



# NEWSLETTER

## YELLINGBO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

#### Publicity Meeting a Success

On Wednesday after school the first publicity committee meeting for the year was held, and it seems to have been a wonderful success. There were several people in attendance – all intent on sharing ideas and tasks associated with broadening the profile of our school in the surrounding areas to entice more people to come to our school. Anne and Carolyn were notionally in ‘control’ of the meeting, but there was certainly a great deal of activity and noise associated with the going-on.

I had the task of ‘minding’ the children whose parents were at the meeting, so I was in earshot of the whole thing. I can tell you that the noises were all very positive sounding, so stay tuned to see plenty of activity coming from that quarter in the near future.

#### Challenge Based Learning at Don Valley (and Closer to Home)

Last Friday all of our students spent the day at Don Valley PS working on challenges associated with POWER (the first of our ‘Big Ideas’. Today we were working here at Yellingbo.

I am pleased to report that the partnership is working very well at this stage; everyone made at least one new friend, and there was a great deal of discussion among our students about what they did and how it happened on Friday. There are some very impressive looking mind maps showing the students’ wonderings and current understandings of the concept of Power.

Today the junior class worked on investigations of different sorts of physical power: electricity, magnetism, air and water. The senior group worked on a challenge

### CALENDAR

#### March 2015

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Somers Camp
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Life Ed Visit.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	WHYLD mini Market.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1
<b>April 2015</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 2

### NOTICES SENT HOME

Notice	Due Back
Local Excursions	ASAP
Carline Pick up	ASAP

based around making a vehicle move assisted only by wind power – all with limitations on the sorts and quantity of materials available.

As we had planned, the students from each school were able to share their ideas via Skype. Of course there were the usual technical glitches associated with ICT – and the mad rush before school to ensure that the apps worked effectively, but that’s what teachers deal with every day. We plan, check and then cross our fingers – always having another idea in reserve.

I think anyone who ventured into our school today would have been ‘blow away’ by the level of thought and co-operation that was on display.

#### School Council Election

Please keep in mind that nominations for the parent category vacancy on school council close on Monday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 4:00 PM. If needed, we will organise for a ballot to take place in the two weeks after the close of nominations. Stay tuned – and consider the good you

may be able to do by joining the council, or coming along to meetings as a non-voting observer.

Have a good week,

Rick.



## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



Scott	For a great effort working on his times tables.
Madison	For responsibly looking after the pencils for Grade prep, one, two at Don Valley. No reminders needed.

### *Notices on our Noticeboard Outside the Office.*

- Infant & child CPR course at Woori Community House.
- Simple and calm marketing skills.
- Yarra Ranges Athletics Family Fun Night Fundraiser.
- Feng Shui information morning.
- Living with Diabetes information afternoon.
- Celebrate Cultural Diversity week.
- Cat Protection Society adopt a cat or kitten.
- Stars and Symbols Astronomy display.