

# INNAR

YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tues-Fri 23rd-26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Grade 5/6 Kurnai 'Awareness Day' (10am-2.45pm)**

**Visiting Show 'Get to Know Asia'**

**Winter Sports (Football/Netball) Yinnar Recreation Reserve**

**Grade 5/6 Camp (Sovereign Hill Ballarat)**

**Latrobe Valley Division Cross Country**

**Finance Meeting 6:45pm**

**School Council Meeting 7:30pm**

Dear Parents,

I trust that all of our mothers, grandmothers, carers and step mums had a very special Mother's Day on Sunday. Did you receive your thoughtful and well-chosen gift from your special little person from our stall? The deliberation and time spent choosing your gift at the stall is very special and I thank all of our parent helpers who make this stall possible.

Have you noticed our new mural near the oval? This was an initiative of Mr Twomey and some of our students, Byron, Shanique and Ruby. They have brightened our dull rebound wall and it looks fantastic. I love how they have used their handprints to make it unique and very personal. If you get a chance, wander over to that area of the school and have a look.

The busyness of NAPLAN testing, for our year 3 and 5 students, has been and gone and I am pleased to say that it appears that the NAPLAN testing went very smoothly last week. I wish to congratulate all of our Year 3 and 5 students on their efforts in completing the NAPLAN tests. I felt that the majority of students certainly approached these tests with a growth mindset, aimed high and tried

to muster as much enthusiasm as they could for a written test. Our Year 3-6 teachers did a great job of preparing our students for the types of questions they might find, as well as building stamina to write and read for such a sustained period of time! This was certainly a challenge for many of our young learners and it is not the most engaging learning situation. Mrs Hall and Miss Hoskin had a very special treat for the students on the last day of testing- they had a bright banner decorating the open area and made individual colourful cupcakes with lolly teeth on top to put a smile on the student's faces to celebrate the end of the testing. It was a great idea – it certainly put smiles back on their faces!

I also wanted to let you all know that I have decided to advertise, on the Department of Education "Recruitment online" (linked to SEEK.com) and in the local paper for a grounds and maintenance person. They will be employed as a staff member for one day a week. This should help us get the yard and school looking great and get the jobs we need done completed in a timely manner. If you know anyone suitable, please encourage them to keep an eye out in the next week or so for the advertisement. I am hoping we can have the

recruitment process and interviews completed so they can start after the Queen's Birthday holiday. Our School Council Buildings and Grounds sub-committee will continue their vital role in identifying, planning and implementing improvements in our school buildings and grounds. We need more committee members so, if you are available we would welcome you to join our team. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Have a great week,

**Tamina**

**Junior School Council**

*This term and last term the J.S.C have been organising activities for the school.*

*The J.S.C have completed an Easter Fair and a Poppy fundraiser for the Good Friday Appeal.*

*We are also planning a P.J Day and an end of semester Disco!*

*Thankyou from the J.S.C*

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 4**

Orders and money are due back by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Alternatively order on LOOP (details in the catalogue).

**OVERDUE BOOKS**

We have a number of students with overdue books. Please ask your children if their borrowing is up to date and help them find their books.

**LOST**

**Size 8 YPS hoodie, named. This has been missing for 2 weeks now. We appreciate it's easy for students to pick up the wrong clothing whilst playing outside. If you could please check at home and return any items that don't belong to your child/ren to the office.**

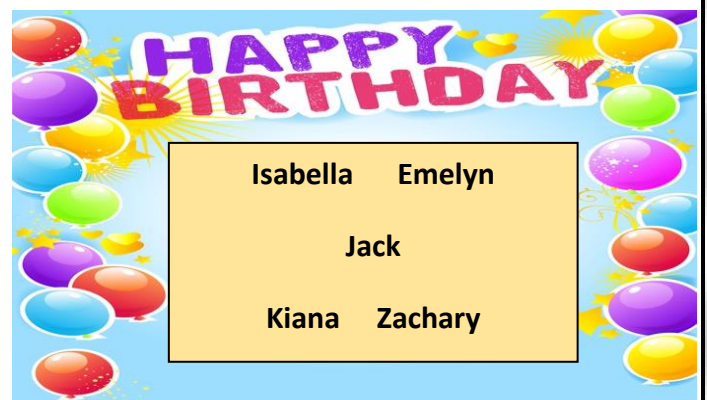
**Multi coloured Fidget Spinner, lost outside last week. If found or if you know where it may be can you please return or contact the office.**

**LEARNERS OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

*Prep N- Madison, 1T- Bailen, 1/2H- Riley, 2/3W- Koden, 3/4H- Elwood, 3/4 L- Deagan, 5/6C- Sienna & Gracie and 5/6T- Ben.*

**Well done and keep up the great work.**



**UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS**

To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by 10am on the return date on the permission form.

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>NOTE &amp; MONEY DUE BACK AT SCHOOL</i>	<i>COST</i>
<b>Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Notes and Deposit OVERDUE</b>	<b>\$370.00</b>
<b>Whole School Visiting Performance 'Get to Know Asia' Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>3/4 Excursion to Coal Creek Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>

### Yinnar Historical Society

"BOOM!!" the door slams as 3/4 L goes back in time, at the Yinnar Historical Society. 'Crack'. The people slide the ancient door open and boom we're back in time, I think the 1800's. It was like what my Nan told me it would be like.

There were old pictures, very old paintings, old tools, very old biscuits, what they used to wash their clothes in and finally what they used for school and what they did.

They explained to us about the railway station and the last train. There were no electronics in those days and they told us they would always be on the radio if it was their birthday.

I loved the Yinnar Historical Society and maybe you'll get to go some time!

Grace



### Simultaneous Storytime 2017

Next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May is National Simultaneous Storytime. This is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 17th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes.

Grades P-4 will be listening to this year's story: *The Cow Tripped over the Moon* at 11.15am altogether in the open area. To fit in with the theme of the book being at night time, all students are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day.

