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Students were very excited to receive a visit from Mrs McClymont’s poddy lambs. Thanks Mrs McClymont!

**Calendar**

**Term 2, Week 2** (5th – 9th May)
- 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

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**Principal’s News**

Welcome to Week Two. Although last week was only a four day week for the students, it was a very busy week and by looking at the terms calendar it is the start of a busy term. On behalf of all the staff, I wish each and every mother, grandmother and aunties a very happy and much earned Mother’s Day. I hope all are spoilt rotten with lots of love and relaxation.

**NAPLAN**

Years Three and Five have been working hard with Mrs Heins practising and preparing for the NAPLAN assessments that will be taking place next week. These assessments will be taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is imperative that all students have a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast on these mornings to ensure they can maintain maximum concentration.

**Middle School Transition Program**

Yesterday saw the first day of year 6 travelling to Leeton High School for the Leeton Community of Public Schools Middle School Transition Initiative. 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 after all the nerves settled; they all had a fantastic time and already developing some excellent experiences of high school.

**School Mobile Phone**

There has already been a great reception to the school mobile. The mobile can be used for a number of purposes including information about student absences. 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, please save it to your contact list.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

A huge thank you to the Amanda, Jodie, Karen & Kirsten who volunteered their time to operate the Mother’s Day stall today. All children who brought in money had a wonderful time ‘shopping’ for a present for their mums.

**Staff Professional Learning**

Last Monday, Mrs Binns attend her first of 15 video conferences in the computer lab to be trained in Phase 1-Focus on Reading. This professional development will be taking place each fortnight. Focus on Reading is a 3-6 initiative that examines the critical aspects of literacy and applying this to reading. It allows the students to be aware of the key strategies that students need to understand when comprehending texts.

**Shine**

Once again, Yanco Public School will be participating in Shine. Shine is a production that is put together by the LCOPS (Leeton Community of Public Schools). Attached to this week’s newsletter is some information and a permission note regarding a media release form and a disciplinary code. It is asked that you carefully read this information and return the form as soon as possible. If this form is not returned to the school your child will not be able to participate in Shine.

**News from the Office**

**Permission Notes & items to be returned**

- Stewart House envelopes

**Permission Notes & items attached to this newsletter**

- Small School Athletics Carnival Permission and lunch orders
- Scholastic Book Club forms

**TERMS 1 & 2 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS are now due.**

$10 per term per child or $40 for the full year.

**Sports Report**

**School Athletics Carnival**

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, due to unfortunate weather 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 2014

**Small School Athletics Carnival**

The Small School Athletics Carnival is taking place on the Tuesday 20 June at the Leeton High School ovals. All students will be attending this day with K- 2 participating in games during the field events. This year, Yanco Public is hosting the carnival. In order for the day to run smoothly and be a success, we would appreciate as much help as possible, whether it is in the canteen, helping with field
events, helping time the track events or helping with games at the infant’s carnival. Notes will be going attached to this newsletter. Could you please indicate if you are able to help in any way.

**LNPSSA Touch 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 tomorrow, Friday, 9 May 2014. All students are eligible to represent Small Schools on the day. All students in Years 5 and 6 had permission and information notes attached to last 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.

**News from the Classrooms**

**Years 3/4/5/6**

**Oral Presentations**
This term students in 3-6 will present a persuasive text to the class as an oral presentation. Students have all chosen a topic and the table is attached. Students will need to use facts they have found about their chosen topic and persuade the audience why it is the best! For example, if your child has chosen an animal they will need to research that animal and find out some interesting information they can use to persuade the audience why that animal is better than any other animal. Eg. Cheetahs are the best animal because they can run so fast, in fact did you know that they can run up to 97km/hr……

Students in years 3 and 4 are expected to talk for 1-2 minutes and students in years 5 & 6, 2-3 minutes. Students will need to write their speech onto palm cards for the presentation. If anyone has any questions please give Mrs Binns a call.

