10
Curriculum Day	28/10
Cup Day Holiday	1/11
Prep Information Night 6.30pm	2/11
Yr 2 Sleepover Yr 1 Extended Day	4/11

Grade	Teacher	Award	Student
Group 1	Mrs Scott	Student of the Week	Cooper & Alyssa
Group 2	Ms Mottau	Student of the Week	Ryder & Nate
Group 3	Mrs Martin	Student of the Week	Jasmine & Ellana
Group 4	Mrs Owen	Student of the Week	Madi C & Erin
Group 7	Mrs Pitt	Student of the Week	Rachel & Josh

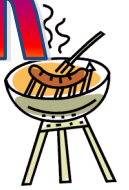


MARKET DAY 27TH OCTOBER

THERE WILL BE:



Cake Stall



Sausage Sizzle

Plants & Activities

Art Smocks



Spiders and Lollies

Strawberries

Pot Holders



Jelly Bean Guess



Jam



Cloth Carry Bags

Pancakes



Music & D.I.

Able Bakehouse Goods

White Elephant Stall



Hair Spray & Nails

Dutch Auction

Stress Balls
Mandalas

Tattoos



Playdough

Window Stickers

And Much More