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**Newsletter** **Week 41 December 21 2017**

YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

### CALENDAR AND REMINDERS

**Friday 22 December Last Day of Term 4 (Picnic starts at 11.30am)**  
**(School dismissed at 1.15pm)**

### CALENDAR AND REMINDERS - 2018

**Wed-Thurs 24-25 January School Office Open for Payment of 2018 School Fees**  
**Tuesday 30 January First Day of Term for Students 2018 ☺**  
**Wednesday 31 January NO SCHOOL FOR PREP STUDENTS**

Dear parents and carers

I wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a 2018 full of good health, good times, and lots of challenge!

It's the final newsletter of the year and our Christmas holiday season has crept up on us very quickly.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your assistance and feedback throughout the year. I have appreciated your friendliness, support and the strong home / school partnerships that we are developing, so together we are ensuring each and every student here at Yinnar has the best educational opportunities possible.

On Monday we had the pleasure of thanking our parent helpers at a Garden Party held in our school yard.

For those of you who were unable to attend, please know that we do greatly appreciate your support and assistance throughout the year.



I also wish to say a special thank you to the children for their fabulous efforts this year. We have wonderful learners at our school and it is always a pleasure to learn alongside them. I was most impressed with their reports and I look forward to watching them continue to grow as learners next year.

I'd like to thank our superb teachers and support staff. Our teachers are an incredibly professional, hardworking and caring team. They have been ably supported by our Education Support staff, each of whom has made a significant contribution to our school and the children.

This week we completed the process of selecting all of our 2018 student leaders. The process involved students writing applications, being interviewed by a panel of current student leaders and teachers and, for some positions, a speech to the student body.

These positions were announced on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at a special morning assembly. Their badges will be ordered over January and presented at Celebration early in the New Year.

I congratulate each of the students who stepped out of their comfort zone to put themselves in the running for a position. This takes courage and a growth mindset. This is exactly what we

value here at Yinnar. For many, this experience will result in a positive outcome and for those who were unsuccessful this time, it will be a time of disappointment, but also a learning experience. It is important that whether successful or not, that we encourage students to take the opportunity to seek feedback, available from the teachers in charge of the particular leadership role so that they can improve in either their application, their interview or speech for future roles.



I also congratulate each student who gained a position for 2018, and know that they will grow and learn in these roles next year.

One of the major accomplishments of this year's School Captains, Mack, Sienna, Ella and Gracie, was the renovation of the Bush Hut in the yard. They were resourceful and collaborative in planning, designing and sourcing free materials and parent expertise to assist them to completely overhaul the Bush Hut.

A special thank you to our parents Jo Nickson, Mark Unwin, Brendan McCulloch and Peter Rawlinson, and staff member Leanne Millsom for their

renovation skills and material donations. This was a major promise they had made to the student body and they worked very hard to fulfil their goal and promise.

Congratulations and thank you to them for their significant contribution and leadership this year.



We have also had three of our teachers undertake a Leadership Development Program with Bastow Institute for Educational Leadership.

We congratulate Miss Halket and Mr Walsh who completed a yearlong "Create" course in Melbourne and Miss Hoskin who completed the "Inspire" leadership course.

I know that they had their struggles and successes, and have enjoyed the learning journey along the way.



Last Thursday we held our final disco for the year. Once again the Junior School Council organised this event, which due to unforeseen circumstances was held during the day at school for the first time. At both the junior and senior discos, it was wonderful to watch your children enjoying themselves, not just with their friendship groups but with all their peers.

The JSC must be congratulated for their efforts, along with Miss N and staff who assisted. The feedback from parents was that this was good to have during the day, given the busyness of after school Christmas activities and very tired students. The students didn't all feel the same and their feedback indicated that some were a bit disappointed that the disco was not a night event.

Now for the goodbyes and I'll start with our grade six class. They have been an excellent group of children, and have continued to develop into extremely capable learners and people. We will miss them no doubt, but they are well and truly ready for the excitement and challenge of secondary school life. Each one is leaving, with our thanks and the very best of luck for their future years of learning. Goodbye and good luck to...

Sienna C, Hayden, Lachy, Andrew, Nicola, Verity, Daniel, Katelyn, Noah, Zoe, Charlotte, Jaxon, Ashleigh S, Jessica, Elissa, Lillie, Jack, Annabelle, Lola, Beth, Sienna J, Ashleigh M, Parker, Ella, Gracie, Mack, Shanique, Luci and Tom.

Goodbye also to Stella R, Will, Faith & Eve & Lexis who are moving to new schools in 2018. We wish them all the best.

Sadly, we also say goodbye to Miss Caitlin Twomey and Miss Tahlia Langan. We thank Caitlin and Tahlia both for their significant contribution to our teaching staff whilst here at Yinnar and we wish them all the very best for their future in education. We are sad to see Caitlin and Tahlia leave Yinnar, but of course we wish them all the very best as they both step outside their comfort zones to try something new and different and hope that down the track when we may have staffing vacancies they return to us here at Yinnar. We wish to thank Kerrina Hall for all her support in the office for 2017. Kerrina always brings a happy and calm disposition to the busy office environment.

