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Students Sharing Information About Themselves

F/1P Caitlin
- Caitlin’s maths goal is to work on counting backwards by 1’s.

2/3S Aaron
- Aaron likes playing with his brother and reading. He also likes playing Minecraft.

4/5F Tyson
- Tyson would like to improve his organisation of learning materials.

SRC SECOND HAND BOOK STALL

Friday 11th December our SRC students will be running a second hand book stall at lunch time. The books are cancelled books from our school library and will be for sale for 10c each. All donations will go back to our school library to buy new books.

Dates to Remember

December
11th  2nd hand book stall during lunch  
16th  School Musical  
17th  Foundation and Grade 1 Pool Party  
18th  School Finishes

January
27th  Teachers Start  
      Office Open  
      Uniform Shop Open 10am-12pm  
28th  Term 1 2016 Students Commence

Values Award

Dylan
For always offering to help and being so helpful!
SporOg536ng Schools
Terry and Deb ran the last SporCg'-zng School session for 2015 this week. Swimming on Monday after school has been very popular and many students have enjoyed activities at school during lunch time on Friday. I am currently reapplying for funding for next year and swimming will be the activity on Monday until the pool closes. It was great to attend the pool opening last week and see so many students and their families enjoying the new facility.

Additional music lessons
Helen Leary has been taking keyboard lessons this semester and Terry Redding has many students learning drums. These extra opportunities will continue next year and parents who would like their children to learn either instrument need to contact Terry, Helen or the school.

Ice-cream
Grant from Country Women has generously offered a free ice-cream for all our students on Friday the 18th December at 11am. This is the last day of school, Grant will serve the students at school, and thus no note is required. If you don’t want your child to have an ice-cream please let me know. Grant will also be giving out cards that entitle the owner to get a free ice cream after a certain amount of purchases. This is a very generous offer and we are looking forward to enjoying a delicious ice-cream

Sausage Sizzle
We held our last sausage sizzle this week. Viv Gregory has been amazing turning up every time and cooking and serving the students with me. We hope the students have enjoyed a change from their everyday lunches enjoying a sausage in wholemeal bread. The money has been used to buy equipment for the school and materials required by teachers. Thank you to all the families who purchased sausages throughout the year. The BBQ donated to the school by Cassie and Colin Crowe has made holding these activities so easy. We are very lucky!

Volunteers Morning Tea
It was wonderful to share morning tea with some of our volunteers yesterday. A big thank you to all of the parents, relatives and friends who volunteer in many ways throughout the year, your time and effort help make our school great!

State Transition Day
On Tuesday we had a lovely day getting to know our new students for 2016. All students spent the day in their grades for 2016. We are currently looking at over 130 students for next year which is great. We welcome back Lauren Cronk on Fridays and Lynette Sommer on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays.

Friendship Chair
We are thrilled with the Friendship Chair that is a remodelled version of an original chair on the edge of the oval. The SRC students put handprints on the lovely piece of red gum that Alan from the Men’s shed has carved. It looks amazing and is a wonderful addition to our grounds. Thank you Alan

Watering System
A great team of workers appeared on Wednesday to install a watering system for our vegetable garden. We are so pleased that we will not lose all our plants over the summer break. Thank you to Zanni, Judy, Greg, Michael, Dean, Aaron, Helen, Steve and Bridget. I hope everyone can keep an eye on the school over the holidays and we can avoid any vandalism. If you see anything suspicious please report it to the Yea Police. The new security cameras are working well and I am able to view the school and this means we can track any offenders. What a shame that we have had to install this type of equipment.

This is the last newsletter for this year. We wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break.
Thanks, Deb
Musical News – Yea Has Got Talent!!!

Tickets
Tickets are now sold out.

Raffle Tickets
Please send in Christmas food (please check use-by date), decorations or a small gift to put in the box in your child’s grade.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale from 10th December after school. They can be purchased anytime from the Office (see Jo or Fiona) or you can purchase tickets at the show.

Costumes
Grades Foundation/One girls will need black leggings and boys will need to wear school shorts, the rest of their costume is supplied.

Grades 2/3 Boys need to wear blue jeans /black pants/school pants and sunglasses

Grade 2/3 girls need to have black leggings and sunglasses

Grades 4/5/6 (not main characters) same as 2/3s.

Yea Has Got Talent!!
The big night is Wednesday 16\(^\text{th}\) December at the Yea Shire Hall commencing at 7pm.

Students need to be at the hall by 6:30pm.
**Big End of Year Raffle**

Please send in your donations for our end of year raffle. Each grade is collecting items in a labelled box in their classrooms. The grade with the most items for the raffle wins a gingerbread house (made and donated by Kaye Granter) and icy poles for their class party. Please keep those things coming in!! Tickets on sale after school in the last week and also at the musical.

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**Skipping News**

Congratulations to Chloe who has qualified to compete in her age group in the Freestyle event at the National Skipping Competition in 2016. Chloe qualified after her great performance at the Victorian State Skipping Competition in November. Well done Chloe!

