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YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

Thursday 22 nd November	<i>Prep – Grade 2 Evening Adventure / Sleepover</i>
	<i>School Council 7pm</i>
Friday 30 th November	<i>Kinder Transition</i>
Sunday 9 th December	CHRISTMAS IN YINNAR AT 5PM
Tuesday 11 th December	<i>State-wide Transition Day</i>
Wednesday 12 th December	<i>Kurnai Transition Day</i>
Thursday 13 th December	<i>Kurnai Transition Day</i>
Friday 14 th December	<i>School Closure Day - School Review – No students at school</i>
Monday 17 th December	<i>Parent Thank-you Garden Party</i>
Tuesday 18 th December	<i>Grade Six Graduation</i>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Thank you to all of you who are remembering to contact the school via phone, email or skoolbag app if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence is recorded correctly. We really appreciate this immensely, as absenteeism is a shared responsibility of both parents/carers and the school.

Our school has started to use SMS/text to contact parents/carers as soon as practical on the day on an unexplained student absence, as well as phone calls.

The SMS/text is from a generated system and is a different number each time. You can reply to the SMS.

Late arrivals-each day the attendance rolls are marked by the class teachers at 8:45am and then follow up starts shortly afterwards to check that all children are safely at school. If your child is late to school (after 8:50 am) please get them to go via the office to fill in the late book, so that all children are accounted for. We can then check this before we make phone calls or texts home.

For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy
http://www.yinnarps.vic.edu.au/pdfs/attendance_policy.18.pdf.

In the past few weeks our Grade 6 students have been very active community members, representing our school on **Remembrance Day** and through active participation in the **Rotary Junior Community Awards**.

Remembrance Day

On Sunday 11th November, our school captains Bella, Meg and Harry (and Sid) represented our school at the Morwell RSL, to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. The students laid a wreath and respectfully observed one minute's silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.



Rotary Junior Community Awards This year six of our Grade 6 students participated in, and successfully completed the Junior Rotary Community Award. This award is in partnership with the Hazelwood Rotary Club and requires the Grade 6 children learn a new skill, increase their fitness levels, contribute to a community group, and participate in special meetings and events within their community. The students have showed great commitment, resourcefulness and resilience participating in events, and activities that they may not have had an opportunity to do so. The students, along with Mrs. Hall and their families celebrated the completion of the award at a special dinner with the Hazelwood Rotary Club. Congratulations to Meg, Vinnie, Harry, Ruby, Shavonne and Zac for their fabulous efforts. Thanks to Mrs. Hall for her tireless support of the Junior Rotary Award each year.



Most of the learning was out of school hours, so it required a huge commitment from parents too, so I thank their amazing parents for supporting this incredibly important learning experience. Their diaries and reports are on display in the open area and I encourage you to take the time to look at them if you get the chance.

Student leadership

Our student leadership selection process for 2019 is now well underway. I am delighted that we have had an overwhelming interest in all student leadership positions, and this certainly shows how capable and committed our students are. I have been extremely impressed by the quality of written applications for all positions. The next stage will be interviews and speeches (only for House Captains and School Captains). All interview panels will be comprised of current student leaders and staff. We aim to announce all positions at a special assembly on **Tuesday 18th December at 9am**, which you are all invited to attend.

Thank you

Thank you to the families who have donated second hand uniforms for our sick bay and the second hand uniform stall, which we will set up in the foyer/ open

area from 11th December onwards. This certainly helps many families and students.

Our Friendship seat has been in need of more repairs recently, so thanks to Steve (Thomas's dad) for fixing it for us. The GRACE team can now re paint it.

To Ange who regularly drops off items for the GRACE award box- thank you too.

To Paul (Hudson's dad) for donating 2 acoustic guitars for our music program to utilise- thank you too.

To the Larner family, for donating a toaster- this will certainly be put to use with the upcoming Evening Adventure- thank you too.

To Mary Jackson, a past parent who still donates Art supplies – thank you too.

Christmas in Yinnar Raffle

Our School Captains are organising a Christmas Hamper raffle. They will be selling raffle tickets at Christmas in Yinnar Sunday 9th December. Tickets will cost 50c or 3 for \$1 and the raffle will be drawn on that evening.

The School Captains are asking families to donate items to include in the hamper. If you are able to contribute please drop off the items at the office any time before Wednesday 5th December. Thank you for your support it is much appreciated.

Enjoy your week,

Tamina Taylor

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week: **Prep / 1 H- Beth, Prep / 1 N – Lachlan, 1/2 H- Lee, 2/W- Kayla, 3/4G- Huxley, 3/4 L- Myles, 5/6C- Deagan and 5/6T- Bella.** Well done and keep up the great work.

SGS TEAM REQUESTING DONATIONS

The SGS team urgently need egg cartons for the worm farm. Please drop them at the office.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING

If your child has collected 10 Dollarmites tokens and would like to redeem them for a School Banking reward item this term, please fill in your child's redemption slip and bring it along before 30 November 2018. This will ensure the reward item will arrive before the school holidays.

Our final School Banking day for 2018 is **Wednesday 12th December**. Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

School Council is interested in receiving feedback from parents and caregivers to gauge if there is a need for before and after school care as our school and community grows.

There is NO plan at this stage for 2019 as yet but we are happy for any feedback moving forward to improve our school facilities

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Interested in:

Before school care

- Please circle 1 or both if applicable

After school care

Thanks for your time

Yinnar School Council