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Term 2, 2018  
Week 6 of 11 Weeks

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## Dear Families of Yarra Glen PS,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Last week we welcomed a new staff member to Yarra Glen Primary School, Anne Italiano. Anne is a specialist literacy support worker who is trained in Multisensory Structured Language (MSL) and other literacy interventions. She is on loan to us from Kerrimuir Primary (my base school) and will be working here on Monday and Tuesday each week. Her role is to offer literacy support specifically targeting students who have difficulties with literacy and spelling. Over the last two weeks she has been withdrawing students from class that have been identified by their class as needing extra support. If you see her in the yard please make her feel welcome.

This week it's been great to see how the students at Yarra Glen get along with each other and demonstrate the PERRI values. I was reminded of an interesting professional development session that I attended, Autism and other learning issues.

In all schools in Australia there will be children in each class who learn differently, or require a different sort of teaching and organisation to help them through the day. Some children are able to gain extra support through a Department of Education program, but many may not have extra support funding. There are many learning issues, but a few of them are:

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD & also ADD) – where attending to tasks, sitting still is difficult. Some children need to move a great deal more (the hyperactivity), others can look like they are dreaming in class. This affects learning over time, and can affect social relationships.

Dyslexia (where children's brains work slightly differently and students experience some difficulties in reading and other areas, but often have great capacity for creativity – famous dyslexics include Albert Einstein, Steven Spielberg, Pablo Picasso, Richard Branson). This can affect learning while repetition, explicit teaching and a multisensory approach can help greatly.

Developmental delay/ intellectual disability (where children for a variety of possible reasons, are academically behind others in their class)

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – please see the letter written by a young boy with autism a few years ago to explain his condition to others. Children with Autism are all very different from each other, hence there is a wide spectrum for this disorder. Children will often have social issues, and will need order and regulated change.

Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) – a condition that makes processing sounds heard through the ears less defined, making errors in hearing more likely. This affects academic learning most.



**P**ersistence  
**E**ncouragement  
**R**esilience  
**R**espect  
**I**nclusiveness

### Attendance Facts

If your child attends school 100% they will be able to make the best of all opportunities available to them.

If your child has 90% attendance over 11 years at school, they will have missed over **one** years education!

If your child has 80% attendance over 11 years at school, they will have missed over **two** years education!!

Dyscalculia – this is a specific disorder that makes learning Maths more difficult. Students with this disorder struggle counting, remembering numbers and generally remembering and organising numbers and telling the time.

Dysgraphia – this disorder affects handwriting and fine motor skills. This is sometimes described as the child having trouble getting words down on paper. It affects writing and spelling, as well as handwriting. It is difficult for such children to think and write at the same time.

Language disorder – this disorder affects the comprehension and processing of expressive and/or receptive language.

If you would like more information on any of these conditions, please click on the following link:

<https://ldaamerica.org/types-of-learning-disabilities/>

*I might seem the same and look just like any other kid but I'm not.*

*You may not even know, because I look like everybody else, but for me, life is difficult.*

*Unlike other kids, I have a disability but it's fairly invisible. I'm not blind, and I can hear very well and I don't walk differently but my disability makes me feel different for most of the time.*

*I have autism (my mum calls it ASD).*

*Autism means I think differently and sometimes it takes me longer to understand stuff. Sometimes I feel like I'm on dial up Internet when everyone else is on cable.*

*Also, having autism means I have trouble making and keeping friends because I don't really know what I should do. I get upset very easily and my mum and dad say I can't regulate my emotions like other children so for me when I am happy I am really happy but when I am sad I am very sad and when I am angry I am really angry. Sometimes I can't calm myself down.*

*My doctor explained to me that most brains are like lots and lots of highways and freeways delivering information but my brain is a bit like lane ways and alley ways and sometimes the information or my emotions get stuck.*

*Everything is really, really hard for me and most people don't know that.*

*Sometimes, in fact most days, I feel like the duck on the lake who looks calm but underneath my legs are going crazy. I have to cope with lots of things that hurt me like noise and sounds, bright lights and brightly coloured pictures, the feel of the uniform, communication, group work and talking. All these things are hard for me and can physically hurt me sometimes. Mum tells me it's because I have sensory sensitivities.*