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**Art Room News**

All art smocks will be sent home for a wash in the next week. Please do a size check and then put them in a safe place so that they can be returned to the art room the first week back for 2016. A reminder that all students are required to have a named art smock as part of the art and MACC programs at Yea Primary School.
The Friendship Chair

Last year the SRC came up with the idea of having a Friendship Chair in our playground. This chair is where students could sit if they were feeling sad or lonely or they couldn’t find their friends to play with. Students in the playground would keep an eye on the Friendship Chair and if there was anyone sitting on it they could come over and invite them to play. This inclusive idea was then taken to the Men’s Shed and they helped to organise a beautiful piece of redgum to be engraved and painted. Students held free dress days and the Parents and Friends group helped to fundraise for our new chair. The old chair was taken apart, sanded and oiled ready to have the new back attached to it. The SRC students then put their hand prints on it and the project was complete. Thank you very much to Greg Philpot who helped liaise with the Men’s Shed and put the designs into action and to Alan Cole from the Men’s Shed for his amazing handywork carving out the back of the chair.

Our new Friendship Chair looks fantastic in our playground.
St Luke’s Community Care

Apply now for a Christmas Hamper

St Luke’s Community Care and Op Shop are happy to again offer hampers to members of the community.

If your Christmas would be less stressful and more enjoyable by receiving a hamper please consider making a request.

Look out for the forms at many places around Yea; when you have completed one please return it to the Community House. Please note this is the only place accepting forms this year.

Lots of groups and individuals contribute to the hampers, St Luke’s Church, St Luke’s Op Shop, Sacred Heart Parish, Rotary and Yea Primary School and many more.

If you wish to make a donation please call at the Bank of Bendigo. The staff are happy to assist.

Bank details
BSB 633000
Account 144995099
Details Hampers

Upper Goulburn Landcare Network
Photography Competition
(1st December – 15th January 2016)

Categories:
1. What is your favourite
   Australian plant or animal?
   (Sponsored by the Upper Goulburn Landcare Network)
   - Junior 11 years and under
   - Senior 12 years and over

2. Yea Wetlands
   (Sponsored by the Yea Wetlands Committee of Management)
   - Junior 12 years and under
   - Senior 13 years and over

Competition opens 1 December 2015 and last entries must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 15th January 2016.

Prizes:
Junior winner in each category $100
Senior winner in each category $150

Winners will be announced at the Y Water Discovery Centre on Thursday 21st January at 6pm. All entries will be displayed at the Y Water Discovery Centre from 22nd January until 29th January.

The winning photographs from the “Yea Wetlands” Senior category may be developed into a postcard for sale at the Y Water Discovery & Information Centre (all proceeds to the Centre).

Members of the public can vote on a People’s choice award during the display period. The winning photo will be announced on 29th January at the Y Water Discovery Centre.

Entries:
Entries to be in hard and digital copy, with hard copy to be mounted on matt board (no frame). Photograph to be in color.
Send entries to: PO Box 76, Yea 3717 or deliver to: Shop 5, 10 High St Yea
Digital copies clearly labelled to: photos@faegolbrahama.com.au
Collected entry forms from the GOLN office, Shop 5, 10 High St Yea (opposite Fisheries Office) or download from www.egoln.org
For further information contact: info@faegolbrahama.com.au or 5797 4445

Christmas Hamper Request 2015

Name______________________________

Address______________________________

The hamper is for
   Adults ___
   Teenagers ___ ages ___
   Children ___ ages ___

*Note:* If you are filling in this form on behalf of someone else please ask them to sign below.

Meat Voucher Yes /No

Sacred Heart Church provide the meat vouchers which can be redeemed from the Yea Butchers.

Hampers will be available on Tuesday Dec. 22nd.

Please deliver my hamper ___
Or I will collect my hamper from St Luke’s Hall no later than 3pm.

*I agree to this request, signed___________________________

Return forms to community House no later than Mon. 14th
Live Music / Jam Session
Sunday 20th December, 2-6pm
New Caledonian Hotel
64 High Street, Yea
Featuring local students, musicians and bands

Dear Parents,

Here is a chance to watch your child and other students perform in the beautiful courtyard and listen to some great music from my band and other talented musicians from around the area.

Bring your friends and relatives for a great afternoon.

PA, AMP and drums supplied.

For further information contact Terry Redding 0427 312 561 or 5797 2710

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EMERGENCY RELIEF

If you find yourself in crisis and are in need of material or financial assistance, please call the Yea Community House (5797 3070) to make an appointment. All appointments are held on Wednesdays 10am—12pm.

Your situation will be assessed by qualified staff at the Yea Community House. Assessments will be made at your appointment. These occur on Wednesdays 10am—12pm. Once you have completed an assessment, you will be able to collect your approved material assistance. Our aim is to meet your immediate material needs, whilst working at understanding your situation. We want to assist you with any underlying long-term issues to prevent you from falling deeper into the poverty cycle.

During school terms, emergency relief appointments can be made by calling the Yea Community House on 03 5797 3070.

Please note during school holidays in order to receive emergency relief you will need to make an appointment with Berry Street Alexandra by phoning 03 5833 1099 (Shepparton Office).
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