**Canteen News**

**Canteen**
Well done to the year 6 students who cooked a delicious lunch of Hard and Soft Taco’s today. You did a fantastic job in ensuring all students received a healthy lunch. During Mrs Kim Evans absence the canteen will continue to provide one lunch a week, with the Year 6 Leadership Team providing the students with a set lunch menu each Thursday. Funds raised from these lunches will be 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, 15 May – Fried Rice and fruit juice
- Thursday, 22 May – Sausage Sizzle
- Thursday, 29 May – Pumpkin or Chicken Soup, bread roll and fruit juice.

In order for staff to purchase enough ingredients, please ensure orders are returned by the due date.

**Fundamental Movement Skills**

Every week, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we do the Fundamental Movement program after recess.

We get in to our groups and go to our activities.

When we get to our activities we have some warm up games.

When we have finished our warm up we play our activities.

These activities teach us the basic skills of sport.

By Jobi and Brittany

**K/1/2**
Happy Mother’s Day from everyone in the K/1/2 room! We are in the process of setting up a “thumbs up” wall where students can pick any work that deserves two thumbs up. This will then be displayed for all to see and praise! Please feel free to drop in and have a look and remember if you have any spare time, we are always in need of parent helpers in the classroom.

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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’.

Bulb Orders
The bulbs have arrived and may be picked up from the school office.

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.

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**Primary Assembly Schedule**

Term 2
Thursday, 22 May, Thursday, 19 June

Term 3
Thursday, 31 July, Thursday, 4 September

Term 4
Thursday, 30 October, Thursday, 27 November

*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.*

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10 WAYS PARENTS CAN WORK WITH TEACHERS

TO SUPPORT CHILDREN’S LEARNING

Michael Grose

1. KNOW WHAT YOUR TEACHER IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE
2. KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS REASONABLE AND POSITIVE
3. SUPPORT YOUR TEACHER’S EXPECTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES AT HOME
4. SEND KIDS TO SCHOOL READY TO LEARN AND ON TIME EACH DAY
5. INFORM US EARLY OF YOUR CHILD’S CHALLENGES AND CHANGES
6. SKILL CHILDREN TO WORK WITH OTHERS
7. RESPECTFULLY SEEK JOINT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES
8. PARTICIPATE FULLY IN CLASS AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
9. TRUST YOUR TEACHER’S KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSIONALISM AND EXPERIENCE
10. TALK UP WHAT HAPPENS AT SCHOOL

For information from Michael Grose about raising exceptional kids...

2. Visit parentingideas.com.au to find ready to go resources and books.
3. For the best parenting ideas and great advice join the Michael Grose Parenting community on Facebook.com/michaelgroseparenting.

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**Do an hour of physical activity everyday**
Children need at least 60 minutes of activity each day. Children are not going to have enough physical activity while at school. Families can plan extra activity into their lives to make up the difference.

**Keep active in the colder months**
Don’t be a winter wannabe and let you and your children be sedentary this winter. Encourage children to engage in active play such as bush walking, bike riding, kicking the footy, or playing a game of tag all year round.

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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**BOB’S RE-USE CENTRE**
Leeton Landfill & Recycling Centre
Thursday to Sunday 9am to 5pm
Enquiries: 0416 109 676

**IAN’S LAWN SERVICE**
The best in the business! Perfect job every time!
- Edge and Hedge trimming
- Rubbish removal
- Tree Trimming
- Gardening
Extra charges will apply for removal depending on how many trailer loads.
Rates: $20 per hour
Pensioners: $13 per hour
Contact Ian - 0411 846 649

**YANCO ALL-SERVICEMEN’S CLUB**
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Phone: 6953 2000
Fax: 6953 2772

**YANCO LIONS CLUB**
“WE SERVE”

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**LEETON OUT OF SCHOOL CARE**
Afterschool and Holiday Care for children K - 6
Ring Alison Wallace,