

AROUND *the* TRAPS

Newsletter of Yellingbo Primary School

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Principal's Message

A Slightly New Look

So...what do you think of the new masthead on the newsletter? I think Around the Traps reflects the rural nature of our school very well. We might not spend our time going around checking on the rabbit traps, as the name suggests, but the more colloquial meaning of the term works; the newsletter is a place where news and information from a number of sources is gathered together for dissemination.

Anyway, let me know what you think.

ANZAC

We have spent quite a bit of time this week discussing the ANZAC spirit with students; it would be hard to ignore the fact that it is ANZAC Day tomorrow, given the amount of publicity it has gained in all of our media.

*I was reflecting on how much we, as a nation, have changed in our attitude towards the commemoration of that event 100 years ago. When I was a young student, there was a great deal of argument about just this topic. There were many people who thought that ANZAC Day was a glorification of war and an opportunity for a lot of old men to drink a lot of beer. There was even a play written about it called *The One Day in The Year*.*

I believe that we have collectively found some middle ground on this issue, moving to a position of seeing ANZAC Day as a time to give thanks and to reflect on our good fortune in being born or living in Australia.

The story of ANZAC is quite compelling; sad in many ways, but also full of heroism and gallantry. It seems that this was not just the case for Australia and New Zealand, but for modern-day Turkey as well. The Turkish military leader whose leadership on the

CALENDAR

April 2015

Friday 24 th	Don Valley PS visit to Yellingbo.
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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	3,4,5,6 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
Uniform orders	Friday 8 th May
Book Club	Monday 11 th May

Gallipoli Peninsular turned the tide against the Allies went on to become the first president of modern-day Turkey. Ataturk (Father of the Turks) changed the face of that country immensely, just as the diggers who returned from The Great War changed the way Australians regarded Britain and Australia's place in the world.

This all seems like a long way around telling you that our Year 6 students will participate in an ANZAC ceremony for school students at Upper Yarra RSL on May 6th, but I wanted you all to know that our students will not go there without some understanding of the issues surrounding the event.

Working Bee

The system we have developed, of holding monthly working bees after school seems to be working really well. It allows us to keep the grounds in excellent order without having to spend hours dragging the place out of an overgrown and sorry state. A little work on a regular basis seems to be the way to go.

At this week's working bee we were able to weed the vegie garden, remove some old tomato plants, pick up several million (it seemed) leaves, remove heaps of cobwebs, attempt to clean some old graffiti from the playground equipment and finally move the last of the pile of mulch from in front of the gate to the basketball court; all I about 90 minutes!

Thanks to the following people for their assistance:

Cindy, Dean, Bree, Fiona, Stephen, Greg, Tyler, Ryan, Luke Pet, Carolyn.

Tyler was really hard at it pushing fully loaded barrows of mulch around, while Luke and Ryan did a great job cleaning the playground equipment. Have a good Week - Rick



Uniform Orders

Hi everyone,

Please check to see if you need anything as this will be the only order being done until the end of the year. I will need all orders to be back at school by Friday 8th May 2015.

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

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Tray	For doing a great job looking after our resident skinks!
Keeley	For being so happy to come to school!



Notices on our Noticeboard Outside the Office

- Gladysdale Apple & Wine Festival – Sunday 3rd May 2015 (children can enter the colouring competition – entry forms are available from the school office)

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.

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.

Gladysdale Apple & Wine Festival

Gladysdale Primary School will be holding their annual Apple and Wine Festival on Sunday 3rd May 2015. They will also have a colouring competition for the children to enter. If you would like to enter the competition there will be copies of the colouring competition entry form at the school office. The age groups are 0-5years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years. Mrs Boyd has kindly offered to drop the entries off at Gladysdale PS but we need them to be completed by Tuesday 28th April and handed into the school office. Name and Phone number need to be on the back of the entry.

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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