Principal’s Message

**Yellingbo Cup**
This year’s Yellingbo Cup was again a very successful event, with 26 runners participating in the race. Some of the heats of the race were very hotly contested, as was the final.
As usual, the “horses” were a sight to behold; strange creatures really, with polystyrene, cardboard and timber bodies and limbs held together with any form of stickiness that the creators could find.
Some of the names that were given to the creations were almost as strange as the “horses” themselves; Donkey, I Dunno, Dominator, Liptons Tea and Feather are just a few that roll off the tongue.
Nicole DeAngelis again provided the trophies for first, second and third place-getters. A little added incentive in the form of a well-known brand of lollies completed the haul for the lucky winners.
Who won? You may well ask. The results were as follows:
1st. Riley, with his horse Feather (no birds were damaged in the creation of this thoroughbred)
2nd. Isabel, with her horse Liptons Tea (closely resembling a tea bag box)
3rd. Lanah, with her horse Fluffy (displaying the fur and sleeping habits of a domestic cat)
Tyson, whose horse, Donkey, was close to winning right up to the end, but was eventually left behind and was overcome by the emotions of the event.
Yes, folks, we take the Yellingbo Cup very seriously around here, as can be seen by the growing number of students who choose to come to school on a day that many people treat as a quasi-public holiday.

**Lost Property**
We are becoming inundated with school uniforms articles (windcheaters mostly) that nobody seems to own. We have a pile in the sick bay and each classroom has its own colony of royal blue clothing that seems to be breeding in the dark corners.
One of the problems we find with clothing that is picked up from around the school yard is that much of it has been handed down form one family to another. Whilst I think that re-using school uniform in his way is really a good thing, sometimes the new owners of the clothing forget to do two important things. The first is to remove the name of the first owner - the other day we found a jumper with the name of a student who left the school in 2007! The second is to clearly write the name of the new owner on the item – in indelible ink! The same goes for new uniforms. Please write names on each item; or better still, get some iron-on or sew-on labels with your child’s name on them.
Deb Harding has a good idea to ensure that her youngest always comes home with his jumper. Each day at car line there is much consternation on Tyler’s face if he doesn’t have his jumper on or in his bag, followed by a quick return to the classroom to find it. There is a small monetary incentive involved and it seems to work.
We also seem to have an ever-increasing population of plastic containers from snacks or...
lunches. We find them all over the school; in the sand pits, on seats, in the car line area. It is wonderful that students bring food in re-usable containers, but you can’t re-use them if they don’t come home. Once again, these are much easier to return to their owners if they have names clearly printed in them. Yes, they do wash off, but it must get expensive replacing them all of the time.

P – 2 Sleepover
This event is on again this Friday night. A great opportunity for you to get your child used to the idea of spending time away from home. It’s a bit of a shock when the senior school camp comes along and a child has never been away from home for a night, and makes for high anxiety when that time comes. I’m sure that the students will have a great time and I thank Andrea and Nicole for being up for it again this year.

Seville Festival
This is on again on Sunday (November 11th between 10am & 4 pm) and our school will have a presence there. We will be setting up a static display and some children’s activities such as face painting, crazy hair and badge making. We will also have some school fliers and an information display there under our two gazebos. Fiona Pettigrew will be there selling plants and some of the proceeds from these sales will come to the school. Thanks Fiona.
If you have a spare few minutes and would like to help out by just being at our stall on Sunday to talk to passers-by about our fantastic school, let us know, or just come along.
Have a good week,
Rick

NOTICES ON OUR NOTICEBOARD

**FACEBOOK**
- Kids Fun Run with Thomas.
- Lilydale Mobile Blood Service Visit.
- Healesville Primary School Community Fair.
- Kids of Gold Camp.
- Yarra Hills Secondary College Newsletter.
- Seville Festival.
- Yarra Valley FM celebrates 21 years of Broadcasting.
- Friends of the Animal Aid Open Afternoon.

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

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<td>Scott &amp; Elijah</td>
<td>For working together magnificently in crazy cooking. You should have seen these boys washing up!!!</td>
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HATS, HATS, HATS
As we are in Term 4 ALL children are to wear sunsmart hats – baseball type hats are not acceptable. Children who do not wear hats will have to play in covered play areas. Hats are available for purchase for $10 each. Please see Mrs Lloyd in the office.
Seville Festival
The school will once again be part of the Seville Festival to be held on Sunday 11th November 2012 at Seville Recreation Reserve. We will be there between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Please come and see us and help promote our wonderful school.

Mentoring – We need you!
Youth Services at Yarra Ranges Council is now recruiting mentors, with a particular focus on males, to take part in our youth mentoring programs.
The Jindi Woraback program involves a one to one relationship between a volunteer adult mentor and a young person (12-25 yrs). The program is based on having fun, sharing interests and recreational activities. Mentors are required to commit one hour per week for a 12 month period. We are in need of Learner Driver Mentors who will work one on one with learner drivers aged 16-21 yrs who face significant barriers with obtaining their Probationary drivers licence. The primary function of the role is to supervise learner driving practice sessions and assist the young person to become a safe and lawful driver.
The L2P program includes training, a safe vehicle and ongoing support for the mentor. All volunteers must satisfactorily complete to a minimum of 1 hour a week, for a 12 month period. The homework group will commence in February 2013 and requires a volunteer coordinator and additional volunteers to support the coordinator. The homework group will take place at Lilydale Library for approximately 2 hours per week.
For more information, please contact Mentoring Project Officer, Maria Mc Loughlin on 92946775, m.mcloughlin@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

EMA 2013 Information
Attached to the newsletter this week is an information sheet for parents about changes to the EMA payments for 2013.

Pauls Collect-a-Cap.
The Pauls Collect-a Cap promotion will end on 31/12/12. We will have from now to the end of the school year to collect any Pauls milk bottle caps. Please put them into the collection box in the school foyer.
Thank you.
The Famous Yellingbo Cup

Making, racing & the winners.