Congratulations Yarra Road on starring in Channel Ten’s weather report with Mike Larkin. When found out we were going to be ‘TV Stars’ we were really excited and we couldn’t wait. At first it was a bit nerve racking for us being on TV, but once it went live, it wasn’t so bad. We had a great time and really enjoyed it. We think that the school really enjoyed it and everyone had a lot of fun. It was nice of Mike Larkin to sit down with us and chat about the weather and his job. Overall it was a successful and great day.

Ella and Jared – School Captains

Don’t forget our Easter draw tomorrow at 9.00am—over 70 prizes to be won! Tickets still on sale at the office.
STARS OF THE WEEK

Prep K Evelyn M
Fort having the CONFIDENCE to give her first keyboard performance to the class

Prep M Dakota R
For showing excellence by being thoughtful and encouraging his classmates during P.M.P

1B Madeline D
For showing resilience while working with co-operative learning groups

1D Hugh T
For always doing his best with his writing

1/2 MP Cooper H
For his amazing spelling sound suggestion—the word “infinite!”

3/4 A Keira T
For always putting in her best effort at all that she does

3/4 JQ Teagan M
Confidence and excellence come naturally through all areas of the curriculum!

3/4 R Chloe R
For showing responsibility for her classmates

3/4 S Patrick S
For his amazing mandala design

5C\H Connor M
For having a highly successful term 1. Well done, you are a super star!

5H Kasen S
For being such an enthusiastic author!

6RV Harrison A
For confidently completing his camp job and working well with a partner

Aimee B
For doing well and working responsibly in her role on camp

Ethan BI
For having the confidence to try new foods on camp and having great suggestions

Working Bee Sunday 20th March, 2016
Did you take notice of how fabulous the Yarra Road entrance looked on Monday morning? Or have you taken a peak at the Junior Outdoor Learning Spaces?

Thanks to the outstanding work of the following families and staff members, we completed an enormous amount at last Sunday’s working bee. Many, many thanks to the Fox, Stevens, Cooper, Van den Heuvel, Joyce/Murcott, Allen, Nye, Davison, Egan-Douglas, Smith, Weeks, DeMarco and Ahern families and staff members Dan Quick and Kerri Kirby. A super, special thank you to the Piccioli family, through their business, Finneat Concrete, for donating the sand to refill the sandpits and for arranging delivery of soft fall and black mulch.

Morning tea and the BBQ and drinks at the end were delicious, thank you, Lisa and Caitlyn

Work completed out the front included pruning trees, refilling the sand pits, spreading new soft fall mulch, weeding and mulching garden beds and loads of sweeping and raking.

Work in the Junior outdoor learning spaces included painting the paling fence, laying steppers, filling garden beds with soil and spreading mulch. We are now ready to bring in the plants and this fantastic new area will be complete.

Special thanks to Kingsley for bringing his digger and making quick work of filling the sand pits and loading barrows with mulch and to Matt for bringing in his concrete cutting gear to prepare the area along and above the new retaining wall beside the ramp for planting—a job for the next working bee on Sunday 5th June.

Meriden James
Buildings and Grounds Team Convenor
What an exciting couple of weeks we have had in Prep!

It was great to have all our parents visit during Open Mornings to be part of our Literacy block in the mornings. Our Teddy Bear Picnic with our Grade 5 buddies was a huge success and it was fantastic to see all the children sharing stories and a snack together. We saw some very crazy hair for the World’s Greatest Shave and loved our first experience at the special assembly for this day! Despite the weather and relocation to the BER, Prep Family Picnic Night was great and all the families had a lovely time!

We have continued exploring new sounds, practicing our writing and learning about numbers and counting. All the Preps should be very proud of themselves for the amazing effort they have put in, and the way they have settled in so beautifully to Term 1 at school. We are looking forward to more exciting times in Term 2!

Henry T and Oscar P

Sack race at the prep family picnic!

Crazy hair day!
Level 2 has had a great start to the year. This term, we have enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones as we began the new school year. We reconnected with our mateship groups and for some of us, met the new teachers that will take us. In literacy we have been learning new sounds and words, writing some fantastic stories and sharing our class novels and picture books. In maths, we have been looking at numbers and different ways we can make them and add them together. We all agree that this week’s Easter Bonnet parade, has been the highlight of our short term. All of the children mad a HUGE effort and produced some of the most wonderful Easter bonnet we have seen.

