



NEWSLETTER

YELLINGBO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

It seems like only yesterday that we were all coming back to school after the Christmas Vacation, but here it is the end of the first week of Term 2. So... welcome back to everyone. We have hit the ground running this week; School Council meeting yesterday, students at Don Valley for the first of our Challenge Based Learning sessions today, a working bee organised for next Wednesday. My eyes are rolling in my head with the level of activity.

School Council

Just so that you are fully aware, our School Councillors this year are as follows:

Fiona Pettigrew – President

Sally Pratt – Treasurer

Dean Woolf – Facilities

Jo Hardy – Fund Raising

Anne Thomas – Publicity

Carolyn Boyd – Secretary

Rick Scott – Executive Officer

Yesterday's meeting was a full house, with Bree Woolf, Crystal Keating, Lavinia Hubbard and Cindy Bale present along with members of the council. Once again, I would like to make it clear that these meetings are open to everyone; it is not a secret society. So please feel free to join us if you feel the urge.

CALENDAR

April 2015

Friday 17 th	Whole school to Don Valley PS
Friday 24 th	Don Valley PS visit to Yellingbo.

May 2015

Friday 1 st	4,5,6 Winter Sports
Friday 8 th	4,5,6 Winter Sports
Friday 22 nd	P-2 Photo Trail
Friday 22 nd	4,5,6 Winter Sports
Friday 29 th	5&6 Aussie Sports Day

NOTICES SENT HOME

Notice	Due Back
Bunnings BBQ	ASAP
Partylite Fundraiser	27 th April - order form & money

Strategic Plan

Our new Strategic Plan was tabled at yesterday's meeting and I spent several minutes explaining it to those in attendance. This plan sets out the direction of the school over the next four years (including 2015). All of our activities will be framed by the goals and targets set out in the plan. In this way we can ensure that all of our efforts are –going in the same direction.

Essentially, the plan is focused on improving student performance across the curriculum as measured by NAPLAN and teacher judgements as reported in student June and December reports. The plan also looks at ways to improve the level of student engagement in school and learning, while paying particular attention to student wellbeing levels as gauged by various indicators that we have at our disposal. The plan also looks to improve the

levels and quality of communication with and between parents and the school management. You can look at the strategic plan on our website under the Policies tab.

Website Upgrade

Speaking of the website, we have begun the process of upgrading and renewing the functionality and content that this important tool contains. Crystal Keating has taken on the task and has enlisted the assistance of a friend who is a professional photographer. Cara was here this week taking shots all around the school. I will be interested to see the outcome. Huge thanks to Crystal and Cara.

ANZAC

Our Year 6 students will again participate in the Upper Yarra Schools ANZAC Ceremony at Upper Yarra RSL. This is always a very interesting event, with students participating in the ceremony and then having a chance to speak to service personnel – active and retired. Yellingbo students will be responsible for reciting The Ode as they were last year.

Working Bee

Families will have received a notice about the working bee we have planned for next Wednesday after school. Please come along and lend a hand if you can – even for a short time. Our school grounds are looking really beautiful at the moment, but it requires constant work to keep them that way and there is always plenty to do.

Cindy is a Winner



Whatever you do, don't play a game of table tennis with Cindy Bale and expect to win! Cindy competed in the Emergency Services Games on Monday at

Dandenong, representing the CFA. As you can see from

the photo, she did pretty well, with two gold and one silver medal. Great stuff Cindy.

Have a good Week - Rick

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

	No Stars of the Week
	Due to the holidays.

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

We raised \$79-90 for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who brought tickets in our Easter Raffle we raised \$159 for our school.

Well done everyone!

Winners of the Easter Hat parade.....

Sustainability – Tyler

Floral- Ryan

Unusual – Bethany

Moving Parts – Justin

Australiana – Joel P

and Raffle

1st – Spinks Family

2nd – Trevor Rattray

3rd – Hubbard Family

4th - Peggie Family

5th – Julie Plose

6th – Spinks Family

Notices on our Noticeboard Outside the Office

-Opening ANZAC Avenue of Honour in Yarra Junction.

-Walking in Warby.

Uniform Orders

Hi everyone, attached to the newsletter is an order form for new uniforms. Please check to see if you need anything as this will be the only order being done until the end of the year.

You don't have to pay for your uniforms until you pick them up.

As we are coming into the cooler weather you might want to think about ordering a raincoat, they are half lined with fleecy, very generous in size and priced at \$33.50. I have put a sample of one at the office for anyone to have a look at.


Thanks,
Ruth Landells

Trivia Donations.

We still need help gathering donations for our Trivia night to be held next term. If you are able to donate your time please see Rick, he has a list of businesses you could approach and he can also supply you with an official school letter to give them.

Bunnings BBQ.

Saturday 13th June we have the sausage sizzle for our school at Bayswater Bunnings. We need help to man the BBQ stall. It's from 9am till 4pm allowing extra time for set up and pack up. A roster sheet is placed in the school foyer for you to write the times you are able to help.



INFORMATION NIGHTS 2015

Mount Evelyn Campus
Wednesday 22 April, 6:30pm

Mooroolbark Campus
Thursday 23 April, 6:30pm

Tours are available from 6:30pm and the formal part of the night, at each campus, will begin at 7:15pm.

School Tours by appointment are also available so please contact the relevant campus to make a booking.


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Open Night activities include:

- Science Experiments
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Fitness Testing
- Music Performance
- Sausage Sizzle

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Partylite Fundraiser.

Packs were handed out at the start of the week about our Partylite fundraiser. Have a look pass it around to family and friends and please return it back to school with payment on Monday 27th April. If anyone wants the Forbidden Fruits Massage Candle it is currently unavailable.

Thank you

Jo Hardy

Fundraising.

Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater.

We are building an outdoor classroom space at Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve. If you would like to learn some earth building techniques using avoided landfill rendered with ferro-cement or if you have any building or renovation waste you would like to donate as fill for the outside classroom, then I'd love you to attend our first

Earth Building Workshop

on **Saturday 2nd May 10am -2:30pm at Depot Shed
end of Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve**

(gate off Macclesfield Rd, look for yellow A frame sign on the day.)

If you would like to drop off some domestic waste prior to 2nd May please email me to make arrangements.

RSVP by 24th April essential.

Please note that I work Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Hope you can make it!

Cheers

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