Welcome back to school for Term Four, it promises to be a term full of exceptional activity in classrooms and around the school.

Term Four is a time when student’s work towards completing their learning for the year and also begin the preparation for the following year of schooling.

Throughout this term our ‘STEPPING IN, UP and OUT PROGRAMS’ will be a feature. For all students there will be timetabled sessions in their new year level and home group (classes).

STEPPING IN PROGRAM – for new students coming into the school

Already our new 2017 Foundation (Prep) students have spent time at YRPS finding their way in the classroom. Our new Prep team, Alycia Maher, Rhiana Macrae and Ryan Vorherr have been working with our new students at school and are undertaking kinder visits.

This term our transition sessions for new students to Foundation will occur between 2.15pm to 3.15pm on the following dates: Friday 14th October, Friday 4th November, Friday 25th November

Tuesday 6th December: Orientation Morning 9.15 am – 12.45 pm

To support the transition into the school we are providing a number of opportunities for parents;

Information Sessions: 2.30pm – 3.00pm in the Performing Arts Space (this is at the same time students are visiting)
Friday 14th October: Get Involved
Friday 4th November: Special programs at YRPS
Friday 25th November: Extended Curriculum activities at YRPS

During November we offer all families an opportunity to meet with the class teacher and Principal to discuss their child to help ensure the school can best meet the needs of our new students.

Information Night: 7.00 pm at the school on Monday 5th December.

For many families these transition sessions are the first time they have been involved in primary school since they attended primary school. To support new families entering the school we have begun a FAMILY BUDDY PROGRAM where we pair up existing families with new families. The aim of the pairing is to give support to new families at YRPS in navigating school procedures and expectations, and as a point of social contact.
STUDENT BUDDIES - The children in their Prep year are teamed up with a buddy from Grade Five. They spend some class time together and participate in a variety of activities, a highlight being the ‘Teddy Bears Picnic’. The buddy system also incorporates a playground component in which the older children offer support for their younger buddies. At the beginning of the year the Grade Fives stay with their Prep buddy at recess and lunchtime until the child feels secure enough in the school grounds. Usually groups of Preps play together while the Grade Fives are close by to take them to the toilet and return them to their classroom at the end of recess and lunch breaks. The partnership continues into the following year when the children are in Grades One and Six respectively.

‘STEPPING IN PROGRAM’ for students entering YRPS from another school.

Every term we welcome new students to the school in various year levels. This term we welcome Ethan and Indiana (Prep), Caiden (Year 1), Tully and Tashahla (Year 3) and Faith (Year 6). As part of their stepping into the school they have been buddied-up with a peer from the class and have joined a Mateship group. We will also be introducing the new families to a buddy family to assist them in finding their feet at YRPS.

Non-prep students joining us for the first time at YRPS next year will be invited to come along to specific transition sessions later this term, to spend time with their new class mates.

STEPPING UP PROGRAM – for students progressing to the next class in our school

During Term Four we begin our Stepping Up program. Students will be allocated to their class for 2017 later in the term; if parents have specific comments or requests about their child’s class placement for next year, Please put this in writing and address it to Kate Perkins by the end of week 3 of this term. All requests will be considered but cannot necessarily be granted.

During the later weeks of term students will move into their new classes and work on getting-to-know-you activities with their new teachers and class mates.

This allows the students to get a feel for their new environment and the expectations of the year level and their new teacher.

We have planned two dates for this program, December 6th and 15th, although we may add extra sessions.

To support parents of students moving into new year levels, teachers prepare a Stepping Up newsletter that details expectations, events and introduces the team teaching your child.

STEPPING OUT PROGRAM - for Year Six students moving on to Secondary School

As a school we endeavour to prepare our students for a smooth transition into Secondary School as they Step Out of our environment. Starting in Year Five the students attend leadership and science days at local Secondary Schools. The Year Five and Six students are visited and spoken to by Year Seven students, who outline some of the changes to expect in Secondary School. As part of the Year Six Parent and Student Information Nights, at the beginning of the year, selection of Secondary Schools and transition are topics that are comprehensively covered.

