



**NEWSLETTER – TERM 2 – No 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> June 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 you are looking forward to the Kings Birthday Monday 10th June, long weekend with your family. Just a friendly reminder that this Friday 7th June is a curriculum day for students. Teaching staff will be engaging in Literacy professional learning to improve and extend the learning outcomes for all our students. If required, TheirCare OSHC will offer childminding on that day.

I would like to congratulate to Shaye Jenkins for being the proud recipient of Aussie of the Month award which was presented by Aaron Violi MP, Federal Member of Casey.

**National Reconciliation Week - 27th May – 2nd June**

It was National Reconciliation Week and students did activities that helped them learn more about cultural and indigenous awareness and how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Coinciding with Reconciliation Week, it was wonderful that Aaron Violi MP and Bendigo Community Bank Representative, Keeley Mahoney presented new flags for our new flag poles. We can be proud as a school community to have all 3 flags represented – Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

Furthermore, in relation to Reconciliation Week, students developed their personal Acknowledgement of Country (AOC). Here is Layla's AOC to share:

*We would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people and the elders for letting us share this beautiful land and for letting us play, run, learn and get together.*

*We pay our respects to their elders, past present and emerging. Thank you for letting us take care of the land and waters of the Kulin nations.*



## Local Community Engagement

### Yarra Glen Pre-School Kinder Visit

Well done to our House Captains and School Leaders for coordinating fun activities for kinder students from Yarra Glen Pre-School. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the kinder and they really appreciate the connections we have been making between school and pre-school. School Leaders will be going down to the kinder on Tuesday 25th June (Week 11).



## Grade 3-6 Camps Update

There has been some wonderings and discussion in relation to 2024 Camps. Due to the *Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA) requiring time-in-lieu arrangements for teachers and educational support staff, camps are becoming increasingly difficult to facilitate due to costs to the school.* If an employee is on duty outside their normal hours of attendance, this attracts time-in-lieu. As part of the policy **the cost for staff time-in-lieu cannot be passed onto families.**

In addition, staff/student supervision ratios cannot be compromised by replacing staff members with parent volunteers.

At Yarra Glen Primary School, it has been decided that camps with an overnight component will run on a biennial basis for students in Grades 3-6. As camps in 2023 had an overnight component for Grades 3/4 and 5/6 students, the 2024 outdoor education experiences will be day trips. In 2025, the camps for Grades 3-6 students will include an overnight stay/s.

Please understand that this decision was consulted with School Council and staff and not taken lightly. As always, if you have any comments or feedback, please email the school at [yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

## Keeping the School Community Safe

As you are aware, there has been an increased number of school staff on leave due to illness.

The Victorian Department of Health has released updated information regarding the [increased incidence of COVID-19](#):

- *Victoria is currently experiencing increased COVID-19 activity in the community, resulting in an increase in people being hospitalised with COVID-19.*
- *At the same time, we are seeing increasing cases of influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) as we head into winter.*

We are certainly experiencing this at YGPS, unfortunately coinciding with the impact of the current school staff shortage. Like the rest of the community, our staff need to stay at home if they are ill or unwell. Consequently, we have had difficulty finding casual relieving staff to cover both teachers and education support staff who are absent. As a result, having to split your child's class throughout other year levels.

How can parents help? At Yarra Glen Primary School we value the importance of student attendance,

and we want students coming to school every day for a great education. However, as viruses spread rapidly through school staff and students, please keep any unwell children at home to help keep the school community safe.

### **Facilities Update - Rooms 3 & 4**



Students from Grade 1/2 have finally moved into Room 3 and were all really happy with their new room. The Library and Room 4 will be accessible and ready for use next week.

### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Donations and Volunteers Needed**

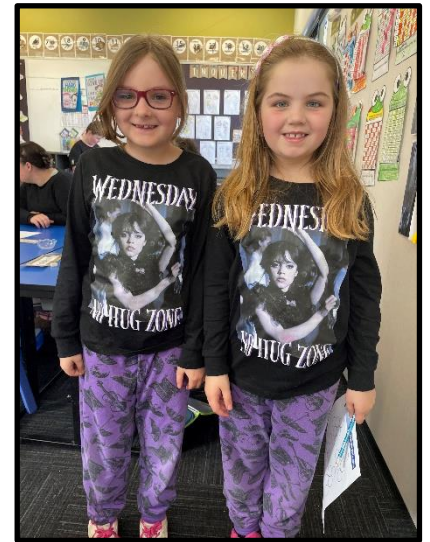
We are raising funds to help with upgrades around the school which supports student engagement, learning and wellbeing. Some recent purchases have been new audio-visual equipment in the PERRI Centre and outside play equipment. As a result, our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraising preparations are underway. We are seeking volunteers for our Bunnings BBQ on June 29th at the Croydon location. To add your name to the roster, please click the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RuPLx8jTvmfzcBhqBfCrx5IM99wDKGp-SHCGCMPcVOI/edit?usp=sharing>

To minimize costs, we are also seeking donations of soft drinks to be sold. We need to offer branded drinks so unfortunately home brands are not suitable. Thank you to everyone for getting behind this great fundraiser for our beautiful school.

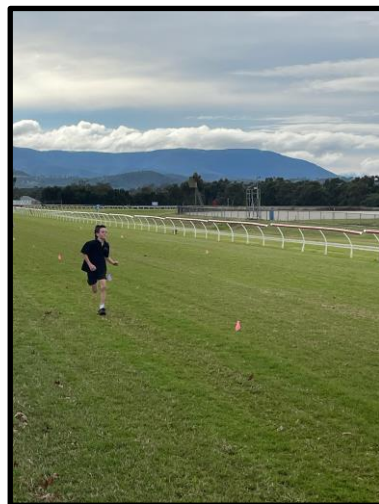
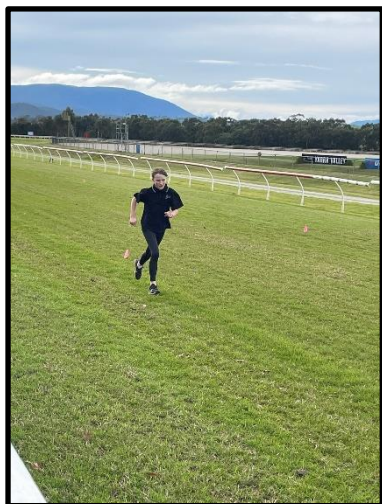
## PJ Day

On Thursday 6th June, students had a PJ day and we asked families if they can donate warm items, for example, jackets and woollen blankets in particular if they are not in need. There has been a large number of donations and we really appreciate the community support. Special mention to Sticks and Hooks from the Living & Learning Centre in Yarra Glen and Margaret and Helen (Darby Moon's Nanna) from the Toolangi Op Shop for their donations.



## Division Cross Country

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Division Cross Country. They all did an amazing job and should be very proud of themselves. It was great to see the support and encouragement they gave each other. Well done !!



## **Student Engagement - Sensory Wellbeing Garden**

Thank you to Sarah Russell (School Chaplain) for her vision to create a Sensory Wellbeing Garden to extend from the wellbeing room. There were several grants sourced for this project. Thank you to Yarra Ranges Council, Kids Helpline and all the families who helped us earn \$\$ at the Pancake Parlour. Furthermore, thank you to staff and students who have put in the time and effort to make this project come to fruition.



*Before*



*Mr Fitz getting stuck into it*



*Work in progress, students getting involved and Remmy the site manager*

*The final product and happy smiles!*



## School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWBPS): We Ask For Help



At last week's Tuesday meetings in multi-age house groups, students learnt: what does it look like?, sound like? and feel like?,

then we ask for help in-and-outside the classroom. House and Vice Captains taught the lesson and had a discussion with students.



In the upcoming weeks students will be explicitly taught the following:

- Be a learner:** We have a growth mindset (Week 8).
- Be Safe:** We move safely, we push chairs in (Week 9)
- Be Safe:** Use toilets during class time/with permission/in pairs (Week 10)
- Be Respectful:** We resolve problems calmly and We take turns (Week 11)

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

## Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS Students Grades 4-6)

### About the survey

The AToSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email. This year, the survey will be conducted at YGPS school from 4th June - 14th June.



## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is available to all students on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 in the Library. If you have a Working with Children Check and would like to volunteer for Breakfast Club, please email [yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or phone 97301254.