*Also I can't stay organised and I lose lots of things like my jacket, my hat, my pen, my focus. My mum says this is because my executive function is impaired whatever that means.*

*Most days I feel out of control at school, even though I don't show it. I feel scared and frustrated and anxious.*

*Sometimes I have outbursts and meltdowns because of this.*

*Sometimes people think I am just being naughty, but if I had a choice I would choose not to feel this way, not to have a meltdown and not to have autism, but I don't have a choice.*

*I am also often fixated on detail and have a very hard time knowing what I should be focusing on.*

*So the next time you are at a school assembly – please remember that there is a student who is sitting here and struggling. I am proud of my small achievements, like just staying at an assembly or trying to sit still or knowing to look at the stage and not fixate on the floors lines or trying to listen to loud voices.*

Regards,  
Michael  
Acting Principal

*Our vision is to prepare young people to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community. It aims to prepare students to contend with a very dynamic 21st century in which creativity, cooperative work, connectedness to the world and adaptability are key features. The school aspires to provide a contemporary approach to teaching and learning in its purposeful learning environment.*

**PERRI – Persistence, Encouragement, Respect, Resilience, Inclusion**

## CALENDAR 2018

Term 1	Dates
<b>PMP Sessions (Foundation students)</b>	<b>Wednesdays 30th May; 6th, 13th, 20th &amp; 27th June</b>
<b>Interschool Sports at Seville (Grade 5 &amp; 6)</b>	<b>Friday 25th May</b>
<b>Mobile School Dentist</b>	<b>Tuesday 29th &amp; Wednesday 30th May</b>
<b>Interschool Sports at Home (Grade 5 &amp; 6)</b>	<b>Fridays 1st, 8th &amp; 15th June</b>
<b>Divisional Cross Country (selected students only)</b>	<b>Tuesday 12th June</b>
<b>State School Spectacular Practice</b>	<b>Monday 18th June</b>
<b>Life Ed Van</b>	<b>Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th June</b>
<b>Interschool Sports at Coldstream (Grade 5 &amp; 6)</b>	<b>Friday 29th June</b>
<b>End of Term 2—2:30pm pickup</b>	<b>Friday 29th June</b>

## NOTICES AND FORMS - Have You Seen These Notices?

Notices are available on our website (Downloads—Notices & Forms)

TERM 1	Due Date
<b>Divisional Cross Country Form (selected students only)</b>	<b>Monday 4th June</b>
<b>Interschool Sport Notice (Grade 5 &amp; 6)</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>
<b>PMP Parent Helper</b>	

- calendar dates can be found on our Sentral Parent Portal <https://sentral.ygps.vic.edu.au/portal/login>
- don't forget that **notices** on **blue paper** that go home require payment of an event/activity
- check our YGPS website at least weekly <http://ygps.vic.edu.au>
- all notices (unless an emergency) will go home on **Thursdays** when the newsletter is emailed/check your email on Thursdays; notices will be clipped to your child's diary when going home by your child
- all notices are posted on the school's **Official YGPS Website** under the **Downloads tab/ Notices and Forms**. <http://ygps.vic.edu.au>
- [the Yarra Glen Primary School website](http://ygps.vic.edu.au) is the home of all **official Yarra Glen Primary School notices and newsletters containing the official school logo and school information and events**. These can also be found on our Sentral Parent Portal <https://sentral.ygps.vic.edu.au/portal/login>
- a copy of the notices will also be in the glass display cabinet outside the front door of our administration building (near the Before and After School Care Sign)

## SCHOOL BANKING—EVERY THURSDAY

School Banking occurs every Thursday. **Please bring in your bank books every Thursday and put in the banking satchel in your classroom tub.**

**School  
Banking**





# SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

## FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS/CARERS

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using your school's IT platform.
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

### Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

### What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

### What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

### Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.



