

# AROUND the TRAPS

The Newsletter of Yellingbo Primary School

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## Principal's Message

### *Video Conferencing Session*

On Tuesday evening this week I was pleased to be able to welcome a group of local principals to our school for a professional learning session with a difference. The presenters of the session were at the Bastow Institute in North Melbourne, while we were able to participate via our Polycom Videoconferencing system.

The session was about health and wellbeing, handling stress and generally looking after ourselves. The material presented was timely and provided the basis for some spirited discussion.

What was really beneficial for us, though, was not having to get to North Melbourne to attend the session. That in itself would have added untold levels of stress to our day.

### *Blogging*

Carolyn and I have been investigating the use of blogs to encourage our students to write and to learn more about the writing process.

Blogs, if you don't know, are like a digital journal. Many people use them to reflect on different hobbies, interests or activities, and some have thousands of followers around the world. What we are planning is to have our students develop their own blog using the DET site: <http://global2.vic.edu.au/>. This is a safe, managed site that students will be able to log into when they want to make a post. Obviously, Carolyn and I will

## CALENDAR

### September 2015

|                         |                                |
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| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Upper Yarra SC visit           |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> | End of term 3 – 2.30 dismissal |

## NOTICES SENT HOME

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be closely monitoring these blogs to ensure that they are not misused as well.

The blogs will be used to write about the activities that students are doing at school, their interests and hobbies, and to showcase some of their favourite work. Because this is a form of publishing, the process will involve revision, editing and quality control. Just like any other writing that is 'published' at school.

Parents will be able to read these blogs and leave comments as well.

### *Book Week Characters*

Yesterday Miss J., our MARC Van teacher appeared at school wearing a cat mask and a black top with two white stripes around the waist. No, she wasn't channelling Cat Woman; she was dressed as Mog. Can you remember the children's books about Meg and Mog? Meg was the witch and Mog was her cat.

Miss J wasn't the only one who was disguised; we had Legolas the elf, Harry Potter, Steve from MineCraft and a character named Ron from another book, but we aren't sure of the title of that book.

A great way to celebrate Book Week!

Have a good week,

*Rick*



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ☆

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| Luke | For his thoughtful preparation during technology activities |
| Aden | For some great work during reading sessions                 |

