



## NEWSLETTER – TERM 3 – No 1 – 26<sup>th</sup> July 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 his newsletter finds you well and you all had a wonderful Term 2 holiday break. It was an eventful first week back with flooding across the Melba Highway which closed off the main access into Yarra Glen.

I hope parents/guardians had the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher this week to discuss their child's learning progress and semester 2 goals. If the allocated 3-way conference days did not suit to please schedule an alternate time with your child's classroom teacher.

### **Science of Reading**

The Education Minister recently announced that from 2025 all schools will adopt teaching synthetic and systematic phonics. A reading process that involves decoding or 'breaking' words into separate sounds that are blended together to read an unknown word.

Staff at Yarra Glen Primary School pride themselves on continually developing and improving teacher practice and as such have already adopted evidence-based teaching around reading, spelling and writing. The most significant difference that you as families may have noticed is in our take home readers. The decodable readers that your children use, or have used, are an example of the systematic

way in which the reading and spelling 'codes' are introduced. They empower students to be able to 'decode' the words on the page because they will not come across letters and sounds that they have not been explicitly taught. Students are taught to sound out first and no longer need to revert to guessing or skipping the word.

Our dedicated staff have been implementing this approach for several years in the junior school and it is now extending into our senior schools. Our approach to teaching reading follows the Science of Reading, which is an extensive body of research on reading instruction. As such, our daily Literacy blocks include the five essential components required for reading, the systematic synthetic teaching of phonics is just one. To help give your child the best chance to become a successful reader, staff incorporate learning experiences that explicitly teach phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, alongside phonics.

Our recent curriculum day last term provided the opportunity for our teachers to further embed these evidence-based teaching practices across the whole school.

### **Student Attendance**

At YGPS we value daily student attendance and encourage students to get to school on time to have a positive start to the day. It is important for all children to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind both socially and developmentally. School participation maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

Furthermore, we do not encourage students to come to school if they are unwell; and we do understand the benefits and value the learning children have on extended families holidays, and experiences outside designated school holidays.

We will be looking at promoting and tracking monthly whole class attendance percentage.

Well done to our students for perfect attendance for Term 2 and all of Semester 1.

#### **Term 2 – 100% Attendance**

- ❖ Angus Dash – Prep
- ❖ Olivia Holland – Prep
- ❖ Ebony Honeybone – Prep
- ❖ Oliva Raymond – Prep
- ❖ Hendrix Thompson – Prep
- ❖ Mia Towt – Grade 1

#### **Whole Year (Semester 1) – 100% Attendance**

- Oliva Raymond – Prep

## **2024 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey**

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting the annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. A link will be distributed via Compass.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Last year we used the survey results to plan whole school initiatives and how we can best support our students.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

### **Fundraising**

A big thank you all the parent and staff volunteers that were able to help out on Saturday 29th June at our Bunnings sausage sizzle. The school raised and made a profit of \$2404.00. Also thank you to families and TheirCare for their donations i.e. the purchase of sausages and drinks to reduce the overhead costs for the school.

## Positive Student and Community Engagement

### Grade 3/4 Ski Trip

Our Grade 3/4's had a wonderful time on their Lake Mountain ski trip. There was a gust of snow flurries on the day and one student commented, 'I feel like I am in a dream'. A lot of positive student behaviour feedback from parents and staff and how our students proudly represented our school. The Grade 5/6's will have their turn in Week 3 – Friday 2nd August and I am looking forward to attending myself.



## **Treasuring Our Trees – Primary School Partnerships Program**

David Ferrier from Treasuring our Trees came to our Friday 19th July assembly to speak about the Treasuring Our Trees – Primary School Partnerships Program. The storms of June 2021 in the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges had approximately 25,000 trees falling. David saw an opportunity to turn this sadness into something positive. The inspiring volunteer-led community project used many of the fallen log woods to create; sustainable garden projects, indoor furniture for schools, sports equipment, imaginative play spaces, adventure trails, bush cubby houses, outdoor yarning/teaching circles, veggie gardens, erosion control, bush tucker gardens, fairy houses and much more.

Treasuring our Trees built and donated a yarning circle for our school which will promote and foster indigenous education. There will also be a Treasuring Our Trees Primary School article in Star Mail's upcoming newspaper edition.



***Installing our YGPS yarning circle***

## **Grade 4/5/6 Round Robin**

Well done to Grade 5/6 and selected Grade 4 students for representing our school at the Wandin District Winter Round Robin. There was great sportsmanship and participation from all students. Thank you to staff and to our parent volunteers that helped out on the day.



The finals results were:

- ❖ Football - 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ❖ Volleystars - 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ❖ Netball - 3<sup>rd</sup>



## YGPS SWPBS Whole School Acknowledgement Foyer Mural

If you haven't had an opportunity yet, try to visit our school foyer. Over the school holidays Catherine Byatt from Lime Door Studios & Gallery and Julie Gebbing from Jagraphix Graphic

Designs painted our SWPBS mural. It looks amazing! The whole school acknowledgement mural visualises the accumulation of positive pebbles our students are working towards for our end of year whole school celebration reward.



## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is available to all students on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am 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:**

- ❖ 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 31<sup>st</sup> July:

- Attendance Policy
- Uniform Policy

Thank you

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



## STUDENT VOICE

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

Stay tuned to hear more from Cherry in our next newsletter.



## KEY FIRST NATIONS EVENTS 2024

- ❖ 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

I'm sure you have all seen by now our AMAZING SWPBS mural in our office foyer.

A big thank you to Catherine Byatt from Lime door studios and gallery and Julie Gebbing from Jagraphix for the stunning artwork. You went above and beyond to make this a special experience for our students for many years to come.



