

YINNAR

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CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

Friday 17th May

Monday 27th May

Wednesday 22nd May

Thursday 23rd May

Monday 10th June

Winter Sports at Yinnar Rec. Reserve

Look @ Our Learning

Division Cross Country

School Council at 6pm

Queen's Birthday (public holiday)

Dear Parents,

Camp: Congratulations to our grade 5 and 6 students who had an enjoyable week at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat last week!! We trust that this has been a memorable and unique experience for you all...no doubt something you will treasure forever! A BIG thank you needs to go out to the Yinnar South students who joined us and the staff members that volunteered to support these 55 students throughout the week. It is a big responsibility and time away for their own families to take a group of students away for just under a week, so thank you to Sam McGown, Shane Clark, Sheena Peters, Mark Di Corleto and Kaitlyn McDonald.

NAPLAN: I was very proud of our year 3 and 5 children during the NAPLAN testing this week, they were all giving it their best go with a positive mindset. They celebrated the end NAPLAN testing today with cupcakes made by Mrs Hall!

Revving up the Reading: I would like to highlight the difference you can make to your child/ren's learning journey by engaging with their reading each and every night. Your role as an advocate for your children's reading success cannot be overestimated and has a direct impact on the ease and confidence with which they pursue their reading and writing. Can I please ask that you take the time to share the joy and love of sharing a good book on a nightly basis, helping to ensure that reading is given the priority it deserves! Reading regularly with someone who cares is the inspiration that all readers deserve!

The following link will take you to so great tips for home reading:

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/sites/default/files/Parents%20Guide%20to%20Helping%20Children%20with%20Reading%20and%20Writing%20at%20Home.pdf>

School Review update: Our school review panel began on Wednesday this week, meeting with students, staff and parents. They held initial discussions with students, staff and school councillors. Our next review day is Thursday 23rd May. On this day, at 8:45 there is an opportunity for parents to participate in focus groups to provide feedback and have a voice in the process. We welcome all ideas and suggestions. If you're unable to make the scheduled time and are interested, we can arrange to send home the questions the review panel ask. You can fill them in and return them to the office. I hope that many of you can make this time to help us continue to improve our fabulous school.

Staffing: We are delighted to announce that Mrs Katie Linton and her husband Tom, are expecting their second child later this year. Mrs Linton will take parental leave from 5 August 2019. We have advertised her position this week to enable us to secure and appoint another teacher for the 1 / 2 L class well in advance of her leave.

Have a great week,

Tamina

IMPORTANT PARKING!

When parking please ensure that you are parking in designated car parks. Parking in front of the water point at the bowling club is illegal as this is also a CFA hydrant which may need to be accessed in emergencies and parking here at any time can cause a fine to be issued. Please also be aware that when the school crossing flags are displayed that car parks adjacent to the flags cannot be used during this time and are marked with no parking signs indicating this. Parking in front of the school gates and in front of Smees garage is also illegal and can also result in fines being issued from police and/or local laws. There is parking further up the street towards the shops on both sides of the road, down towards the kinder, in front of the scout hall and fire station. Please be mindful that you do not park in people's driveways as our relationship with our neighbours is important to us. If you need to cross the road to come into or leave the school you need to use the school crossing as this is the designated crossing point from 8.00am until 9.30am and between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. More than anything we want our children to be safe when they come to school and encourage parents to be mindful when dropping off and picking up their children from school of the extra activity around the school at this time.

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

Prep/1H- Jude, Prep/1N – Elijah, 1/2B - Lily, 1/2L- Eleanor, 3/4G – Paddy & 3/4V- Kiana.

Well done and keep up the great work.

ALPS TESTING at KURNAI COLLEGE

There will be a second (and final) round of testing for Kurnai Colleges' ALPS program on **Friday 24th May** at 8.30am. The testing will be for literacy and numeracy and usually runs for 40 – 80 minutes. Parents are not required to stay for this time but can if they wish. If your child is interested in testing please call the Churchill Campus office on 51323 700 to register. For any further information please contact David Shields on 51323 700 or via email on shields.david.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

BOOK COVERING - URGENT

We have new books that need covering with contact, if there's any available parents, we would be gratefully appreciative.

HELP WANTED

Do you have some artistic or construction skills? Could you spare some time to work on a creative outdoor project? If this is you, please contact Mr Twomey at the school.

ST. MATT'S

St. Matt's Opportunity shop, 26 Main street Yinnar are having a ***MIGHTY MAY SALE***. All clothing and shoes are \$5 for a bag!! There are still books, DVD's and toys available at bargain prices!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We currently have second hand uniforms for sale in the open area of the main building. Items are priced at \$1ea. If you have any school clothing at home you're willing to donate, we would be extremely appreciative.



Early Literacy Information Afternoon

All families in the Churchill Community are invited to come along and hear about the best practices in teaching Early Literacy and how you can help your child at home.

**Thursday 23rd
May, 2019**

4:30pm-5:30pm

**Churchill
Primary School**

We will explain the 5 key components of reading and evidence-based practices for teaching reading and supporting oral language development.

Presented by our Special Education teacher and Early Years Team Leader.



Chinese Exchange Program

Are you interested in participating in the exchange program?

We are seeking an expression of interest for current year 6 & 7 students and their families who are interested in hosting an Exchange Student from Jiyun Experimental School for a week, during Term 3 Week 2, 22-29 July 2019.

This would be a great opportunity for students wanting to take part in the proposed Year 7-8 Study Tour in March-April 2020, which will be visiting Jiyun Experimental School.

INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 29th May, 6:00pm
Language Centre, Churchill Campus
Northways Road & McDonald Way Rd, Churchill

For further information contact Geoff Block
or Corine Noblet at (03) 5132 3800





EVERY DAY COUNTS

SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS/CARERS

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible on the day of absence using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using the skoolbag app.
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app, SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.