The Yarra Glen Primary School Attendance Policy as well as this fact sheet can be found on our website: <http://ygps.vic.edu.au/parent-info/attendance/>

## Yarra Glen Primary School Disco

The YGPS Disco will be held on Friday 25th May from 5-7pm. The cost is \$10, **payable upon entry to the Disco**. There will be a DJ, door prizes and games. Light dinner and snacks will also be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 4 are due by **Wednesday 13th June**. Please order via the **Scholastic LOOP** app (download from the Apple app store or Google Play) or visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

**Yarra Glen Primary no longer accept cash or cheque payments for the Scholastic Book Club.**

All payments must now be made via the LOOP app or website. Please contact the office on 9730 1254 if you have any queries.

 **SCHOLASTIC** Book Club LOOP

## Special Lunch Orders

**A huge thank you to all the volunteers that help to make special lunches a success. If you would like to help, please leave your details at the office. Thank you!**

Lunch orders will be Friday, fortnightly. Orders are due the Wednesday prior to special lunch day. When ordering special lunch orders, please complete the following:

- Name, class, lunch order items and total cost clearly written on a brown paper bag.
- **Exact money** (no change will be given) included in a **sealed envelope/snap lock bag inside** the brown paper bag.
- Order to be handed in to the classroom teacher each Wednesday fortnight (before 3pm)—**No late orders will be accepted.**
- Due dates for orders: Term 2
  - ⇒ June 6th
  - ⇒ June 20th

**Please do not take any special lunch orders directly to the bakery. All lunch orders are to be sent to school by the due date and time.**

ALL FOOD IS SUPPLIED BY YARRA GLEN BAKEHOUSE  
VOLUNTEERS WILL COLLECT THE ORDERS AND DISTRIUTE TO THE STUDENTS

## Sentral Login

If you are having trouble logging in to the Sentral Parent Portal, please contact the office (via phone: 9730 1254; email: [yarra.glen.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:yarra.glen.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au); or in person). We are happy to help!

# Community Reminders



**BECOME A FOSTER CARER**  
REGISTER NOW!



## Help create better tomorrows for kids in foster care.

Learn more about foster care by registering for one of our upcoming information sessions. You'll learn more about the different types of foster care available and get to ask questions from one of our current foster carers. It doesn't matter if you are working or at home, in a relationship, with or without kids. Everyone can make a difference!

### Information Sessions:

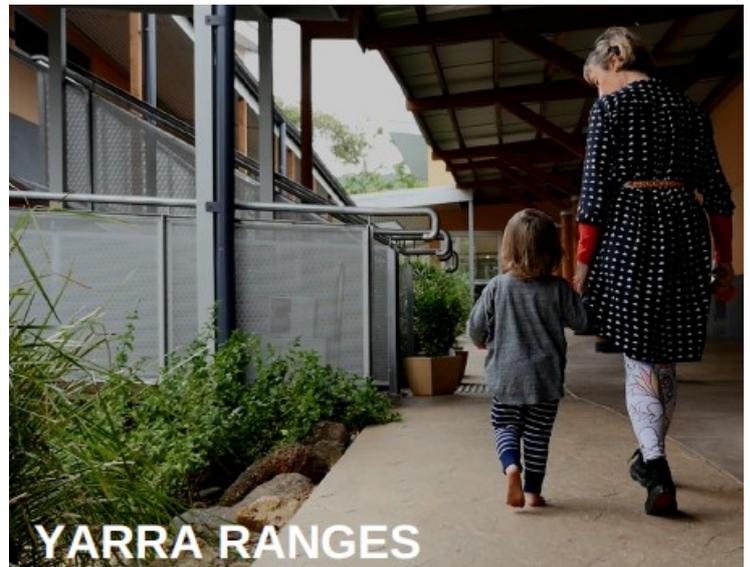
7.30pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 5 June – Anglicare Victoria, 47-51 Castella St, Lilydale

Tuesday 19 June – Anglicare Victoria, 666 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater

To Register: 1300 889 335 | [anglicarevic.org.au/events](http://anglicarevic.org.au/events)

BETTER TOMORROWS



## YARRA RANGES

### FAMILY AND CHILD PARTNERSHIP

Early years professionals are invited to find out about services and programs provided by local organisations such as Anchor, Anglicare, Connections, Inspiro and Eastern Health that could support your work with families and their children.