## **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 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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024:

- ❖ Student Dress Code – final update and will notify the school community
- ❖ S.C standing orders

Thank you,

**Jeff de Villa**  
**Principal, Yarra Glen Primary School**

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

There are lots of exiting things happening in these couple of weeks. It is week 8 now and it is very close to the holidays!



It is a very busy last weeks we have lots of production practice going on. In about two weeks we will have a dress rehearsal and very soon we will have our production so practice your lines!

On Thursday we have a pyjama day so remember your pyjamas and our Holy Fools boxes are very full. Thank you for all the donations.

Can't wait for the holidays. Keep on going we are nearly there! Good bye

## 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

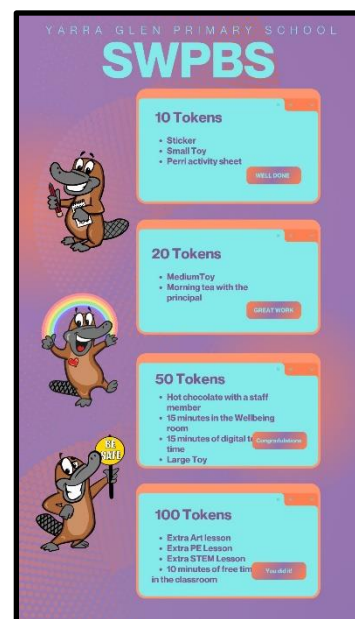
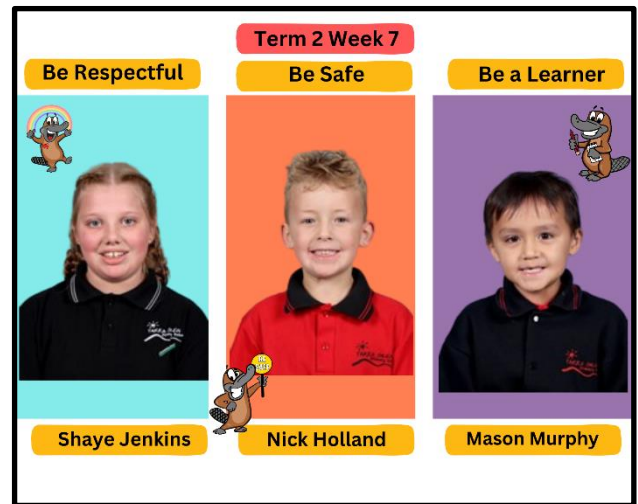
# SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Congratulations to the following students for being acknowledge the most times school wide for:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be a Learner**

Congratulations to our Whole School recipients of our SWPBS Awards:

- Week 6: 4/5
- Week 7: 2/3
- Week 8: 5/6



### **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

7 <sup>th</sup> June	Curriculum Day – no students at school
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Production rehearsal day and concert night
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term – 2.30 pm dismissal

## TERM 3

18 <sup>th</sup> July	Lake Mountain Ski Trip – Grades 3 and 4
24 <sup>th</sup> July	School Council Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Lake Mountain Ski Trip – Grades 5 and 6
28 <sup>th</sup> August	School Council Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Day Camp Toolangi – Grades 3 and 4

## TERM DATES 2024

Term 1	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Term 2	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Term 3	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Term 4	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 20 <sup>th</sup> 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			
<b>TOTALS:</b>					<b>\$</b>

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

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

Please email orders to [yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or drop into the school office.

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### Holiday Program Important Information

**What to bring**

- ☐ A healthy eating and drinking plan
- ☐ A school dress code for the week
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day - please no jeans and jacket if possible
- ☐ Good shoes for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan, Medication if applicable - see below for details

**Don't forget**

- ☐ Please provide your phone to keep you up to date
- ☐ Do not include food items that can't be reheated
- ☐ Leave all items with the school
- ☐ The program is not an overnight stay and children only. For an overnight stay please contact your centre directly.

**Personal belongings**

Electronic devices, jewelry and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, please leave them under the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

**TheirCare provides**

- ☑ Breakfast and all afternoon snacks
- ☑ Transport
- ☑ Water to refill bottles

**Child Care Subsidy**

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated as indicated by Centrelink and fortnightly basis. TheirCare does not do anything. Each session is subsidised by the full amount of responsibility on the hours and activity the child.

