



NEWSLETTER – TERM 3 – No 2 – 9th August 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 well. I feel time is flying as we enter week 5 of term 3 next week. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Working Bee last Friday, your time and effort are greatly appreciated to help keep our beautiful school neat and tidy.

Just a reminder to families, to support 2025 prep student transition, we will be having **Storytime Sessions** for the next 3 weeks on Wednesdays: **14/8, 21/8, 28/8 - 2.30pm-3.15pm.**

There was a Compass notification sent out on the 29th July asking families to complete The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey which will be open until Friday 30 August 2024.

In previous years there has been very low parent participation. The results of the survey will assist the school in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. The results will be used to identify areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete.

PLEASE NOTE: Only **one parent / caregiver / guardian** from your household is invited to complete the survey on behalf of the student's family. **Please reach to the school administration if your child's family lives in two separate households, so both households can have the opportunity to provide their feedback.**

The following link will take you directly to the survey: <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>. For security purposes, you would have received a secure School Pin via Compass. If you cannot locate your survey pin, please contact the office.

POSITIVE STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Skiing at Lake Mountain



Students from Grades 3-6 had a wonderful time on their Lake Mountain Ski Trip. I had the privilege of going on the trip with Grade 5 and 6 students on Friday 2nd August. There were many wow moments for students experiencing snow for the first time. Cross country skiing is challenging, and it was wonderful to see students having a go.



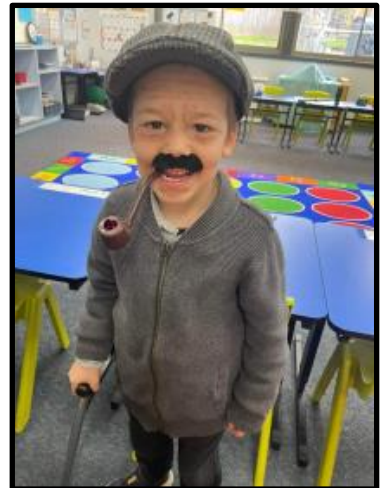
Didgeribone Incursion

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, we had First Nations performer Tijpurru entertain and captivate students with his extraordinary live interactive performance on the 22nd July.



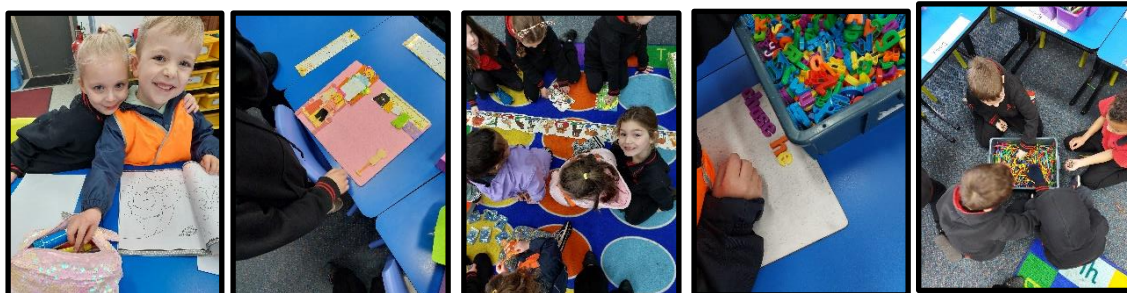
100 Days of Prep

Students celebrated 100 days of Prep on Tuesday 30th July. Students had a wonderful day marking their learning progress. Amazing costumes! I personally had a hard time recognising some of our students. A big thank you to all families for dressing up and creating costumes for their children. Students had so much fun engaging in activities and exploring the number 100. We are so proud of all of their achievements and can't wait to see what the next 100 days brings!!!



Yarra Glen Pre-School Visit – Monday 29th July

The Prep and Prep/1 students had a lovely visit from the Yarra Glen Preschool on Monday the 29th of July. Everyone engaged in some hands-on activities, puzzles, games, playdough, imaginative play and thoroughly enjoyed playing and working positively together. We ended our session with the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and students made their own paper giraffe. A big thank you to the staff, parent helpers and children of Yarra Glen Pre School, we loved having you come and visit.



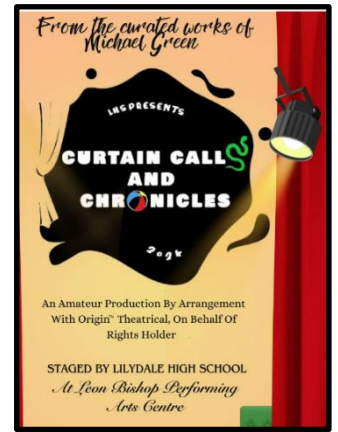
School Council Fundraising - New Basketball backboards and rings!

Thank you to YGPS School Council for their fundraising efforts. We recently upgraded our tattered basketball backboards and rings. Our students were happy with the upgrade!



