



NEWSLETTER – TERM 2 – No 2 – 9th May 2024

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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. I hope you are looking forward to Mother's/Special Person's Day this weekend!

We had a productive Curriculum Day, where teaching staff and network schools went to Millwarra Primary School to upskill their numeracy understanding with Peter Sullivan, Professor of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education, Monash University. Furthermore, Educational Support Staff went to Woori Yallock PS and learnt about student learning adjustments and sensory modifications.

You may have noticed an increased number of staff absences due to professional leave. It is a wonderful opportunity for teaching staff to be part of the Department of Education (DET) initiatives to improve their teaching practice, and ensure our students receive the best possible learning outcomes. We will endeavour to provide timely communication when there is a foreseeable staff absence.

Promoting School Pride

Our Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander flagpoles are finally installed! We plan to have a special assembly Friday 31st May with Aaron Violi MP, Member of the House of Representatives and a representative from Bendigo Bank who will be in attendance to present our new flags, and Aussie of the Month.

POSITIVE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Celebrating Indigenous Culture

It was a wonderful opportunity for YGPS student representatives and students from other neighbouring schools, to participate in a proposed Wurundjeri art project at Lilydale Primary School with Aboriginal artist/emerging elder Alex Kerr. I was incredibly proud how our students participated on the day.



Yarra Glen Pre-School Visit

It was a great opportunity for our House Captains/Vice Captains work with our local Yarra Glen Preschool students on Tuesday 30th April. Students rotated between four activities and all left with happy smiles. Our next session with the preschool will be next month! It is great for our students to play a positive role in our local community.



Yarra Glen Preschool students participating in fun activities organised by YGPS 5/6 students

Little Devils Circus

The students have been enjoying their circus incursion with lots of new skills being learned in preparation for our school production later this term.



Bike Club and Down ball



Another fun day at Bike Club! Monday and Thursdays at recess, weather permitting.

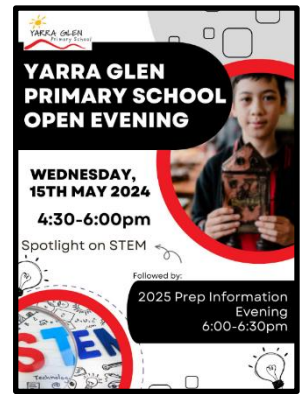
It's great to see staff getting involved and playing down ball with students during lunch/recess! There may be a friendly teacher/ student competition underway! Go Lara !!



SAVE THE DATE

Open Evening

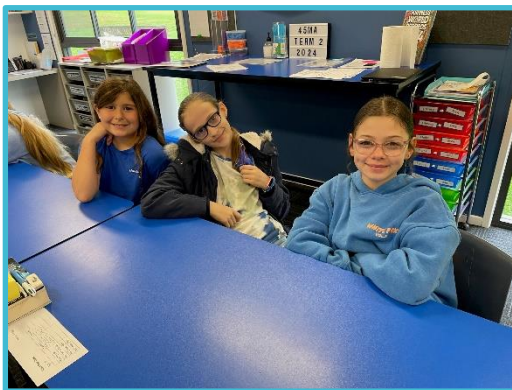
Our Open Evening is an opportunity for existing and prospective families to engage with our beautiful school. School tours will be available for new families; followed by our 2025 Prep Information Evening session.



Do It For Dolly Day

SRC are fundraising for Do it for Dolly awareness. **The day is to promote awareness and 'END BULLYING and share the Dolly's Dream message to be kind and speak, even if your voice shakes'**. Students wore blue to school and contributed with a gold coin donation which was collected by SRC class representatives.

To learn more about Dolly's Story go to <https://www.dollysdream.org.au/>



Wandin District Cross Country

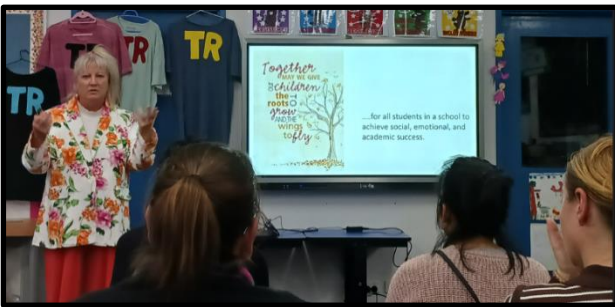
Our Grades 3-6 will be competing in the Wandin District Cross County on Friday 17, May 2024 at Margaret Lewis Reserve, Coldstream. Parents/Carers and extended family are welcome to attend.

