Yea Primary School Newsletter
10th February 2016—Issue 2

Dates to Remember

February
11th  Swimming Gr 2-6
    Get to know you meetings
12th  School Lunch Orders Start
    Swimming Gr 2-6
    Family Pool Party 6-8pm
15th  Swimming Gr 2-6
    Sporting Schools
16th  Cluster Swimming 11am-1pm
17th  No Foundation Students
    Swimming Gr 2-6
18th  Swimming Gr 2-6
    Working Bee & Sausage Sizzle
    3.30pm—6pm
22nd  Sporting Schools
    School Council AGM
24th  No Foundation Students
    Division Swimming

March
2nd   No Foundation Students
      Young Leaders Day

Term 1 SRC Reps

02B    Jordan and Lily
02P    Jack and Maya
2SS    Aidan and Hope
30M    Hayden and Ashley
45F    Jazzy and Dominik
56U    Oscar & Maddy

Thanks to Brea for donating books to the F/1/2s!

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.
*** Date change – Please note the AGM and first School Council meeting will be on Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February *****

School Council for 2016
We have two positions vacant for the 2016 School Council. It is a great opportunity to gain a greater understanding of how Yea PS is run and the reasons for decisions that are made throughout the year. It is not a huge task only eight meetings a year starting at 6pm and usually finished before 7.30. Please consider joining by completing a nomination form that is available at the office.

Birthday Celebrations
It is lovely for our students to celebrate their birthday at school. Please send something easy to distribute such as cupcakes or biscuits. It is really tricky to cut up a small cake into pieces so that all students in the grade can share.

Swimming Grades 2-6
Swimming sessions for all students commenced on Tuesday this week. We are very conscious that all students need to be confident in the water for their safety and to enjoy swimming. The students are divided into ability groups and are taught with their peers by teachers. As we are a sun smart school they all must swim in a rashie or shirt to prevent sunburn. Group one leaves Yea PS at 1.15 and Group 2 at 1.45.

Get To Know meetings
This week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday many parents have taken the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher. It is a great opportunity to share information about your child. If you didn’t get a time and have sent in a note please contact me so that I can set up a time. Some notes did not have names and some notes with times did not make it home!

Lunch Orders
Café Christie will begin providing students with lunch orders from this Friday. Please ensure the order is written clearly on an envelope and correct money enclosed. The menu was attached to the newsletter last week.

Accounts
Family Statements were sent home last with eldest in the family—if you have not received your 2016 Statement please contact Fiona in the office.

Working bee
Please check the board out the front of the school for tools etc required for the working bee on 18th Feb 3.30-6pm followed by a sausage sizzle.

Plastic Containers
There are many plastic containers and plates left from class parties last year. Please collect them from the staffroom.

*** Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} March is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be working with Michelle Hutchison to extend their understanding of her spelling method, Smart Spelling****

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**Community Food Table**

A Community Food Table has been set up in the foyer of the council/library building in Yea and runs on Wednesdays from 9.30-4pm (and more often as we get more helpers). It’s a table for people to get fresh produce free or by donation or to share their garden excesses - so that anyone who wants fresh garden grown produce can access it or swap it.

The school is now involved in the Community Food Table Project, with funding from the John Wallis Foundation supporting a project worker to work with the kids to grow a little extra, and send it to the table each week. Families are also invited to bring their excess in each Wednesday morning for the table (or drop it off at the Community House or Manafest Cafe) - so if you have some spare lemons, an extra bunch of parsley or a tree full of plums, bring them in on Wednesday mornings and put them into the basket that will be in the school office.

And please come along and use the table - grab some fresh produce or bring stuff directly there!

And if you need help picking or bringing stuff in, call Zanni on 0473-968-878.

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**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

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**MUSIC LESSONS TERM 1**

Introduction to:  
- Guitar  
- Bass Guitar  
- Keyboards  
- Drums

Cost:  
- Private Lesson $25.00 per 1/2hr  
- Group Lesson $15.00 per 1/2 hr

Instruments provided.

For further information contact Terry Redding.

Mobile 0427 312 561  A/H  5797 2710
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application Form

Yea Primary School

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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 circumstance/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 circumstance/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, be 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

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

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.
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.

dignam.joanne.m1@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.