**Unexpected changes to activities**

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

An illness or absence is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or pandemic availability. If an alternative cannot be arranged we will advise your teacher to reflect this.

**Serious stuff! Medical Management Plan & Medication**

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, health-related conditions, medical diets, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ A completed Medical Management Plan with condition plan
- ☐ Necessary medication

Please note that a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for teachers/teachers are provided.

In the interests of child safety, learning is refused on the day that should be appropriate documentation, medication or medication not be supplied.

**Changes to your booking**

Clearly log into your account and email to make the relevant changes or call customer support on 1300 072 410.

**Fees for changes in your booking**

How far in advance you change	Less than 2 weeks	2-4 weeks	Full Fee
100%	50%	100%	100%

\*Less than 2 weeks from the start of the booking

After making additional bookings, the 2022 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay a fee, depending on your family's circumstances.

**If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.**

**TheirCare** Yarra Glen PS TheirCare  
Times: 8:30AM - 5:00PM  
Location: 22 Synnott Street, YARRA GLEN VIC 3745  
Call: 0400 30 328

Education Super Subsidy Special Activities Incentive Plan Public Holiday

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

**1. Child Care Subsidy**

The amount you can get depends on:

- 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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 APR Public Holiday!	2 APR Make it Messy!	3 APR Squirrels Superhero!	4 APR Fitz Traffic Adventure	5 APR Movie Magic
6 APR Art & Ink Galaxy	7 APR Meow Canvas Doodle	8 APR Horrible Pencil Case	9 APR Culinary Canvas	10 APR Punk-Tastic Adventure





**Yarra Glen Sub-Branch**  
Returned & Services League



Memorial Hall  
45 Bell Street (at ANZAC Ave)  
Yarra Glen, Victoria

Mail: Yarra Glen R.S.L.  
C/- Yarra Glen P.O.  
Yarra Glen, VIC 3775

25 April 2024

Yarra Glen Primary School  
35 Symonds Street  
Yarra Glen VIC 3775

RE: Letter of Appreciation – RSL ANZAC Appeal 2024

The members of the Yarra Glen RSL and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your support of the Yarra Glen Sub-Branch of the RSL. Allowing us counter space in your school, and in the classrooms, provides an opportunity for members of the community to support the RSL Welfare Fund through the ANZAC Appeal. We were able to raise \$240 from your staff and students.

The donations we receive in the ANZAC Appeal at your school are placed in a Welfare account that may only be used to assist Ex-Service Men and Women and their dependents who are in need. Money raised assists the RSL in relieving the hardships through a wide range of activities, including:

- Food Vouchers
- Hospital & Home Visiting
- Household Utilities Accounts
- Wheelchairs
- Walking Frames
- Scooters
- Providing Transport
- Pensions & Entitlement Advice
- Home Maintenance
- Aged Care Advice & facilitation

Locally, these monies have been used to help Yarra Glen veterans defray expenses for transportation, home repairs and medical procedures. The RSL also uses these donations to assist in veteran's funerals or those having financial difficulties by assisting with accommodations, food, or direct loans or grants.

Please accept this certificate as a token of our appreciation.

Warmest Regards;

Michael Watkins  
President  
Yarra Glen RSL Sub-Branch

Encl: RSL ANZAC Appeal Certificate



## Yarra Glen Primary School has joined the Pancake Parlour School Rewards program

### What does this mean?

Every time you eat at The Pancake Parlour you can help our school earn amazing rewards like Pancake Parlour vouchers, pancake mix and even go into the running to win cash prizes for the school.

### How do you participate?

Become a member of The Pancake Parlour rewards program, you can do this by downloading the Lovely Rewards app. If you can't find the app in your app store, you can get a link to it here:

<https://www.pancakeparlour.com.au/lovely-rewards>

Once you are signed up, go to <https://www.pancakeparlour.com.au/school-rewards-join-an-existing-school> and register! Don't forget to choose Yarra Glen Primary School (we're currently the last school listed so scroll down to find us!) - please note, your member ID is your mobile number you signed up to the app with.

Then make sure you use your app to order, scan your member barcode at the counter or mention your member ID at the counter (this is your mobile number) when you eat at The Pancake Parlour.

You don't have to attend our school to help us earn points so feel free to ask any friends or relatives that love the Pancake Parlour to sign up too and help us earn points!

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