



NEWSLETTER

YELLINGBO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

School Organisation for 2015

Linda Lloyd will be working only two days this year, due to our reduced numbers and budget. Linda will be at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On other days you will need to deal with me for financial or other admin issues – and that is not as efficient as it is when Linda is about (as many of you will already know). At least there will be someone in the main building every day this year; I am teaching in Room 1, which was the computer lab until last week.

Carolyn Boyd will be working on 4 days a week at this stage: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. On Thursdays I will be taking the whole school. We will run a program that is more flexible on those days, mixing it up between literacy and numeracy, but also engaging in other activities such as gardening, music and Phys Ed.

Sandy Walter will be at school on Wednesday mornings, from 9:00 to 12:30. She will run the same sort of Asia-focused program that she has in the last couple of years.

Karen Johnston will be here on Thursday afternoons with the MARC Van. Karen will not do music this year, instead going back to a literature based literacy program.

Challenge-Based Learning

We are combining with Don Valley PS to engage in this program for the year. It will entail children from both schools joining together on one day each

CALENDAR

February 2015

Wednesday 11 th	School council meeting- 3:45pm
Thursday 12 th	WHYLD mini market 3:30 – 5pm
Friday 13 th	Whole school going to Don Valley Primary.

NOTICES SENT HOME

Notice	Due Back

week to work through a series of explicit teaching, individual and group-based activities that we have developed around some 'Big Ideas'. The teaching and learning will allow students to engage in challenges that come from the big ideas. These challenges will be designed to allow students to act within their school communities, but possibly to make a difference outside of the school.

We will be running a three week rotation beginning on Friday week three (13th February). On week one of the cycle, we will go to Don Valley. The second week will involve electronic communication (Skype) between the two schools. The third week will see the Don Valley students and staff come to Yellingbo for the day.

This program will run for the whole year and will, of course, involve transport logistics. At this stage I have plans to either attract funding to hire buses or source a bus from another school or community organisation. However, that will not be in place before the 13/02, so I will need to ask some parents to assist in transport. If you are able to assist on

that day, please let me know ASAP. Please understand that I do not envisage the need for parent transport each time we need to go to Don Valley. In Term I we will only need to transport on one occasion; we have Life Ed. on one Friday and Athletics Sports on another day.

Our first Big Idea is POWER. I am sure that you can think of many ways this idea can be thought about and used as a stimulus for learning; are we talking about electricity, gas, petrol engines? Is this about personal power of individuals? Is it about the power of groups to bring about change? The answer is that it is about all of these things and each student will approach the subject in different ways depending on age, developmental stage or personal interest. Students will be able to explore this notion over a period of weeks as we work through the unit.

Have a great week,

Rick

Emailed Newsletters.

Any parent who would prefer to have the school newsletter emailed to them rather than a printed copy can you please see Linda Lloyd on either a Tuesday or Thursday to arrange this.

Thank you.

2nd Hand Uniform.

Hi everyone as we are at start of the year we have a large amount of 2nd hand uniform, so after assembly on Monday I will put out the tubs of uniforms so that parents can have a look through and grab anything their children might need for the bargain price of \$2 per item.

Welcome back everyone,

Thanks

Ruth Landells.

Notices on our Noticeboard outside the Office.

- Yarra Ranges BIG Junior Footy Clinic and Family Day
- Warburton up and running fun run.
- Junior Theatre Group.
- Infant & child CPR course at Woori Community House.
- Simple and calm marketing skills.

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



Tayah	For a great start to Grade 4.
Tyson	For bravery during the European Wasp attack.
Kale	For being the best new Prep for 2015.

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