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YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

### CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

<b>Friday</b>	<b>22 September</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2 (Students dismissed at 1.15pm)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9 October</b>	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6 November</b>	<b>School Closure Day (Professional Learning Day for Staff)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 November</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)</b>
<b>Wed-Fri</b>	<b>8-10 November</b>	<b>Gippsland Primary School Sports Camp</b>
<b>Wed-Fri</b>	<b>22-24 November</b>	<b>Camp Rumbug (Grade 3 / 4 Students)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15 December</b>	<b>School Closure Day (Professional Learning Day for Staff)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22 December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>

Dear parents and carers,

We have recently received the **Student Attitudes to School Survey** results which the students in year's 4-6 completed in term 3.

The results below indicate the percentage of students who responded positively to the questions around each aspect.

Student relationships and student safety overall have been our 2017 targeted areas for improvement and we were pleased that they have improved from below the 50% up to 80% this year.

#### **Highlights in our results:**

##### *Excellence in Teaching and Learning*

89%, Effective teaching time

86% Differentiated learning challenge

88% Stimulated learning

##### *Teacher - Student Relations*

95%, High expectations for success

86% Effort

##### *Learning Characteristics and Dispositions*

89% Learning Confidence,

91% I try again when I don't succeed

88% Motivation & interest in learning new things

87% Self-regulation and goal setting

87%, attitudes to attendance.

##### *Positive Climate for Learning*

82% School connectedness & sense of belonging

85%, Sense of inclusion

87%, transitioning into the school (new students)

##### *Student Safety*

80% overall

85% feel they have an advocate at school.

However, anything less than 100% of our students feeling connected and safe at our school is not okay.

As the term comes to a close we have noticed the majority of our students getting out of their comfort zone, often seen playing with different friendship groups, which regularly include a mixture of boys and girls and a range of ages. We see handball, basketball games, hut building, sandpit tunnels, flower arranging, creating make believe towns and houses, a range of dance and drama performances to the yard duty teachers, and students enjoying some quiet space inside the library, performing arts room or playing chess, and time is being spent in more positive interactions and stretching their collaboration muscles!

So after hearing the voice of our students, these are the areas we need to really look at, moving forward, as well as to refine the above areas.

#### **Areas for improvement:**

51% students at this school treat each other with respect

66%, my teacher seems to know if something is bothering me

67% I can recover in a short time if something is bothering me

54% At this school, I help decide things like class activities

67% I have a say in things I learn

64% of students have had no experience of bullying

62% The school deals fairly with bullying problems.

Whilst our 2017 results show less students have experienced bullying than last year and more are happy with how we manage it if it occurs, this is still a significant area of ongoing improvement and focus.

#### **School Closure Days - Term 4**

We have two closure days for term 4 approved by School Council.

The first on **Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> November** (Melbourne Cup Eve) Students are not required at school.

The learning day for staff will focus on the student wellbeing areas of resilience and respectful relationships.

The other closure day will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

This will be an end of year review day, where staff reflect on the year, our learning successes and areas for whole school improvement in 2018.

Just a few brief reminders to begin next term:

- The wearing of hats is compulsory from the commencement of term four and for any day where the UV is over 5. Please make sure your child has their hat in readiness for day one on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.
- Icy Poles go on sale every Friday and then on any days where Yinnar's temperature is given as 25 degrees or more for that day. Icy poles can be purchased for 50 cents each.
- We would encourage parents/guardians to download the 'Sunsmart' app. This will have UV levels and temperature details.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable school holiday break with your fabulous children.

*Tamina*

#### **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

Just a reminder that **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is the last day of term 3. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1.15pm** on this day. Please ensure that arrangements are in place to collect your child/ren at this earlier time.

**Term 4 begins on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

#### **MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL**

##### **PRESIDENT**

As most in the school community are aware, Yinnar Primary School staff have recently lost a colleague in Ms Christine Carew.

Christine has been a valued member of the teaching staff, teaching multiple levels of grades

during her long teaching career at Yinnar Primary School.

Not only has Christine taught, she was a previous School Council member and an active member in the community within the Yinnar Basketball Committee.

It was fitting that the school concert was dedicated in her memory, given Christine's dedication, and love of the arts and performing. The school concert was a joy to watch and a fantastic effort by all those involved including the staff, students and parent volunteers.

On behalf of the School Council, I would like to take this opportunity to express our condolences to Christine's family, colleagues and friends. Rest in Peace Christine.

Victor De Beer

Yinnar Primary School Council President

#### **CONCERT: THE LION KING KIDS**

Wow what a night!!! Congratulations to all staff and students on a fabulous concert performance.

It was fantastic to see the end result of a term's worth of learning, rehearsing and preparation. All classes delivered stellar performances.

Our main characters spent hours upon hours rehearsing which was evident in their final performance. Whilst these students were recognised for their achievements on the night there were two other cast members I'd like to tell you about.

Our understudies Beth and Ben had arguably the most challenging roles in the whole show. These two students stepped up time and again to fill in during rehearsals when others were away, and made it their business to learn just about every line for every main character! In addition to this they were also part of the Grade 5/6 One by One dance. Although they weren't required to step into a main role on the night they should be commended on the tremendous amount of time and effort they put in. Well done!

Special thanks to Paula, Duncan and Lance for photographing and filming the performance. Thank you also to all our wonderful families for supporting students and teachers to make our concert such a success!

**Mrs Burslem**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Liam M (Grade 3/4L) who has received an offer to join the Gippsland Regional Sports Academy (GSA) for his attitude, dedication and commitment to gymnastics. Only 60 gymnasts in the Gippsland region were selected. He is currently working towards Level 5 and by being involved in the GSA, this will give him the opportunity to work with other MAG gymnasts at his level and above with the best coaches in Gippsland.

It is an incredible effort to achieve at such a young age. Well done Liam!

### Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

**Prep N – Billy, 1T – The whole class!  
1/2H -**

**2/3W – 3/4H – Sienna 3/4 L – Kira  
5/6C – Noah and 5/6T – Ben and Daniel**

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



**Connor W   Olivia   Oliver B**  
**Stanley   Jasper   Harry B**  
**Bailey B   Ryder   TJ**  
**Jesse W   Locky M   Suede**  
**Sage   Vinnie**  
**Maddison**

**WEEK 1**

# CAPTAIN ACE

For children aged 3 – 11 years

Captain Ace is an endearing super hero who loves helping people and saving the world from the bad guys in his super silly way. Unfortunately while doing so, he gets himself into a pickle and children will need to help him out of it. With a little bit of magic, puppets and dancing this show is not to be missed.

**FREE EVENT**

**WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**  
Traralgon Library 10.30am – 11.15am  
Moe Library 2pm – 2.45pm

**THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**  
Churchill Library 10.30am – 11.15am  
Morwell Library 2pm – 2.45pm

Bookings for all sessions are essential. Visit [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library) for information and to book for these events or call your nearest Latrobe City Library and Service Centre.

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**WEEK 2**

# Teddy Bear's Picnic Story Time

Bring your teddy bear or soft toy to our special Story Time. Listen to stories and take part in a simple craft.

**TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER**  
Morwell Library @ 11am

**THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER**  
Traralgon Library @ 10.30am & 11.30am

**WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER**  
Churchill Library @ 10.30am

**FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER**  
Moe Library @ 11am

No Bookings required. Visit [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library) for information about other programs Latrobe City Libraries is hosting in 2017.

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## 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