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YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

Friday 22nd June

School Disco at Yinnar Rec Reserve

Tuesday 26th June

Prep – Grade Two 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday 27th June

Grade Three – Grade Six 7:15pm – 8:45pm

Thursday 28th June

Yinnar’s Got Talent at Yinnar Town Hall 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Parent Teacher Conversations 5/6T, 5/6C, 3/4G & 3/4TG

Parent Teacher Conversations P/1H, P/1N, 1/2H & 2/W

School Council Meeting

Friday 29th June

Grade One Dental Screening

End of Term Two – 1:15pm Dismissal

Monday 16th July

Term Three Commences

Monday July 30th

Bully Zero Parent Sessions 3:30pm and 7pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

The excitement is building in the school, with lots of talk about which era the children will dress up in **for the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s JSC Student Disco** this Friday night. I have been privileged to hear about a few of their costumes, but have sworn to secrecy!

The JSC have worked tirelessly under the guidance of Mrs Coffin and Miss N to plan, and organise this event for their peers. The school discos are a key part of the student leadership role of the JSC, where nearly all of the decisions are made by them. They will set up the Rec Reserve, take the money on the night, run games, and sell chips and drinks. The staff will be there, like a “guide on the side”, to support and step in if needed, but usually the JSC has everything covered, and we just get to enjoy watching the students having a ball!

You can drop off your P-2 children at the rear entrance of the Rec Reserve building from 5:30pm and can be collected from the same drop off point at 7:00pm. The 3-6 children can be dropped off at the rear entrance from 7:15pm and collected at 8:45pm.

In other exciting news last week one of our Year 4 students Declan N, competed in the **Regional Cross Country** event at Lardner Park in Warragul. He was the only student to qualify from our school. To reach

this level of competition is a fantastic achievement. Well done Declan!

Congratulations to our school Chess Team- Vinnie, Jack A, Harry T, Caleb S, Troy, Myles, Rory B, Joey and Archie- who came first in the Interschool Chess competition in Korumburra on Monday. Caleb also took out the number one competitor medal on the day. Thank you to Archie’s mum, Cate and Mr Twomey for driving them there and supervising. This now means that we have students who have qualified to go to the State Chess Finals in Melbourne in October.

The Yinnar Hotel has invited our school to benefit from their **Friday night raffle** once a month. We are looking for parents – two per month to sell raffle tickets at the hotel from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Funds raised goes to our school. This is very generous of them and the money raised will be very handy. The first Friday is 20 July (week 1 term 3). If you can spare an hour that night please let the office know and we will give you the details. If you are unavailable that night but would be willing to volunteer another Friday night, please also leave your name at the office.

The Fundraising subcommittee of our School Council met this week to discuss the possibility of having our Bi-annual **School Fete in November** 2018 after a four

year break. They are looking to establish a Fete Organising committee. We need lots of helpers with different expertise and ideas to contribute so if you have time to be a part of this exciting group, the first meeting will be held in the Staffroom on Wednesday 18th July at 5:30-6:30pm. Hope to see lots of you there; many hands make light work!

Your child's report will be sent home with them this Friday 22nd June.

Next week we will be holding **Parent/ Teacher conversations**. The Parent/Teacher conversations provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss your child's learning this semester.

Conversations will be ten minutes in length, so it is vital that you are on time.

Each class teacher has sent home your allotted time this week. If you have not yet received your notification please check your child's school bag or contact the school to confirm your time.

I am delighted to inform you that our school has been the lucky recipient of two major community grants to develop our outdoor area.

We have received a Landcare Powerful Youth Projects Grant for \$1000 for our "Munch and Crunch" project which is mostly a redevelopment of our schools vegetable garden. This project will be developed and led by our student leaders in the School Grounds and Sustainability Group (SGS). Some ideas they have flagged include upgrading our raised garden beds, creating vertical and no-dig gardens, and improving our rubbish and recycling program. Next term we will be looking for support from parents, carers and grandparents to help out with these projects, mostly on a Tuesday afternoon. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for more details, or drop into the office and let us know you are interested.

In even more exciting news we have been successful in obtaining a \$10 000 grant from La Trobe Health Assembly to create our "Learning Landscape" – the redevelopment of our traditional school playground into an innovative and inclusive environment for children to enjoy and flourish. The aim is to develop the outdoor playground into "Learning Landscapes" as interactive and incidental learning spaces. We recognise the need for all children to value and enjoy the outdoors, and in an era of increasing technology many children have lost the opportunity to engage in

outdoor pursuits and to use their imagination in a non-academic manner. The SGS Leaders were actively involved in the initial design for the grant submission and includes areas such as desert garden, orchard, dry creek bed, chicken coop, sensory garden and a walking track to connect all these areas- plus more. We may need to fundraise and contribute some more funds to complete the project fully. A project team which will consist of students, staff and community members will be set up early next term to oversee this project. Details to come next term.

It takes significant hours to write-up grant submissions and its time none of us really have. I thank Leanne Millsom and Christine Hall for giving up evenings and weekends to write these detailed grant submissions. It is above and beyond their roles and greatly appreciated.

Have a great week,

Tamina Taylor

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

1/2H- Dakota, 2/W- Sebastian, 3/4 TG Myles, 5/6C- Lukas and 5/6T- Brenea.

Well done and keep up the great work.

SPARE UNIFORM CHANGES

With the cold wet weather comes the chance of your child getting wet and or dirty during their play time. We have a small stock of clothes for emergency situations, we are not able to provide changes for everyone. Please consider having a change of clothes in their school bag so they do not have to sit uncomfortably in their wet clothes on newspaper. If anyone has spare clothing (mainly socks) and/or plastic shopping bags they can donate, please drop them in at the office.

It may also be a good idea if children consider dressing appropriately for the weather ie. Gumboots and a coat.



SCHOOL DISCO

Dear Parents,

We are having a school disco.

When: Friday the 22nd of June.

Where: Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

The theme is:



70s, 80s, 90s – 3 Decades of Fashion!

Please try and come dressed as a person from one of those fashion eras!

The disco times are:

Prep - 2 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Grade 3-6 7:15pm to 8:45pm

It costs \$3 to enter. Drinks and chips will be sold separately.

Chips \$1

Drinks \$1

Hope to see you there!!

From the Junior School Council