



NEWSLETTER – TERM 2 – No 1 – 26th April 2024

Yarra Glen Primary School
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Our Vision:

To provide all students an opportunity to reach their full potential, become life-long learners and valuable members of their community.

Our Mission:

To place all students at the centre of their learning. Our school fosters student voice and strives to develop confident life-long learners. We believe that every child can succeed through nurturing relationships between home, school and the community.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear families of the Yarra Glen Primary School Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. It's going to be a very busy term so I encourage families to check the Compass activities calendar and newsletter for important dates. I would like to congratulate Mackenzie Thomas in Grade 3/4 who is the recipient of April's Aussie of Month.

The Aussie of the Month Award is a special award that acknowledges and celebrates personal endeavour, achievement, contribution to the community and reflects the universal values we share as Australians, such as fair go, mateship, respect and inclusion. Each month a student from (Prep to 2), (3 to 4) and (5 to 6) will be selected. I would also like to thank Bill Verhagan from Integrity Real Estate for presenting this month's Aussie of the Month. Bill is a local and he shared his fond memories teaching CRE (Christian Religious Education) at YGPS back in 1986.

Well done to all students who auditioned for this year's Yarra Glen PS Circus Production. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of students and just 'having a go'! We will be engaging with Little Devils Circus Skills in Weeks 3-5 which will be part of the action and production preparations.

Our Vision and Mission

The YGPS staff were recently asked, "What are their hopes and dreams for the future of the school?", and "What does the school want to be known for 5,10 or 20 years from now?" The YGPS staff recently revised 'Our Vision' Statement for YGPS. A Vision Statement sets the school's future objectives, strategic planning, culture and encompasses the school's values. The school's Mission Statement remains the same. The Mission Statement speaks to the school's operation in the present and works towards the school's Vision.

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ANZAC Ceremony

YGPS had the privilege of leading the singing of the Australian and New Zealand national anthem at the Anzac Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph in the McKenzie Reserve on Anzac Ave; singing the song, Lest We Forget. We are also proud of Lincoln Agnew, Savannah Sprott and Cherry Stewart who shared their stories on what Anzac Day means to them. It was a wonderful community turnout and opportunity to reflect and commemorate our fallen service personnel.



We also had the wonderful Flynn and Billy selling Anzac Day badges to the students. They did a wonderful job and we will announce the grand total raised for the RSL in the next newsletter.

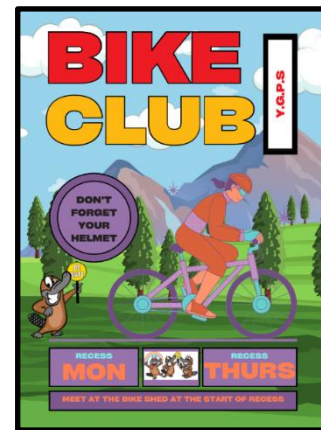


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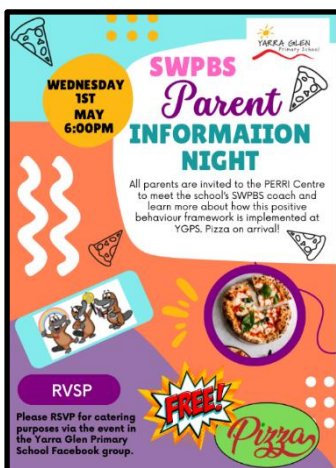
Our students have been enjoying the refreshed line marking in several of our play areas. Furthermore, the installation of our Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander flagpoles are underway. Our veggie garden, School Wide Positive Behaviour foyer and sensory garden are just a few projects in the works!



We are also aiming to create as many extra-curricular activities opportunities for our students. Weather permitting, Bike Club will run every Monday and Thursday at recess.



Save The Date

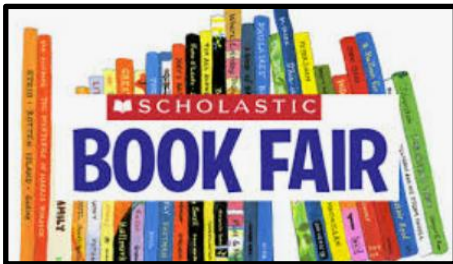


The School Wide Positive Behaviour information session aims to:

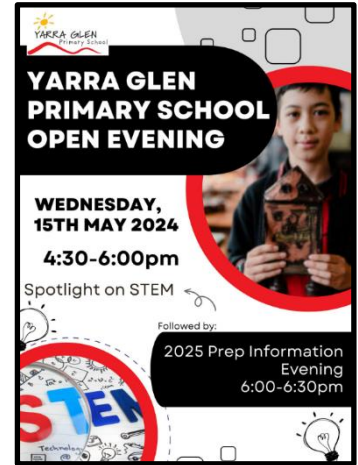
- increase an understanding and awareness about School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS) at YGAPS;
- promote how SWPBS creates a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

Our Open Evening is an opportunity for existing and prospective families to engage with our beautiful school. School tours will be available for new families; followed by our 2025 Prep Information Evening session.

Book Fair



Book Fair will be held in the Perri Centre from Wednesday 24th April to Wednesday 1st May from 3.20-4.00pm. Students will be given the opportunity to visit Book Fair with their class to write down their 'wish list'.



Wandin District Athletics Grades 3-6

The sun was out and it was a wonderful day of athletics. Great effort to see all students participating and proudly representing our school. It was wonderful to hear from several Grade 3's (first time participants) that they intend to have fun and to just 'have a go'! Well done to Lincoln Agnew Grade, 5/6 placing 3rd, Boy Champion.



School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWBPS)



It is fantastic to see Grade 2/3 accumulate the most SWPBS tokens - Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner. It's also wonderful to see individual students using their certificates to have a hot chocolate with staff member and build positive relationships.