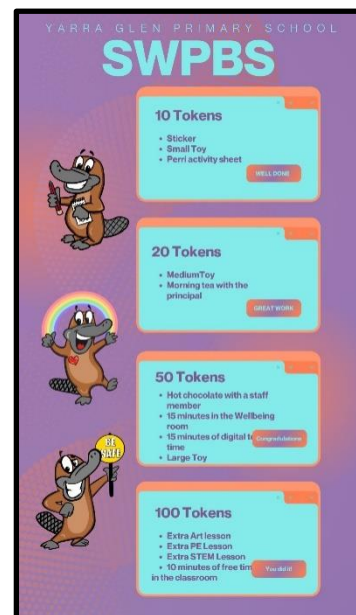
Our students are so excited to continue collecting tokens and filling their tokens towers in the classroom. Pop in and see our positive pebbles accumulating. Each pebble equates to 100 tokens!

Students have voted on their chosen reward for reaching 100 pebbles and the SWPBS team is now hard at work putting this goal together. This will soon be announced.

Congratulations to our whole class winners 1/2 who received the most positive acknowledgments and tokens this week. Enjoy your Zooper Doopers and special visitor Big Bud.

We would like to congratulate last week's SWPBS expectation whole school award recipients.

- **Be Respectful – Rebecca Forsyth**
- **Be Safe – Angus Dash**
- **Be a Learner – Joshua Holland**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

## TERM 3

24 <sup>th</sup> July	School Council Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> July	100 days of Prep celebrations
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Lake Mountain Ski Trip – Grades 5 and 6
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Lilydale High School Production – Grade 5
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Lilydale Heights School Production – Grades 5 and 6
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Hooptime Grades 3 and 4
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Hooptime Grades 5 and 6
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Healesville High School Production – Grades 3 and 4
28 <sup>th</sup> August	School Council Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	City Walking Tour – Grades 4, 5 and 6
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

### **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.



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.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY - Mastercard or Visa ONLY Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_/\_\_

Card Holder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## TheirCare Holiday Program



Happy Term 3 everyone!

I'm thrilled to share the incredible time our students had during our recent holiday program. From exploring the mysteries of the past to enjoying modern-day thrills, our holiday activities were packed with excitement, learning, and plenty of smiles!

The children adventured to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX, where they were awestruck by dinosaur bones and immersed in a dinosaur documentary. We had a great time at the rollerskating rink, their laughter filled the air as they showed off their skills and agility. Movie day was a hit with "Inside Out 2", where we explored emotions in true Pixar style.

The Karalyka Theatre captivated our students with the lively performance of "Children are Stinky", leaving us all amazed by the performers. Our budding paleontologists had a blast chipping away at their own dinosaur eggs, revealing cool dinosaur toys inside!

Connecting with Australia's rich heritage, our students learned traditional Aboriginal games, deepening their appreciation of culture and history. Our "Rhythm Journey" was a blast with song quizzes, dance-offs, and friendly competitions like musical chairs and statues, keeping everyone on their toes.

These enriching experiences not only brought laughter and adventure but also sparked a passion for learning while having fun! I want to thank all parents and guardians for their incredible support in making these experiences possible.

As we look back on these unforgettable moments, we're excited to continue our journey of exploration and growth with our students.

### 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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# Winter Wonderland





**Thanks kids for  
another awesome  
holiday program!**





### 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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## Wright Stables horse riding lessons

We are a small friendly riding school located in Healesville. We offer private, one on one lessons for children (3-18yo) on our team of wonderful school ponies.

Our lessons run for an hour, and include learning to catch the pony, brush and tack up (prepare for a ride), ride the pony, and put it away afterwards. We cover basic horse care and horsemanship as part of our sessions. Being a private lesson, each lesson is specifically tailored for the needs and optimal development of each child, and we pride ourselves in getting to know the children personally - in order to best help them enjoy their time with the ponies, and develop their skills in a way that keeps them comfortable and engaged.

Our lessons for kinder aged children (4-5) are \$75 per hour lesson.

For children 3 years old, we have an 40 minute lesson for \$65. It is an option for 4yos.

Our lessons for children under 10 (6-11) are \$80 per hour lesson.

Our lessons for high school aged children 12-18) are \$90 per hour lesson.

We currently have availability on Wednesdays at morning hours or after school Mondays at after school or morning, Thursdays, Tuesdays at 3:30 or during the day and Fridays. We also have limited weekend availability.

We also offer lessons for riders of all ages on your own horse.

For (on your own horse)

*a dressage lesson with Accredited coach Fern Wright, \$75*

*a general riding lesson and basic dressage, Skye Wright \$65*

We have a fully refurbished indoor arena with lights, so bad weather is not a concern.

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**Skye: 0459723790**

**Fern: 0457047251**

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YARRA GLEN B.C  
**BASKETBALL**  
**OPEN DAY**  
**CLINIC**

Yarra Glen Venom are hosting a FREE open day clinic for all ages.  
It's an opportunity to come and try!!  
Register your interest via the QR code or link for any enquiries  
please email us at [secretary@yarraglenvenom.com](mailto:secretary@yarraglenvenom.com)

2.00-4.00PM

11th AUGUST

Gary cooper Pavilion 16 Anzac Avenue Yarra Glen  
Yarra Glen Basketball stadium



# JETS SKILLS CLINIC

4 WEEK NETBALL SKILLS PROGRAM

5:30PM-6:15PM - THURSDAY AUGUST 15TH, 22ND, 29TH AND  
SEPTEMBER 5TH

YARRA GLEN RECREATION RESERVE

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