YANCO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Yanco Public School ............Towards a better world
A big welcome to our new Kindies!

Calendar

Term 1, Week 2
Thursday, 5\textsuperscript{th} February
- School Banking
- AFL Road Show

Term 1, Week 3
Wednesday, 11\textsuperscript{th} February
- Canteen

Thursday, 12\textsuperscript{th} February
- School Banking

Friday, 13\textsuperscript{th} February
- Small Schools Swimming Carnival @ Whitton

Feature Photo

A big welcome also to Alex, who joins our Year 6 class

The AFL Roadshow visited today, perhaps some possible future stars in our midst?
**Principal’s News**

Welcome back to Week 2 of Term 1. The school year has commenced very smoothly and staff are very impressed at how students are settling into their new school routines. Kindergarten students are clearly benefiting from last year’s Transition Program and should be congratulated on the way they are working each day in the classroom. You look wonderful on the cover of this week’s newsletter!

**School Structure**

Yanco Public School will have two classes this year. Mrs McClymont will teach K/1/2 Monday to Thursday, with Ms Tarnya Grigg teaching K/1/2 on Friday. Mrs Binns will teach Year 3-6. Mr Allen will teach Year 3-6 on Wednesday mornings and Year 3-6 on Wednesday afternoon, which will include Library and PDHPE lessons. Mr Allen will be teaching literacy and numeracy each morning, except for Wednesday.

**School Routines and Procedures**

As you would understand there are many school procedures and routines in place to enable a school to operate smoothly and Yanco Public School is no exception. There also include procedures that must be complied with by the school and staff as part of following the Department of Education and Communities policies. Please find on Page 5 of this newsletter a fact sheet containing information on many of the routines and procedures that take place at the school.

**School Office**

Parents, students and community members are reminded that the school office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 am to 4 pm. The office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

**Skoolbag**

Yanco Public School now has its own ‘App’, with a subscription to Skoolbag! The App provides the school with an easy way to tell parents and community members everything they need to know and a convenient way for parents to receive school notifications. As the school develops the App, school newsletters, permission notes, notices and alerts and the school calendar can be communicated directly to a parent’s smartphone through the App, which works with both iPhone, and Android devices. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter on how to install the App and wait for content to be loaded!

**Meet and Greet**

Yesterday evening the school hosted a ‘Meet and Greet’ barbeque to provide an opportunity for parents and community members to socialise and meet staff. Thank you to all parents who attended and used the opportunity to attend the information sessions provide by classroom teachers. As a staff we were very encouraged by the enthusiasm and numbers attending. We encourage open communication between staff and parents and I would encourage all parents to actively engage with teachers about what their child is doing at school.

**Hats and Water Bottles**

As school returns in summer conditions, I would like to remind all students and parents of the importance of wearing a hat and bringing a water bottle to school. Yanco Public School is a member of the NSW Cancer Council’s SunSmart school program. As part of this program a strict No Hat No Play policy will be enforced. Students not wearing a school hat will remain under the covered area during recess and lunch. Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle to school and are allowed to bring their water bottles into their classroom, but they must contain water only, no cordial or juice.

**Centenary of ANZAC**

Parents and community members would be aware that this year marks the 100th Anniversary of Australian and New Zealand forces landing at Gallipoli, in what we now know as ANZAC Day. As part of remembrance celebrations students are participating in a unit on the Centenary of ANZAC and participating in a number of programs promoted by the Australian and New South Wales Governments as part of the anniversary. One of these programs is ‘Adopt an ANZAC’, where students research a local ANZAC if possible. If any parents know of any members of their family with links to an original ANZAC and could assist Mrs McClymont and Mrs Binns could you please contact them, as we would love to celebrate the life of a local ANZAC if possible.

**Air League Visit**

Students in Year 3-6 were visited by a representative from the Australian Air League yesterday afternoon, with Mr Bob Manning talking to students promoting the Australian Air League Leeton/Narrandera Boy’s Cadet Squadron. Information on the Australian Air League was provided to students on the day.