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

2024 School Council Elections members and positions:

- ❖ President – Bec Holland (Parent)
- ❖ Vice President – Sophie Dash (Parent)
- ❖ Treasurer – Linda Pears (Parent)
- ❖ Secretary – Greg Bourne (DET Parent)
- ❖ Parent Member – Ashleigh Woodcock (Parent)
- ❖ Community Member - Amber Morrell (Parent)
- ❖ DET Representative – Jess Nahon and Jess Amey
- ❖ Executive Officer – Jeff de Villa (Principal)

Policies to reviewed at our next S.C meeting 24th April:

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)

Stay tuned for our next newsletter for Cherry's report.



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

It's been a great start to the term for our SWPBS.

Many students have enjoyed prizes from our prize cart and vouchers, especially the hot chocolate ones with the cold weather starting.



We have introduced a new token system to allow for us to have bigger prizes and a greater reward to acknowledge all our students hard work to Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner.

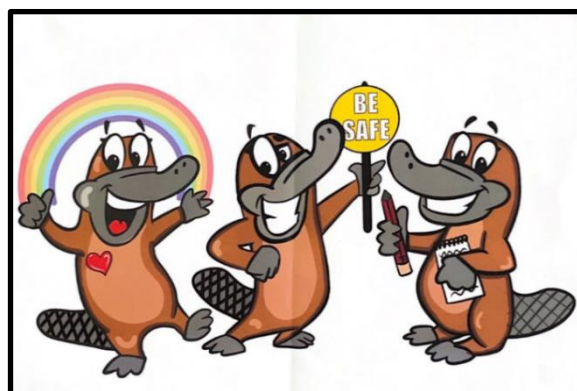
Congratulations to the following students for being acknowledged the most times out of the whole school for the last few weeks. Keep up your amazing efforts. We are so proud of you.

Term 1 Week 9

Be Respectful	Be Safe	Be a Learner
		
Presley Meade	Willow Van Geene	Mia Boyd-Wilkinson

Term 2 Week 1

Be Respectful	Be Safe	Be a Learner
	Jade Driessen	
Iris Quayle	Jade Driessen	Daisy Loughnan







DON'T MISS OUT!

See our flyer for more information on our upcoming parent night.

We even have **FREE PIZZA!**

YARRA GLEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SWPBS

 10 Tokens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sticker• Small Toy• Petri activity sheet <small>WELL DONE</small>
 20 Tokens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium Toy• Morning tea with the principal <small>GREAT WORK</small>
 50 Tokens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot chocolate with a staff member• 15 minutes in the Wellbeing room• 15 minutes of digital time• Large Toy <small>YOU DID IT!</small>
 100 Tokens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra Art Lesson• Extra PE Lesson• Extra STEM Lesson• 10 minutes of free time in the classroom <small>YOU DID IT!</small>

Voluntary Contributions 2024

Contributions can still be made directly to the office.

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 2

24 th April – 1 st May	Book Fair
1 st May	School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support Parent Informtaion Evening
2 nd May	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
3 rd May	Curriculum Day – no students at school
9 th May	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
10 th May	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
15 th May	YGPS Open Evening
16 th April	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
17 th May	Grade 3-6 Cross Country
27 th May	State School Spectacular Rehearsal – The Basin Primary School
5 th June	School Council
7 th June	Curriculum Day – no students at school
27 th June	Production rehearsal day and concert night
28 th June	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 Holiday Program

I would like to extend a BIG thank you to everyone who participated in our Autumn Holiday Program. It was an absolute blast, filled with creative endeavours and adventures.

Children embarked on exciting excursions. One being our trip to the movies, where we laughed and shared the magic of "Kung Fu Panda 4".

Creativity flourished as kids delved into Glow-in-the-Dark Art, creating mesmerising slime masterpieces that glowed with vibrant colours. At Holey Moley, we teed off for a round of mini golf and showed off our bowling skills, making every moment an absolute thrill.

The artistry continued to flourish as the children showcased their individualism and artistic talents with clay creations, to crafting personalised pencil case art.

Amidst all the fun activities, the true magic of the holiday program shone through in the bonds of friendship that blossomed. Whether spending time with current friends or forging new connections through play, every interaction was filled with warmth, kindness, and the joy of companionship.

Grace & The TheirCare Team

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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Yarraglen@theircare.com.
au

TheirCare Contact Details

TheirCare:
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Autumn Adventures







Yarra Glen Pre School

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Places still available

CALL 9730 1490 TO ENQUIRE



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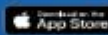
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YARRA GLEN GIRL GUIDES



OPEN AFTERNOON.

1.00pm to 4.00pm

At 'McCracken House' Guide Hall

13 Oliver Street Yarra Glen

Sunday 5th May 2024

All girls aged from 5 years to 17 years

and families, are invited to

free fun afternoon.

We are showcasing all Guide activities.

Cooking, Camping skills, Screen printing,

Art & Craft activities, Games,

Face Painting & much more.

Karen Garth from HEWI

(Healesville Environment Watch Inc)

will be speaking & showing how we

can keep our native animals and

waterways healthy

Afternoon tea will be available

Yarra Glen Guides & Leaders look forward to meeting you & answering

all questions re Guiding.

Yarra Ranges Council



Have Your Say

2025-2029 Council Plan

Are you passionate about the Yarra Ranges and want to help shape its future?

This year we will be developing our 2025-2029 Council Plan, as well as our longer-term Asset and Finance Plans, which will outline our high-level priorities for Council over the coming years.

You can have your say or keep up to date with its progress by visiting **shaping.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/yarra-ranges-shape-your-future**.



Scan to learn more

 1300 368 333

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