Welcome back to the first full week of term. It’s been a settled start to what is looking like a great year.

**Bells Times and Announcements**
This term we are trialling having only one bell to mark the start of each learning session. As there will be no second bell students are expected to make their way to class as quickly as possible once the bell rings. Additionally we are planning to cut general announcements to the bare minimum; any announcements will be made immediately before the end of a teaching session. Parents collecting students early from school are asked to sign them out and then collect them from the classroom. Our aim is to have as little distraction as possible during teaching and learning time.

**Staffing**
All staff are onboard and are enjoying getting to know their classes and settling them into the class routine. It is great to now have some very familiar faces, in Narelle Cooper and Daniel Quick, as part of the teaching staff. We also welcome Rachel Grogan, who some of you may know from the Camp Australia program, who will be teaching LOTE. We also welcome Miss Shanae Stevens who will be working in the school this year as an intern, alongside Hazel Van Loenen in Level 4.

And in the office for this term we have two new part time staff joining Kate Garside and Angela Stevens; a warm welcome to Debbie Willison and Jo Deakin.

**Assembly Monday 8th February**
This coming Monday our assembly will focus on our new Student Leaders. The leaders will be presented with their badges by David Hodgett MP (Member for Croydon). We hope you can join us to acknowledge our new Leaders.

**Assembly Announcements**
Each Monday at assembly we present a range of notices and information for students about the happenings planned for the week. This might include; lunch time activities, reminders about whole school events or general matters such as bells, hats etc. Each Monday we will be sending these notices home as part of the Monday email. We hope that this may be helpful in families knowing what is planned and what is expected of students in the coming week.

YRPS would like to reassure parents, that in light of the recent threats to schools, our emergency management plan and evacuation procedures are in place and will be enacted immediately should this prove necessary.
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

How to Apply—
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website

Further Information-
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information, please see:
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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Why we celebrate Australia Day (by Liam M)
On Australia Day we come together to celebrate the arrival of the first fleet and the raising of the union jack in Sydney cove in 1788, by its commander Arthur Phillip. Though 26th of January marks this amazing event it also reflects on our diverse society, our beautiful landscape, our remarkable achievements and our bright future. Australia Day is also a chance to reflect on our nation’s history. Australia Day is celebrated by over half of the nation’s population of 23 million. People either attend an organised community event or may get together with family and friends. Australia Day is a day where we reflect on how lucky we are and how great it is to be an Aussie.

What Australia day means to me (by Jarred S)
Australia day wow! Where to start. Backyard cricket followed by an Aussie BBQ. A day we remember how lucky we are to have this beautiful country. Australia give us a safe, friendly place to live. Australia have also got some great landmarks such as the great barrier reef, the Sydney harbour bridge and the penguin parade. And on a hot sunny day there’s no place better then the beach. Australia has also got their own sport AFL.

What Australia day means to me (by Ella G)
Australia Day means to me, a day that we celebrate with our friends and family. In our thongs and singlets, we play backyard cricket, have a BBQ and have lots of fun. To remember that we amazing shops, schools, parks, oceans, landmarks and AFL. When it comes to sport, our country is massive. A day to remember that we can feel safe and sound in our own homes, suburbs, towns, cities and country. It makes you think about how free our country is.

Over all, Australia Day means to me that I’m so lucky to call Australia home.
**STARS OF THE WEEK**

1B  Chayce A  
For his fantastic demonstration of respect towards his teachers and fellow students

1D  Jye D  
For settling into Yarra Road so beautifully  
Jesse M  
For settling into Yarra Road so beautifully

1\2 MP  Millah W  
For confidently showing others where to find things in our new book

2E  Zander R  
For his beautiful handwriting and artistic flair

2R\H  Kai W  
For showing amazing "resilience" during the day at school

3\4 A  Molly G  
For working so well as shoulder partners  
Jayda K  
For working so well as shoulder partners

3\4 JQ  Jessica L  
For showing confidence and resilience in settling into her new grade

3\4R  Ruby D  
For showing respect to her Classmates

3\4S  Tyler R  
For working hard to ensure his holiday recount was his very best work

1\2 MP  Millah W  
For confidently showing others where to find things in our new book

5C\H  Jake H  
For doing a fabulous job of looking after his Prep buddy

5H  Tyler M  
For an excellent start to the year with all areas of school!

