The Newsletter will be produced on a Wednesday this year. If you would like something to be included in the newsletter these items need to be emailed to Jo by 9.00am each Tuesday. 
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2015 Yea Primary Yearbook

Did your family miss out on getting a copy of our fabulous Yearbook at the end of 2015? If so please call into the office and pick one up or phone the office and we can send one home with your child. There is one available per family.

ART SMOCKS

As part of our school Art and MACC programs, all students in all year levels will need to have their own art smock. This ensures that your child’s uniform is covered whenever they are using messy materials. Named art smocks will be kept in class tubs and will only be used by your child.

Students in junior grades should be able to put their own art smock on and not need assistance with buttons. Smocks with elasticised necks are ideal. Art smocks can be as simple as an oversized shirt and need not cost a lot, a second hand shirt from the op shop is a great option. Art smocks need to come to school as soon as possible, with your child’s name clearly marked. Thanks

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The CSEF application form is available in this week’s newsletter for families who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion payment. Eligible families can receive a payment of $125 per child per year towards camps, sports and excursions. Please return completed forms to Fiona in the office by Friday 18th February 2016.
Welcome to all our new families and current students. It has been lovely catching up with everyone and hearing about the activities undertaken in the holidays. Everyone is looking refreshed! We have started off the year with 137 students and included in this number are 19 Foundation students. Our buddy system is working well and already Foundation and 5/6U students have enjoyed activities together. All our students play together and it is lovely to see the support and care given to new students in the classroom and playground by so many of their peers. The Friendship Chair is in a central position on the edge of the oval. Students who cannot find their friends can sit there and others will invite them to play or help them find their friends.

SRI-C
The department has changed how religious education can be delivered by schools and states that this program must be delivered before or after school. This was not a workable model for schools and thus we will not be providing SRI – C (Religious Education) at Yea PS. I would like to thank Father Thomas and Mrs Clayton for their commitment to the program and wish them well for plans they have in the future to support the young people in Yea.

Lunch Orders
We are very pleased that Alana from Café Christie will be providing lunches for students every Friday. Ordering lunches will commence on the 12th February.

Student Information Forms
Thank you to the many parents who have sent updated information forms back to school. It is vital that we have correct information and if there are further changes throughout the year please contact the school. There are some families who have not sent their immunisation records to the school; it is a requirement of the DET that we have this information. Even if your child is not immunised we need to know so that no mistakes can be made when tending to a student who requires medical attention.

Bus Travel
If your child usually travels home on a bus from school and these plans are changed for a particular day, the school must be informed by a parent or carer. A signed note or phone call by parents must be received or your child will be put on the bus as usual. Young students often get muddled about what is happening at the end of the day and confuse what has been spoken about at home. Thus we need to be informed as to any changes by an adult carer.

Late Arrivals
There are many reasons why students occasionally arrive late to school. In the office area there is an electronic tablet that a parent or carer must complete if their child arrives to school late. We are not trying to make life difficult but this is a DET requirement. If your child is absent for any reason please complete the yellow sheet and send to school or ring and inform the office. Jo will ring any family who has an absent child and the school has not been notified. We need to be sure our students are where they should be at all times to ensure their safety.

Parents and visitors to the school must also sign in on the electronic tablet if they are ending the school as a classroom helper, student presentations, meetings etc.

School Crossing
Station Street is an extension of the Melba Highway and therefore has a high traffic flow of many varied vehicles. It is the parents’ responsibility to ensure that all their children particularly small ones are under control and walking with their parents as they cross the road. It is extremely dangerous when children run out across the road unsupervised. Please be very vigilant with your children.

Pool Party
Lots of fun will be had at the Pool Party for Yea PS on Friday 12th February at 6-8pm at the Yea Pool. We look forward to all our families coming along a great way for new families to meet others. Bring a picnic dinner!

***** WORKING BEE – Thursday 18th February *****
3.30 – 6pm

There are many jobs that need to be done around the school. Please come along to help and make this a successful working bee where all the jobs are completed. There will be a sausage sizzle for all helpers at 6pm.