Level 2 would like to wish everyone in our school community a very

HAPPY EASTER!
Level 3 Sport

This term we have enjoyed playing a number of new sports. These have included T-Ball, Basketball, Hockey and Cricket.

Icy pole vouchers and awards have been given for sportsmanship, teamwork, effort and perseverance.

Last week we played finals for each of these sports to determine the overall winners this term.

In Hockey Gatter A won.
In Cricket Turner B won.
In Basketball Wilson B won.
In T-Ball Wilson A won.

We are looking forward to trying some new sports in Term 2.
The last two weeks in Grade 5 and 6 have been incredibly busy, and we are sure all the students are excited for the Easter holidays.

Grade 6 have been on city leadership camp, where all students were given a job to complete to help us navigate Melbourne, getting us to where we needed to go. We were so impressed with the responsibility, behaviour and courtesy they showed, and hopefully they had some fun too!

Grade 5 have been looking at space and are creating models to represent our place in space. We had Camp information night for Phillip Island camp, we relayed lots of information and the teachers are excited to head off in June.

Have a great holiday!
Matilda S
For the last couple of weeks in art, we have been doing Chinese painting with ink or water colour. We had to paint a Chinese dragon in a teapot, Chinese fire crackers and Chinese lanterns. We also had to write this It means “happy New Year”

Alex K
A couple of weeks ago in art, 3/4S made Chinese paintings with ink. One week back in art, we continued our Chinese paintings. We made Chinese fire crackers with little dragons inside.

Cooper S
For the last 2 weeks in art we did Chinese painting. My favourite bit was the dragon. We did this to celebrate Chinese new year.

Luke D
The way I did it was when I needed a thin brush, I’d try to get a cup and smooth it out. My favourite bits were writing and tea pots
Basketball Boys
We played 6 games and won 5. Our first game was on the 5th of February, we lost to was Bayswater North. in our team was Beau, Ethan, Jackson, Conner, Liam, Brodie, Billy and I. We played all our games well. The season highlight was beating Wonga Park by 64 points!
Captains: Harrison Adams and Brodie Peake

Basketball Girls!
This term, the girls basketball team won all of their six games. During the six weeks of inter-school sport everyone showed amazing sportsmanship and teamwork. While playing the matches against other schools, all the girls were very encouraging to one another and the opposition. Seeing as we won all of the games, we’re fortunate enough to get the chance of going through to the next round in term 4. Overall, every single one of the girls played the best of their ability, well done girls.
Captains: Charlee Schafer & Sienna Koh

Cricket
As captain and vice-captain, we had a great season with our team and we think our most improved player is Joe for his batting and taking a couple of wickets to help the team win. As a team we showed great sportsmanship. The team statistics are 3W-3L. Great season boys!
By Alex Taranto and Jai Brown

Hot Shots
Perry and Caitlyn shared the Captaincy of the Hot Shots team. We have only won once but the team showed great sportsmanship and we all had a great time. This is really good when you find out that this is our first season of hot shots. Now that we have line markings on our basketball courts we can keep improving at Tennis to be even better next season!
Captains: Perry Leane and Caitlyn Nye

Rounders Boys
Hi I’m Braydon captain of the Boys Rounders team and the vice-captain is Nick. The team was Nick, Dylan, Sean, Kane, Brennan, Lachie, Tyler and Myself. One of the Highlights was when the score was 9-24 and we won by getting 15 points.
Captains: Braydon Duckworth and Nick Seregin
**Rounders Girls**
Hello I am Jemma caption of the rounders team, and I’m Sally vice caption of the rounders team.
This term we played brilliantly, we won all our games, in term 4 we will go to district.
Captains Jemma Smith and Sally Keatch

**T-Ball Girls**
As I ran towards home plate with my team screaming “GO CHELSEA!” I felt amazing, I thought anything was possible. Sprinting as hard as we could, most of the Yarra Road Primary School t-ball girls made it home. YRPS t-ball girls team unfortunately only played 5 rounds as POPS only had a mixed team. This is Sian’s last year of T-ball and we are very proud and happy of the t-ball girls 2016, good job girls, hope to see you playing t-ball in 2017.
Captains: Sian Jones and Chelsea Mareangareau

