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Encouragement
Respect
Resilience
Inclusiveness**

NEWSLETTER – TERM 1 – No 4 – 27th March 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear families of the Yarra Glen Primary School Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. Last week has been loaded with fun filled events for our students. This will be the last newsletter before our Term 1 holiday and Easter break. On the last day of term, Thursday 28th March, school will finish at 2.30 pm. Please kindly make arrangements for your child to be picked early, or alternatively Their Care (OHSC) is available.

It was wonderful for Aaron Violi, elected to the House of Representatives for Casey, and former YGPS student, come visit and speak at our Friday assembly. It was nice chatting about his fond primary school memories, and his connection to the school and community. *Furthermore, A Walk Down Memory Lane...*

A Walk Down Memory Lane

I received a phone call a few weeks ago from a past staff member that taught at YGPS back in the 70s. He was asking if he can meet the principal and have a site tour. Admittedly, I was a bit apprehensive, however I decided to proceed and meet Peter Desnoyers (visiting from the United States) who was a teacher from May 1975 – July 1978. Peter shared many fond memories of the school

and shared a couple photos below; possibly more photos to come.

Back in the day, the principal and teachers lived onsite!

(from left to right): Resident Principal, Fred Fox, had 5 children onsite and were all students of YGPS; Peter Desnoyer (taught Grade 4 and Prep-1); Ruth (Peter's mother (visiting); Adrienne Miffat (Prep-1); Ian Wilton (Grade 6) and Ken McKenzie (Grade 2-3).





I can't believe there was a resident camel! This photo was taken by the senior playground fence line (Forest St).

Peter asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of Fred Cox and it would be appreciated if you have any information. He can be contacted at Tobybossman@yahoo.com.

POSITIVE STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

House and Twilight Sports 20th and 21st March

Great to see all students participating and supporting their house colours last Wednesday. It was a fun-filled day of activities where students accumulated points for their house team, motivated and encouraged one another.

Thank you to Mrs Thorne, PE/PA teacher for organising a wonderful event and staff involvement. Furthermore, it was wonderful to see House Captains stepping up in their leadership roles to coordinate and help run the events. I am also proud of students for their participation and 'having a go' at all the sporting events and helping other students.



Student Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge students, Reid and Lincoln Agnew who participated and moved through to Regionals Swimming Victoria. Well done for their efforts, representing YGPS and being positive role models.

On 21st March, Grade 6 students went to Lilydale High School Sports Day and won the "Capture the Flag" event. The feedback from students was that it was an exciting day where they had the opportunity to see friends and have a small glimpse of high school life.

Well done to Blue House for winning the annual House Sports trophy. Lastly, congratulations to Summer O'Callaghan and Lincoln Agnew for winning overall best House Champions. Great effort!



Harmony and World Down Syndrome Day

On Thursday 21st March, students celebrated Harmony Day to recognise our diversity and to promote inclusiveness and respect.

In addition, the 'Lots of Socks' campaign for World Down Syndrome Day is to start a conversation and raise awareness of Down syndrome.

Thank you to students and families for their gold coin to donations to acknowledge and support the work that Down Syndrome Australia does for people with Down syndrome and their families.



We Love 'PERRI' The Platypus

We have started PERRI Story Time Fridays! At recess, PERRI the Platypus and Belinda have been reading stories to students under the tree at the front of the wellbeing office (weather permitting). Many students have been actively joining-in and participating in set-activities.



2024 School Council Elections and AGM (Annual General Meeting) – change of dates

School election nominations have been postponed to 27th March at 6.30 pm. The school community will be notified of our newly appointed members in our next newsletter. Our AGM will be held on the 27th April to present the Annual General Report.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break. I am looking forward to a positive Term 2.

End of Term Reminders:

Thank you to all the families who kindly donated towards our raffle prizes and to Cindy McLeish MP who donated a wonderful box of Easter goodies for our raffle. We have 13 prizes up for grabs so get in quick for your tickets.



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.

Our Curriculum and Professional Practice Days (no students onsite) save the dates:

Friday 3rd May

Friday 7th June

Monday 4th November

Monday 2nd December

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 27th March:

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

STUDENT VOICE

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

Have you noticed there has been lots of school tours. If you see the families, please say "hi".

People think there has been a lot of improvement in behaviour this year which is great.

We are still trying to get compost and recycle bins in all classrooms. There is going to be a trophy with the most Nude Food.

Just a reminder next term we will have auditions for the school play for Grade 6 students. Exciting times ahead.