Finally, in terms of goodbyes, we say a final farewell to some families who have made a significant contribution to our school. We say thank you for everything you have brought to our YPS community. Farewell and thanks to the following families...

Katie and Rob Kokshoorn, Louise and Gareth Child, John and Victoria Daddo, Sadie Gorman and Boris Jalovec, Narelle and Mark Mason, Kim and Damien Rieniets, Heather, Ken and Paul Rohde, Alison and Greg Walker, Karen and Greg Hunt, Elizabeth and John Jeffrey, Heather Mills and Lee Mudge, Jo and Michael Nickson, Kylie and Tim Waack. We also say goodbye to our families who are leaving our school and moving from Yinnar - Fiona and Peter Rawlinson, Carolyn Hewat and Paul Xerri, Samantha and Simon Paul.

Now on a much more positive note, we are excited to also welcome our new preps and their families to our school.

So another school year comes to an end, and the cycle continues. We look forward to catching up with you all as the Grade Prep to 6 children return on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

I have attached the updated Student Dress Code policy, which was recently reviewed by School Council in line with Department guidelines. The actual uniform has not changed at all, just some wording in the policy to make it more inclusive. Just a heads up for the start of 2018, I did notice this year that the non-Yinnar school bags and brightly coloured socks started to creep in and this will be something we will be stricter on next year.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Gracie and Stella Rawlinson, for their raising of money through their lemonade stall over the weekend and donating this to the school to buy musical instruments.

As they were raising this money, they were given donations of actual instruments - a trumpet, cornet, three guitars and some shakers. The girls have managed to raise an amazing \$322.00!

The school would like to match their effort and thank them for their wonderful support, hard work and contribution.



It has been a year of new learning for us all and as this year ends we look forward to continuing to improve as a school in 2018. Until then, on behalf of all our staff I wish all our families a very Merry Christmas, a safe and prosperous New Year and a holiday time full of fun and relaxation.

*Tamina*

### **2018 SCHOOL FEES**

Just a reminder that the school office will be open on **Wednesday and Thursday 24 and 25** January for the payment of 2018 school fees.

### **LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

Just a reminder that we welcome all our families to join us for our annual **school picnic tomorrow to celebrate** the last day of the school year. This begins at 11:30am. Students will be dismissed at 1.15pm.

### **ARC FREE AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES**

Arc Yinnar has been successful in gaining funding from the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation for the delivery of **free after school art classes in 2018** in Yinnar and its surrounds.

These Classes will run for 8 weeks each and will happen in three, 8 week blocks, for three different age groups throughout 2018. There will also be an exhibition of the work at Arc in November 2018.

The first series of 8 week classes will be on Wednesdays and will commence 21<sup>st</sup> February from 3:45pm to 5:00pm. The first 8 sessions will be for students aged 10 to 13 years of age with opportunities for other age groups to participate in the following terms.

There will be a limit of 15 students per class and it is expected that students will enrol for the whole 8 weeks.

A broad range of art techniques will be covered and it will be a lot of fun. We are also asking that

in order to offer the program to as many children as possible that at least two parents can volunteer some time each class to help with supervision. To register your interest please email Attention Yvette at [arcyinnar@speedweb.com.au](mailto:arcyinnar@speedweb.com.au)

We look forward to after school art classes with you in 2018.

### ***ARC Yinnar***

Open: Tuesday – Friday 12pm – 4pm

Saturdays 11am – 3pm

Ph. (03) 51631310

[www.arcyinnar.org.au](http://www.arcyinnar.org.au)

*Please note we will break for the summer from Sat 16 December till Tues 16 January, 2018*

*ARC Yinnar is supported by*

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# School Dress Code

Our official school colours are Navy and Gold

Garments that fall within the school's dress code:

- ❖ navy tracksuit pants
- ❖ navy windcheater\*\*
- ❖ navy rugby windcheater with gold trim\*\*
- ❖ navy shorts or skorts
- ❖ navy or gold polo shirt\*\* (long or short sleeve)
- ❖ navy or gold skivvy
- ❖ navy vest\*\*
- ❖ navy jacket\*\* (fleece or waterproof)
- ❖ blue & white check dress
- ❖ navy broadbrim hat\*\*
- ❖ navy beanie\*\*
- ❖ house tshirts – blue/green/yellow/red
- ❖ navy backpack type school bag\*\*
- ❖ closed toe sandals, runners, shoes, boots
- ❖ \*\*School logo required

Suppliers:

Beleza, Seymour Street, Traralgon

Secondhand uniform sales at school

Individual items can have logo embroidered at Hip Pocket Workwear, Princes Drive, Morwell.