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YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

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| Friday | 1 September | Father's Day Stall |
| Friday | 1 September | Division Basketball Tournament (selected students) |
| Tuesday | 5 September | Latrobe Valley Division Athletics (selected students) |
| Thursday | 14 September | Full Dress Rehearsal at Lowanna College |
| Thursday | 14 September | 'Lion King Kids' Concert at Lowanna College Moe |
| Thursday | 21 September | Footy Colours Day |
| Friday | 22 September | Last Day of Term 2 (Students dismissed at 1.15pm) |
| Monday | 9 October | First Day of Term 3 |

Dear parents and carers,

Last week I received the NAPLAN results for this year.

Parents of Year 3 and 5 students will have received their child's individual results last week. If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to see your child's class teacher.

On Thursday night, at our School Council meeting, we went through the whole school level results very carefully, particularly looking at the progress we are making towards our 4-year school strategic plan targets, set as a school in 2015. From these targets, each year we set annual goals and targets in our Annual Improvement Plan.

Reading has been our 2017 improvement focus area, with resourcing and significant professional development for staff as well as the introduction of new assessment tools in reading, and a school wide data tracking system put in place over the past 8 months.

The NAPLAN tests were undertaken in May after only 4-5 months of our focus.

Here are a few aspects of our NAPLAN results in relation to our 2017 reading targets that I would like to share with you today.

Year 3 Results in Reading

| Year 3 Reading | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| State average | 435 | 433 | 441 | 439 | 446 |
| Yinnar average | 460 | 433 | 442 | 433 | 461 |
| Difference | +25 | 0 | +1 | -6 | +15 |

You can see from the results table above, that over the past five years, our **Year 3 results have improved** and are our highest average results in 5 years.

We also aimed to stretch our learners in reading and challenge them. Pleasingly, we **reached our target of having 65% of our Year 3 students achieving in the top two NAPLAN bands in reading**. Next year we will have to aim even higher!

Another target we had in reading was to be **above** the state average for Year 3 reading which we also achieved.

Year 5 Results in Reading

| Year 5 Reading | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| State average | 511 | 511 | 510 | 512 | 516 |
| Yinnar average | 545 | 562 | 527 | 472 | 515 |
| Difference | +34 | +51 | +11 | -40 | -1 |

You can see that last year our Year 5 results were very disappointing in reading, hence our focus in reading this year. This year's results are only just one point below the state average, a marked improvement from the previous year. Still not good enough - our target was to reach state average in Year 5.

Like our Year 3 readers, we also aimed to stretch our learners in reading and challenge them, and set a target of having 55% of our Year 5 students achieve in the top two bands in reading. We achieved 44%, but once again an improvement from 9% in previous year.

Most importantly, behind every result, is an individual student and so we have been asking ourselves - what are we going to do about it?

We are working very hard and will continue to work very hard, to put supports in place, to lift these children's reading significantly. We are developing plans and actions for each child, specific to their needs, as well as continuing to differentiate the teaching and learning in every classroom so that students receive point of need feedback and next steps instruction.

We are confident but we cannot do it all. We know our parents will help us as they always do but we also need the children to be open to their learning, take risks and understand that effort will be required, to make the progress they need to make. They need to hear that from you as well as from us.

Enjoy your week.

Tamina

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held at school this Friday 1st September.

There will be a range of gifts available for your child/ren to purchase, priced from 50 cents to \$6.00.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child/ren to purchase a small gift for the special male person in their life – dad, grandpa, uncle or special friend.

Sending your child/ren's money in an envelope clearly labelled with their name and the amount enclosed may help to avoid any upsets should money be lost.

2017 BOOK WEEK DAY - ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE

Last week's special **Book Week** day, '**Escape to Everywhere**' was a fantastic day.

The level of dressing up was to be commended. It was obvious that a lot of thought, time and effort went into every students' costume, which added to the excitement and engagement of the day.

The following students received an award for their **BOOK WEEK** dress-up day costume.

Prep *Pippa and Izzy*
Grade 1 *Ally and Finn*
Grade 2 *Eve and Huxley*
Grade 3 *Alannah and Grace*
Grade 4 *Luke C and Lukas*
Grade 5 *Isabella and Harry T*
Grade 6 *Lola C and Shanique*

A big thank you to parents/guardians for assisting their child/ren with their costumes. A fantastic effort!

