Yanco Public School Newsletter

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Yanco Public School ........ Towards a better world
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Calendar

Term 2, Week 2 (5th – 9th May)

Wednesday, 7th May
Yr 6 Middle School Transition

Thursday, 8th May
Canteen Meal Deal

Friday, 9th May
Touch Gala Day Yrs 5/6

Term 2, Week 3 (12th - 16th May)

Tuesday 13th May till
Thursday, 15th May
NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5

Wednesday, 14th May
Yr 6 Middle School Transition

Thursday, 15th May
Canteen Meal Deal
Welcome back to the first week of Term 2! I hope that everyone enjoyed a happy and safe Easter holiday and have returned to school refreshed and prepared for a very busy term. This term will see a number of major events taking place, including NAPLAN assessments, the Leeton Small School’s Athletics Carnival and the LNPSSA Cross Country, being hosted by Murrami Public School.

School Organisation
As many of you would be aware, I will be taking two weeks leave this term to travel to Western Australia to attend my stepdaughter’s wedding. I will be absent from school from tomorrow, Friday 2 May until my return on Monday, 19 May 2014. There should be minimal disruption to student classes, with Mrs Binns and Mrs McClymont remaining at the school in my absence. While I am absent Mrs Emma Heins will be my replacement. Mrs Heins will continue with Learning Support during the first session, assist with NAPLAN preparation tasks with Year 3 and Year 5 students, continue my class library and PDHPE programs, while also providing additional release for staff. Mrs Heins will also relieve Mrs McClymont from the K/1/2/ class to complete NAPLAN assessments. If you have any concerns during my absence, please contact Mrs McClymont, who will be Relieving Principal while I am away.

School Staff
This term we will welcome a number of new staff to Yanco Public School. Mrs Erin Varndell, Miss Gemma Hehir, and Ms Kellyanne Edis will join Miss Morgan Holmes as School Learning Support Officers (SLSO). Miss Holmes and Ms Edis will work Monday to Wednesday from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm, while Mrs Varndell will work Thursday and Friday from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Miss Hehir will work Monday to Thursday from 9.15 am to 11.15 am, working with targeted students on individual programs.

School Mobile Phone
The school now has a mobile phone, which can be used for a number of purposes. All parents will receive a text from the school mobile phone this week. Please save this number in your contacts list. You may contact the school on this number by text to inform the school of a student absence. The phone will also be the primary contact number when students are on excursion with a member of staff. The school’s mobile phone number is 0488 607 752.

Term 2 Calendar and Photos
On the last page of this week’s newsletter parents will find published a Term 2 calendar. School photos will be taken this term. Please save the date, Thursday, 5 June 2014 in your calendar as school photographs will be taken on this day.

Fundamental Movement Skills Program
As part of the Live Life Well @ School Program, this term Mrs McClymont and Mrs Binns will be implementing a while school Fundamental Movement Skills Program. Students need to master certain fundamental movement skills if they are to enjoy the wide range of physical activities, sports and recreational pursuits offered in our communities.

The program commenced on Tuesday and will take place after recess, for 15 minutes, from Monday to Thursday each week. More information on fundamental movement skills can be found in the Sports Report.

ANZAC Day
Thank you to those students who represented the school by marching at last Friday’s ANZAC Day march in Leeton. It is always difficult to arrange these events when held during school holidays, but I would like to thank, in particular, those parents who supported their children marching on the day. School Captains Kyle Zylstra and Talee Warren did a marvellous job laying wreaths at both the Leeton and Yanco ANZAC Day ceremonies and also had the opportunity to meet World War II veteran Mr Bill Parow, who is 93 years young, at the Yanco ceremony. You all represented your school with pride. Well done!

Athletics Carnival News
As you will be aware, two attempts at completing our YPS Athletics Carnival last term were cancelled due to the wet weather. Proposed organisation for athletics events will be found in the sports news section in this newsletter.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN assessments for students in Year 3 and 5 will take place during Week 3 of Term 2. Parents of these students were provided with information on the assessments and the assessment timetable in the last newsletter of Term 1. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school. Students in Years 3 and 5 will be provided with specific NAPLAN preparation tasks, commencing this week.

Middle School Transition Initiative
Next week sees the beginning of the Leeton Community of Public Schools Middle School Transition Initiative, with students from Year 6 attending activities at Leeton High School each Wednesday afternoon. This will continue through both Term 2 and Term 3. This is a great opportunity for Year 6 students to experience a secondary school setting and become familiar with Year 7 expectations next year. I am sure all Year 6 students will enjoy their experience. Permission notes for Year 6 students are attached to this newsletter.
Bike Day
Because of the wet weather, the Bike Day planned for the last week of Term 2 will now be held later in the year. Details will be provided in later editions of the school newsletter.

Stewart House
Each year 1,800 public school children in need attend Stewart House from many parts of NSW. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school during their stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens’ stay are met from charitable donations. Stewart House needs your support to ensure we can continue to provide important services to children. Please find attached an envelope as part of this year’s Stewart House Fundraising Drive. If you could please place a donation, no matter how small, into the envelope and return it to the school it would be greatly appreciated.