Lilydale High School Visit and Production

On Tuesday 6th August, Grade 5 students had the opportunity to visit Lilydale High School. They were able to see their reptile learning exhibit. It was also awesome to see past YGPS students involved and part of the LHS school production, *Curtain Call and Chronicles*.

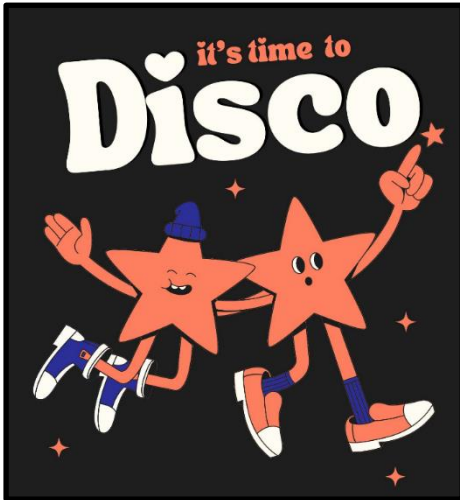


Mini Olympics

All our students enjoyed our Mini-Olympics on Wednesday 7th August. Student participated in a number of events that brought out their Olympic spirit. The highlight was the closing ceremony where students paraded their chosen country's flag and shared facts about their country.



YGPS DISCO Friday 6th September



YGPS will be having a school disco for our students on the evening of Friday, 6th Sept. If any families who run a company or business would like to sponsor this fun event, please contact the school office on 97301254. Thank you!

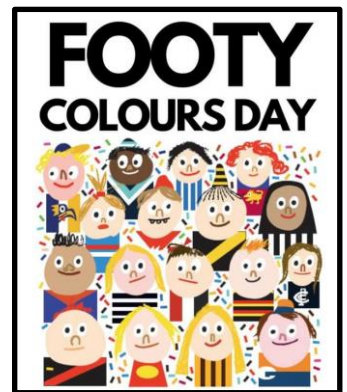
Event Times:

Grades P-2 – 4.30 pm -6.00 pm

Grades 3-6 – 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

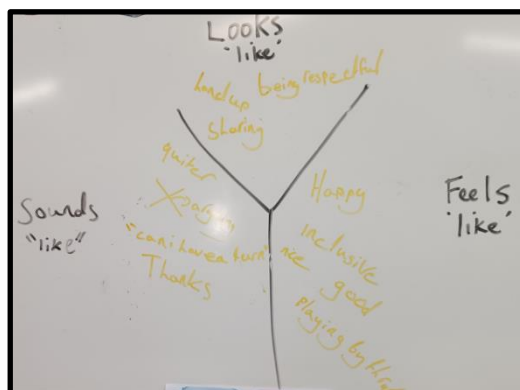
YGPS Footy Colours Day - Friday 20th September

Students are invited to come dressed in their favourite team's colours. Yarra Glen Bakery have kindly offered to change the lunch order menu for this special event and have a footy themed lunch order available.



School Wide Positive Behaviour

Every fortnight students have an SWPBS/House Meeting where they learn a whole school expected behaviour. Students learnt about the expectation 'We take turns' and where it was located on our Matrix. Students had a discussion about what it looks/sounds/feels like on the board in a 'Y' chart. Students learnt positive strategies to problem solve taking turns. Well done to our house leaders for teaching and facilitating the lesson.



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 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 on site) save the dates:

❖ Monday 4th November

❖ **Tuesday 3rd December – date amended (previously 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:

- Attendance Policy
- School Uniform Policy – updates communicated to the school community via compass on 4th August. Final approval on Wednesday 28th August.

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

Due to the ongoing support of the Yarra Glen Bakehouse, one lucky student will receive a free lunch order each week! The recipients of the Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner awards go into a draw and the student whose name which is drawn will receive the free lunch order! **Congratulations to Hayley Mizzi for being the first student to receive a free lunch order.**



Recently, our teaching and leadership staff completed a Professional Learning Community cycle focusing on Wellbeing and including the *High Impact Wellbeing Strategies (HIWS)* into their teaching practise. Each teacher focused on an area of need for their class, based on student survey data, and implemented HIWS to help target the area of need and increase positive responses to the survey after an 8-week period. These strategies link in with the SWPBS approach by focusing on learning habits, growth mindset and showing respect towards others.

We saw some very pleasing growth as a result of implementing the HIWS. In grades Prep-5, there was an average of 20% growth in positive responses to the statement "I can do challenging work". Of notable improvement was an increase in female positive responses to the statement. In some classes, the girls' positive responses doubled. 79% of Prep N students agreed that the school deals with bullying problems fairly, and learning in this space will continue. In Grade 5/6, almost half of the students surveyed responded 'neutral' to the same statement, neither disagreeing or agreeing, therefore we will continue utilising the SWPBS framework to acknowledge students when they are demonstrating the school's expected behaviours. The teachers will also continue to implement the HIWS into their daily practice. As we know, when student wellbeing is high, academic growth increases.

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 3/4 who received the most positive acknowledgments and tokens this week. Enjoy your Zooper Doopers and special visitor Big Bud.