And a special thanks to the **BOOK WEEK** Committee who did a wonderful job with all of the preparations for the day.

Annie, Kaitlin, Meg, Tae, Mia C and Abby gave up their lunchtimes in the lead up to the day and did a wonderful job on the day too.

All learners were broken up into multi-age groups on the day, with each group creating a mural of a secret destination.

The murals looked wonderful and are displayed in the stadium if you would like to have a look.

The murals that were created were:

Group 1 - Neverland
Group 2 - Willy Wonker's chocolate factory
Group 3 - Lego Land
Group 4 - Alice in Wonderland - the tea party
Group 5 - Where the Wild Things Are
Group 6 - The imagination
Group 7 - Wonderland
Group 8 - Eiffel Tower
Group 9 - The Treehouse
Group 10 - Squeaky Beach

As good as the murals and their clues were, unfortunately no one was able to correctly guess all of the mural destinations.

HOUSE CAPTAINS REPORT

Last week the House Captains organised for students in Grades 3-6 to participate in the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition.

One student from Grade 5/6 and one student from Grade 3/4 from each house was chosen to speak about a certain topic for 3 or 4 minutes in front of the whole school.

We would like to thank Sienna G and Jenna D from Blue House, Milly S and Lucas M from Yellow House, Jack A and Vinnie DB from Green House. Red House did not have a representative.

We would also like to thank the judges: Mrs Coffin, Mr Walsh and Tony Harwood from the Lions Club.

Vinnie won, from 5/6s and Sienna G won, from 3/4s. Vinnie and Sienna will be going to the next round to represent our school.

BUSH HUT

This year, one of our School Captains many jobs has been to improve the look of the old bush hut in the school grounds.

Our captains have been very patient, waiting for the weather to warm up, so they could get stuck into some painting and improvements.

If you feel you would like to help the captains, and you have a current Working with Children's Check, we would love to hear from you.

They will be working on this during the last session of the day on a Monday afternoon. Please see Nicole Gill or Tamina Taylor if you are available to help.

BOOKCLUB

Book Club orders, Issue 5, are on their way.

Issue 6 catalogues are being distributed today.

Orders need to be returned by Wednesday, Sept 13th. This is also the closing date for the online LOOP ordering system.

REMINDER – REMINDER - SCHOOL CONCERT

Yinnar Primary School is proud to present...



Featuring all students from Prep to Grade 6...

When: 14th September 2017, 7pm

Where: Lowanna Secondary College Auditorium, 72-96 Newark Avenue Newborough.

Tickets: \$10 – on sale at the Yinnar Primary School office from 23rd August.

By purchasing a ticket you not only get to enjoy what is sure to be a fantastic evening of entertainment, you also help to cover the cost of the auditorium, sound, lighting, and transporting students to and from a dress rehearsal at Lowanna.

TICKET SALES

A reminder also, that we are limiting concert tickets to **4 per family until the 11th**

September. This is to give all families a chance to attend.

On **Monday 11th September, unsold tickets will be up for grabs for those wanting extras** (again, a limit of 4 tickets applies). **Any unsold tickets remaining on Wednesday 13th September at 3.15pm, will be available for unlimited purchase** at \$10.00 per ticket.

Please note that tickets will not be held and there will not be a waiting list to purchase extra tickets.

It's first in best dressed!

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS

To ensure the smooth organisation 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 |
|--|--|-------------|
| Full Dress Rehearsal for the 'Lion King Kids' at Lowanna College Moe | Permission note due back by Thursday 7 th September | No cost |
| Division Basketball Tournament | Permission note due back by Monday 28 th August | No Cost |
| Latrobe Valley Division Athletics | Permission note and money due back by Friday 1 st September | \$5.00 |

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2017

Keep those stickers coming in!

The Earn and Learn Program continues until Tuesday 19th September.

You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box in the front foyer at school or at your local Woolworths store in Churchill.

Don't forget to get your family and friends on board and start collecting now!
If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

CAMP RUMBUG

Our **Camp Rumbug** camp is scheduled to **take place from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th November 2017.**

The cost of the camp is approximately \$270 per student. A final costing will be available to parents/guardians closer to the date of the camp and this will depend on the numbers.

