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YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

Wednesday 1st February

Friday 10th February

Monday 13th February

Tuesday 14th February

Thursday 23rd February

Thursday 2nd March

Monday 13th March

Wednesday 15th March

Friday 24th March

Tuesday 28th March

No School for Preps – and every following Wednesday until after the Labour Day weekend. This is the Preps ‘Rest Day’

Grade Six Graduation Polo Shirt Order and Money Due

Parent Information Night and BBQ

District Swimming (Churchill)

School Council 7.30pm

Swimming Division (Traralgon)

Labour Day Holiday – School Closed

Preps Commence Full Weeks at School

HOUSE SPORTS DAY

Yinnar and District Sports Day

School Photo Day

Dear Parents,

Children learn best when the significant adults in their lives -- parents, guardians, teachers, and other family and community members -- work together to encourage and support them. At Yinnar Primary we value and work hard to build strong home school partnerships, so that together we can maximize the learning and development for all of our children.

The new school year is an important time for parents to get to know their child's new teacher and for the new class teacher to learn about their students, their passions, strengths and individual needs from the parents and carers perspective. New opportunities for involvement become available through school council and the various school council sub committees, camps, excursions and activities both, in and out of the classroom.

Our **Welcome BBQ and Parent Information evening** is coming up next **Monday 13th February**. This will kick off at 3:30pm. Based on valuable feedback from parents last year, we have altered the times of the sessions and hope that this may suit many more parents. As always we will once again be looking for feedback to see if the changed times were more suitable.

3:30- 4:00 pm **Classroom Information Session 1**

4:00- 5:00pm **BBQ and catch up informally with**

staff and meet other parents. This will be a great opportunity for you to touch base with or introduce yourself to your child's teacher, if you haven't had the chance already.

4:15- 4:45 pm: **Supporting your child with their reading (P-6)** in Open area with Mrs Hall

5:00-5:30pm **Classroom Information Session 2 (repeat of session 1)**

I have asked every teacher to ensure that there has been an introductory form of contact with each child's family in their class in the first few weeks. So if you haven't caught up yet, or if you feel that you need to make time for a longer parent teacher conversation this term, please see your child's teacher and arrange this for a time that suits you both. Staff are usually busy prior to school starting organising and preparing for the day and after school there are various meetings that staff attend. Friday afternoon after Celebration, is another good chance to catch up informally, as all staff are endeavouring to be outside in the yard after school.

At the end of the term an interim student report will go home. This will contain information on how your child is currently progressing as a learner. It focusses on their **Resilience**, their **Resourcefulness**, their **Reflective Skills** and their **Reciprocal Skills-how they work by themselves and with others.**

These reports *are not to be confused with term two and term four reports*. The term two and term four reports focus on standards- what standard your child is currently working at and comparison to where they **were** a year ago in relation to the Victorian Curriculum. This report is equally significant- but it is not measuring a current standard.

School Council Elections

At this time each year the new School Council is elected by the school community and this group oversees the management of the buildings and grounds, the development of policies and the school finances. **School Council** is made up of parent and staff representatives. Each member of School Council is appointed for a two year period. Our retiring School Councillors this year are Tamara Halket, Jess Wallace, Linda MacGregor and Kym Skinner. We have two vacant parent positions. The retiring members have the right to re-nominate for school council and be treated on an equal basis with 'new' nominations. Most meetings range from an hour to an hour and a half in length and we are obligated to have eight per year- we normally have nine.

Who can apply? Any parent with a child at the school. Parents may self-nominate and retiring councillors may re-nominate.

How do you apply? Drop into the office and pick up a nomination form. You have one week (until Monday 20th February) to get it back to the school.

If we have more nominations than positions available then we hold an election. Voting papers will be distributed.

The timetable is as follows:

Monday 13th February- call for nominations- forms at the office

Monday 20th February- nominations close. If two candidates or less apply, appointments are made immediately

Monday 27th February- distribution of ballot papers if necessary

Monday 6th March– votes due and counted

Thursday 9th March – declaration of ballot

If you want to find out a little more about Council then please come and see me any time.

The next School Council meeting is on Thursday 23rd February and this will be the final meeting of the 'old' council. The March meeting will be the first of the 'new' council members.

A very big thank you to Jo Nickson, one of our fantastic parents, for the two lovely 'Hand Chairs' that she donated to the library. Jo also does quite a

bit behind the scenes. She also made a sizeable contribution to the GRACE awards box late last year.

Next week we will be running through our emergency evacuation drills as a whole school for both evacuation and lock down procedures. The class teachers have had a practice this week with their class. I will be letting the students know that it is a practice situation prior to the alarm sounding, to avoid any undue worry and stress for the students.

On another note, one of our staff members (who has been on leave), Christine Carew has recently announced her retirement from teaching. Christine has made a significant contribution to education and to our school in particular. We wish her all the best for her well-deserved retirement.

Have a great week,

Tamina.

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

Prep N- Madelyn, 1 T- Archer, 1/2H-Stanley, 2/3W-Harry, 3/4H- Jay, 3/4 L- Joey, 5/6C- Vinnie and 5/6T-Zac. Well done and keep up the great work.