**T-ball Boys**
Our team was: Zac, Thomas, Jordon, Henry, Tyson, Jack C, Harry and Cam B. We had an even loss-win of 3 wins, 3 losses in my opinion I’d say we did really good. One highlight would be when we had a huge win over Sacred Heart 24-4! Since our first and last game we have improved so much my highlight was that we have improved so much I’m am very proud of the tee-ball boys.
Captains Hamish McKinnon and Jack Shaw

**Volley Stars**
What a great term of Inter School Sport we have had. In Volleystars everyone did a great job. Gemma slotted lots of sneak shots in, Annabelle managed to get her serves over the net, Brooke served strongly, Tahliya kept her eye on the ball, and Isabel, Maddy, Kelsey, Ella D and Amber all played well. Great job to everyone - great season girls.
Captains: Maddy Seamer and Gemma Marshall
A huge thank you to the following families for offering to water over the holidays.

(Friday 26th March - Saturday-Saturday 2nd April)
Week 1 Joyce Family- Vegie Patch
Week 1 Ramsay Family-Apple Orchard

(Sunday 3rd April-Sunday 10th April)
Week 2 Hawking Family-Apple Orchard/Vegie Patch

School Crossing
I would like to thank Kate Perkins, Rhiana Macrae, staff and all of the children for nominating myself - “school crossing supervisor of the year”.

Your nomination was unexpected and I am thrilled and very honoured. A dinner will be held for all nominated persons in July.

Wish me luck and I hope I do your nomination proud! Happy Easter to all.

Carmel Black
School Crossing Supervisor

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
WATERPROOF RAIN JACKETS
I receive many enquiries about whether we stock rain coats, so I have a sample in the shop for viewing—size 8
The black rain jacket is water proof, it packs small by rolling into itself and has no logo so can be worn out of school hours casually.
I will take orders and delivery will be at the start of term 2.
Cost is $25
Thanks Lisa Kemp
Uniform Shop

I hope you’re enjoying this lovely autumn weather – let’s hope it continues! This is just a quick note to please remind children and families to continue using sun protection throughout the term break and for a few weeks in term two.
UV levels are still above three so please continue to Slip on sun protective clothing, Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen, Slap on a wide brimmed hat, Seek shade and, if practical, Slide on wrap-around sunglasses until the end of April.
Please check the daily sun protection times to be sure

YRPS INFORMATION
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Dear Parents and carers,

Early next term we are hosting a workshop about School Refusal. We are hoping to help parents, carers and staff so that we may better support students who may be experiencing School Refusal.

School Refusal - Why does it occur and how can we help?

Most children experience an occasional reluctance to attend school, or may have anxiety around special events such as camps or sports days. However, when reluctance turns into distress, or a child’s failure to attend school becomes a persistent problem, it is referred to as School Refusal. School refusal can be caused by a variety of factors including anxiety around social situations or events, separation anxiety, learning difficulties, bullying, conflicts with teachers or traumatic events, and can place considerable strain on family relationships, as well as affecting socio-emotional development and academic skills.

This workshop will discuss what School Refusal can look like in primary aged children, outline how to identify the possible causes, and provide strategies for managing School Refusal effectively.

About Raeline
Raeline is a Registered Psychologist with a private practice in Croydon South, called Okey Dokey Childhood Psychology. She has a Masters Degree in Educational & Developmental Psychology. Raeline has extensive experience working with children in Early Childhood Intervention and Primary schools, and has special interest in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Anxiety Disorders and Learning Disorders.


When: Wednesday the 13th of April.
Time: 7.30 pm.
Cost: $15.00 per person.
Venue: Yarra Road Primary school gym.
Coffee and tea provided.

RSVP: Please complete the attached form and return to school by Thursday the 24th of March or Monday the 11th of April.

Earth Hour 2016

Thank you to Cameron and Tahlia, our Environmental Captains, who began Earth Hour for our students last Friday. Across the school, students turned off non-essential electricity and made use of natural light in our classrooms. Unfortunately the weather didn’t allow us to venture outside however many conversations were started about climate change and how to protect our environment. Well done!

Jocelyn Pfander and Jodie Ross

Principal
Yarra Road Primary School
THANK YOU!

Kerri and Alycia and all the Prep families would like to say a huge thank you to Denh Lay Photography for the beautiful portraits she took of the children, which marked their first weeks of school. These have been sent home to parents today and are a lovely keepsake. You can access Denh’s details at www.denhlay.com. Thanks again Denh!