Thanks, Deb
## Yea Primary School Term 1 2016 Calendar

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Yea Primary School

Lunch Menu—Friday only

Café Christies

SANDWICHES, WRAPS OR ROLLS + 1 FILLING $3.00
-on white bread, wholemeal, grain or white rolls

CHOOSE ANY EXTRA FILLINGS FOR 10c EACH
-Ham, Chicken, Salami, Stras
-Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Egg, Beetroot, Pineapple, Cucumber, Carrot,
Onion, Avocado, Vegemite

PLATE OF SALAD $2.50

PIES
-Plain, Beef and Black Pepper or Chicken and Leek $3.50

PARTY PIES $0.80

SAUSAGE ROLLS
-Large $2.00
- Small $0.80

Tomato Sauce $0.10

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE $4.00

LASAGNE $4.00
- with salad $5.00

CUP OF NOODLES $2.50
- chicken or beef

CHICKEN SCHNITZEL ROLL/SANDWICH/WRAP $5.00
- Lettuce, Cheese, Mayo
- TOASTED OR PLAIN

HOT DOGS $3.00
-Margarine, Tomato Sauce, BBQ Sauce, Sweet Chilli Sauce, Cheese

SEASONAL FRUIT $0.60
- Banana, Orange, Apple, Pear, Watermelon or Grapes

Please write your child’s order clearly on an envelope with correct money enclosed
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name: Yea Primary School
School REF ID: 10699

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname: ___________________________
First name: _______________________
Address: ___________________________
Town/suburb: _______________________ State: _______ Postcode: _______
Contact number: __________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)
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Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation uServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not otherwise provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant: ______________________ Date: / /
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT’S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
It is a Department of Education requirement that we know why students are not at school. We ask that parents please give us a call to let us know if your child is away or will be late.

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Thank you all for your cooperation.

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School Banking Day Reminder.

Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Yea Primary School.

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Unexplained Absences

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Balancing Love & Discipline
A Parenting Program

The program is facilitated by Marc des Landes from Familycare in Seymour. Marc has conducted numerous parenting workshops and worked with adults and children in a counselling capacity for many years. Marc is highly regarded and has a terrific reputation in this area. The course is open to all parents and has an emphasis on the important role of the father in establishing sound relationships with their children.

It is very common these days for fathers to be taking a much more active role in family life. Mothers are also finding that there are more demands on their time from a financial point of view. Fathers who find themselves more involved in the parenting part of family life may also find themselves wishing for more options for dealing with the day to day issues that arise in the home.

This course is suitable for all parents who would like to meet with others to explore ways to increase their options in dealing with the various issues that parents experience while supporting and nurturing their partners and children of all ages.

Parents may attend as a couple, share attendance by alternating nights, or attend alone. If you miss one or two nights, notes from previous sessions will help you catch up.

Some of the topics that have been helpful in previous groups include:

- Good communication
- Teaching life skills
- Issues of discipline
- What is normal for kids?
- Confronting unacceptable behaviour
- How to help your child when they are anxious, angry or upset

Discovering that others are experiencing problems almost identical to your own somehow seems to lighten your load.

Feedback from past participants:

In 2013 “T R; said ”All was fantastic, the results with my teenager speak for themselves”.

”B M”; said “Every single strategy has worked for me”.

”R R”; said “I feel that this course is the best thing I could have come upon at the time. We had a lot of conflict and stress in the family home and this had been so radically reduced by this learning”.

”S T”; said “I’m glad to have taken the leap to do this as an investment in my family”

Course details
The course will run in the evening, one night a week for eight weeks.

Dates: Every Tuesday from Feb 3 2016 until March 15

There will be 2 sessions in week one Monday 1 & Tues 2

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm.

Venue: Toolangi Community House

Phone Familycare 5735 4600 to register interest

No Cost New participants welcome up to session 4