Tuesday, 5 June, 2018 • 4pm - 5.30pm

Kimberley Place, 33 Kimberley Drive, Chirnside Park



Enquiries/RSVP: Wendy Blakis, Best Start Community Facilitator  
P: 9294 6405 E: [w.blakis@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:w.blakis@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)



Solar Energy for Landlords and Tenants



**Don't miss this one-off event!**  
Saturday 26 May

## FREE INFORMATION

Saturday 26 May  
1.30 – 3.30

Come and hear our experts discuss SOLAR ENERGY FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES. New solutions provide landlords with a good return on investment and help tenants save money on electricity.

### Don't miss this one-off event!

Darron Honey Centre  
(behind Uniting Church)  
286 Maroondah Highway  
Healesville

For further information and bookings visit [www.healesvillecore.org.au](http://www.healesvillecore.org.au)

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# Space4us

Free peer support program for young people aged 13–18 years who have a family member with a mental illness.

Participants meet other young people in similar situations to share experiences and learn new ways of looking after themselves:

- Understand mental illness
- Deal with stigma
- Build self care and support strategies
- Improve relationships

**When:** 5th, 6th, 9th 10th July (school holidays) from 10.30am - 3.00pm  
**Where:** Inspiro Belgrave, 1616-1624 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave

For more information or to make a referral, please contact our Youth counsellors Leah or Sabatinie at Inspiro on 9738 8801.



Phone 9738 8801

inspiro.org.au

Lilydale  
17 Clarke Street  
Lilydale Vic 3140

Belgrave  
1616-1624 Burwood Hwy  
Belgrave Vic 3160

Healesville  
333 Maroondah Hwy  
Healesville Vic 3777



# ASD & Relationships Sexuality

How can we support our teens and young adults to navigate the difficult world of dating, sexuality and relationships?

It's a tough ask for any teen but throwing ASD into the mix can often magnify the challenge!

**Parents and Carers:**  
Join us for dinner and learn some strategies to help build communication, provide guidance and encourage good choices.

**Guest speaker:**  
Vanessa Thomas  
from Family Planning Victoria

**Date:** Wednesday 18 July 2018

**Time:** 6pm to 9pm

**Where:** Club Kilsyth  
15 Canterbury Rd, Kilsyth

**Cost:** \$15 incl dinner

**Book Online:** [bit.ly/ASDDinner](http://bit.ly/ASDDinner)

**More Info:** Interchange Outer East  
on 9758 5522 or [ioe@ioe.org.au](mailto:ioe@ioe.org.au)

*All welcome!*



# HELLO SOCCER PLAYERS

**We need more players for our Under 9's and Under 10's teams.**

**Boys & Girls. Born between 2008 – 2010. No experience needed.**

**Training: Thursday evenings. Games: Sunday mornings.**



**MiniRoos is starting 3<sup>rd</sup> May!**  
for younger players aged 5-8 years old.  
A fun intro to soccer skills & team building.  
Thursdays 5-6pm until 19<sup>th</sup> August.  
Plus 4 Saturday round-robin mini-comps.

**All enquiries:**  
Healesville Soccer Club  
[playhealesvillesoccer@outlook.com](mailto:playhealesvillesoccer@outlook.com)  
Or call Sera on 0418 258 808



[www.healesvillesoccerclub.com.au](http://www.healesvillesoccerclub.com.au)

# REDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

## Drop off Points

REDWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

3505 Warburton Highway, Warburton

LILYDALE HEIGHTS COLLEGE

17-19 Nelson Road, Lilydale

MIKKI B FASHION STYLING

41A Wray Crescent, Mt Evelyn

We are looking for donations of good quality coats, blankets and jumpers to help out people in need this winter.



# WINTER COAT APPEAL