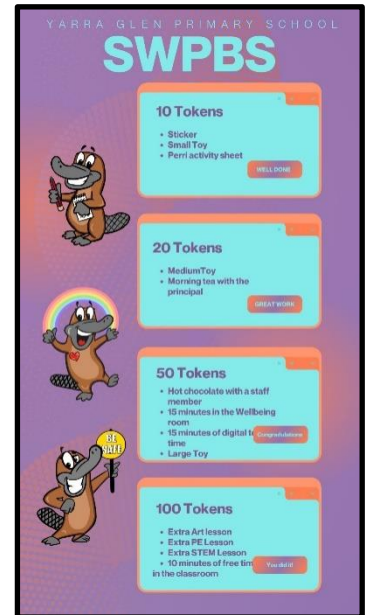
We would like to congratulate our SWPBS expectation whole school award recipients:

Term 3 – Week 2

- **Be Respectful – Sam Wood**
- **Be Safe – Indie Fabb**
- **Be a Learner – Hayley Mizzi**

Term 3 – Week 3

- **Be Respectful – Everleigh Marshall**
- **Be Safe – Kai Thomas**
- **Be a Learner – Ayden Driessen**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

TERM 3

12 th August	Lilydale Heights School Production – Grades 5 and 6
14 th August	2025 Preps Storytime – 2.30 pm – 3.15 pm
20 th August	Open afternoon Book Week – 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm
21 st August	2025 Preps Storytime – 2.30 pm – 3.15 pm
28 th August	Book Week Dress Up Day
28 th August	2025 Preps Storytime – 2.30 pm – 3.15 pm
28 th August	Healesville High School Production – Grades 3 and 4
28 th August	Father's Day/Special Person's Stall
28 th August	School Council Meeting
3 rd September	City Walking Tour – Grades 4, 5 and 6
6 th September	Student Disco Grades P-2 – 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm Grades 3-6 – 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
10 th September	Yarra Glen Pre-School Kinder Sports – 10.00 am
17 th September	Day Camp Toolangi – Grades 3 and 4
20 th September	Footy Colours Free Dress Day and special footy lunch orders available

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

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.

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 News



WEEK 4
09.08.2024

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING!

Lots of fun and creativity has been happening at TheirCare Yarra Glen! Our kids have been busy with some awesome themes and activities:

We kicked things off with a Carnival Extravaganza! The kids had a blast making colorful carnival masks, giant lollipop crafts, building cool lion sculptures and creating balloon faces!

Next, we jumped into the Olympics spirit. We crafted our own Olympic rings, raced around like true athletes, and even made our own Olympic medals.

Our adventure then took us back in time to explore ancient civilisations. The kids got their hands dirty crafting clay cups, making Nemes crowns like the Pharaohs wore and creating their own ancient-style drawings. It was a fantastic way to learn about history and have fun at the same time.



UPCOMING:

Farmyard Fun Week 5 Aug 12 - 16

Activities: Explore farm animal crafts, learn about different animals on a farm and participate in farm-themed games.

Crafts: Create farm animal masks, build a barn from craft materials, and make animal sock puppets.

Famous Explorers Week 6 Aug 19 - 23

Activities: Learn about famous explorers and their journeys, create explorer hats, and map out their adventures.

Crafts: Make explorer journals, design maps of discovered lands, and build model ships or vehicles.

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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Email: Yarraglen@theircare.com.au

TheirCare Contact Details

TheirCare:
1900 072 410

Website:
<https://theircare.com.au/>



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.

Our coaches are highly experienced and successful dressage riders, riding horses of all ages and abilities from starting under saddle, to Grand Prix - including a wide variety of personalities, sizes and breeds. They also have experience in jumping, showing, breeding, young horse handling, starting under saddle and more. Fully insured, with current WWCC and First Aid

Contact us now for more information or to arrange a booking:

Skye: 0459723790

Fern: 0457047251

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VENOM
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

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

Players born from 2007 to 2018

All levels - current and new players welcome. Come to one session or all sessions.

JOIN US FOR NETBALL SKILLS AND FUN!

TO REGISTER: EMAIL YARRAGLENJFC@GMAIL.COM ADVISING NAME OF CHILD, AGE, PHONE NUMBER AND SKILL LEVEL (EG. NEW TO GAME, HAVE PLAYED BEFORE) & WHAT DATES YOU CAN



ATTEND





COME AND TRY THE HEALESVILLE SWIM SQUAD

In order to be ready to join the club, swimmers are required to be confident in Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke and be developing in Butterfly. The swimmer will also need to be able to dive and swim 50m confidently without stopping.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- ✓ The option of 4 session times per week
- ✓ 2 qualified and passionate coaches
- ✓ 2 Aggregates per term.
- ✓ Continue to grow your skills in the pool in a supportive and fun environment.

**CONTACT OUR PARENT RUN COMMITTEE
VIA EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION**

healesvilleswimmingclub@gmail.com

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