



NEWSLETTER – TERM 1 – No 2 – 23rd February 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear families of the Yarra Glen Primary School Community,

It's wonderful to see students 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 annual Welcome BBQ. Thank you to parents for their attendance and to staff that helped cook and prepare the sausages. Also, a big thank you to parents who were able to come out to our Term 1 Working Bee on Monday 19th February. Every helping hand is much appreciated to maintain our beautiful school grounds. We plan to have a Working Bee once or twice a term based on the needs of the school.

Attendance and having a positive start to the day

Thank you for ensuring that your child arrives promptly at school every day, ready to learn. The first 15 minutes of the day, your child's classroom teacher engages in Morning Circle Meetings where students connect with one another and the classroom teacher sets and explains the learning for the day. If your child comes after this time, it may be unsettling.

Research is unequivocal about the direct link between attendance at school and student learning outcomes so again, thank you for your support with our increased focus on regular and prompt attendance.

2024 NAPLAN

In the next few weeks, students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 will be preparing and will complete NAPLAN testing. The testing schedule is:

- Wednesday 13th March – 9-11am (Writing)
- Thursday 14th March – 9-11am (Reading)

- Friday 15th March – 9-11am (Conventions of Language)
- Tuesday 19th March – 9-11am (Numeracy) & 11.45am-1.45pm (catch-up testing)

NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy and there is no doubt that if you follow the media, you will read, see and hear lots of different opinions around the positives and/or negatives of NAPLAN.

At Yarra Glen Primary School, we believe that NAPLAN tests are important in that they complement our existing range of school-based assessments. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information in relation to student performance in literacy and numeracy only. They are NOT intended to be pass/fail type tests.

As always, it is important that students come prepared to try their best, but they should not be overwhelmed by the experience. Whilst we have spent some time this term familiarising students with the formats of the tests, we believe that an excellent, engaging and rigorous teaching and learning program provides the best opportunity for success. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please come and see me.

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.

Fundraising

Through fundraising efforts of the school community, thank you to School Council for approving the purchase of new visual audio equipment for the PERRI Centre. You may be aware, we have been having a lot of technical challenges during assembly and we would like to improve this space for students and the school community.

Lunch Orders

I am so pleased to announce that we will be starting lunch orders again on the 23rd February! A BIG thank you to the Yarra Glen Bakehouse for coordinating to get the program up and running. Moving forward lunch orders will be on Fridays and parents/carers will have to enter their orders on Flexischools by 3.00 pm on Wednesdays. Please note that if your order is not received by 3.00 pm unfortunately it will not be able to go through. This is due to the Flexischools App not accepting them. You will not be able to order directly through the bakery as it must be done via Flexischools.



Meet the Teacher Interviews

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.

2024 School Council Elections

Currently there are four Parent (amended) and 2 Community member positions to fill at our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 20th March. There will be a Notice of First School Council Election and Call for Nominations and Self-Nomination announced on Tuesday 27th February - Week 5 – Tuesday 5th March Week 6 4pm COB. Forms will be available at the school office, please ask Lara or Sue.

Council Constituting Order

Total	Parent	School Employee	Student	Community	Nominees (if any)
9	4	3	0	2	0

School Council Elections – Information for Parents

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.

Student Voice Section

(Watch this space)

SRC News - by Cherry Stewart (on behalf of SRC)

This week in our SRC meetings we have started up Nude Food again. This year, every time you bring nude food you get a blue token for being respectful to the environment. Class SRCs will check each day to tick off your name if you have nude food.



Harmony Day and World Syndrome Day

Harmony Day and World Syndrome Day are coming up in March. We will be celebrating the day taking part in activities. We will celebrate by wearing free dress and bringing a gold coin donation for Down Syndrome Australia.

Crazy Hair Day

We are planning a crazy hair day for the beginning of Term Two. We will let you know when the date is later this term.

And if you have any ideas, please let your SRCs know.

STEM

This term we have started STEM and students are really enjoying it. All classes have joined in with fun activities and discovering new things.

