Yea Primary School Newsletter
19th February 2015—Issue 3

Students Sharing Information About Themselves

F/1P Aidan
- Likes to jump on the trampoline and play with his dog.

F/1B Samuel
- I love my dog and going to my Dad’s house to see him.

2/3M Ashlee
- Likes to read, play with animals and walk her dog.

2/3S Perry
- I go to swimming lessons each week. I love to do Irish Dancing.

4/5F Rhys
- I am good at archery. I can jump from heights without hurting myself and I win a lot of competitions for hanging upside down on monkey bars.

5/6U Holly
- Enjoys swimming, horse riding and doing acrobatic tricks on her trampoline.

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY
20th No Lunch Orders today
24th Ukulele Classes begin
25th No Foundation Students
- Chinese lessons with Yujuan begin

MARCH
4th No Foundation Students
5th Sub Finance Meeting 2pm
9th Labour Day Public Holiday
10th School Council
11th No Foundation Students
12th Reading Info Night
13th Young Leaders Day
16th Foundation Students begin fulltime
- Saturday 21st
155 Years Education Celebration
23rd School Council
27th Last Day of Term

APRIL
13th Term 2 Begins
16th School Photos

Our School Values—Respect, Empathy, Collaboration, Creativity, Integrity, Persistence

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Pool Party
It is becoming a tradition that wherever we choose for the Pool Party means rain! It was a great night which unfortunately ended early due to the approaching storm. The students, many parents and teachers who braved the pool enjoyed the many games and activities run by Miss Fillmore, who did a great job organising the evening. It was lovely and warm for swimming and a great way to start the year with our families. Thank you to Emily and Celeste who were our lifeguards for the evening and for all the generous donations from families to pay them.

Home Reading
Reading is the key to learning and all areas of the curriculum hinge on students being able to read and comprehend fiction and nonfiction text with accuracy. To learn any new skill requires practise and reading at home is a key element of learning to read. If you are finding it difficult to find time to read with your child on a regular basis please contact the school so that we can organise a reading buddy that will hear them read and record this in their reading diary.

Get to Know meetings
These meetings are very valuable and we thank all the parents who shared information about their children with teachers. There is always more that we can learn about your children that support teaching them in all areas of the curriculum. If you could not attend these meetings and would like a time please contact your child’s teacher to make a mutually convenient time.

Open Forum
I look forward to sharing information about our school and answering any questions at the Open Forum on Thursday 19th February at 2.15 in the Multi-Purpose room. There is also a comment box in the office for any thoughts if you would like to be anonymous.

Bike Raffle
The amount of tickets sold that were returned to school was very low. The bike is of such good quality and we need to pay for expenses to do with the 155 Year School Reunion with the funds raised. Therefore the draw date will now be the 2nd March. Your child would have bought home tickets on Tuesday to sell and there are more available at the office. Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets.

eSmart School
I have been working with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to ensure our school is doing all that is possible to be cybersafe. “An eSmart school is a school where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm.” We are continuing to create a school culture that equips our students with the resources and knowledge to effectively create and embrace the positives of the ever-changing cyber-world. The Alannah and Madeline Foundation’s eSmart Schools program, focuses on the role that everyone-Teachers, students, parents and wider community-has to play when educating our students about the positives and pitfalls of technology. We all need to be vigilant in knowing when and what our children are accessing on the internet. This is a great site for parents to look at: http://www.cybersafetyhelp.gov.au/easyguide

Cluster Swimming
Many of our students swam at the Cluster Swimming event in Yea on Tuesday 17th February. They should be very proud of their achievements. Organising the Yea PS swimming sessions, the Mini Carnival and the Cluster Sports is very time consuming and we thank Deb Male for her planning.

Thank you, Deb

No lunch orders this Fri 20thFEB
School Uniform Shop

New Opening Day

Uniform shop will now be open every Thursday at 8.50am - 9.10am and 3.00pm - 3.20pm.

Order forms can be handed in at the office with payment of cash or cheque or BPAY (reference number to be provided).

The order will be processed & sent home with your child.

