This week is a special time to recognize and thank our Educational Support Staff, who are a key to the wellbeing of students, the smooth operation of the school and who enable us to offer extra services such as canteen and the uniform shop. National Support Staff Week is being celebrated across the nation this week, and at Yarra Road we stopped for a special morning tea to celebrate the work of this important section of our staff. The students made cards for the staff which were presented to them at morning recess.

In the Office we have three remarkable ladies, Kate Garside, Angela Stevens and Carly Van Bremen, who manage much of the business of running a school, keep us on track with communication, ready for events and are always there to answer your enquiries with their expert knowledge.

In the Canteen and Uniform shop the combined efforts of Carolyn Bassett and Lisa Kemp keep students clothed and fed!

And supporting our students with all manner of learning, and organizing our Life Skills program, we have a large team of expert and trainee aides. Thank you to Kerry Graham, Erica Boxhall, Tanya Patrick, Rachel Herrmann, Drew Graham and Pippa Van Loenen for their valuable work in the school. And to out trainee support staff Kate, Kylie and Dianne we are pleased to welcome you into our school for your work placement.

Kate P
STARS OF THE WEEK

Prep K  Troy W
For working hard to learn new things

Prep M  Beau F
For making Miss Fox and Miss Maher’s day by always being ready to learn and helping his peers

1B  Madeline D
For making our day by sharing her story about what she would do if she found $1000,000.

1D  Kyan S.S
For bouncing back and trying his best, even though he has a broken thumb!
Harvey W
For always being able to tell us what has happened in the BFG! Great listening

1/2MP  Grace D
For always being there for her classmates & teachers

2E  Sam W
For her amazing enthusiasm during writing time

2R/H  Jade M
For always choosing a very positive attitude towards her learning and as a result achieving great success

Kai W
For the focus he shows across all areas of the curriculum, Congratulations Kai on producing excellent work

3/4A  Ashleigh P
For listening and working in a quiet, respectful manner

3/4JQ  Cooper D
For working exceptionally hard in literacy groups

3/4R  Logan S
For his improved attitude to home work

5C/H  Connor M
For choosing to have a positive attitude towards swimming lessons

Elly A
For her courageous effort during swimming lessons

5B  Harry R
For always being such a positive and happy student!

6RV  Ebony B
For being engaged in her learning and whole heartedly taking part in class activities

Ethan Ba
For making Mr Vorherr’s day by improving his home learning

6VL  Sienna K
For choosing a positive outlook toward her learning by giving her best in literacy

‘Using Co-operative learning at home’.
As you know, co-operative learning structures are embedded within the school and utilised to enhance students learning experiences in the classroom. Research has demonstrated that the partnership between home learning and school learning also has a positive impact on student’s development. So to support this connection between school and home, Co-operative learning structures and instructions on how to use them will be included in the newsletter each month. This month’s structure is Read and Review. The child reads a page to you and at the end of it, you ask them three questions about what they just read. You might want to swap roles and you read the page to your child and then they ask you questions about it. A new structure will be written in the newsletter next month so watch this space.

Co-operative learning team

YRPS INFORMATION
Click on the links to view:

Current notices
Diary Dates
Noticeboard
Parent Helper Reminders

Last Friday’s Emergency Evacuation Drill was a timely reminder of the importance of all visitors to the school signing in on the iPad at the school office. The electronic roll generated is used to ensure that we can account for everyone in the school: staff, students, volunteers, contractors and any other visitors, and thereby promote everyone’s safety.

We greatly appreciate the help of parents in all of our school programs so if you are assisting in the school in any capacity please ensure that you are signed in. As volunteers, parents are covered by the Department of Education and Training’s insurance so please help us to help you by making sure you sign in and are thereby registered as a volunteer helper.

A second point to note is that to comply with Child Safety Regulations all volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check on record at the school. These are free for volunteers and are easy to apply for online via this link: http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

Once you have completed the process please bring your WWCC verification to the school office so you can be included in our register.

Meriden James

Croydon Football Club Under 12’s

On the weekend, Croydon Football Clubs under 12’s team competed in the EFL Grade B Final. They played well, but unfortunately lost to North Ringwood by 1 point. Mrs Van Loenen and Mr Vorherr were proud to see the boys handle the loss well and we are looking forward to their continued success.

Education committee meeting is
Wednesday the 24th of August at 7:30pm in the staff room.

We will be discussing parent education at Yarra Road. If you have any suggestions or advice on the types of education sessions that could be provided by the school, please join us!
Wow! What an amazing effort all the Prep children have been putting in at school! We have been seeing some great improvements in reading and writing and lots of increases in confidence!

