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Week 1 of 9
Weeks

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We're back for 2017!

Welcome back to our 2017 school year. We have had a wonderful first three days of school with all students energised, positive and ready for learning. An extra welcome to all our new families this year and our new Foundation/Prep students. Our Foundation students all had a terrific start on Wednesday morning and all looked very grown up. One child has already asked "What time will we start learning?" It was only 9.05, so they were very keen!

We have some wonderful programs planned for 2017 and we are all looking forward to them very much. A huge thank you to all our families who have paid their payments/fees and picked up book packs. This sets our students up for success from day one of the school year. We are very focussed on being organised and respectful of our belongings, classroom, our school and ourselves.

We would also like to once again wish, Mrs Judy Bourke a wonderful retirement. It is Judy's last day on Friday and she will be officially retired. Enjoy every minute! We welcome Mrs Leanne Swanson- Hill as our new Business and Office Manager. Leanne has already met many students and families over this last week and has been very busy organising and finding out where everything is! We would like to officially welcome Leanne to the YGPS team.

Our staffing for the 2017 school year is as follows.

Sue Di Giacomo- Principal
Business/Office Manager- Mrs Leanne Swanson-Hill
Office Reception- Mrs Robyn Charles

We have seven groups this year and many new smiling faces attending our great school.

Teaching Staff:

Group 1- Mrs Patricia Scott- Grade P-1
Group 2- Mrs Marie Martin- Grade P-1
Group 3- Miss Maddison Mottau- Grade 1-2
Group 4- Mrs Tash Owen- Grade 2-3
Group 5- Mrs Helen Ryan- Grade 3-4
Group 6- Ms Kelli Lyons- Grade 4-5
Group 7- Mrs Kath Pitt- Grade 5-6

Specialist areas for 2017

Visual Art/Indonesian- Mrs Lorraine Parfitt (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Physical Education- Ms Jessica Willison (Wed)
Physical Education/Performing Arts- Mrs Liz Thorne (Thurs, Fri)
ICT Technician- Mr Cameron Oliver (Thurs)

Integration Aides

Mrs Meredith Richardson (Mon to Fri)
Mrs Kay Corless (Mon to Thurs)

Persistence
Encouragement
Resilience
Respect
Inclusiveness

Calendar

School Photos	10/3
Labour Day Holiday	13/3
Twilight Sports Late start 12.00	30/3

This year, Mrs Kath Pitt and Mrs Tash Owen are part of the leadership team at YGPS. Both Mrs Pitt and Mrs Owen will have some extra time allocated to lead our priority Curriculum areas of Literacy and Numeracy. They will be focussing on best practice teaching and learning particularly in Reading and Number and leading Professional Development with our staff. Our support programs for Literacy will continue to be Reading Recovery and MultiLIT. We will continue to extend our Robotics program and ICT program across the school with further purchase of new resources. Our Robotics program will be integrated into our Literacy and Numeracy programs to further inspire and engage students. Jessica Willison and Liz Thorne are ready to start our Physical Education specialist program. Our students will participate in two, 40 minute Physical Education sessions per week, along with training for our Twilight Sports at the end of Term one. We are also looking at our Grade 6 students stepping up to take on leadership roles in House Captains and School leadership.

We hope that you've noted some of the school improvement that occurred during the school holidays. It was great to see our students inventing new games on our outdoor chessboard, playing hopscotch and counting whilst skipping on our long red snake. I heard lots of debate about whether the circle was a clock or a compass. One of the students pointed out it was showing North, South, East and West so it was definitely a compass and they are correct! As it is the beginning of our school year, all staff are focussing on students being respectful and inclusive. It's been a wonderful start and it will only get better.

Have a safe and happy weekend,
Kindest Regards,

Sue Di Giacomo

No Nuts or Nut Products please.

On the first day of school, a pink notice was sent home to all families regarding our policy on nuts. Due to students and staff who are anaphylactic, we have a no nut or nut products policy (YGPS Nut Minimisation Policy).

We ask that all families support this policy to ensure the health and safety of everyone concerned.

Many thanks for your support and understanding.

Term 1 YGPS Library Competition

The first grade with all library bags at school- 30 mins free time.

Highest number of borrowers for February- will be the first grade to leave assembly for the month of March. Lowest

number of overdue books for March- 15 min extra play outside.

Who will win each category?

Who will win the ultimate prize- enjoying reading and learning, learning, learning?!

CSEF ELIGIBILITY (APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE)

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1—Eligibility to be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, **be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR** Be a temporary foster parent, and; submit an application to the school by the 10th February 2017.

Criteria 2 Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

Eligibility Date For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2017 to term 2 (18th April 2017)