**Library**

The library is currently closed while an annual stocktake of books and resources takes place. Once this has been completed the library will re-open for student borrowing, which will take place with Mr Allen on Wednesday of each week. Parents will be advised when the library re-opens.

Until next week

Tim Allen

**News from the Office**

- **Items/Notes attached to this newsletter:**
  - Absence notes booklets
  - Swimming Carnival (Years 3 to 6)

- **Items/Notes Overdue to be returned:**
  - Contact Information Update (if attached)
  - Ongoing Permission Note (if highlighted)

Sometimes the school requires parent’s assistance in transporting children, other than their own, to and from sporting events or small excursions in their private vehicles. It is a DEC mandatory policy that driver’s transporting children other than their own supply the school with a copy of their driver’s licence, car registration and complete a Working with Children Check – Declaration for Volunteers (available from the office). If you plan on assisting the school with transporting students, can you please bring these documents to the office.

A number of parents are also yet to complete and return the ongoing General Permission Note, Media Permission Note etc. Copies of these permission notes will be sent home to these parents with students this week. Could you please assist the office by returning these notes as soon as possible.
If any of your children have a medical condition, for example asthma, we are required by the Department to have an action plan from their doctor. Please provide this information to the school office as soon as possible to enable us to update our records and treat your child accordingly.

We thank you for your assistance in these matters

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 Thursday. If any parents or carers are having difficulty purchasing items of school clothing, please contact the office.

Sports Report

Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival
The Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival will be held in Whitton next Friday, February 13 2015. All students in Years 3-6 will attend the carnival at Whitton Pool, which will commence at 10.00 am sharp and all parents are invited to travel to Whitton to enjoy the day’s activities. Details and permission notes are attached to this week’s newsletter and are required to be returned by next Wednesday, 11 February 2014. Students will depart the school at 9.15 am and travel to Whitton by bus, returning to school at 3.10 pm. The LNPSSA Swimming Carnival (for students who qualify for the Small Schools Swimming Team) will be held on Friday, 20 February at the Lake Talbot Pool, Narrandera.

T20 Cricket
On Monday the boys in Year 3-6 travelled to Narrandera to participate in the LNPSSA T20 Cricket Knockout as members of the Small Schools’ Cricket Team. It was a fantastic day of cricket, with the team losing its first match against Parkview PS. However, in a brilliant exhibition of batting and bowling, Small Schools defeated Narrandera PS in a gripping second match. The team bowled Narrandera PS out for 53 in the 19th over, with Sonny Ekin taking 5 wickets in an outstanding display of bowling, ably supported by Jaite Eyles. Callum Dunn opened the batting for Small Schools and batted through the entire innings, but when Small Schools lost five wickets in 3 overs the outcome looked grim. However, determined batting by Barry Spicer and Johnathon Davidson, who both ‘held up an end’ while Callum kept scoring runs saw the team with victory in its sights. Small Schools lost its second last wicket needing 11 runs off 3 overs, with Trevor Dolan coming out to join Callum in the ‘middle’. They slowly acquired the runs needed and with four runs required, Callum smashed a boundary for victory. Congratulations to the boys for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship on the day and to parent Todd Ekin for assisting with travel and getting the team to the games.

Leeton/Narrandera PSSA Calendar
After the swimming carnivals have been completed, attention will turn to the remaining LNPSSA sporting events to be held during the year and there will be frequent events during Term 1. Please be aware that some of these events are Gala Days, where all Year 5/6 students attend and are eligible for selection to represent LNPSSA. Other events are trials only, where individual students nominate to attend and parents are responsible for organising attendance. The details of Term 1 events are:

- LNPSSA Basketball Knockout and Trials – Narrandera Stadium, Friday 27 February (Year 5/6 students represent Small Schools)
- LNPSSA Soccer Knockout and Trials – Parkview PS (Girls), Leeton Town Ovals (Boys), Friday, 13 March (Gala Day, all Year 5/6 students)
- LNPSSA AFL Trials – Leeton Showground, Friday 5 March (Individual nominations)
- LNPSSA/Griffith Rugby League Trials – Parkview PS, Friday 27 March (Individual nominations)
- LNPSSA Netball Knockout and Trials – Leeton Stadium, Monday 30 April (Gala Day, all Year 5/6 girls)
- LNPSSA Rugby League Knockout – Leeton Town Ovals, Monday 30 April (Gala Day, all Year 5/6 boys)

