

## Term 1 Newsletter - No.2 – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

#### February

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher –  
3.30 pm – 6.00pm

21<sup>st</sup> – Prep Information Night 6.00  
pm – 6.30 pm

23<sup>rd</sup> – Curriculum Day

24<sup>th</sup> – District Swimming

27<sup>th</sup> – Working Bee

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup> – Open Afternoon – Maths  
Games

12<sup>th</sup> – Fundraising Bake Sale

13<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day holiday

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Naplan Testing – Years  
3 & 5

21<sup>st</sup> – Harmony/World Down  
Syndrome Day

29<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair

29<sup>th</sup> – School Photos

30<sup>th</sup> – Twilight Sport – 4.30 pm –  
6.30 pm

6<sup>th</sup> – School finishes – 2.30 pm

### Principal's Update

Dear families of the Yarra Glen Primary School community,

It's wonderful to see student's on track with their learning as we enter into our fourth week of school. It was great to see and catch-up with Prep families at our Welcome BBQ. Thank you to parents and staff that were in attendance to help cook the sausages. School Council also organised a community Welcome Picnic this week to meet families at the Yarra Glen Playground. I hope parents had the opportunity to rekindle and meet new families at this event.

#### Meet the Teacher

I hope parents had the chance to meet with their child's classroom teacher this week. It's a great opportunity at the start of the year to touchbase to see how your child has settled and to discuss future learning. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher please make alternate arrangements.



### School Contributions Helps Support Our School

It's great to see families making voluntary curriculum contributions which supports the school to deliver the curriculum. These contributions will be for a specified purpose such as for shared equipment and classroom materials/resources. You can make other contributions which support the school more generally. While all contributions are voluntary, the school can make instalment/payment arrangements for families.

### Second-Hand Uniform

If you are in search for your child's missing school uniform item, please check the school's lost property in the foyer. We also have a lot of clean second-hand uniforms in a variety of sizes. If you are in search of an extra school jumper or shirt, please approach the office administration staff.



## **Student Leadership Assembly**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February student leaders were thrilled to receive their leadership badges. I would like to say thank you to Cindy McLeash MP State Member of Eildon who was in attendance to give students their badges and certificates. As a school we look forward to working with our school leaders to build their leadership capacity. They will provide a voice for our students so everyone feels represented and have contributed to a decision. Please see photos below.

## **School Council and Sub-Committees**

Currently we will have 2 parent, 1 DET and 1 community position to fill at our next election. There will be a Notice of First School Council Election and Call for Nominations and Self-Nomination forms announced on 1<sup>st</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> March.

# **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

### **WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### **WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?**

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

For all schools with a year 7 and above cohort, there is a fourth category of membership.

- A mandated elected Student category.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### **WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging

### **HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider • standing for election as a member of the school council • encouraging another person to stand for election.

### **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?**

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual timeline has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post or email following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### **School Carpark**

Could all parents and carers please ensure that the disabled car park is only used by those who have a valid permit or permission from the school.

Also please do not park in the walkway to the car park situated between the path from the office and the carpark.

### **Communication**

As a school we strive to have timely communication so please refer to our Sentral dashboard, push notifications, newsletter, Facebook and school website for all news, notifications, updates, reminders and events.

### **Assembly**

The YGPS assembly webEx meeting option. Details are as follows:

#### **Join from the meeting link**

<https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=m22cd4580fc6ddd1c7c5590eeba81d024>

OR

#### **Join by meeting number**

Meeting number (access code): 2652 311 3642

Meeting password: YGPS2022

**Policies reviewed at School Council will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:**

- Available publicly on school website
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Annual reference in school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

**Thank you**

**Jeff de Villa, Principal**

# AUSLAN NEWS

The Grade 3-6 students have been very busy learning the Auslan alphabet and trying to improve their goal time for signing the alphabet. Here is a guide for parents/carers at home to refer to.





# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## Term 1 — Week 3

Prep Y	Prep G	1/2 Y
Lachy Schembri	Augie Taylor	
1/2 G	1/2 P	3/4 Y
Darby Moon Sianna Cowan	Jax Moate	Mila Sprott
3/4 G	5/6 Y	5/6 G
Charlie Borthwick	Archy Barden	Annie Wood
AUSLAN	ART	PE / PERFORMING ARTS
Grace Sheppard		Mackenzie Maw Flynn Carton Reid Agnew Sidney Biggs

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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## Term 1 — Week 4

Prep Y	Prep G	1/2 Y
Isla Ross	Immy Glasgow	Layla Gilder
1/2 G	1/2 P	3/4 Y
Sam Oakley	Mitch Batten	Mila Sprott
3/4 G	5/6 Y	5/6 G
Lucy Waters	Savannah Sprott	Edward Waters
AUSLAN	ART	PE / PERFORMING ARTS
		Mya Draper Eddie Borthwick

# STUDENT LEADERS 2023

Congratulations to all our Student Leaders

## SCHOOL LEADERS





## HOUSE CAPTAINS



## HOUSE VICE-CAPTAINS





## ART CAPTAINS



## SUSTAINABILITY CAPTAINS



## LIBRARY CAPTAINS



# YGPS BIKE CLUB

***WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY AT  
RECESS***



***WEATHER PERMITTING***

***CANT WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!***



TO GAIN YOUR YGPS BIKE CLUB LICENSE  
COME TO THE FIRST MEETING ON  
WEDNESDAY 15TH OF FEBUARY  
BRING YOUR OWN BIKE



**Diamond Valley Singers**  
production of



# Seussical JR.

**Music by**  
**STEPHEN FLAHERTY**

**Lyrics by**  
**LYNN AHRENS**

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE

Based on the Works of DR. SEUSS

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