Any queries can be forwarded to Katherine on 0417 188 633

Values Award

Cassy

For showing integrity to teachers and classmates!

The Connected Garden Harvest Picnic - coming soon!

A number of Western Murrindindi schools have been involved in The Connected Garden project since Spring 2014 - which aims to increase food awareness, food production understandings and to improve healthy eating knowledge in kids in the Shire. As part of this some of the children from each of the schools will be invited to a big Harvest Picnic on March 20th (in Yea).

Have a look at the blog and follow it to see what’s going on in the project:

https://theconnectedgarden.wordpress.com

We are needing a huge amount of overgrown zucchinis on the day - so if you have some that have gotten away from you at home - please save them for us or call the community house to donate them on 5797-3070.

2014 School Production DVD’s “Mumbo Jumbo”

Simon Cronk very kindly edited and converted the school 2014 musical video to DVD. Families are able to purchase a copy for $20 from the office.

Our School Leaders with eSmart School plaque
Cluster Swimming
Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Early Childhood Education and Care

A series of three workshops for parents and early childhood professionals

Developed and written by A. Brereton & K. Bull, Monash University Centre for Developmental Psychiatry and Psychology

Venue – Yea & District Children's Centre
The Semi-Circle, Yea VIC 3717

Presenters – Jenny Drysdale
ECIS Key Worker – Specialist Children’s Services

These sessions are designed as a series of 3, and aim to provide information about Autism Spectrum Disorders from early signs and diagnosis through to strategies for developing communication skills and positive behaviour.

Session One Wednesday 11th March – 6pm-8pm
– Understanding children with ASD: parents and professionals working together

Session Two Tuesday 17th March – 6pm-8pm
– Developing Communication skills and social interaction through play

Session Three Thursday 26th March – 6pm-8pm
– Approaches to positive behaviour support

Please RSVP to Fiona Purvis – (03) 03 5797 2730
Email – yea.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
155 years of State Schools Celebration- Saturday March 21st

On Saturday March 21st as part of our 155 years of State schools celebration we will be running an old time classroom in the multi-purpose room. It would be great and help to set the flavour of the day if students could come along on the day dressed in the style of the day circa 1865. Please look around in your cupboards and the op shop for suitable clothing; here are some suggestions of how to adapt some things already in your cupboard...

1. **Girls**
   - Hair tied back in plaits with ribbons or ringlets
   - Mop top or bonnet or straw hat
   - Long dresses with a high neck and long sleeves
     or long skirt and long sleeved shirt
   - Apron or smock
   - Leggings with socks over them and elastic sided boots

**Boys**

- Hair slick back with baggy cap or straw boater
- Button up shirts
- Waist coat
- Jacket
- Dark coloured pants with socks over the pants or long shorts
- Elastic sided boots
Positive Parenting Telephone Service

This Program is offered to parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our ten week program aims to assist you to:

* Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
* Manage everyday behaviour problems
* Set rules & limits
* Teach new skills
* Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

Interested?
For more information or to enroll phone
FREECALL 1800 880 660

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

Start now and make a positive start last a lifetime

This service is funded by Department of Human Services Victoria
Season Launch

Friday 27 February
5pm onwards

Junior Registration
Meet the Coaches – Junior & Senior
Social Get Together
Sausage Sizzle & Drinks
Club Merchandise
Membership
Sponsorship

Yea Recreation Reserve

DOOR PRIZES

Barbara Hayles
Academy of Dance

Term 1 2015: 3rd Feb—24 Mar (8 weeks)

Classes after school Tuesdays. 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!
Contact: 5797 3070 / info@yeahouse.org.au

Sessions: Preschool 2.30pm—3.30pm
Junior 3.30—4.30pm
Senior 4.30—5.30pm
Adult 5.30—6.30pm

@ Pioneer Reserve Yea

One-on-one
Music Lessons

- Guitar
- Singing
- Ukulele
- Mandolin
- Violin
- Harmonica
- Piano

Where: Yea Community House
When: Friday afternoons
(excluding School holidays)
Cost:
$25 1/2 hour
$40 1 hour