In addition to these events, Year 5/6 students with a particular sporting expertise are also invited to nominate for the following sports by the due date:
- Tennis Selection Trials – Griffith - Individual nominations by 13 February 2015 (please note: must be able to serve)
- Rugby Union – Wagga Wagga - Individual nominations by 8 May 2015
- Hockey – Albury - Individual nominations by 16 March 2015

All permission notes and organisation for each sport/event will be sent home when planning is received.

AFL Roadshow
This morning students were visited by AFL Development Officers as part of this year’s AFL Roadshow. Both the K/1/2 class and Year 3-6 participated in skills workshops with an AFL Development Officer from the Great Western Sydney (GWS) Giants and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. Participating in team sports is a great way to improve health and social outcomes for children of all ages and I would encourage all parents to consider enabling their child to become involved in Auskick, which is a fantastic program for children.
Canteen
The canteen will re-open for trading next week. However, this year the canteen will only open one day per week, which will be Wednesday. The canteen will re-open on Wednesday, 11 February 2015. A copy of this term’s menu appears below.

P & C Meeting
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the P & C will take place on Thursday, 12 February 2015, commencing at 3.30 pm in the school library. All parents and community members are invited to attend and join the P & C, which serves an important function within the school. A copy of a flyer handed out at yesterday’s barbeque is attached to the newsletter.

YANCO PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN SUMMER MENU
OPEN WEDNESDAY

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<td>Pies</td>
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<td>Vegetable or Peanut Butter Sandwich - $1.00</td>
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Do you know what these symbols mean?
Go to the Cancer Council website to find out more:

PLEASE NOTE; CANTEEN IN NOW ONLY OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS
Leeton Volleyball

Registration Night/Skills Night
7pm Wednesday
11th February 2015
Leeton Indoor Stadium

Individual or Team Nominations
Women’s & Mixed Competitions

Competition Runs
Wednesday 18th February for 10 weeks
(Excluding school holidays 8/4/15 & 15/4/15)
Then 3 weeks of finals

Game Times
7.00pm and 8.00pm

Costs (Includes insurance):
Adults $100, under 19’s $80
For further information contact Lorraine on 69552604 AH or 0428731875 or lorraine.kefford@bigpond.com

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Leeton library facilities
Leeton library can offer assistance and resources - in person, on-line and in print.
Some of the resources we can offer include;

YourTutor
Free on-line tutoring service.
Available Mon-Fri 3-8pm. Year 3-12.

Computer School
On-line tutorials on technology including computer basics, on-line safety, social media, androids, apple, google and Microsoft.

e-Resources
Including HSC online, Board of Studies, Encyclopaedias

Specialised collections
Find Legal Answers collection. Excellent for Year 11 & 12 legal studies students

Druginfo@your library collection.
Useful to PDHPE students and subjects.

Should you be interested in any of these and would like further information please contact Leeton Library staff and we will endeavor to help
School Procedures and Routines

School Office
Parents, students and community members are reminded that the school office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 am to 4 pm. The office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

School Assemblies
There are two formal school assemblies held each term, in Week 4 and Week 8 of each term. They take place on Thursday, commencing at 10.30 am. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend the school assembly and a community morning tea is held during recess following the assembly.

Ambulance Cover
The school has full ambulance insurance cover for all students when at school or any school supervised activity, for example excursions and sporting activities. This means that in the event of an ambulance being called there will be no charge to the school or parents.

Student Banking
Student banking is held each Thursday. Please send bank books to the front office first thing Thursday morning. Any parent who would like to enrol their child in the school banking program can do so by contacting Mrs Walsh in the front office and asking for an application form.

Scripture
Scripture lessons for 2015 will commence on Tuesday, 10 February, being held from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm and following the usual format. All students will be expected to attend scripture lessons unless a written note, signed by a parent or caregiver, is provided to the school withdrawing the student from scripture. All students are expected to display the appropriate behaviour and manners whilst participating in scripture lessons with the volunteer teachers.