Healesville High School Sports Day

Our Grades 3-6 have been invited to attend a sports day at Healesville High School on Tuesday, 21st May 2024. They will participate in T-Ball, basketball and soccer and a BBQ lunch will be provided.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR (SWBPS)

Thank you to all the families that attended our SWPBS Information Evening last Wednesday 1st May; and to Melissa Pongracic, our Outer East SWPBS coach for presenting. There was a lot of information to unpack. To re-iterate SWPBS is a framework not a program, it is evidenced based and supported by the Department of Education. The main focus of SWPBS is explicitly teaching and supporting positive student behaviour which in turn, less time spent on managing negative behaviour, and more time on learning. To emphasise, it not just an extrinsic reward system, it teaches students the accuracy and use of their social and behaviour skills at school.



Melissa Pongracic, SWPBS Outer East coach presenter, Information Evening

Students having a special hot chocolate with Mr de Villa, using their SWPBS certificate. Another great opportunity for students to build positive relationships with staff.

As part of the SWPBS Framework students are explicitly taught YGPS Positive Behaviour Expectatons. In the upcoming weeks students will be explicitly taught:



- Be Safe - Toilets: We wash our hands using soap and water (Week 4);
- Be Respectful: All Settings: We use our manners; We treat others fairly (Week 5)
- Be Respectful: Playground: We take care of the environment (Week 6)

We encourage families to have conversations with their child/ren to support the learning of student behaviour expectations at school.



Extra Homework !!

When Harper T from Grade 1/2 asked for some extra homework, Ms Tabone did not expect what would happen! Harper was given a homework grid to work on and one of the tasks was to build a cubby, either inside or outside – using things like blankets etc. Harper and her family went above and beyond building a functional timber cubby house in her backyard with her Pop, Dad and younger brother.

Harper has already had a sleepover with her brother in their new cubby. This is so impressive ... Harper has shown persistence and initiative, as well as our SWPBS expectations of being safe, being a learner and being respectful. Great work, Harper.



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 reviewed or to be updated at our S.C meeting on 5th June 2024:

- ❖ School Uniform – Has been consulted with S.C and will be updated to reflect survey feedback from families.

Thank you,

Jeff de Villa
Principal, Yarra Glen Primary School

STUDENT VOICE

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



Welcome back everyone I hope you have had a good couple weeks at school.

Just a few reminders for the upcoming weeks. Production practice will be every Wednesday afternoon and the Little Devil's circus is here to show everyone some new circus tricks.

Today we are celebrating Dolly's Dream to stop bullies so everyone is wearing blue and have brought a gold coin donation.

We have started compost. In every class room there will be compost bins to put your food scraps in. The students are starting to make veggie and flower gardens in STEM. It would be awesome if everyone can help out to make an amazing garden by the end of this year.

It's nearly winter soon so we will be having a pyjama day to celebrate the start of winter.

Hope everyone has a good weekend and see you next week.

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

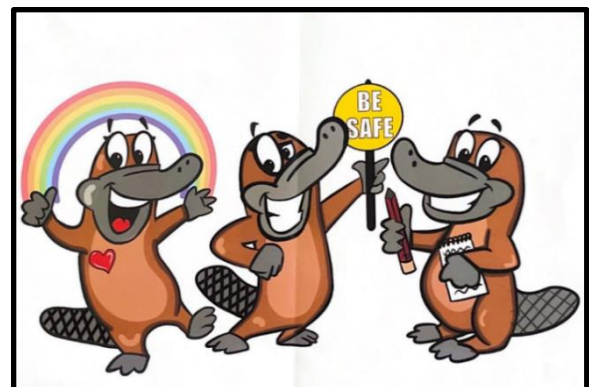


It has been a great few weeks following out SWPBS at YGPS. Parents enjoyed FREE PIZZA at our SWPBS parent information session. We would like to thank Melissa Pongracic our SWPBS coach



for coming and speaking with our families about the program and the great success we are having. It so amazing to see our students recognised and supported everyday making them enthusiastic about their learning.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving our Weekly awards. They received the most acknowledgements in the whole school this week for our behaviour expectations.