GRACE OUTDOOR AWARDS

At Yinnar Primary School we value our Core Values- **Growth Mindset, Respect, Aim High, Curiosity and Enthusiasm.** Thank you to the following students for displaying one of these Core Values out in the playground: **Ivy, Rose, Thomas, Cooper, Fergus, Lottie, Kiara, Mackenzie, Mia, Charlotte, Hayden and Lachlan.** We hope you enjoyed your prize from the GRACE Lucky Dip Box.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There is a large amount of second hand clothing for sale on a table in the main building near the office. A price list is attached to the table. Come along and grab a bargain.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION POLO SHIRTS.

Important..... Any Grade 6 students who have not placed an order for a Graduation Polo Shirt and would like to do so, need to have their order and money returned to school by this **Friday 10th February**. They cost \$40 each.

LUNCH ORDERS

Students can order a lunch order from the Yinnar Country Café or the Yinnar General Store. The **UPDATED** menus and price lists are available on the YPS website or from the office. **Students are to clearly write the shop they're purchasing from, their name, grade and orders on an envelope,** enclose their money and place their order in the green basket in their room **before** the second bell.

LIBRARY TIMES

Library Times as Follows-

Prep Nocera – Monday

1 Twomey – Monday

1/2 Halket – Tuesday

2/3 Walsh - Tuesday

3/4 Hoskin –Monday

3/4 Langan– Monday

5/6 Coffin – Wednesday

5/6 Telford – Thursday

Bookclub

Issue 1 is due back February 16th. We encourage you to use LOOP for orders. Orders can also be dropped at the office- cash or eftpos payments **only**. No cheques please. 1 order per family is preferred.

Volunteers

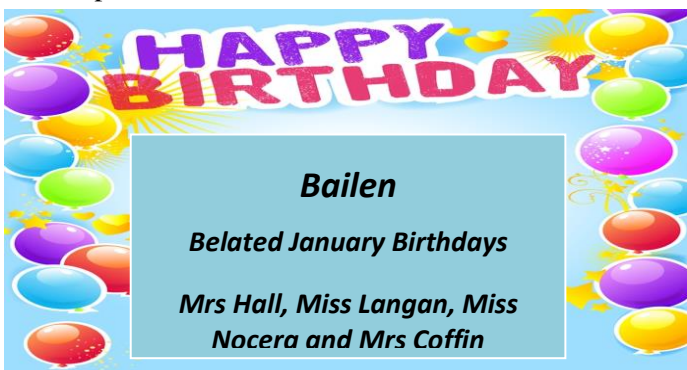
We would love to have you helping in the library. Tasks include reshelving, tidying and covering books (at school or home). Please see Leanne on Tuesday/Wednesday or leave a message at the office.

Sunsmart

Our school follows the Sunsmart Guidelines. We encourage parents to download the Sunsmart App to your phone, tablet or other device. It gives a weather forecast, UV rating and other advice about being Sun Smart.

First Aid / Medication

Does your child have a medical condition? Have you updated their information at the office? Please ensure that you provide all medical information and/or medication as soon as possible. All medication is to be left at the office and a 'Medication Authority' form must be completed.



COMMUNITY NEWS

ZUMBA – TRY IT FOR FREE!

Zumba is back in the YPS Stadium!

Wednesday nights 5:30 – 6:30pm

Normally \$10, but try your first class free during February!

All fitness levels and abilities welcome. All moves demonstrated and explained.

I hope to see you there!

Tamara Halket.

Catch the savings bug with Mirboo North & District Community Bank® Branch Bendigo Bank School Banking Program

Free School Banking Pack

Chance to win \$50 credit to bank account at end of year

Chance to win a fantastic book at end of each term

Chance to win \$10 credit to bank account in Poster drawing competition

Help your school receive \$750 payment towards health and activity programs

Register for school banking today! Ask at the office.



Morwell Girl Guides

are inviting girls aged 5 to 14 years to

Messy Beach Night

Date: Wednesday 8th Feb, 4.30 to 6.00pm
Cost: No charge
Location: Morwell Girl Guide Hall, Margaret St
What to wear: Clothes that can get messy and wet, you can wear bathers underneath
What to bring: A change of clothes and an empty 600ml plastic throw away bottle
For more info: contact Barbara on bhandson@guidesvic.org.au



To all girls aged 6 to 14 years

Come and try Girl Guides for a Day

You are invited to

World Guide Thinking Day

Celebration on the 19th February 2017

As a member of a team you will be 'visiting' the five Girl Guide World Centres and at each there will be fun games and activities for you to do.

Where: Burnet Park Guide Camp, Guide Camp Rd, Glengarry West
Cost: \$15.00 BYO lunch
For more info: Your local Group
Morwell Girl Guides at bhandson@guidesvic.org.au
or Chris Oliver at coliver@guidesvic.org.au



Newsletter by Email

Yes I would like to receive my newsletter by email Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Eldest Child: _____

Grade: _____