Communication

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

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

Policies to reviewed at our next S.C meeting:

School Uniform

Child Safe related policies

First Aid related policies e.g. Asthma and Anaphylaxis

Thank you,

Jeff de Villa

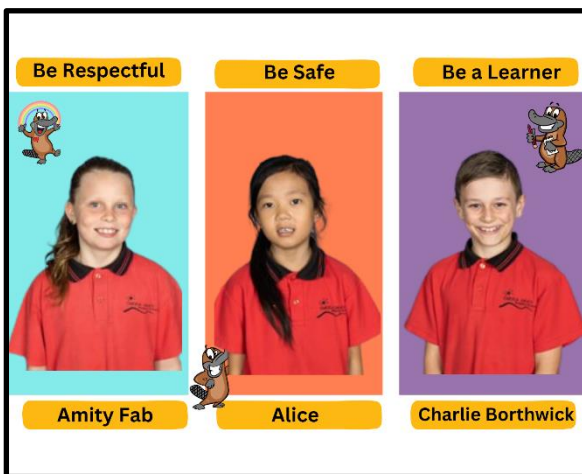
Principal, Yarra Glen Primary School

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

SWPBS professional learning for our staff kicked off on our 2nd curriculum Day in Week 1. We had an SWPBS coach attend our Curriculum Day to work with staff with a focus on reinforcing and teaching expected behaviours, along with identifying minor and major behaviours. During the first 2 weeks of the year, teachers have been facilitating lessons to explicitly teach expected behaviours from the positive behaviour matrix, with a focus on Be Safe. Some of the skills which have been explicitly taught include: Wearing hats, remaining seated and giving each other personal space. These skills are revisited in morning meetings and positively acknowledged with an orange token when staff notice students exhibit these behaviours.

It has been a great week this week at our school, our staff and students are excited to see our SWPBS continue to roll out in our school. Many students were excited to receive a prize from our prize cart this 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

27 th February	Upper Yarra Districts Swimming Sports – selected students
29 th February	Life Education (re-scheduled)
6 th March	Preps commence full-time
6 th March	Flexi Van Library – Preps
12 th March	Melbourne Parliament Excursion – Grade 5 and 6
13 th , 14 th , 15 th & 19 th	NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5
20 th March	Flexi Van Library – Preps and Grade 1
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) - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Gold (Armstrong House) - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Purple (Melba House) - <i>Limited Supply</i>	4 - 16	\$5.00			
House T Shirt - Red (Symonds House) - <i>Limited Supply</i>	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 News!

School is now back in full swing, and the atmosphere is electric with students and staff brimming with energy and enthusiasm. Our recent whole school picnic was a resounding success, bringing together our school community and warmly welcoming many new fantastic students both in the classroom and at TheirCare!

As we dive into Term 1, we're thrilled for the children at Theircare to experience the incredible moments awaiting at our Yarra Glen service. Get ready for a whirlwind of fun-filled activities and memorable experiences together!

UPCOMING:

FRIENDSHIP WEEK: FEB 26 - MARCH 1

Let's celebrate the bonds that tie us together during Friendship Week! We invite all our students to get creative and express their appreciation for their friends. Whether it's writing heartfelt letters or crafting something special, let's take the time to share what we love most about our friends and why they mean so much to us!

DOWN UNDER WEEK: MARCH 4 - 8

Get ready to explore the wonders of Australia as we dive into Down Under Week! From discovering the rich cultural heritage to exploring the diverse landscapes and our native animals, we'll be delving into all things Aussie. Get your cork hats ready!

TheirCare Service Hours

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

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

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TheirCare Contact Details

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Reminder!

TheirCare will be closed March 11 for the upcoming Labor Day Public Holiday!

Discover Lilydale Heights College

2024 OPEN NIGHT



LILYDALE HEIGHTS
COLLEGE

Tuesday
19th
March

College Tours from 5pm
Presentation at 6.30pm

Book your Open Night tour via the College Website. Daytime tours available during Terms 1 and 2. Participate in our Open Night for your chance to win a Gift Voucher.



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Play
Rugby
League

Bring your family to join
our family

All welcome! No
experience required!

Joining the Eastern Raptors is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of a welcoming and family-friendly community. With teams for players of all ages and genders, as well as opportunities to volunteer and coach, there is a place for everyone at our club.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

Our volunteers are all registered and hold Working With Children Checks, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all. Get in touch now - don't miss out on the chance to join our club and be a part of something special.

BOYS

U6 & U7 mixed tag
U8 - U12 mixed tackle
U13 - U18 boys tackle



GIRLS

U6 & U7 mixed tag
U8 - U12 mixed tackle or
New girls only teams
ages U8 - U18



ADULTS

Seniors 17+
men & women
Masters 35 +



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