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YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

Tuesday 5th June –
Thursday 7th June
Thursday 7th June
Friday 8th June
Monday 11th June
Thursday 14th June
Friday 15th June
Monday 18th June
Friday 22nd June
Thursday 28th June
Monday July 30th

LIFE ED VAN (visiting show)

Bookclub Issue #4 Due

Bessie Frood (Netball)

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

School Closure Day

Prep/1 H and Prep/1 N Melbourne Aquarium Excursion

Chess Tournament

School Disco at Yinnar Rec Reserve

School Council Meeting

Bully Zero Parent Sessions 3:30pm and 7pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have noticed this week that the amphitheatre area at the front of our school undergoing some repairs and improvements. We are very fortunate to have partnered our students with some of the Year 12 VCAL students from Mirboo North Secondary College to design, plan and upgrade areas of our school playground this year. They have started with repairing the amphitheatre and the start of a walking track which will go all around the perimeter of our school. The project work will be happening each Tuesday and supported by our Koorie Education Officers and staff from both schools. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to make decisions about the use of our spaces and contribute to how new learning spaces are created in the yard. We will keep you updated with photos and snippets as we progress.

Congratulations to our 5/6 boys Football and girls Soccer Teams on their great attitude towards other schools and teammates yesterday in the Division Winter Sports. They put in 100% and had a great result of both coming second.

It is becoming quite difficult for the Prep/1 classrooms to manage their distractions and stay

focused on their learning at the end of the day when they are super excited to see their parents or grandparents outside in the open area waiting for them. We would like to trial something new to help them maximize every minute of learning, by asking you kindly to wait outside the building until the bell calls. Let's see how that goes and if that doesn't work, we might need to try something else. Thanks for your help with this,

Have a great week,

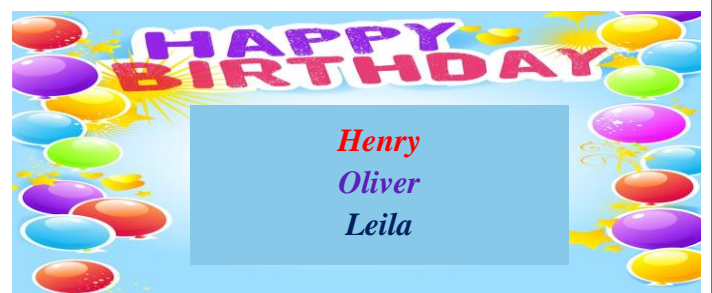
Tamina Taylor

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

Prep / 1 H- Elizabeth, Prep / 1 N – Paige,

1/2H- Rose, 2 W- Amelie, 3/4G- Whole Grade and 3/4 T- David. Well done and keep up the great work.



LIBRARY HELP REQUIRED

Our faithful volunteer Faye is having some time off, so we are in need of some adult help of some reshelving of the books until the end of term. We also need some help with covering of some new library books, this can be done in the comfort of your own home or at school. If you can help out with any of these, please pop in to the library and see Leanne.

SCHOOL GROUNDS & SUSTAINABILITY

We have developed a new student leadership team who are responsible for our school environment, they are called School Grounds & Sustainability or SGS for short. Interested students have volunteered to be part of this, they meet regularly to undertake small project initiatives in our school.

The team ventured to the South Gippsland Sustainability Expo to investigate the latest technology and ideas being implemented to educate and become more sustainably aware. Students participated in workshops covering native bird habitats, solar energy, tree planting & cultivation, recycling, danger of plastics, t-shirt bags, water conservation and litter. These students were very animated about the damage that is being done to our environment and are now leading the way to re-educate our school in how to make changes to our little bit of the world.

We have signed up as a ResourceSmart school. We were visited by Alison Taylor who met with the SGS team to brainstorm some ideas on how our school can improve its use of energy, water, waste handling and other sustainability areas. Our students are very passionate about this following the trip to the Expo and meeting with Alison.

We have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$1000 from Landcare's Powerful Youth Projects for

"Munch'n'Crunch", an initiative of our SGS team to restructure our vegetable garden to include seasonal planting, vertical gardens, hydroponics and no dig gardens. We will also be purchasing extra tools and equipment for use by the students.

Another student led initiative to create a Learning Landscape has commenced with support of Mirboo North SC VCAL students. The idea is to transform the playground into an incidental learning area with gardens, bush tucker, musical amphitheatre, frog bog, wetlands, sandpits, desert sand, bushland and an indigenous theme which will all be connected by a new walking track circling the school. The VCAL students, along with our own students will plan, design and construct each segment of the landscape in an ongoing project during 2018 and leading into 2019.

For the walking track to take shape we need the services of a bobcat to scratch out the track so the students can complete the tracks construction. If you have a bobcat available and would be willing to donate your time, please make contact with the school.

'CELEBRATING THE ARTS'

I would like to invite everyone to pop in to the old open area sometime over the next couple of weeks to have a look at our whole school collaborative art work that has been created to celebrate Education Week this week. All students were invited to contribute a design made with pattern, line and colour. I am still waiting for a few unfinished contributions and we did have a few children absent, so if you and your child cannot find their piece then please feel free to collect another template from me to complete at home so every student is represented.

I am excited to be taking the Grade 3/4 classes to the ARC Gallery in Yinnar this week as part of our Education Week celebrations.

Many thanks, Kate Try

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.

ACTIVITY	NOTE & MONEY DUE BACK AT SCHOOL	COST
Melbourne Aquarium Excursion Friday 15th June Prep/1 N and Prep/1H	Friday 1st June, 2018	\$42.00
Life Ed Van Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th June Whole School	Thursday 31st May, 2018	\$9.00