Olympics Day went very smoothly and it was great to see all the great Australian outfits and the enthusiasm displayed in all activities undertaken! We have been rehearsing hard for Production and even tried on our costumes, which look fantastic! Last Friday we also had our second Prep Transition afternoon which was a great success.

All the children were engaged in various activities and enjoyed the outdoor learning space.

Check out Mr V enjoying some reading time with a group of 2017 Preps!
What an awesome night we had at Milo and Movie Night last Friday! We had so much fun playing Minute to Win It and watching The Beauty and the Beast. Mrs. Baum thought of some really fun challenges for us to complete in less than a minute. Games like; flipping cups over, blowing cups with straws and balancing small items on pop sticks! We also enjoyed a milo drink and a biscuit while watching the fairy-tale. Miss Eisenhut entertained us with verb charades and “Miss Eisenhut says” We are now looking forward to production and are all practising hard!
Grade 3/4s are researching how people, places and objects have changed over time in our history and writing sessions. We read ‘My Place’ and are creating timelines of how places have changed over time. This week we are finding out how communication and technology has changed over time in our learning tasks. These will be presented to the class next Monday.
The ball bounces off my foot and flies through the bright orange goal posts just as the siren sounds. It’s a goal! The crowd cheers, even though we lost.

On the 18th of August 2016, Yarra Road Girls football team played the second round of AFL9s, at Pinks Oval in Kilsyth. It was an exciting day full of fun and action. We played three games in total but tragically lost all. We all played exceptionally well and tried our hardest. Some girls kicked some amazing goals and others were epic defenders. In the end, we all had a great time.

Well done girls!
By Jess, Sally and Caitlin.

What a full-on week it has been in Grade 5/6! We held a Junior and senior lunchtime disco on Thursday and Friday to raise money for Graduation. Thank you so much to everyone who came and danced and had fun in the BER with us. Special thanks to Grade 6 parents for food and cordial donations, and of course we can’t forget House DJ’S Chandler W and Lachy R for spinning the decks.

Science with Shelley started this week in Grade 5. They have been working on 2D mapping, and have enjoyed learning how to map. The Grade 6’s have just finished their science sessions on biofilms, bacteria on skin, and how to extract DNA from a banana!

Sport has also been successful! A couple of weeks ago, those who chose to went to play AFL 9’s at Barangeong Reserve. The Girls Grade 6 team managed to win all of their games (except for their grand final) and proceeded onto the regional level. Unfortunately they did not make it through to the next round.

Hoop time tryouts have also started. The teams have been chosen and good luck to the Grade 3/4’s playing on Friday!

GO YARRA ROAD!!!

By Bella W and Tahliya W
PRODUCTION NEWS

Tuesday 23rd August
We will be having a run through for both casts.
Recess: 10.30 – 11.00
Cast 1 & A-K:
In gym ready to start by 11.10
L-Z remain in classrooms
Lunch: 12.40 eat
Lunch play: 12.50 – 1.50
Cast 2 & L-Z:
In gym ready to start by 2.00
Back in classrooms 3.20.
A-K remain in classrooms

Students don’t need costumes for the run through but I would still like them brought to school next week so that everything is ready for the dress rehearsal in Week 8.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday after 8.30am. Your child will bring home the ticket order form on Friday. You will not be able to find this on the website due to the colour coding.

Judy Haysom
**From the office**

**Cash Payments**
There have been some cash payments coming in to the office with no names on them – could you please ensure that names are on all money coming to the office to ensure that the money is allocated to the correct family.

**Direct Depositing**
If you choose to pay by Direct Deposit into the school bank account – please ensure you not only pop your individual family code in the description, but please fill in the forms and return those to the office stating that you have paid by direct deposit on ___ date. This makes it easier to ensure that the money you deposit is coming off the correct item – ie if you pop in $50 please let me know what it is for – fees, Chocolates, sport etc.

**Credit Card Payments**
If you are paying by credit card with the credit card

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**Prep Transition Sessions**

**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)

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**Cadbury Fundraiser**

There are still **17** boxes of chocolates (money) that are yet to be returned to school.

Please return your money ASAP as this is a major fundraiser for YRPS.

Your help with raising much needed funds for the school is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those families that have already returned their money.

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**LOST & FOUND**

Please come and check our lost and found if you have lost any clothing; we have a lot of clothes here with no names on them. If not collected by the end of term, they will be free to a good home.