Channel 10 Weather – Live from Yarra Road
On Monday 21st March, Channel 10 weatherman, Mike Larkin, and his crew are coming to broadcast that night’s weather report live from the front of our school. We will be showcasing outdoor play and some of our sports programs on the front courts in the live crosses and invite all interested families to come along from 5 pm. Children are encouraged to wear their Afterschool Basketball Uniform or school uniform and join in. We are planning basketball skills on the top court, Hot Shots Tennis on the bottom court and play in the sandpits, around the tram and on the play equipment, as background for Mike’s live weather crosses at 5:27 and 5:55 pm.

Working Bee Sunday 20th March
To ensure the grounds look their best on TV, a working bee is being held on Sunday 20th March from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. We will be tidying up the front – trimming low branches, topping up the sandpits, sweeping, raking soft fall mulch, weeding and sprucing up. A second focus will be finishing off the Junior Outdoor Learning Spaces: Painting the fence, filling garden beds with soil, planting and spreading mulch. We hope lots of our Prep and Junior Families in particular will come along and help finish this great new outdoor learning environment for their children. Look out for the working bee flyer and let us know if you are coming. We finish off with a BBQ and drinks making it a great social occasion as well.

Thai Students Visit to Yarra Road
We are looking forward to welcoming our contingent of Thai students in the second week of next term. Have you considered hosting a pair of students? It is a wonderful opportunity. The Thai children will be attending school with us each day during their stay and have outings scheduled each Saturday, leaving Sundays free to join in family activities. Further details are included in today’s news sheet.

Cheers, Meriden

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 9th March, 2016

MARCH:

Wednesday 9th-Thursday 10th
Gr 6 Leadership Camp 6VL

Thursday 10th
Teddy Bears’ Picnic—Preps and Grade 5 Buddies

Friday 11th
Crazy Hair Day

Saturday 12th
Bunnings BBQ—Grade 6 Fundraiser

Tuesday 15th
Student Free Day

Wednesday 16th – Thursday 17th
Gr 6 Leadership Camp 6RV

Thursday 17th
Maroondah Basketball Clinic Prep-4 3.45pm-4.30pm

Friday 18th
Earth Hour Prep Social Night—5.30pm

Sunday 20th
Working Bee 9-12.30pm

Monday 21st
Channel 10 weather

Tuesday 22nd
Grade 5 social night

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# STARS OF THE WEEK

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**App of the week!**

**Smiling Mind**

**Price:** Free

**Age:** Foundation – Grade 6

**Genre:** Health & Fitness

**Description:** Smiling Mind is a relaxation app that starts at 7 years old to adults. It has 6 categories; 7-11, 12-15, 16-22, Adults, Bite-Size and Extended. It has different exercises for each category so you can focus on different areas of which you want to make relaxed and feel better. It also counts the minutes that you have been meditating for and the amount of meditations completed. For an example in 12-15, there is a category called mindfulness 101 that explores your breath. There are also achievements you could earn such as 1 super year where you would have been using it for 1 year. All in all we think that Smiling Mind is a great relaxation app from 7+.

By Jackson Nunziante and Ethan Bates
Grades 3 and 4 are learning about celebrations and are creating a Chinese New Year!
Bubbles the Seal by
Kiara Thomsen

This story was written using a picture prompt as part of our fast writing in Level 3. The children are enjoying writing and sharing their stories.

One day my Family went to the zoo. We were the only ones there and there was no one else to be seen. We looked around then suddenly we came across a cute baby seal. It had a name tag and it said ‘Bubbles’ and then Dad said “I’ve seen this seal before it’s lost”. How do you know? “There are posters around” said Mum. “It looks friendly” yelled Tahlia. Can we keep it? “NO” screamed Mum. But it’s so soft and smooth. Let’s go and find its owner. I looked at the number on the seals collar and it was 4806002146. We called the number and the zoo keeper came and picked it up. Thank you so much for finding Bubbles the seal. We have been looking for him everywhere.

Environmental News

RECYCLING WORKSHOP
There will be a Recycling Workshop on Friday 11th March which will be run by Maroondah City Council. This event will be open to members of the Environment Club, Captains, students and teachers. We look forward to seeing you there at 1pm in Miss Ross’ classroom.

EARTH HOUR
We will be participating in Earth Hour on Friday 18th March. We will be turning off and saving all non essential items such as lights, ipads etc from 11.30am -12.30pm.
More information to follow.

VEGIE PATCH
This week the Environmental Club planted strawberries, chives, kale and snow peas.

A big thank you to the watering team for keeping our orchard looking fantastic in this weeks hot weather.

Jodie Ross
Sustainability Coordinator

REGION SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to Chantelle L on representing Yarra Road at the Regional Swimming Champs at Aqua-nation last Monday. She competed in the 11 year old breaststroke event putting in a fantastic performance against the best swimmers across the Eastern Region. Well done Chantelle!
As you know, this Friday 11th of March at 11:30am, our school is holding an event for World's Greatest Shave. I would like to remind everybody to bring a gold coin donation and style their hair as wacky as possible! I would also like to remind those in grades 5 and 6, that if you are colouring your hair, can you please do so after inter school sport as it might stain your uniforms. I will be logging onto the ‘Yarra Road Shavers’ site to see who has raised the most amount in 3/4 tomorrow night and those people will be allowed to participate in the assembly and have their hair done in front of the school, if they choose. Remember, if you want to participate in this event and you are from grades 3,4,5 and 6, you are not allowed to participate unless you have brought back your permission slip, so if you don’t have one, please come and see me tomorrow. It is not free dress!

Thank you to all of those people who have made such a big effort in raising money for this amazing cause!

There will be an assembly at 11.30am this Friday to watch all of the action take place!

Thanks for all of your support and Good luck team!

Miss E