YANCO PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Calendar

Term 1, Week 6
Friday, 6th March  Little Learners – 9.30 till noon

Term 1, Week 7
Monday, 9th March  Riverina Swimming
Wednesday, 11th March  Canteen open
Thursday, 12th March  School Banking
Friday, 13th March  LNPSSA Soccer Gala Day
Crazy Hair Day
Little Learners – 9.30 till noon

Yanco Public School
Little Learners
Belonging, Being, Becoming

Yanco Public School Little Learners commences Friday, 27 February 2015 and will continue every Friday from 9.30 am — 12.00 pm

A year long transition to school program that ensures children will start school ready to learn. Children will participate in activities based on the Early Years Learning Framework.

A free service, Little Learners is staffed by an experienced Kindergarten teacher and is available for children 3-5 years of age who do not yet attend school.

Contact the school for further information on (02) 6955 7162

P & C ask that each student please bring in an Easter egg for the Easter Raffle.

Thank you
Principal’s News

Welcome back to Week 6 of Term 1. We had some fantastic news after the Leeton Narrandera PSSA Basketball Championships last Friday, with Brittany Dolan being selected for the Leeton Narrandera PSSA Girls Basketball team. This makes two sports that Brittany has qualified in so far this year and she hasn’t even competed in athletics, cross country or Touch Football yet, her favoured sports! Today and tomorrow I will be attending a principal’s meeting in Griffith. If you have any enquiries please contact staff at the school in my absence.

Early Action for Success
Next Thursday and Friday, 12 and 13 March 2015, I will be attending a conference in Sydney for Principal’s and Instructional Leaders of schools who are commencing Early Action for Success as part of the state Literacy and Numeracy Plan. The school has an Instructional Leader, Mrs Karen Date, who is visiting the school on a weekly basis working with staff to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes for students in Kindergarten to Year 2. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and more information can be found on the department’s website at: http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/early-action-for-success

Yanco Public Little Learners
Little Learners started last week, with a fantastic attendance of children for the first session. A great article and a photo of Nicole and Stephanie modelling the Little Learners t-shirts was in yesterday’s edition of The Irrigator, very cute girls! A reminder that Little Learners is a year-long transition program and will take place every Friday morning in the old Morundah School building from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm. It will be staffed by Mrs McClymont with support from Mrs Edis and all children 3-5 years of age are welcome to attend. Please contact the school for an information pack.

ICAS Competitions
This week’s newsletter includes an item on student involvement in ICAS Competitions for 2015. The school is planning for a number of students to participate in a competition exam, depending on ability and level of interest in the chosen subject, with the school subsidising the cost to encourage student participation. Please consider allowing your child to participate and please be aware of the deadlines for entry into each competition. If you would like to nominate your child to participate in the program please complete the nomination form published in this week’s newsletter. The first competition takes place on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 and is the Digital Technologies Competition, which was formerly known as the Computer Skills Competition. Nominations for the Digital Technologies Competition must be received by the last day of Term 1.

Skoolbag
On Tuesday afternoon staff participated in a training session in uploading content into our new school ‘app’. If you have a smartphone, search for Yanco Public School and load the app into your phone. It is suitable for both iPhones and Android devices. More content will be coming shortly, including school newsletters, a ‘live’ school calendar and the ability to complete an absence form and return it to the school within the app.

Crazy Hair Day
Next Friday, 13 March 2015 the school will be holding a Crazy Hair Day to raise funds to support the Leukaemia Foundation. On this day, students are encouraged to wear their hair ‘crazy’ and to bring a gold coin to donate to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Schools Clean Up Day
Last Friday students participated in Schools Clean Up Day as part of Clean Up Australia events. In a great show of community spirit, the students cleaned up both the school grounds and around the vicinity of the school in adjacent streets. Well done everyone!

Until next week
Tim Allen

News from the Office

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.

Yanco Public School……Towards a better world
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.

P. and C. News

P & C Meeting
The next monthly meeting of the P & C will be held this coming Tuesday, 10 March 2015, commencing at 3:30 pm in the school library. Please come along and enjoy the company, as we have some new parents on the P & C this year who are keen and ready to have a go!

Sports Report

LNPSA Basketball
Thank you to all students who travelled to the LNPSSA Basketball at Narrandera last Friday and to those parents who assisted with travel. It was another very successful LNPSSA Basketball Championship at Narrandera on Friday, with reports that students from all schools were fantastic on the day. Congratulations to Brittany Dolan who has been selected to represent Small Schools in the Leeton Narrandera PSSA Girls Basketball team that will compete at the Riverina trials at Albury on Monday, 16 March 2015.

LNPSA AFL Trials
Good luck to Jobi Annetts, who is participating in the Leeton Narrandera PSSA AFL Trials at the Leeton Showground today. Over 60 students from the Leeton, Griffith and Narrandera areas will be competing for positions in the squad of 22 players, so it should be a hard fought day with some great football skills on display. Go hard Jobi!

LNPSA Soccer Gala Day
The next major event on the Leeton Narrandera PSSA calendar is the Soccer Gala Day next Friday, 13 March 2015. This event is for all students in Year 5 and Year 6 and all are expected to participate on the day. The boy’s day will be held at the Leeton Town Ovals, while the girl’s will take place at Parkview Public School. Students not competing as part of the Small Schools teams will participate in gala day activities. A permission note for this activity is attached to this week’s newsletter, with all details included. Please note; parents will be required to assist with transport for students to make their way to both venues and return.

LNPSA/Griffith Rugby League Trials – Parkview PS, Friday 27 March (Individual nominations)

LNPSA Netball Knockout and Trials – Leeton Stadium, Monday 30 March (Gala Day, all Year 5/6 girls)

LNPSA Rugby League Knockout – Leeton Town Ovals, Monday 30 March (Gala Day, all Year 5/6 boys)

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

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to make a healthy breakfast.