Signing In and Out
A reminder to all parents, carers and friends, it is a department requirement that anyone entering our school grounds during school time MUST sign in and out at the front office. This is also a WHS issue in case of emergency; the school must know who is on the premises at any given time. Parents are also reminded that if a child is late to school they must also be signed in.

Child Protection Education
As part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum (PDHPE) students participate in Child Protection lessons through the year. Some of these lessons are designed to assist children to identify dangerous or uncomfortable situations and seek advice from trustworthy adults and to also inform them on how their body changes as they grow older. Some lessons involve the naming of reproductive organs in a mature manner, with correct terminology. The Child Protection lessons have been developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities and they are an important priority for schools. Please feel free to contact either the Principal or your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding the implementation of these programs.

Explaining Absences
Yanco PS uses an electronic roll marking system. Parents are required to explain the absence of their children from school promptly, and within seven school days, to the school. These explanations can be:
- Verbal – including a phone call or a conversation with a member of school staff.
- Written – a note /letter from a parent or a doctor explaining the absence.
- Electronic – an email explaining an absence. Emails can be sent to yanco-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a small pad of pre-prepared absence notes which can be easily completed and returned to school to explain an absence.

Peer Reading / Home Reading Programs
A Peer Reading Program runs alongside the Home Reading Program. Students in Years 3-6 are matched with a ‘reading buddy’ from the K/1/2 class. Every Monday afternoon, for 10 minutes after lunch, Year 3-6 students will meet with their ‘reading buddy’ from K/1/2 and help them select a new home reader for the week. They will then read the book with the K/1/2 student, before the student takes the book home in their Home Reading folder for the week. Whilst working with their ‘reading buddy’, students in Year 3-6 will also select their home reader for the week. It is most important that all students remember to bring their Home Reading folder to school each Monday for this program to succeed.

School Contributions
Each year the school asks for a small contribution towards the resourcing of the school. The contribution is $40 per child per year, and goes towards stationary items for classrooms and other resources needed for subjects such as visual arts, The contribution works out at less than $1 per week and significantly assists the school. It may be paid in instalments of $10 per term.

Golden Apple IGA Shopping Rewards
Thank you to the Golden Apple IGA, which is continuing its support of Yanco Public School this year with the shopping docket reward system. Please retain and send in all shopping docket from the Golden Apple to the school, as Yanco PS receives a small percentage of the money spent at the store.

School Newsletter
The weekly newsletter is sent home every Thursday. Please ask your child to check their bags each week and take the time to read these newsletters so you will be aware of what is happening at our school and in your child’s classroom throughout the year. All school newsletters are individually named using a school database and all permission notes and correspondence are attached to the newsletter. In addition an edition of ‘Late News’ may be sent home with students on Monday reminding parents of upcoming events that week and outstanding permission notes. Community members are reminded that the Community News page is there for your use and if you have any upcoming events you would like published, please contact the school office and provide the details to Mrs Walsh so that they can be published in the newsletter.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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LEETON JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION AUTUMN COMPETITION NOMINATION DAYS

THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY (LEETON INDOOR STADIUM 5:00-7:00PM)
SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY (JARRAH MALL 10:00-12:00 NOON)
THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY (LEETON INDOOR STADIUM 5:00-7:00PM)

PROPOSED GRADES & TIME SLOTS:
Aussie Hoops 5:15-6:00pm (Kindergarten – Year 3): $70
C-Grade 6:00-6:45pm (Years 4-6): $80
B-Grade 6:45-7:30pm (Years 7-8): $90
A-Grade 7:30-8:15pm (Years 9-12): $90

(Payment MUST accompany nomination and includes all game and registration fees)

Girls play Monday nights commencing 2nd March - Boys play Tuesday nights commencing 3rd March

Competition finishes MONDAY 1st June

(Parents are required to be in attendance when children are playing)

NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NOMINATION VENUE - (LEETON INDOOR STADIUM & JARRAH MALL)

For further information, please contact The President, Tracy Fletcher

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

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Phone: 6953 2000

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