In Year Six the Stepping Out program includes our city camp, in Term One. On this camp students are taught how to use public transport, interact with a variety of people and find their way around a different environment.
There are many learning opportunities that promote organisation and readiness for Secondary Students. The variety of teachers for different subjects, the setup of the learning space with student lockers outside the classroom are some of the steps in preparing students for Stepping Out of primary school.

This term, to continue to strengthen student’s social and emotional wellbeing the Year Five and Six students will be part of the REACH program. (REACH was established in 1994 by Jim Stynes). These workshops aim to improve resilience and self-belief and the use of positive coping strategies that can be applied in their lives.

To reconnect past and present students this term there will be a sausage sizzle where our Grade Six students from last year get together with this year’s Grade Sixes. This is an opportunity for students to chat formally and informally about the difference between primary and secondary schools.

Enjoy the last term of 2016, especially watching your child finish their year and preparing for the adventures ahead in 2017.

Cheers Kate

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

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What happens when…?

In each fortnightly newsletter the ‘What happens when…?’ column gives information in answer to the most common questions asked at school. If you have a general question that you think the community would benefit from knowing the answer to, please email it to the school-yarra.road.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

The ‘What happens when …?’ responses will also be published in the 2017 Parent Handbook which will be released mid this term.

What happens when…

**my child forgets his/her lunch?** When we are aware that a child did not bring lunch, the school will phone the parent. Options are to have lunch brought to school by the parent, for the child to share a sibling’s lunch, a sandwich (Vegemite/ jam) can be made or, if it is a canteen day, a basic lunch can be provided which will be charged to the parent.

**my child is absent?** If your child is absent please let us know. The easiest way is by sending a notification via tiqibiz, which generates an email to the school. Alternatively you can email details to the school directly at yarra.road.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or you can send a note to the class teacher when your child returns to school.

**my child is late arriving at school?** Children are expected to be in their classroom ready to commence the day’s learning by the second bell which rings at 9:00 am. If your child is late parents are expected to accompany them to the office and sign them in using the Passtab (tablet). Children will be issued a late pass to give to their teacher.

**my child needs to leave before the end of the school day?** If parents need to pick up a child prior to the end of the school day, they must sign the child out using the Passtab at the school office, pick up an early leaver pass and give this to the class teacher when they collect the child from the classroom. If returning again, the late arriving procedure above is to be followed.

**our family details change?** If any of your family's personal details or circumstances change, such as your address, mobile/home/work phone number, emergency contacts, living arrangements etc, please inform the school office in writing by email or drop in a note. All personal information is held confidentially but ensures we are able to contact you if necessary.

**I would like to help out at school?** The school encourages and welcomes the assistance of parents in many ways including in classrooms, during excursions and special events, in the running of sporting programs, on school council and its sub committees, at working bees etc. Please contact your child’s teacher or principal or assistant principal to offer your help or to find out more about how you can assist. Please note that it is a legal requirement that in any role where volunteer helpers will have direct contact with children, they must have a current and valid ‘Working with Children Check’ on record at the school office.
We did one of the best projects in Art, embossing elephants. We had to outline our drawn elephant onto foil and it was super duper fun!
Pump up the Colour!

We have started an exciting new lunchtime photography club with Mrs Perkins and our Grade 6 photography captains Kelsey and Lachie! This club will run on Wednesday lunchtimes for Grade 2/3 students for the next 4 weeks. This week we explored the use of colour in our photos and students were given the challenge to capture a photograph with the prompt of ‘Pump up the Colour’.

We also talked about different skills we can learn in photography including moving around to take photos from another perspective, and remembering not to shake the camera!
During the school holidays 7 of our staff members attended a two day teacher conference for Google Apps for Education in Kew. We were excited to learn more about the wide range of programs available and how we can use them to benefit the learning of our students in all year levels across the school.

Some highlights of the day included learning about:
- Using Google Forms as an assessment tool to quiz students, and also learning how to put pictures and videos into the quizzes
- Using Google Drawings to teach our younger students how to sort and classify objects and ideas, and to create moving images and worksheets!
- Using a range of applications and add-ons in the Chrome Web Store to help students with literacy skills
- New ways to provide feedback to our students including voice recorded messages attached to our student’s work in Google Docs!
- Using technology in a variety of purposeful ways to benefit student learning and help students to achieve their personal learning goals

We look forward to sharing our skills with all staff and developing our use of GAFE throughout the school in the coming term.
The JSC will be collecting donations for Market Night for the ‘White Elephant Stall’.

