



NEWSLETTER – TERM 1 – No 1 - 9th February 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear families of the Yarra Glen Primary School Community,

It has been a very positive start to the 2024 school year. I am happy to be back and to reconnect with the school community. It is wonderful to see our new preps 'ready to learn' and take part in our Friday whole school assembly. Just a friendly reminder that preps will be full-time commencing Monday 4th March - Week 6.

Welcome

I would like to welcome Lara Parr, Business Manager and Brendan Fitzpatrick, an experienced leader who will be supporting staff with the implementation of School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS) in term 1.

Quality Learning Program

Our Quality Learning Program for our students has been timetabled for the first two weeks with a strong focus on setting whole school expectations, routines and SWPBS lessons.

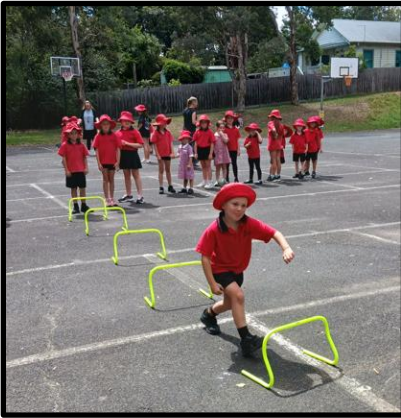
School Leadership

We are very proud of our School Captains, Savannah Sprott and Lincoln Agnew as they take on their leadership roles.

Our House Leaders have been involved in their first house sports activities last Tuesday where they unpacked our PERRI values and coordinated fun activities with our students.

We value student voice and our SRC (Student Representative Council) elections are underway.

Cindy McLeash Member of Eildon, will be in attendance at assembly to present school leader badges and present certificates.



Weekly Assembly

This is a friendly reminder that our whole school assembly will be held every Friday at 3.00-3.30pm in the Perri Centre. To promote our school culture, our assemblies are student led and as a school community we endeavour to celebrate student achievement, PERRI values, SWPBS and student voice. If your child is to receive an award, staff will contact and invite parents/guardians to attend assembly.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS)

Our focus at Yarra Glen Primary School is SWPBS which will promote common strategies that will help support and develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. We are also seeking to increase understanding 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. It was wonderful to see students acknowledged at assembly for their positive behaviours linked to *RESPECT*, *LEARNING* and *SAFETY*. Alongside our PERRI values, these values are prominent and referred to regularly. Keep an eye out for an upcoming SWPBS parent/carer information session.

Whole School Welcome Picnic

Thank you to all the families that came to our Whole School Welcome Picnic and thank you to TheirCare for being involved and running activities for our students. It was a great turnout! We plan to have more community events this year to bring our school community together.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be on Tuesday 20th February between 3.40pm and 6.30 pm and Wednesday 21st February between 3.40 pm and 6.00 pm. A Compass post will go out today to make your booking. Please make arrangements directly with the teacher if the day or time does not suit you. This is a wonderful opportunity to touch base with your child's classroom teacher to discuss future learning. I would like to ensure all parent/carers have the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher.

Communication

As a school we strive to have timely communication so please refer to our Compass calendar activities/ notifications, newsletter, Facebook and school website (to be updated shortly) for updates, reminders and events. At the start of each term your child's classroom teacher will also be sending out a class newsletter which will provide an overview with key dates and reminders. We also encourage feedback to improve our lines of communication.

School Council and Sub-Committees

Our first School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th February to close out the December 2023 and January 2024 financial reports. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) and School Council dates will be announced shortly. Calls for nominations/notification will be sent out in the next few weeks. There

are several School Council member positions and vacancies for election. We are keen to fill School Council and sub-committee positions and for parents to help make a positive contribution to the school community. If you would like to volunteer and support our school in any way to please contact the school office. There are so many positives in being involved.

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, Yarra Glen Primary School

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

It has been a great start to the year and our SWBPS.

We would like to congratulate our recipients of last week's SWBPS awards. These students received a hot chocolate voucher that they can use to have hot chocolate with a Teacher/ES and a friend.

