

AROUND *the* TRAPS



The Newsletter of Yellingbo Primary School

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Principal's Message

Aussie Sports Day

Last Friday our Year 5 and 6 students were involved in an Aussie Sports Day at Yarra Junction. There were many possibilities provided for students all over the Upper Yarra Valley, and our children were involved in: Football (AFL), Football (Soccer), Lawn Bowls and Canoeing.

Because the Year 4s were left at school and because Carolyn Boyd would have been left alone in the school with her class plus extras, I was unable to attend. Ruth Landells stepped up and went along with our 6 students and did a great job of looking after them. Thanks, Ruth. Some photos are below.

Disappointing, but Thanks Anyway

Our second Open Night for prospective new students was held on Tuesday evening and, although the response from our target audience was very disappointing, there are some things we learned about the processes and timing of such events for the future.

I was also very heartened by the support from staff and some of the parents who were able to attend on the night. We had plenty of homemade pizzas to warm our cold insides, thanks to Sandy Walter. Sandy had had a busy day elsewhere with a school event, but still arrived in plenty of time to get to work in the kitchen. She also brought cake, which never goes astray. Sally and Crystal were there with new babies and other children in tow. (Sally even brought Greg). Fiona was there with her to boys, and, of course, Carolyn was there too. A big thank you to all of you for your efforts.

CALENDAR

June 2015

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| Friday 5 th | 4,5,6 Winter Sports at Yarra Glen. |
| Friday 5 th | Bookfair 8.30-9.30am & 3-4pm |
| Monday 8 th | Queen's Birthday holiday |
| Tuesday 9 th | Bookfair 8.30-9.30am & 3-4pm |
| Saturday 13th | Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. |
| Friday 19 th | Yellingbo PS Trivia Night 7pm |
| Friday 26 th | Last day of Term – early dismissal 2:30pm. |
| July 2015 | |
| Monday 13 th | First day of Term 3 |

NOTICES SENT HOME

| Notice | Due Back |
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| Bunnings BBQ roster form | ASAP |
| Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund | Friday 26 th June |

New Reporting Program

Although your children's June report may not look different from previous reports, it will have been produced on a vastly superior reporting program that we have purchased.

Carolyn and I spent over 2 hours yesterday evening learning how to build and produce reports on the new system and we are confident that we have it all worked out. The system is web based, and can be accessed anywhere. This gets rid of the need to be

synchronising with a central data base – and possibly losing data, or not being able to connect at critical times during the report writing process.

I am sure we will see fewer technology induced tantrums and a less haggard looking Rick as a result. (The old system used to drive me crazy and cause a great deal of anxiety).

Curriculum Day Activity

Carolyn and I joined teachers from Don Valley PS in a visit to Wonga Park PS on Monday, to see their Challenge Based Learning program in action. We were impressed with what we saw, but also reassured that we have been doing things well so far in our efforts to develop our own program. It seems our expectations may have been a little high in some cases, and it was good to see that others have experienced the same sorts of hurdles as we have.

One of the very strong impressions we gained was the use of technology in the Wonga Park program. They are an iPad school, and a great deal of the work done was produced and presented via this technology. Obviously neither we or Don Valley have a 1:1 iPad program, but we do have a very high computer to student ratio (including netbooks) that we can certainly put to good use in this, or any other program.

In fact, I have already started to use one of the central tech applications used by Wonga Park to the 4 – 6 class. It is called Showbie, and is really a closed & **SECURE** online community organised by the teacher and joined by students. It can be used for communication, assignment of tasks and the uploading of work completed by students. Because it is online, it can be accessed anywhere there is internet access, so homework and research assignments are assisted by this sort of app.

You can expect to hear more about this – and other apps like it in the future.

Footy Holiday Program

AFL Victoria in-conjunction with AFL Yarra Ranges are running an AFL Holiday Program in Mt Evelyn for boys and girls 5 – 12 year olds.

The Day will be packed with AFL games, Jumping Castles, and draft camp testing for the kids. The cost of the day is \$60.

Please see the flier in the Foyer for more details.

Have a good Week,

Rick



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



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| | No Students of the Week |
| | Due to curriculum day. |

Bookfair



The annual Bookfair will be open on Friday 5th June and Tuesday 9th June 2015 between 8.30am and 9.30am and between 3.00pm and 4.00pm. The children will be given a chance to look at the Bookfair on Thursday and be given the opportunity to enter a competition to win a voucher to the value of \$10 to be used at the Bookfair. There will be a prize for each grade level. Payments can be made online, cash or credit card. Pamphlets were sent home on Wednesday.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

Families eligible for the camps, sports and excursion fund must return their application form with a copy of their Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Card (PCC) to the school office by **26th June 2015**. No late applications can be accepted. See Mrs Lloyd if you have any queries.

Notices on our Noticeboard Outside the Office

- Upper Yarra Secondary College Newsletter.
- Yarra Ranges Athletics Cross Country Open Day.
- Cranky Bear theatre production.
- Eastern Ranges Junior Football School Holiday Clinic.

Bunnings Barbecue

Just a reminder that our first Barbecue fundraiser is nearly here, we hope that this will be one of our bigger fundraising events on Saturday 13th of June from 9 am to 4 pm.

A roster form was sent home last week, Please make a time to come and volunteer your time to help our school out on this day. If you can help or not please return your form ASAP, so I can start putting the roster together. Marquee & BBQ are all setup & supplied by Bunnings, so all we have to do is turn up with the food & Drinks to cook & sell.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make some good funds for our school, so we can continue to update, improve & buy new equipment to better our school's needs.

Jo Hardy
Fundraising

Gangster Trivia Night

!!BOOK NOW!!

If you have got your friends & family together for seating at the trivia night please contact Rick or myself to put on a list at the entry on the night. **Pay on the night at the door.**

Tell your friends and family all about our Trivia night and **to book their tables now. \$10 per head.**

Thank you
Jo Hardy
Fundraiser