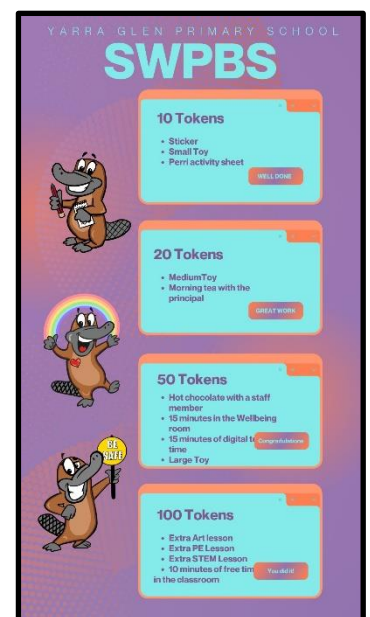


Also, congratulations to the following classes for receiving the most acknowledgments in the whole school.:

- ❖ Week One: 2/3
- ❖ Week Two: 5/6
- ❖ Week Three: 1/2

They will have Big Bud as their special guest and be able to have a Zooper Dooper.

Keep up the amazing work students, we are so proud of you.



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

9 th May	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
10 th May	Little Devil's Circus Incursion
15 th May	YGPS Open Evening
16 th May	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



NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4

10.05.2024

Update From Grace

It has been an amazing time here at TheirCare as we warmly welcomed a delightful bunch of new faces to our service. Our friends integrated into our dynamic space seamlessly!

With Mother's Day just around the corner, the children have been busy bees, crafting heartfelt surprises to honour the wonderful mothers/guardians in their lives.

Meanwhile, our little strategists have been exercising their minds with games of chess and Lego building, channelling their creativity into crafting beautiful birdseed hanging ornaments, dream catchers and intricate beaded masterpieces.



Upcoming at TheirCare!

Prepare your passports as we journey through Japan, Italy, Mexico, China, and Hawaii, immersing ourselves in the rich tapestry of each country's traditions and customs. Get ready to whip up some yummy sushi and cherry blossom art, fashion your own Tower of Pisa, don sombrero hats while munching on nachos, create vibrant lanterns and majestic dragons, and dive into the tropical paradise of Hawaii with seashell crafts and pineapple painting.



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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Yarra Glen Pre School

A place to thrive and belong



OPEN DAY



**ENROL NOW
FOR 2025!**

Saturday 11th May
10am - 12pm

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12 Anzac Avenue, Yarra Glen

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Exciting new Mountain Bike opportunity in the Yarra Ranges.

Starts May 6th 2024

Introducing GOride Yarra Ranges: An Exciting New Mountain Biking Program in the Yarra Ranges!

Belgravia Leisure is excited to announce that we will be launching mountain bike coaching classes within the outstanding Yarra Ranges trail network for ages 8 - 16. The outdoor classes will be based in Lilydale and Wesburn.



Purpose built and progressive trails | Skills-based Lessons | Qualified Trainers

Autumn Program Registration NOW OPEN!

Scan below for more info or to register





Raising Resilient Kids

A free program for parents of children aged 3 to 12 years

Do you want to:

- Help your child cope in what feels like a rapidly changing and often chaotic world?
- Improve their confidence?
- Help your child manage their strong emotions?
- Help them to better understand and manage their anxious feelings?
- Work with them to develop strategies to manage anger?
- Communicate better with your child?

When: 14th May - 18th June 2024

Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Where: Online, via Zoom

Bookings: [Click here to book](#)

Questions: Julia on 9721 3629
or 0400 866 495

PARENTZONE



Dads Matter

Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive

Are you a dad who would like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Further develop your relationship with your young people?
- Get your head around what they need from you?

Come along to these 6 online sessions. Share strategies, strengths and stories. Take some time out for you and celebrate the importance of being a Dad!

When: Tuesday (6 evening sessions)
14th May - 18th June 2024

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Where: Online - Via Zoom

Who: Dads

Cost: Free (Bookings are essential)

Bookings: [Click here to book](#)

Questions:

Julia at Parentzone 9721 3629 or
julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

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