Students Sharing Individual Learning Focus

F/2P Jackie
- I am learning to write my own stories. I write stories at home on Mum’s computer.

F/2P Chloe
- I went to the zoo. I am working on writing my own stories.

F/2B Alex
- I am working on my 2 x tables. One thing about me - I jump on my trampoline with the hose.

2S Charlie
- I am learning about adjectives.

3M Neveah
- I am working on writing lowercase ‘n’ instead of uppercase.

4/5F Rhys
- I am working on using a thesaurus when writing.

5/6U Rose
- I must check the letter ‘j’ is written the correct way.

Dates to Remember

February
18th Swimming Gr 2-6
   Working Bee & Sausage Sizzle
   3.30pm—6pm
19th Bookclub Orders due back
22nd Sporting Schools
   School Council AGM
24th No Foundation Students
   Division Swimming

March
2nd No Foundation Students
   Young Leaders Day
3rd Sub Finance 2.30pm
7th Sporting Schools
   School Council
9th No Foundation Students
   Regional Swimming
10th F/1 Reading/Writing information
    Night 6-7pm
14th Labour Day Public Holiday
16th Foundation students start
   Wednesdays
17th Harvest Picnic
21st Harmony Day
22nd School Photo Order forms to be returned

Bookclub Orders due back this Friday 19th February!
Parent Meetings
Teachers valued the opportunity to learn more about their students from their parents and carers at last week’s meetings. Mrs U will reschedule her meetings very soon, thank you for your understanding. If you did not receive a time and had sent a request to school please call me. I had some notes without names and some students found a note in their bags after the interviews. This can happen and teachers are happy to make mutually convenient times to meet with families.

Swimming Sessions
Swimming sessions have run smoothly with all students improving their water confidence and swimming styles. Thank you to Deb Male for organising the program, the teachers for working with your children at the pool and all the parents who have walked with the students. This program cannot run without lots of support and we are fortunate to have so many people give up their time to support our students.

Cluster Swimming
It was not very warm at the Cluster Sports on Tuesday but we took twenty two enthusiastic students to the Yea pool to compete. We were very proud of them all. The following students Shayla, Perry, Bethany, Brea, Maddy and Lucas will be competing in Seymour on the 24th February at the Division Swimming Carnival, good luck to them all.

School Council
The AGM for 2016 and our first School Council meeting is at 6pm on Monday 22nd February.

Working Bee
We are hoping to see many people at the working bee on Thursday 18th February at 3.30pm until 6pm and we will enjoy a sausage sizzle when it is finished.

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

Thanks, Deb

Skipping Team 2016
Congratulations to the following people who are in the Senior Skipping Team for 2016, our Jump Rope for Heart Demonstration Skipping Team.

Olivia, Austen, Brea, Madeline, Shayla, Zoe, Nellie, Chloe B, Ashlee, Lucas, Jade, Kiera-Lee and Mia S.
Well done to all that auditioned for the team, everyone had a great ago and showed that their skills had improved. Unfortunately we can’t have everyone in the Senior Team because the Heart Foundation set rules to restrict how many members we can have for a demonstration team. This year Miss Bennett will be running a Junior Skipping Team which will be open to students in all grade levels, it’s a good chance to practise your skills.
**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.

**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

**Compost ingredients wanted!**

We need ingredients for the school compost, so that we can get composting in the awesome compost bays that were built last year! If you have any of the following, please bring them in:

- spoilt (or unspoilt) hay/straw,
- wood ash,
- shredded paper,
- animal manure,
- dead leaves,
- sawdust (from untreated woods),
- any other dead and dry plant matter.

Please bring any items you have to the working bee this Thursday 18th 3.30—6pm, followed by free sausage sizzle.

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.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Yea Primary School 10699

School Name School REF ID

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 eServices 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 alternatively 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](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.
Head Lice
This is just a friendly reminder for parents to continue to check their child’s hair on a regular basis.

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.
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 Hayles 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!