We will be running a cake stall and be looking for any donations watch this space more information to come!

Market Night Tombola Jars & Chocolate trailer coin toss - donations needed please

$25 for school families
* $40 for external stall holders

Click here for external booking
Click here for school families booking
Name: ........................
Grade...........................

Entries due in Wednesday 12th October Please return to the office
A SPECIAL GIFT DVD

Don’t forget the DVD order form (and $10 per DVD) needs to be returned by this Friday 7th October. You can pick up an order form from the office or find it on our website.

Judy Haysom

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

I would like to advise everyone I will no longer be accepting credit card payments at the uniform shop. All purchases will be invoiced and payment processed electronically at the office. Your invoice will be stamped “paid” and your garments can be collected afterwards from the shop.

I apologise for any inconvenience this causes, however the old swipe machine is being retired.

Lisa Kemp

BOOK CLUB REMINDER

Book Club catalogues have been distributed to all students this week.

Please order and pay by LOOP online. Details of how to do this are on the back of the Catalogue.

All orders must be completed by Friday 21st October.

If you have any problems please contact Kerry Graham.

BOOK CLUB

BANKING REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that all student bank books need to be handed in by the end of day Wednesday to be processed.

Office

CURRICULUM DAY

Our next curriculum day (student free day) will be on Friday 28th October. Camp Australia will run a program on this day but there must be a minimum of 18 students for it to run. An expression of interest form is in this weeks newsletter.

All Shifts are from 12pm - 2pm except Footy Day which is 11.30am—2.00pm

If you cant make it on your day, could you please arrange to swap with someone else please

CANTEEN ROSTER—Term 4

Friday 7th October
Chelsea Weeks & Trudi Smith

Friday 14th October
Shelley Schafer & Jen Morton

Friday 21st October
Lucy Cooper & Sofija Marek

Friday 28th October
Curriculum Day

Friday 4th November
Sharon Gordon & Anne Dunne

Regards
Caroline and Lisa

YRPS INFORMATION

Click on the links to view:
Current Notices
Diary Dates
Noticeboard
Expression of Interest
Camp Australia Program for Curriculum Day
Friday 28th October 2016

I would like my child to participate in this program on Friday 28th October 2016.

Number of Students attending:
_________________________________________________________________

Child/s Name:
_________________________________________________________________

Grade/s:
_________________________________________________________________

Signed:
_________________________________________________________________

Name:
_________________________________________________________________

Contact No.:
_________________________________________________________________

Note: no money to be accepted at the office. All Camp Australia charges to be paid directly to Camp Australia.
TENNIS LESSONS AT YARRA ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4 coaching commences
Thursday 13th October 2016

Lesson Times-
Grades Prep-6       8.10am-8.50am

Lesson Details
Thank you for being part of the tennis program in term 3! Tennis Lessons are held on the bottom basketball court at Yarra Road Primary School every Thursday before school for SEVEN weeks of the school term.

Each lesson will consist of different themes and plenty of fun games. Students will learn tennis fundamentals such as footwork, balance and basic techniques of the forehand/backhand/volley and serve. Lessons are taken place in a fun, friendly environment where students will learn whilst still enjoying tennis with their friends. If it is raining then sessions will be run on the inside basketball court.

The cost for this SEVEN week program is $80. To enrol your child please fill out the form below enclosed with $80 and return to the office in an envelope by Thursday 13th October.
Cash and cheques are accepted with cheques to be written out to MATCH POINT TENNIS COACHING.

For further information please contact Daniel Kittelty/Junior Development Coach on 0421 498 110.

Yarra Road P.S Tennis enrolment form term 4/2016

Students full name:____________________Grade and Room:

Parents first names:

Contact Number:

Any allergies/health conditions: (Please write below)
Disclaimer—any advertising from Doctors, Dentists or other healthcare professionals must be fully accredited and duly registered.