We currently have positions available in all of our programs for 2016.
• 4 Year Old Kinder
• 3 Year Old Kinder
• Long Day Care (Monday – Friday)

We offer quality play based programs in a lovely setting with friendly qualified educators.

We hold an overall ACECQA rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard.

Forum for New and Part-Time Landowners
Saturday 27th February 10am – 1:45pm

The Upper Goulburn Landcare Network (UGLN) would like to invite you to a forum for new and part-time landowners. The UGLN will conduct the forum with support from the Murrindindi Shire Council, CPA and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority. It will be held at the Yea Shire Hall, High St Yea.

A light lunch will be served.

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce new and part-time landowners to environmental issues within the Murrindindi Shire, how you can manage your property to support re restoration and enhancement of the environment and to introduce you to some support opportunities that may be available to you. A team of local experts will provide information and be on hand to answer questions.

There will be plenty of opportunities to engage and ask questions about your property. As well as guest speakers we will have representatives from Landcare, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, local native plant nurseries, and other local organisations.

Following on from this forum, we will be holding topic specific workshops to enable you to learn more about topics of interest to you regarding your property.

We hope you will be able to join us for this forum.
For further information please go to: www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/landcareforum
or www.ugln.net.au

See over for program for the day.
To RSVP please contact Judy Watts: 57974405 or uglandcare@gbscm.vic.gov.au

Please indicate any dietary requirements when booking.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Yea and District Community House
15 The Semi Circle Yea 3717
Phone: 03 5797 3070 Fax: 03 5797 2860
Email: info@yeahouse.org.au
Office Hours: Mon—Thur 9 am to 1 pm

TRADITIONAL EASTER EGG DYING (for kids) with Lisa
Make a little Easter Basket and dye a hard boiled egg in the traditional way! Get creative and have some Easter fun!! Date: Tuesday 15th March Time: 3.30-5.30pm Venue: Yea Community House Lounge Cost: $10 per child (maximum 10 kids)

Murrindindi Bird Watchers – with Geoff Leslie.
Bring morning tea and binoculars for a morning’s observation and learning about birds and nature, 2nd Saturday of each month, starting at 9am (unless otherwise advised). Date: Feb 13th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th. These places we visit are teeming with strange and wondrous elusive feathered friends that you need to spot!
Contact Geoff: 0417 396 377

CHICKEN CHATTER
Date/Time: 10am 5th March 2016
Topic: Breed selection (egg, meat and dual purpose birds), backyard breeding, self sufficiency and sustainability, processing a bird for the dinner table.
Cost: $5 per person includes morning tea
This term we welcome Neil Penny who is an ex-commercial poultry producer, an international poultry judge and the chairman of the Melbourne Show Poultry section.

Barbara Haynes Dance Classes @ Pioneer Reserve Yea
Classes after school Tuesdays (starting 2nd Feb). Teaching classical ballet, jazz, tap, creative dance for pre-schoolers, folk dance and adult dance. Over 30 years experience in teaching. Registered with Ausdance and a member of the Australian Ballet Society. Classes run during school terms. Phone NOW!
Sessions: Preschool 2.30pm—3.30pm, Junior (prep—2) 3.30-4.30pm, Senior (Grade 2+) 4.30—5.30pm, Adult 5.30—6.30pm
To register your interest: info@yeahouse.org.au / 03 5797 3070
Cost: $12/class (when paying for whole term) or $15 casual, + $15 annual insurance fee

YOGA—Join instructor Carol for HATHA YOGA incorporating Alexander Technique. Minimum of 4 participants needed to run. When: Tuesday evenings Block 1: 4 week block starting 2 Feb, ending 23 Feb $48, Block 2: 4 week block starting 1 Mar ending 22 Mar $48 (or pay for 8 weeks $96) Time: 5.30-6.30pm Cost: $12/session (paid in a block)
Venue: Yea Community House
You MUST book and pay prior to commencement. Call for further information.

PILATES ***** new instructor ***** Learning to engage your core and increase flexibility, balance and joint mobility. Pilates builds strength, balance, pelvic stability, & long lean muscles, while preventing lower back pain, shoulder pain and hip dysfunction. It is fun and makes you feel great!
For all ages and levels. Mats and equipment provided. Cost: $15/session (paid in 4 week block) $60
When: Thursdays 9.15-10.15am (starting February 24th 2016) Book now!

Term 1 2016: 27 January to 24 March

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