We would also like to congratulate the class of 1/2 for being acknowledged the most times in our school and receiving a zooper doper and Big Bud as their special class guest for the week.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving the most acknowledgment this week in the whole school for:

Be Respectful Be Safe Be a Learner



Voluntary Contributions 2024

Contributions can still be made directly to the office.

School Photos

School photos have been booked in for Friday, 19th April 2024.

Uniforms

Uniform items are available to be purchased from the office each day.

If you would like a current copy of the uniform price list, please see either Lara or Sue.

Eftpos facilities are available.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property basket should you have any items missing.

Conveyance Allowance Program

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance for parents/carers to transport children to and from school in rural and regional Victoria. In some locations, students are unable to access free school buses. In these instances, students may receive a conveyance allowance to assist with travel costs. Allowances are available for public transport, private car and private bus.

Eligibility for students attending a non-government school

The eligibility criteria include the requirement that a student attending a non-government school is attending the nearest appropriate school (that is 4.8km or more from the student's residence). Parents who feel they may qualify for this financial support are encouraged to click on the links below or contact the office to obtain further information regarding Conveyance Allowance.

[Conveyance Allowance Policy](#)

[Conveyance Allowance FAQ's](#)

Closing date for Term 1 conveyance allowance is the 8th of March 2024.

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Please see flyer for more information.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

TERM 1

14 th , 15 th 21 st February	Life Education
15 th February	Prep Picnic
19 th February	Working Bee – 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm
20 th February	Parent/Teacher Interviews – 3.40 pm – 6.30 pm
21 st February	Parent/Teacher Interviews – 3.40 pm – 6.00 pm
6 th March	Preps commence full-time
6 th March	Flexi Van Library – Preps
20 th March	Flexi Van Library – Preps
20 th March	House colour sports activities – whole school – house colours to be worn
21 st March	Twilight Sports
21 st March	Lilydale High School Sports and Activities Day – Grade 6 only
28 th March	Last day of term – 2.30 pm dismissal

TERM DATES 2024

Term 1	29 th January 2024 – 28 th March 2024
Term 2	15 th April 2024 – 28 th June 2024
Term 3	15 th July 2024 – 20 th September 2024
Term 4	7 th October 2024 – 20 th December 2024

Updated April 2023

UNIFORM

The Yarra Glen Primary School Uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A list of approved school uniform is attached.



School Council policy is that the school uniform is compulsory. All children from Years Foundation - 6 are required to wear only the official school uniform as per the following list. Parents need to be aware that failure by children to wear the school uniform may result in a uniform infringement note being given to the child or parents being contacted.

A copy of our Uniform Policy is available. Please see the school for further details.

Garment	Sizes	Price	Qty	Size	Total \$
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt {Red} with YGPS Logo	4-16	\$27.00			
Netball Skirts {Black} - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4-16	\$20.00			
½ Zip Polar Fleece Top {Red} with YGPS Logo - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4-16	\$30.00			
Bomber Jacket {Black} with YGPS Logo	4 - 16	\$42.00			
Hoodie {Black} with YGPS Logo	6 - 14	\$44.00			
Hoodie {Black} with YGPS Logo (Adult)	16	\$50.00			
Slouch Hat {Red} with YGPS Logo	Small (55) Medium (57) Large (59) X Large (61)	\$12.00			
Bucket Hat {Red} with YGPS Logo	Small (55) Medium (57) Large (59) X Large (61)	\$10.00			
School Back-Pack with YGPS Logo		\$55.00			
House T Shirt - Royal Blue (Bell House)	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Gold (Armstrong House)	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Purple (Melba House)	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Red (Symonds House)	4 - 16	\$5.00			
TOTALS:					\$

PARENT NAME:..... TELEPHONE:.....

STUDENT NAME:..... CLASS:.....

