Education Week (16th May - 20th May)
This month we celebrate Education Week. During the week beginning Monday 16th May we will open our school doors, welcome visitors and have a range of activities for students and families.

Mark in your diary the following dates:

⇒ **Monday**: Assembly with performances from the choir and one of the dances for production

⇒ **Wednesday**: School Photos
   Students will visit the Book Fair
   Prep Information Night for Foundation Students starting 2017

⇒ **Thursday**: Discovery Night…. Open nights in the classrooms, Sausage Sizzle, Information Sessions and a Flag Hunt throughout the classrooms.
   Book Fair opens tonight for sales

⇒ **Friday**: Walk to School Day

There will be no assembly this Monday morning 9th May due to whole school Cross Country. There will be a special assembly at 3pm instead to announce the results of Cross Country and to farewell our Thai students!

We are still looking for parent helpers to assist at Lilydale Lake on Monday morning, please contact Meriden James if you can assist.
STARS OF THE WEEK

Prep K Mila I
For delivering an amazing oral presentation about herself—'Me in a bag'

Prep M Mikaela C
For showing excellence by working hard on her reading and spelling. Great job Mikaela!

1B Maclin E
For bouncing back when faced with challenges

1D Jai M
For trying very hard to sound out words in his writing

Jackson I
For showing responsibility for his learning by always completing his home learning tasks

1/2MP Uday S
For approaching all maths tasks with a growing confidence

2R/H Bella R
For showing ‘excellence’ in her reading by developing her re-telling

Zara T
For showing ‘excellence’ in spelling by completing the 1st 300 MIOOW words

3/4 A Cody M
For showing more responsibility towards his homework and reading log

3/4 J/Q Alex O
For being a RESPONSIBLE learner who always does her best

5C/H Nick S
For doing his best work during our Launch Pad Writer's Workshop and responding well to feedback

5H Ryan A
For working so diligently on his persuasive writing activities

Laura B
For being such an enthusiastic author during our class writing times

6RV Caitlin M
For always showing respect in how she approaches class work and listens to others

6VL Jarred S
For working with a partner to create an excellent science rap song

Lachie R
For thoroughly researching an animal for writing an information report

Slice Fractions (iOS & Android)
Price: $5.99
Age: Foundation – Grade 6
Genre: Mathematics (Fractions)

Description: This award-winning, problem-solving game is an incredibly fun way to learn fractions.

Thanks to the game’s research-proven effectiveness, students get a head start at school while having fun with fundamental math concepts.

Students between the age of 5 and 12 slice through ice and lava to clear the mammoth’s path, unravelling the mystery of fractions!

By the Digital Technologies Team
Exchange Students

Sky high lookout & maze in Mt Dandenong

Dance performance at Assembly

With their YRPS buddies!

Thailand Exchange Students

**Kimmy:**
Kimmy is 11 years old (almost 12) and her sister (Kanom) is also over here and is also in grade 6. Kimmy’s favourite colour is blue and she loves playing soccer and tiggy. And on her phone she enjoys playing Minecraft.

**Kanom:**
Kanom is 12 and her favourite colours are pink and purple. Like her sister, she loves playing soccer and tiggy. She also enjoys playing the game Piano Tiles on her phone.

**Guy:**
Guy is 11 years old and has 1 brother. His favourite colour is blue and he loves learning how to play footy with the boys on the oval.

**Fair:**
Fair is 11 years old and is a triplet with his brother and his sister. He enjoys playing soccer and his favourite colour is gold.
2017 Prep Information Evening

Wednesday 18th May
7:00pm in the Library
(School Tour at 6:15pm)

Come and see what a great school and community Yarra Road is for your family to become a part of.

We offer engaging and consistent programs across all curriculum areas and much, much more!

Your child has the opportunity to experience many extra-curricular activities in the areas of performing arts and sporting excellence, or choose to join a variety of lunchtime clubs.

Additional support in literacy, numeracy and student wellbeing is available for individuals and small groups, as well as being a part of all class programs.

A school tour is available at 6:15pm where you are able to view the different learning spaces across Yarra Road Primary.

Following this will be a general presentation about the school, as well as what we can offer your child in their first year with us. At the end of the evening there will be time to speak to our 2016 Prep Teachers, Principal Kate Perkins and Assistant Principal Meriden James.

Term 3 2016:

Friday 15th July
(Parents are asked to stay with their child)

Friday 12th August
(Parent afternoon tea with the Principal)

Friday 9th September
(School readiness talk for parents)

All sessions 2.15 to 3.15pm

Term 4 2016:

Friday 14th October

Friday 4th November

Friday 25th November

All sessions 2.15 to 3.15pm

Prep Information Night

Monday 5th December @ 7.00pm
(Preparing your child for school)

Orientation Morning
Tuesday 6th December
9.15am—12.45pm

(children spend the morning with their class for 2017)
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!
Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20th May 2016!

Why it’s good to walk to School?

- **It’s fun** – you can meet friends and see things you would miss in a car
- **It’s good** for the environment
- **It’s a healthier** alternative than driving
**YRPS INFORMATION**

Click on the links to view:

*Current notices*
*Diary Dates*
*Noticeboard*

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Sports Tops**

Just a reminder to parents who put their name down for a sports top—I am holding them in the uniform shop.

The new sizing is as follows—

- 4xs = size 30
- 3xs = size 32
- 2xs = size 34
- Xs = size 36

Thanks Lisa Kemp
Uniform Shop

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**Canteen**

Due to the new canteen procedures it would be appreciated if parent helpers could now start at 11.30am instead of 12noon if you are able.

Many thanks,
Caroline and Lisa

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**MISSING**

A full-size AFL leather Sherin Football. Specially made and has the words ‘Active Melbourne’ on it. This ball was kicked onto our school roof and was removed by somebody. If found or you know its whereabouts. Please contact Yarra Road PS on 9723 4182

Fiona Berry(speech path) has lost her Ipad. This is the last place she remembers using it, 2 days before end of term. If you find it please call her on 0421 127 628

Thank you