It is therefore imperative that we know exactly how many students are attending and ask parents/guardians to **return permission slips no later than Monday 18th September.**

A payment instalment slip was attached to the permission form if you wish to start paying for the camp now.



Madi G Chevy Susanna
Harley Elwood Luke
Mia C

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:

Eme, Eve, Bailey B, Cooper P

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

**Prep N – Leila, 1T – Pippa B, 1/2H – Olivia,
2/3W – Alex, 3/4H – Frankie, 3/4 L – Mackenzie
5/6C – Jenna and 5/6T – Lola**

Well done and keep up the great work!

TENNIS CLINIC WITH MALCOLM SWINLEY

This Friday, **Malcolm Swinley, Club Coach for Yinnar Tennis Club**, will be conducting a short fun filled tennis lesson with the children at Yinnar Primary School. We hope your son/daughter enjoys their involvement in this fundamental game-based activity. If they are interested in further tennis activity, either being coached or playing in junior teams, please contact Malcolm **on 0419 563 877 as soon as possible** for commencement in term 4.

Coaching can be arranged in a small group (4), semi private (2) or private coaching (1) Junior teams play on Saturday mornings during term 4, 2017, through to the end of term 1, 2018 in the Latrobe Valley Junior Competition.

Coaching and teams are currently being organized so be quick and get involved in this great summer sport.....

AGM

Yinnar Tennis Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Monday 4th September at 5.30pm at the Yinnar Primary School, Main Street, Yinnar.**

All interested persons are welcome to attend. For further information on how your child can become involved in Tennis, a great summer sport, please contact **Donna on 0439 631 470.**

BOOK WEEK WRITING – PREP N

Lachlan L - I was dressed up as Captain America, it was a good day. I was in the art room. We made seagulls.

Thomas - Yesterday was Book Week. I dressed as Batman.

Jackson - Today is Thursday and it was book week day and it was fun. And I dressed up as captain hook.

Billy - I enjoyed Book Week day. I was a Jedi. I loved being in Miss Langan's room. We made a lego city.

Trey - Yesterday was Book Week day and I dressed up as Hulk and Lachlan dressed up as Captain America.

Sebastian - I had fun at Book Week. I was goose bumps.

Leila - I dressed up as super woman and I made a chocolate poster.

Pippa - I thought Book Week was good and I dressed as Nala.

Izzy - Yesterday was Book Week and it was fun. I was Princess and The Pea. I won and Pippa won too.

Ivy - I had fun making the tree house book. I made 2 rooms. It was fun.

Madi - Yesterday was Book Week day. It was fun. I was in a tomb. I was a mummy.

Amira - I was Pocahontas. I liked the Book Week because it was fun and I was in Miss Telford's grade. At Book Week were so much kids.

Reminder of **Parking Laws**



Latrobe City Council frequently receives complaints from residents reporting vehicles parking on nature strips, across driveways and over footpaths blocking pedestrian traffic.

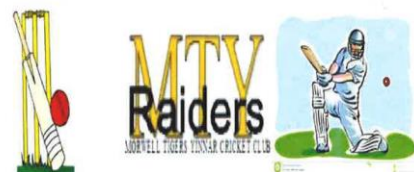
Drivers are reminded, it is an offence of the Road Safety Road Rules to:

- Stop on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path or dividing strip, painted island, or nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built up area
- Stop on a road so that your vehicle is blocking access to or from a footpath ramp, a bicycle path or passageway
- Park on or across a driveway or other way of access

Drivers are responsible for fully understanding the current road rules so if you are not sure where you can park, why not refresh your knowledge? It might just mean you avoid a fine.

Reference:

Road Safety Road Rules 2017, Part 12 - Restrictions on Stopping and Parking, Division 6 - Other places where stopping is restricted.



WANTED

JUNIOR CRICKETERS FOR SEASON

2017/18

Matches

U16- Monday nights

U14- Wednesday nights

U12- Tuesday nights

U10- TBA

Training and Registration

Wednesday @ 4:30

Short Training and registration on Wednesday the 6th of September at the Yinnar rec Res cricket ground, 4:30pm to 5 pm.

Any further questions please contact Darren Burrows on 0428119259