We recommend eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day.

Why? Because fruit and veg are packed full of nutrients and vitamins that give you energy, keep you healthy and help prevent diseases like cancer.

Try to get your family eating fruit and veg with breakfast – it will help all of you have more energy throughout the day.

You might like:
- wholegrain toast with avocado and tomato
- sliced banana on Weetbix
- frozen berries blended with reduced-fat milk and yoghurt for a smoothie
- eggs served with cooked vegies – tomato, mushrooms and spinach.

Remember: try to eat fruit + veg at every meal!

For more information visit
www.eatitto.beatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatitto.beatit

A Quick Bite ...

How do you choose what’s healthy from the canteen?

Select GREEN menu items that include foods like
- Fruit, legumes and vegetables
- Lean meat, fish and lean poultry
- Breads and wholegrain cereals
- Low fat milks, yoghurts and cheeses
- Water

AMBER items like savoury pastry foods, cakes, muffins should be limited and RED items such as high fat and salt pastry foods or high fat and sugar cakes, muffins or lollies should not be sold at the canteen regularly and should be limited to twice per term throughout the school.

For more information visit
mild.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

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PLEASE NOTE: CANTEEN IN NOW ONLY OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS

YANCO PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN SUMMER MENU
OPEN WEDNESDAY

Something hot.............
Wedges-
Small $2.50 Large $3.00
Nuggets
40c each or 6 for $2.00
Pies
Small $1.50 Large $3.00
Sausage Roll
Small 50c Large $2.00
Mini Pizza - $2.00
Lasagne - $3.00
Tomato or Sweet & Sour
Sauce – 20c
Lunch Bag – 5c

Something cold.............
Salad Sandwich- $2.50
Salad Roll - $3.00
Chicken or ham with lettuce, cheese, carrot, tomato & mayonnaise
Salad Tub - $3.50
Chicken or ham with lettuce, cheese, carrot, tomato, beetroot, pineapple, cucumber & dinner roll.
Vegemite or Peanut Butter Sandwich- $1.00

Snacks, Drinks and Iceblocks.....
JJ’s or Chips – 80c
Yoghurt Sticks – 10c
Shapes or Tiny Teddies – 20c a bag
Fruit Slabs – 15c
Fruit Faces – 10c

Cold Drinks
Fruit Box - $1.00
Chocolate or Strawberry Milk - $1.50

Iceblocks
Fandangles - $1.50
Milo Cups - $2.00
Water Icy Poles - $- 50c

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Yanco Public School…….Towards a better world
Come & Try Hockey

Saturday 14th March
Leeton Town Ovals #3 from 9am – 1pm

Junior skills based program for children between the ages of 5 & 10 years.

Registration is $50 per child which includes all the equipment they will need to play.

Online registration will be available for those families who would like to register their children on the day.

Check us out on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/leetonhookinto hockey
Contact Julie Axtill 0422432504 for more details

LEETON SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC
FREE service for all children aged 0-18 yrs
For an appointment call
1800 450 046

Auskick Registration
Rookies are those turning 5, 6 and 7; Auskick will be on Friday nights 5pm till 6pm.
Pros are those turning 8 and 9; Auskick will be on Thursday’s 5pm till 6pm.

All Registration need to be completed online at the following address
http://www.aflauskick.com.au/ At the conclusion of your registration the following will be shown
This Auskick Centre offers online payment. If you wish to pay for this invoice now, please click the button below.

Invoice Number: 157973012
Click the link and make your online payment of $70
Bag collection will be on April 24 at the Leeton showgrounds. 
(In the upstairs room) Please bring receipt of payment.

Rookies will kick off on Friday April 24 from 5pm till 6pm.
Pros will kick off on THURSDAY April 9 5pm till 6pm
Further information auskickleeton@gmail.com or 0418684236
Registrations close Friday April 3
2015 ICAS COMPETITIONS

Yanco Public School students are invited to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for schools (ICAS) for 2015. Years 3-6 are able to enter the Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics Competitions. The sitting dates are marked on the calendar in the newsletter.

ICAS Competitions are a way that you can compete with other students across Australia, and in other countries as well. If you would like to nominate for your child to participate could you please complete the note indicating which subject you would like your child to participate in. All nominations will be considered by staff.

Closing Dates

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Please tick choices to be entered:

- Computer Skills 19 May 2015
- Science 3 June 2015
- Spelling 16 June 2015
- Writing 15-19 June 2015
- English 28 July 2015
- Mathematics 11 August 2015

Student’s Name: ________________________ Year: ____

Parent Signature: _________________________________ Date: / /
Please support the businesses that support us!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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YANCO LIONS CLUB

“WE SERVE”

Golden Apple Super Store

P.O. Box 750, Leeton
Yanco Road, Leeton
Phone: 6953 2000

COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY

All minor complaints and disputes should be resolved promptly and without using formal procedures. Whenever possible, informal resolution should be attempted first in all matters assessed as less serious. Schools – a guide for parents and carers It is best to discuss your concerns with your child’s teacher first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or phone the school and ask for an appointment with the teacher.

If you are not happy with the result, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to them, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the principal. You may bring a friend or relative to be your support. If you need an interpreter, we can arrange that - just ask beforehand.

If your complaint is about the principal you will need to contact the Director of Public Schools in your area. Ask the school office staff at your school for their name and number.

If your complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, we may ask you to put it in writing. It is important that you include specific details of the situation and tell us what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint. We can help you to put your complaint in writing, if you require it.

Alternatively a complaint form may also be used. Complete the form and send it to the principal, or the Director of Public Schools in the Griffith office.