Please email orders to yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au or drop into the school office.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY - Mastercard or Visa ONLY Total: \$_____

Card Number: ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ Expiry: __/__

Card Holder's Signature: _____ Date: _____



TheirCare
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Before & After School Activities

Reptile Wonder:
12th – 16th February

Stem Week:
19th – 23rd February

TheirCare Service Hours

BSC: 6:30am - 8:45am
ASC: 9:30pm - 6:30pm

Pupil Free Days/Vacation Care
6:30am - 6:30pm

TheirCare Yarra Glen Contact Details

TheirCare Yarra Glen Mobile:
0419 310 330

Email:
Yarraglen@theircare.com.au

TheirCare Contact Details

TheirCare:
1900 072 410

Website:
<https://theircare.com.au/>

Summer Holiday Program

As we conclude another spectacular holiday program here at TheirCare Yarra Glen, we can't help but reflect on the incredible memories and joyous moments that filled these days with creativity, laughter, excitement and a sense of unity. The children's willingness to step out of their comfort zones and try new things showcased their resilience and openness to new experiences.

To the incredible kids who made it all possible, your enthusiasm, kindness, and willingness to embrace the spirit of togetherness have left an indelible mark. Here's to the memories made, friendships strengthened, and the countless smiles that lit up these unforgettable days. Until next time, thank you for making this holiday program truly exceptional!

Grace & The TheirCare Team

A Glimpse of our Adventures!







Hey kids, for years Tom Gleeson has been challenging adults to **HARD** questions on **HARD QUIZ**.

This time, the kids get to have a go!

We're making some special episodes of **HARD QUIZ - with kids!**

So if you're in Year 5, 6 or 7, have a topic you know more about than *anyone* else, and think you can be a *little* bit cheeky if Tom tries to outsmart you, then why not apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ**.

Get your parent or guardian to head to
hardquizkidsauditions.com.au
You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application!

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 18 Feb 2024.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, HARD!





HEALESVILLE SOCCER CLUB

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR 2024

Come join our club, all ages and skill levels welcome

Junior Boys, Girls, Women and Men

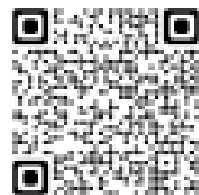
Training - Thursday nights starting 15 February
Womens Training Wednesday nights from 14 February

at Don Road Sporting Complex

Canteen open each week for dinners, snacks and refreshments

Saturday Season Competition Games start late April 2024
Friendly, fun and social competition

Scan the QR Code or Click [Here](#) to
Register for the Season Today!
Or contact us for more information



Visit www.healesvillesoccerclub.com.au
Email info@healesvillesoccerclub.com.au
Call Suzanne 0411 114 564

Be part of it!

Twilight Market



Bring your friends and family to the ELTHAM College Twilight Market!



Where community comes together

Friday 1 March ✳ **ELTHAM College Oval and Swipers Gully Vineyard**
4:00pm to 8:30pm

- * Local makers and businesses
- * Market stalls
- * Food trucks
- * Live Music
- * Swipers Gully wines
- * BYO kids, family, friends
- * BYO picnic blanket



YARRA JUNCTION JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



**FREE
FOOTY
2024**

**2024
TEAMS**

- U9'S MIXED
- U10'S GIRLS
- U11'S MIXED

**FIRST TRAINING SESSION
MONDAY 12TH FEB @ 4PM
FAMILY BBQ AFTER**

REGISTRATION LINK - [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/14A684](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/14a684)

REGISTER HERE





Parenting Anxious Children

A Parents Building Solutions Program for Parents of 2 to 7 year olds

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- Support your child to cope with change and life's challenges
- Teach your child the skills of resilience to bounce back from adversity

Join this 6-week parenting program to learn strategies, share stories, and take some time out for you

When: Thursdays (6-week program)

Dates: February 15th to March 21st, 2024

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Where: Central Ringwood Community Centre, Bedford Park, Rosewarne Lane, Ringwood 3134

Cost: Free for parents and carers living in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

Registrations: [Click Here](#)

Enquiries: phone/text Sharon 0438 683 049 or email sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

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5 to 11yrs - 4.00pm to 5.30pm
11 to 17yrs - 6.00pm to 7.30pm

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