Term 2 Events
Term 2 will commence with a very busy few weeks. On Wednesday, 30 April 2014 we will hold the School Cross Country at McCaughey Park. Students will have an early lunch before walking to the park around 12.30 pm to participate in their cross country age events. Presentations will be included at the Primary Assembly in Week 4 of Term 2. Other events early in Term 2 include:
- Friday, 9 May 2014 – LNPSSA Touch Football Gala Day for students in Years 5 and 6
- Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May 2014 – NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5
- Tuesday, 20 May 2014 – Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- Friday, 23 May 2014 – LNPSSA Cross Country for all students aged 8 years and above

Everyone stay safe and happy. I will see you when I return to school on Monday, 19 May 2014.
Tim Allen

Sports Report

Yanco PS Cross Country
The Yanco PS Cross Country was held at McCaughey Park yesterday. Students completed long distance running events around the lake at the park, with full results to be published in next week’s school newsletter. Students will receive their awards at Primary Assembly on Thursday, 22 May 2014.

Yanco PS Athletics
Because of the cancellation of the Athletics Carnival twice last term, it has been decided to alter how our athletics events will run during Term 2. As all field events need to be completed before the Small Schools Athletics Carnival, these will be completed in an afternoon session at school, commencing at 2.00 pm. It is then planned for all students to participate in a K-6 Running Carnival, which will be held during a middle session, followed by a school community lunch and presentations. The proposed timetable of events is as follows:
- Long Jump – Thursday, 8 May 2014
- Discus – Monday, 12 May 2014
- High Jump – Thursday, 15 May 2014
- Shotput – was completed in Term 1
- Running Carnival – Thursday 22 May

LNPSSA Touch Knockout and Gala Day
The LNPSSA Touch Knockout and Trials and Gala Day for all Year 5 and 6 students will be held at the Leeton High School Ovals next Friday, 9 May 2014. All students are eligible to represent Small Schools on the day. All students in Years 5 and 6 will have their permission notes attached to this week’s newsletter. Yanco Public School is convening the boy’s events, so Mrs Binns will be busy on the day running the program and coordinating the events with girl’s coordinator Ms Melanie Williams from Leeton PS. Students will be supervised by staff from Whitton PS on the day. Please assist with organisation by returning completed permission notes to the front office as soon as possible.

ANZAC Day

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an Achievement Award for representing the school at this year’s ANZAC Day ceremonies.

TERM 1 & 2 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS are now due.
$10 per term per child
or
$40 for the full year.

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Fundamental Movement Skills

Students need to master certain fundamental movement skills if they are to enjoy the wide range of physical activities, sports and recreational pursuits offered in our communities. It is important to remember that students do not pick up fundamental movement skills naturally as part of their normal growth and development and that it takes between 240 and 600 minutes of instruction time to become proficient in one fundamental movement skill. The best time for developing fundamental movement skills is the early years of schooling and children who achieve competence in the fundamental movement skills perceive themselves as more capable, socially accepted and have a positive attitude to physical activity.

The Fundamental Movement Skills program will focus on, but not limited to, fundamental skills such as static balance; sprint run; vertical jump; side gallop; catch; kick; hop; skip; leap; overarm throw; two-hand strike and dodge.

Canteen News

The Canteen will be closed today, 1 May 2014. Arrangements are being made for the students to have access to the canteen and meals during Mrs Kim Evans absence. At the moment plans are in place for the canteen to provide one lunch a week, with the Year 6 Leadership Team to take over providing the students with a set lunch menu each Thursday, with funds raised going towards their goals for the year. At this stage the following set menu will be provided to students each Thursday for the cost of $5.00:

- Thursday, 8 May
  Hard or soft Taco and fruit juice
- Thursday, 15 May
  Fried Rice and fruit juice
- Thursday, 22 May
  Sausage Sizzle (Running Carnival)
- Thursday, 29 May
  Pumpkin or Chicken Soup, bread roll and fruit juice.

P. and C. News

PARENT HELPERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

This year Yanco P & C will be running the canteen at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Tuesday, 20 May 2014. Parent helpers will be needed. Please consider helping out, as ‘many hands make light work’.

We will not be assisting with the running of the canteen at the LNPSSA Touch Knockout and Gala Day.

School Uniform

The wearing of school uniform builds school pride and a sense of belonging in students. All items of clothing in the school uniform are available from the school office, which is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. If any parents or carers are having difficulty purchasing items of school clothing, please contact us.

Primary Assembly Schedule

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Parents, carers and community members are invited and encouraged to attend. The assembly will commence at 10.30 am and will be followed by a community morning tea during recess.

Cool Kids Crunch&Sip®!

Don’t forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch&Sip® everyday!
**Easy ways to add physical activity to your day:**
- walk to the store, the school or the playground instead of using the car
- allow time for children to play outdoors
- park the car away from the shops
- get off the bus one stop earlier
- don’t use the remote control
- plant a veggie garden
- take the stairs instead of escalators or lifts
- schedule regular time each week for your family to be physically active together
- limit television time to no more than two hours per

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- $20 per hour

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**BOB’S RE-USE CENTRE**

Leeton Landfill & Recycling Centre
Thursday to Sunday
9am to 5pm

Enquiries: 0416 109 676

**IANCO ALL-SERVICEMEN’S CLUB**

P.O. BOX 23, YANCO
Ph: 02 6955 7106
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**YANCO LIONS CLUB**

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