Yea Primary School Newsletter
24th February 2016—Issue 4

Students Sharing Individual Learning Focus

F/2P Maya
• I love sports and reading and using adjectives in my writing.

F/2B Charlotte
• I am working on checking for full stops and capital letters.

3M Bridie
• I am working on using talking marks when people are talking in my writing.

4/5F Leah
• I am working on using descriptive language in my writing.

5/6U Luke
• I must double check my work and make a new paragraph when I start a new event.

Dates to Remember

February
29th Sporting Schools

March
2nd No Foundation Students
Young Leaders Day
4th 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 Sporting Schools
22nd School Photo Order forms to be returned - Photos on 13th April
23rd Harmony Day - wear rainbow colours
LAST DAY OF TERM 1
24th Pupil Free Day—Staff Training Day

April
11th Term 2 Begins
13th School Photos
Working Bee
So much was accomplished at the Working Bee last Thursday after school until 6pm. It was great to have so many parents, grandparents and students give up their time to support the school. Thank you to the following families Jolly/Cummins, Wojcik, Donnelly, Clue, Luke, Buchannan, Boyd, Coad, Cronk, Cudmore, Redding, Waldstein/Dalziel, Fisher and Philp. Also to teachers who worked hard, thank you. I hope you all enjoyed the well-earned sausage sizzle. There are still some jobs left so if you have some spare time please drop into my office and you can choose from the list. We will be holding a Working Bee each term to keep the school looking great.
Also thank you to Michael who did some plumbing work in the toilets over the weekend.

Homework
To improve at anything we need to practice. This is why we ask our families to support their children by hearing them read, practice their spelling words and complete other additional homework. The children who get lots of practice are more confident and achieve higher results. We as a staff want your children to achieve to the best of their ability to be confident and successful with their learning. Please make some time to support your child/ren you will be amazed at the results!

Division Swimming Carnival
The following students Lucas, Shayla, Maddie, Bethany, Brea and Perry will be competing at the Division Swimming event at Seymour Outdoor Pool on Wednesday 24th February. The program commences at 11am. Good luck to them all.

Young Leaders Day
On Wednesday March 2nd I will be taking our four school leaders to Melbourne to attend the yearly Young Leaders Day. Many thousands of students attend from all different types of primary schools. There are always really interesting speakers who share their journey and of course the focus is on leadership. Our leaders will share their learnings from the day at assembly on Monday 7th March.

Lost Property
There are many bowls, plates and other kitchen items on the chairs near the F/1/2 area. Please have a look if any belong to your family. They are from class parties or birthday surprises.

*** 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

Taliyah
For helping people in her class.
YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Invitation

Reading/Writing Information Night

F/1/2 P and F/1/2B are having a Reading and Writing Information Night Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} March at 6:00pm - 7pm.

The children will be performing first and then will be cared for, for the duration of the hour - long session.

We hope all parents and students of F/1/2 will come.

Looking forward to seeing you then

Sal, Susie, Lauren
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

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.

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.

Thanks!
Cluster Swimming
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

Unexplained Absences

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.

There is an answering machine if the office is unattended. Jo will only be calling you if we have not received notice of the Absence. You may also email the absence to Jo on dignam.joanne.m1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you all for your cooperation.

School Uniform Shop

Open every Thursday
Before & after school

TIMES
8:50am—9:10am
3:00pm—3:20pm
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.

Head Lice
This is just a friendly reminder for parents to continue to check their child’s hair on a regular basis.
### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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<th>TRADITIONAL EASTER EGG DYING (for kids) with Lisa</th>
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<td>Make a little Easter Basket and dye a hard boiled egg in the traditional way! Get creative and have some Easter fun!! <strong>Date:</strong> Tuesday 15th March  <strong>Time:</strong> 3.30-5.30pm</td>
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<td><strong>Venue:</strong> Yea Community House Lounge  <strong>Cost:</strong> $10 per child (maximum 10 kids)</td>
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<th>Murrindindi Bird Watchers – with Geoff Leslie</th>
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<td>Bring morning tea and binoculars for a morning’s observation and learning about birds and nature. <strong>2nd Saturday of each month, starting at 9am (unless otherwise advised).</strong>  <strong>Date:</strong> 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!</td>
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<td><strong>Contact Geoff:</strong> 0417 396 377</td>
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<td><strong>Date/Time:</strong> 10am 5th March 2016</td>
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<td><strong>Topic:</strong> Breed selection (egg, meat and dual purpose birds), backyard breeding, self-sufficiency and sustainability, processing a bird for the dinner table.</td>
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<td><strong>Cost:</strong> $5pp includes morning tea</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<th>Barbara Hayles Dance Classes @ Pioneer Reserve Yea</th>
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<td>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!</td>
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<td><strong>Sessions: Preschool 2.30pm—3.30pm,</strong>  <strong>Junior (prep—2) 3.30-4.30pm,</strong>  <strong>Senior (Grade 2 +) 4.30—5.30pm,</strong>  <strong>Adult 5.30—6.30pm</strong></td>
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<td><strong>To register your interest:</strong> <a href="mailto:info@yea-house.org.au">info@yea-house.org.au</a> / 03 5797 3070  <strong>Cost:</strong> $12/class (when paying for whole term) or $15 casual, + $15 annual insurance fee</td>
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| 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! |

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**Term 1 2016: 27 January to 24 March**