



# NEWSLETTER

## YELLINGBO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message

#### Parent Forum

This week's parent forum, which was focused on providing input to the new School Strategic Plan was attended by a representative from almost half of our families, which was good to see.

The forum was about reviewing our school purpose and school values, to bring them into line with how our current school community feels; remember that these documents have not been altered since our last strategic plan was written in 2008.

There was a good deal of lively discussion (and much consulting of thesauruses) before the decision was made to change one word in the old version of the purpose statement. I must add that this was after a technology malfunction which required everyone to try and remember what we were talking about instead of reading it directly from a screen. It appears that iPads do not like falling off tables, but they do recover much faster than Windows machines.

We were then able to move onto the school values, and this is where the different community members currently at the school have a slightly different view of what our school values should be. You may recall that one of our previous values was "Safety & Security". Although these things are still considered important, it was decided that they are a part of the "Respect" value that we already had in place.

The importance of Resilience was highlighted and included in the new version of the document, while the "Tolerance" value was also seen to be implicit in Respect, if inclusiveness was mentioned as well.

### CALENDAR

#### March 2015

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Somers Camp
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day holiday
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Visit
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	WHYLD Mini Market
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 3-6 Athletics Carnival
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
Bunnings BBQ	ASAP
Life Education	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Bookclub	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March

The results of the evening's work will be published in next week's newsletter, giving me an opportunity to have the forum's attendees to review their work.

#### Somers Camp

Well, it has certainly been relatively quiet in the Year 4 – 6 classroom since our intrepid campers headed off on Tuesday morning. I find it interesting, though, that our Year 4 students are not the most passive and quiet students in the school; I could have sworn that there were 35 students in the room on some occasions; they are such a busy and active bunch.

This time with the year 4s alone has given me a great opportunity to work really closely with them on some Maths skills and some intensive writing work.

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



Ryan	For his fantastic letter about the bright lights in room 2.
Joel	For his determination in revising his writing to get it just right.

The news from the campers is pretty non-existent except that Isabel woke up feeling ill after the first night. The Somers staff really ensure that their charges are happy and healthy, so a call was made to Meagan with the intention of finding the best way to keep Isabel at the camp – and it worked. Later that night Isabel was out on a night walk and as fit as a trout.

### Kitchen Garden

Keen observers may note that we have moved one of the garden bed frames. This is so that we can get the mower in and out of the shed more easily. We have also just had a load of soil delivered so that we can top up the beds in readiness for a new planting of vegies. They will go in soon (thanks Fiona), and then the work for our students begins; checking, weeding and keeping the water up to the seedlings will be very important if they are to produce as we want them to.

### Bunnings BBQ

Please try to make yourself available for some of the day on June 17<sup>th</sup> for our fund raising barbeque at Bayswater Bunnings. You should have received a notice about this earlier this week, asking for volunteers to put their names on the sheet on the notice board in the school foyer. I know the date seems a long way off, but we need to dial in some names early to ensure that we have enough people available on the date. Bunnings are very prescriptive about how to run the BBQ, but the financial rewards for the school are potentially huge.

### Trivia Night

We will be running the Trivia Night again this year, in term 2. As was the case in 2014, we will be auctioning donated goods, and this is where we need some assistance. We need some people to approach local businesses to ask for goods that we can auction.

I have a list of businesses in my office – or I will soon have – as well as some official letters that you can present to business proprietors so that they will know you are a bona fide representative of the school. If you are able to help us in this way, please come and see me.

Have a good week – and enjoy the long weekend. Rick

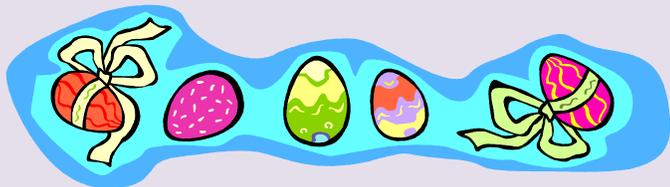
## Hay for Sale

15 bales of December cut meadow hay for sale. Excess to requirements. Can deliver locally. \$8 per bale.

Linda Lloyd – 59 647 900

## Notices on our Noticeboard Outside the Office

- Celebrate Cultural Diversity week
- Stars and Symbols Astronomy display
- Upper Yarra Secondary College Newsletter
- Launching Place Netball Club – registration day
- Wandin North Primary School – Harvest Market
- MS Inspire newsletter
- Upper Yarra Netball Assoc – registration day
- Yarra Ranges Council School holiday programs



## *Easter Raffle*

Not that any of us want to admit it but there are only 4 more weeks of Term 1 and because Easter falls in the school holidays we need to start thinking about our Easter Raffle.

There is a box in the school foyer for donations to go in. Tickets will be sent home soon.

Remember as always the more items we get donated the more (or maybe bigger!!) prizes we can make up.

Thank you for your support,

Crystal Keating

Fundraising.

