

## Term 1 Newsletter - No.3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

#### 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,

I hope families were able to spend time with their child/ren during our Curriculum Day (Student Free Day) last Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. During this time, all staff visited 2 gold accredited SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) schools to get a better understanding of the framework.



It was mentioned last year, YGPS has been successful to be trained in the Department of Education and Training (DET) initiative School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). It is about developing a framework and common strategies that will help support and develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. We are also seeking to increase understandings and strategies in relation to a whole school approach to promoting and supporting positive behaviours that will in turn lead to an increased orderly learning environment and intrinsic motivation for learning. The implementation of SWPBS is not a sprint and will be implemented in stages.



### Working Bee 27<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you to families for attending and supporting our termly working bees. It's wonderful to see parents who are able to assist to help maintain the school grounds which in turn, helps reduce the overall cost to the school for grounds maintenance. Working Bees also provide an opportunity for parents and families to meet and catch-up and provide that sense of belonging and community with our children.



## Maths Afternoon 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2.30-3.50



Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come along to our Maths open afternoon today. It was fantastic to see students and families engaged in Maths learning and activities.

We plan to have a writing open afternoon next term.

### Student Voice

At YGPS we endeavour to foster student voice to help support and improve the school. SRC (Student Representative Council) will re-commence next week when Mrs Lorraine Parfitt returns from leave. It's wonderful to see groups of students come with ideas. For example, making orange juice to raise money for our herb garden, Bring Your Bike club and fortnightly sports updates.

### Sustainability Garden Program

We are in the process of developing our sustainability garden program. Each class will have a veggie plot to grow, harvest and sell their vegetables (e.g. harvest and market) and incorporate cooking in the program. Recently there was a post on FB for charitable donations in relation to chook food, tools, spare materials that are not being used. Any donations will be much appreciated.



**Mea**



**Nugget**



**Snow White**

It's wonderful to see the school community get involved with the naming of our YGPS Silkies. We drew and announced the names at our last week assembly. Students have been loving the new additions to our school community.



**Rooster**



**Disco**

### **School Contributions Helps Support Our School – final post**

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. You can make other contributions which support the school more generally. While all contributions are voluntary, the school can make installment/payment arrangements for families.

### **2023 NAPLAN**

This is a reminder that students in Years 3&5 will be participating in our annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test which has been pushed forward to this year to Wed 15th – Tuesday 21st March. Wed 15th Writing, Fri 17th Conventions & Language, Mon 20th Reading & Tues 21st Numeracy

Why National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test? NAPLAN can be a good tool that provides information that enables teachers to develop a more individualised approach to their students' progress.

I always emphasise that NAPLAN is only a 'snap-shot' or 'point-in-time' test that does not define your child's academic ability, in turn, the results are invaluable in ways to support your child's 'point-of-need', as well as future learning. If you have any issues with your child taking NAPLAN to please advise and email the school at: [yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

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

Currently we have 2 parent and 1 community member vacancies. 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 time line 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.

### **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

**'Everyone can benefit': Learning Auslan gives you a new language and new culture.**

Newsletter item: ABC News article

**Follow the link below for an interesting read:**

[https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-02-22/learning-auslan-important-for-hearing-people-too/100749254?fbclid=IwAR0pSUI28WPlnhillQzrFzBvWfdG2\\_oMhx5l1hGQsrPDmanM4NQK24z4Z3k](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-02-22/learning-auslan-important-for-hearing-people-too/100749254?fbclid=IwAR0pSUI28WPlnhillQzrFzBvWfdG2_oMhx5l1hGQsrPDmanM4NQK24z4Z3k)

What to know some  
Auslan signs? Try:  
Auslan APPS:  
Auslan Dictionary  
Auslan Tutor 2

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WEBSITE?

Auslan Anywhere:

<https://www.auslananywhere.com.au/>

For an article on Auslan Anywhere click the link:

<https://exchange.telstra.com.au/a-new-app-seeks-to-open-up-auslan-and-break-down-barriers/>

Follow to learn more Auslan, more about Deaf culture and the community on

Facebook/Instagram:

Auslan Rocks

Trip In Australia

Auslanwith David by David

Latrobeuni auslan by Ramas

Just Auslan by Kett and Janelle

Little mxAuslan by Amy

## UNDERSTANDING & WORKING WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CONCERNS – primary school focus

DATE THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023	
Presented by:	School Engagement Team
This workshop will focus on:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Understanding and mentalising school attendance difficulties</i></li> <li>• <i>Working with parents, families and the broader system to support re-engagement</i></li> <li>• <i>The importance of early intervention and prevention</i></li> </ul>	
Target audience:	Staff working in a range of settings including education, child and family services and youth services
Time:	9.30 AM to 12.30 PM
Cost:	\$40.00 (exclusive of fees)

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Eastern Health Community Seminars has now made it easier for you to make your direct payments via Eventbrite.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For all individual bookings, book and pay directly via Eventbrite: <b>Option 1</b></li> <li>• For all group bookings from organisations wishing to make a booking for a number of people: <b>Option 2</b></li> </ul>		
Bookings & Registration:	Option 1	<b>INDIVIDUAL PAYMENT DIRECTLY VIA EVENTBRITE</b> Payment made directly online  Link: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-working-with-school-attendance-concerns-primary-school-tickets-513592437807">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-working-with-school-attendance-concerns-primary-school-tickets-513592437807</a>
	Option 2	<b>GROUP PAYMENT</b> Obtain a registration form and receive a group account via Eastern Health  Email: <a href="mailto:CommunitySeminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au">CommunitySeminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au</a>

Location:	ONLINE DELIVERY 🖥️ via Zoom	
Contact:	Marion Bernard Community Engagement Seminars	on 9871 7710

All prices and dates quoted are subject to change by CYMHS. Seminar fees are kept as low as possible. Enrolled participants will be notified of any changes to advertised programs when necessary. Participants are not entitled to a refund unless **WRITTEN** cancellation has been received at least 24 hours prior to the event. The department reserves the right to cancel any scheduled programs when necessary and course fees will be refunded if the course is cancelled.  
[www.easternhealth.org.au](http://www.easternhealth.org.au)



# JOIN THE JETS REGISTRATIONS OPEN



WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS  
OF ALL AGES TO JOIN US  
FOR THE 2023 SEASON

REGISTER HERE :

[WWW.YARRAGLENJFNC.COM.AU](http://WWW.YARRAGLENJFNC.COM.AU)





# Play Rugby League



Mixed teams ages 4 - 12  
Male & Female teams ages 13+



We are a small, family-friendly club.

No experience required.

Training Tuesday & Thursday from 5.30pm

Games on Saturday between April & August.

For more information go to [easternraptors.com.au](http://easternraptors.com.au) or  
email [secretary@easternraptors.com.au](mailto:secretary@easternraptors.com.au)





REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN!

## M.L.B.C LAKERS BASKETBALL CLUB



**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

**CALL OUR HOTLINE: 1300 525 377**

### **GIRLS ENQUIRIES**

Email: [girls@mlbclakers.com.au](mailto:girls@mlbclakers.com.au)

\*Girls Under 11 play Tuesday

\*Girls Over 12 play Wednesday

- Training Venue - Mount Lilydale Mercy College (The Doyle Centre)
- Games are scheduled at Kilsyth, Lilydale, Melba or Oxley Stadiums

### **BOYS ENQUIRIES**

Email: [boys@mlbclakers.com.au](mailto:boys@mlbclakers.com.au)

\*Boys play Saturday

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SUMMER SEASON RUNS THROUGH  
TERMS 4 & 1

WINTER SEASON RUNS THROUGH  
TERMS 2 & 3