I hope everyone is going to have an awesome holiday and a happy Easter and I can't wait till next term to have more fun activities.



KEY FIRST NATIONS EVENTS 2024

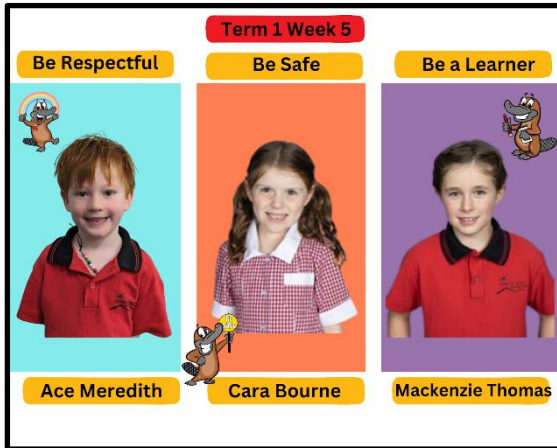
- ❖ 26 May: Sorry Day
- ❖ 27 May - 3 June: Reconciliation Week
- ❖ 7-14 July: NAIDOC Week
- ❖ 4 August: National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day
- ❖ 9 August: International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- ❖ 4 September: Indigenous Literacy Day

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

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

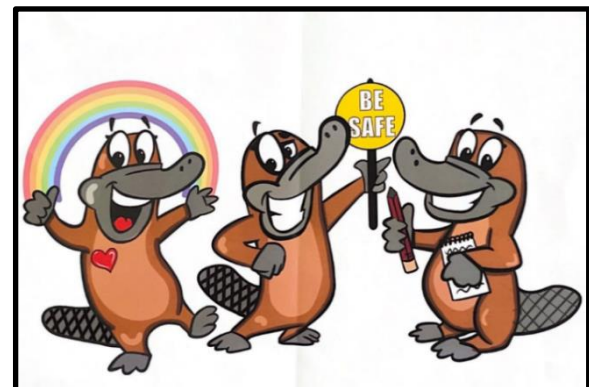
Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be a Learner

We are so proud of all of your achievements.



For the last three weeks of winners, we would love to congratulate the following classes Prep, 1/2 and Prep/1 for having the most positive acknowledgements in the whole school and receiving the prize of Big Bud as their special guest for the week and a Zooper Dooper. Keep up the great work.

We now have three new matrix for the areas, Library, Basketball and Bases. It was great having our students collaborate on this process and have their voices come through in our behaviour expectations for the matrix in these areas.



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.

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

28 th March	Last day of term – 2.30 pm dismissal
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TERM 2

19 th April	School photos
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18 th April	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
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22 nd April	State School Spectacular Rehearsal – The Basin Primary School
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23 rd April	Grade 3-6 Wandin Athletics
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24 th April	School Council
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24 th April – 1 st May	Book Fair
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1 st May	School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support Parent Informtaion Evening
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2 nd May	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
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3 rd May	Curriculum Day – no students at school
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9 th May	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
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10 th May	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
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15 th May	YGPS Open Evening
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17 th May	Grade 3-6 Cross Country
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27 th May	State School Spectacular Rehearsal – The Basin Primary School
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5 th June	School Council
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7 th June	Curriculum Day – no students at school
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27 th June	Production rehearsal day and concert night
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28 th June	Last day of term – 2.30 pm dismissal
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TERM DATES 2024

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



NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8

21.03.2024

Update From Grace

As we bid farewell to another fantastic term filled with learning, laughter, and endless adventures, we're thrilled to announce that the holidays are just around the corner! 🥰

But before we hop into the holiday spirit, let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements and growth of our students throughout the term. From mastering new skills to forging lifelong friendships, each and every one of our students has made this term truly special and memorable. ✨

Now, as we look ahead to the Holiday Program get ready for fun-filled activities and events planned just for you! From arts and crafts workshops, movie magic and having a putt-tastic time at golf, there's something for everyone to enjoy during our holiday program.

So, let's wrap up this term with a burst of energy and enthusiasm! Wishing you all a wonderful Easter filled with joy, laughter, and plenty of chocolate treats! 🍫

Important information!

- 28th | School finishes at 2:30pm
- 29th | Good Friday *TheirCare CLOSED
- 1st Apr | Easter Monday *TheirCare CLOSED
- 2nd Apr | Holiday Program begins!



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ART ATTACK

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PROGRAM



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1. Child Care Subsidy

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- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to **90%** of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!



