

# AROUND the TRAPS

The Newsletter of Yellingbo Primary School

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Principal: Rick Scott



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## Principal's Message

### Publicity Meeting

There was a Publicity Committee meeting yesterday afternoon. As usual, there was a great deal of discussion about the best way to publicise our school and what we do here. There were, however, two important tasks that needed to be done at this meeting.

The first was to set a date for our next Open Evening/Event and to organise printing and distribution of publicity materials for this event. The Open Night will be held on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The second task was to set a date for the 2015 iteration of Kids in The Kitchen. This year this event will be held early in term 3 – on 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> July, depending on the availability of the advertising banner poles in Woori Yallock.

### Schools' ANZAC Ceremony

Yesterday I accompanied our three year 6 students to the Upper Yarra RSL for the annual Schools' ANZAC ceremony. This is always a very moving, but interesting occasion, when students from all of the Upper Yarra schools combine to present information about ANZAC, the local area's connection to the Great War and other conflicts since, and participate in ceremonies that we all know to commemorate the people who have fallen in wars.

Each school is responsible for presenting a part of the ceremony, and Yellingbo's part was to recite The Ode. Of course, they did a wonderful job! The

## CALENDAR

### May 2015

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	4,5,6 Winter Sports Mother's day Stall
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	P-2 Photo Trail
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3,4,5,6 Winter Sports
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	5&6 Aussie Sports Day

## NOTICES SENT HOME

Notice	Due Back
Bunnings BBQ	ASAP
Uniform orders	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Book Club	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May

ceremony is all about the students, who are even responsible for being MCs each year.

After the ceremony there are opportunities to talk to returned service men and women, and to the serving soldiers who formed the catafalque party. There are also plenty of barbequed sausages and drinks for the students and their teachers – a very popular idea.

This is a good time for me to mention just how proud our Yellingbo students make me feel whenever I take them to such an event as today's. I don't know what it is, but our students always seem so calm and collected. They don't seem to need to run around getting all excited and silly as some students always seem to do. I don't ever have to tell them to "do this" or "don't do that" or "behave yourself". It seems we are all doing something right.

There are some bits of writing from our year 6s about the event, along with a photo below.

## ***NAPLAN***

Yes, it's that time of the year again! NAPLAN testing begins next Tuesday for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. The tests cover Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy.

This testing is mandated for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. Individual students' results are compared to other students in Victoria and nationally and are reported in our Annual Report to the School Community document. They are also used to rank schools on websites such as MySchool.

Whilst the information gained from this testing is useful to us in schools, it must be used in conjunction with all of the other types of assessment that we do in schools each day/week/month. NAPLAN is not the only form of assessment that we do.

For Year 3 students, NAPLAN can be especially confronting; it is the first time they will experience an external test – one which was not prepared by the teacher. In fact, there is little or no assistance allowed to be given to students during the tests. This is not the way we do things on a day to day basis in schools.

Each test is graduated to provide a range of difficulty from below or at the student's expected level, to well above the student's expected level of attainment. This makes the assessment less accurate and specific by its very nature. So when you receive your child's NAPLAN results, talk to your child's teacher about what they really mean.

Have a good week,

Rick.

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

- Upper Yarra Secondary College Newsletter.
- Yarra Ranges Athletics Cross Country Open Day.

## **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**



Isabel	For always being happy and cheerful at school.
Kale	For his amazing effort at writing a sentence which even had a full stop at the end!

### **Hillcrest CFA Trivia Night**

*Anyone wishing to join a Yellingbo Primary table for the Hillcrest CFA's Trivia Night on May 23<sup>rd</sup> please contact Bree Woolf. We have a few already 'signed up' but we can always make a second table if need be.*

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## *Schools' ANZAC Ceremony*



Once we got there we saw how different it was to what we thought. We thought it would be at Yarra Junction at the statue but it was at the RSL. It didn't take long till we had to say the Ode. It was over pretty fast, then we had free time. I found one of the kids was my cousin and I saw Blake and Tommy from Somers Camp. I played on the playground till it was time to go. Tray.

We went to the Upper Yarra RSL and talked to veterans that fought in the Vietnam War. One of them, his name was Bob, showed me a photo book that had all different kinds of people and their life style. There was two other people there who said that they had gone to Somers School Camp as well and said how much fun it was for them.

The RSL was really fun because I got to talk to Army veterans from the Vietnam War and learn more about the war and what actually happened. Isabel.

We went on the bus to the RSL service. The bus trip was long and noisy even though Tray, Isabel and I were quiet the other kids were loud but we survived.

Everyone at the ceremony participated and played their part. Over all it was fun. I had some Lemonade and then went inside and looked at models of tanks from the 1<sup>st</sup> world war. Although I was very interested in the chocolate vending machine!

After that we got back on the bus, I wanted to sit in the back but Mr Scott said no. Eventually we got back to school, I had a very big head ache from the other kids talking about their new found knowledge that were going to take back to their schools. Erin.