

AROUND the TRAPS



The Newsletter of Yellingbo Primary School

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Principal's Message

Changes to the School Structure for Term 3



For those of you who have not been in the school this week, there have been some significant changes to our student numbers since the last day of term 2. We knew that we were losing four students this term; three because they have moved house to a different area and one because our school didn't suit his needs.

During the vacation time, though, four other families decided to move their children from the school because they felt that Yellingbo Primary was getting too small for the social needs of their children. This means that we started the term with only twelve students.

Carolyn Boyd and I have decided that the best way to provide for the children we have left is to work with them as a single group with the two of us teaching together in the same room for much of the time. There will be times when children will be

CALENDAR

July 2015

Friday 31 st	Gr 3-6 Ski Trip.
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August 2015

Monday 3 rd	Chinese Visitors excursion with Don Valley.
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NOTICES SENT HOME

Notice	Due Back
3-6 Ski trip- money and permission form.	Wednesday 22 nd July

separated into their original 'grades', but for the core curriculum areas of Literacy & Numeracy, students will be all together.

This has several advantages for us:

- Two teachers in the room allows for more 'point of need' teaching of individual students during the day
- Younger students can learn from older students
- 12 students together provides more options for class organisation than discrete groups of 5 and 7 respectively
- Teaching students together provides more continuity of program for students; whatever is said by a teacher is heard by all students – whether it is a teaching point or an instruction related to student safety of behaviour
- There are times when I need to be working on administrative business, and this organisation allows for blocks of time when I can do this while Carolyn is with students

There are other real benefits for students in this organisational model:

- Carolyn will teach a weekly drama session to all students
 - This will include a great deal of social competency work that will benefit all students and is part of our new School Strategic Plan
- I will be teaching a weekly music session to all of the students
- Sandy Walter's time here will be freed up to allow her to do more cooking with the students, as well as Art sessions
 - Sandy will continue with her Asian Cultural Studies and Phys Ed sessions

We are aiming to provide the best possible outcomes for students for the remainder of the year, while we have the budget and resources to do so – and I think you can see just how comprehensive that will be.

If you have any concerns or questions about how this situation impacts on your child – now or into the future, please come and see me as soon as possible. I don't want anyone to be holding onto worries because that just makes for unhappy parents and unhappy students.

There is a School Council meeting next Monday after school. At this meeting I will be presenting budget information to enable the council to make a decision about our school's future. All are welcome to attend.

Earn & Learn

I told you so! I told you a few weeks ago that the Earn & Learn program was coming. And I was right; it has begun again. You can collect the stickers from Woolworth's stores each time you shop there, and put them into the box that will be in the school foyer. If you are shopping in the Seville

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store, there is a box with our school name on it already there.

Second Hand Uniform

With a number of students leaving the school, we have a mountain of second hand uniforms that have been returned to us. Ruth Landells will be going through them all to sort the 'chaff from the wheat' before they will be offered to remaining families – CHEAP.

Have a good week,

Rick.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	No students of the week Due to the holidays



Congratulations to our School Captains