2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via **myGov**

For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

Exercises & Super Experiences days. Arrive at the service by 8:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Near sunset & sun.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>1 APR</p> <p>Public Holiday!</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>	<p>2 APR</p> <p>Make It Merry!</p> <p>Challenge your team and make it a fun-filled game with the 'Merry Merry' challenge. An easy-to-play game that will have your children laughing and shouting. Includes a 'Merry Merry' certificate and a 'Merry Merry' badge. Includes a 'Merry Merry' certificate and a 'Merry Merry' badge. Includes a 'Merry Merry' certificate and a 'Merry Merry' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>	<p>3 APR</p> <p>Spotlight Spectacular</p> <p>Show off the spotlight with this 'Spotlight Spectacular'! Your young stars will shine bright in the spotlight. Includes a 'Spotlight Spectacular' certificate and a 'Spotlight Spectacular' badge. Includes a 'Spotlight Spectacular' certificate and a 'Spotlight Spectacular' badge. Includes a 'Spotlight Spectacular' certificate and a 'Spotlight Spectacular' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>	<p>4 APR</p> <p>Fabulous Adventure</p> <p>Get ready for an amazing adventure with the 'Fabulous Adventure'! Includes a 'Fabulous Adventure' certificate and a 'Fabulous Adventure' badge. Includes a 'Fabulous Adventure' certificate and a 'Fabulous Adventure' badge. Includes a 'Fabulous Adventure' certificate and a 'Fabulous Adventure' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>	<p>5 APR</p> <p>Movie Magic</p> <p>The magic of the movies is about to be brought to life in the 'Movie Magic'! Includes a 'Movie Magic' certificate and a 'Movie Magic' badge. Includes a 'Movie Magic' certificate and a 'Movie Magic' badge. Includes a 'Movie Magic' certificate and a 'Movie Magic' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>8 APR</p> <p>Artist's Galaxy</p> <p>We are ready for an artist's galaxy! Includes an 'Artist's Galaxy' certificate and an 'Artist's Galaxy' badge. Includes an 'Artist's Galaxy' certificate and an 'Artist's Galaxy' badge. Includes an 'Artist's Galaxy' certificate and an 'Artist's Galaxy' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>	<p>9 APR</p> <p>Neon Canvas Dazzle</p> <p>Get ready for a neon canvas dazzle! Includes a 'Neon Canvas Dazzle' certificate and a 'Neon Canvas Dazzle' badge. Includes a 'Neon Canvas Dazzle' certificate and a 'Neon Canvas Dazzle' badge. Includes a 'Neon Canvas Dazzle' certificate and a 'Neon Canvas Dazzle' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>	<p>10 APR</p> <p>Marbled Pencil Case</p> <p>Get ready for a marbled pencil case! Includes a 'Marbled Pencil Case' certificate and a 'Marbled Pencil Case' badge. Includes a 'Marbled Pencil Case' certificate and a 'Marbled Pencil Case' badge. Includes a 'Marbled Pencil Case' certificate and a 'Marbled Pencil Case' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>	<p>11 APR</p> <p>Culinary Canvas</p> <p>Get ready for a culinary canvas! Includes a 'Culinary Canvas' certificate and a 'Culinary Canvas' badge. Includes a 'Culinary Canvas' certificate and a 'Culinary Canvas' badge. Includes a 'Culinary Canvas' certificate and a 'Culinary Canvas' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>	<p>12 APR</p> <p>Putt-tyclic Adventure</p> <p>Get ready for a putt-tyclic adventure! Includes a 'Putt-tyclic Adventure' certificate and a 'Putt-tyclic Adventure' badge. Includes a 'Putt-tyclic Adventure' certificate and a 'Putt-tyclic Adventure' badge. Includes a 'Putt-tyclic Adventure' certificate and a 'Putt-tyclic Adventure' badge.</p> <p>From 8:30am to 12:00pm Full Fee: \$15.00**</p>

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

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0419 310 330

Email: Yarraglen@theircare.com.au

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Grade 6 Information Evening.

We welcome prospective families to attend our information night to learn about our school, ask questions and complete a self-guided tour of the school.


Thursday the 18th of April 6.30pm
25 Melba Avenue, Lilydale. Located in our School Hall.


Open Night



Wednesday 17th April - 6:30pm

Healesville High School
10 Camerons Road, Healesville, Victoria 3777
(03) 5962 4088
www.healesvillehs.vic.edu.au // healesville.hs@education.vic.gov.au

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