6RV  Tahla T  
For starting the year with a positive and cheerful attitude to class

6VL  Gemma M  
For demonstrating Responsibility by being on time and making a positive start to the year

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**App of the Week!**

**Place Value MAB**

*Price:* $2.99  
*Age:* Foundation – Grade 4  
*Genre:* Education

Place Value MAB is a great learning app for children. It is useful when your child does not have MAB because it uses virtual MAB. Place Value MAB teaches you about converting MAB blocks into numbers.

Place Value MAB has three different game modes:  
*Listen and Make:* Teaches kids to convert numbers into MAB blocks.  
*How Many:* Teaches kids to convert MAB blocks to numbers.  
*Make the Number:* Teaches kids to make numbers out of MAB.

All in all we think that Place Value MAB is a great app for kids from Foundation to Grade 4  
Jackson & Ethan  
YRPS ICT Captains
Environmental News

Thank you to the following families for watering our garden beds and apple orchard over the school holidays. It was greatly appreciated and is looking fantastic after all that hot weather. Keys can be returned to me as soon as possible.

Week 1 - King Family
Week 2 - Davison Family
Week 3 - Holmes Family
Week 4 - Hawking Family
Week 5 - Whiting Family
Week 6 - Barnard Family

Many Thanks
Jodie Ross
Sustainability Coordinator

Healthy eating doesn’t need to be perfect.

It’s very tempting; in fact I hear it a lot, for people to feel they have to be perfect with their food choices 100% of the time. Funny thing is, nobody is perfect and with healthy eating the 80:20 rule works just fine.

This means that if you are choosing and providing healthy food for yourself and your family 80% of the time the other 20% doesn’t matter so much. In fact when you are so concerned about the less healthy (sometimes) foods and make too big a deal about them you can create some unhelpful attitudes toward these foods for your children. Children learn these ‘sometimes’ foods are ‘bad’ instead of just food that is not so healthy. When food is labelled as ‘good’ and ‘bad’ it starts to bring emotions into eating.

The role for parents here is to teach your children that you eat less healthy food sometimes because you feel like it (not as a reward or treat) and in small quantities. Enjoy!
Lisa Renn, Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD)
www.dietproofyourkids.com.au
Book Club Catalogues

were handed out to students this week.

Is a notice explaining to parents how to order and pay for books online.

Orders will need to be in by Friday 12th February, which is the end of next week.

Kerry Graham
Library

All Shifts are from 12pm - 2pm

Canteen Roster - Term 1

Friday 5th February
Liz Armstrong & Carrie Van De Graaf

Friday 12th February
Jenny Brown & Leesa Ferguson

Friday 19th February
Britt Millward & Shelley Schafer

Friday 26th February
Ruth Robertson & Lucy Cooper

Friday 4th March
Karen Lucas & Jo Hawking

Friday 11th March
Sharon Gordon & Anne Dunne

Friday 18th March
Vanessa Kennedy & Amanda Simpson

Regards
Caroline and Lisa

Lilydale Heights College
Farewell Mr Greg Hancock

After 45 years dedicated to public education and 38 years at Lilydale Heights College, including 10 as Principal, Greg Hancock has chosen to retire. Greg will be remembered by many parents and students as a committed and dedicated leader who built lasting relationships with many families and supported them and their children in education over many years. We wish him every happiness in his retirement.

Welcome Ms Rosina Fotia

The Lilydale Heights community is pleased to welcome Ms Rosina Fotia as Principal of Lilydale Heights College. Rosina has lived in the local community for over 25 years and has gained extensive experience working in schools in the local and surrounding areas over many years. Rosina is keen to meet families from the Lilydale Heights community and invites you to join her on a tour of the school. Please contact Lilydale Heights on 9735 1133 to arrange a tour with Rosina.
Do you want to advertise your business in the YRPS Business Directory?

- Business card size
- $25 for 6 months or $50 for whole year
- Your business card will also be “posted” onto our community pin board on our website

Disclaimer—any advertising from Doctors, Dentists or other healthcare professionals must be fully accredited and duly registered.

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