Arts education, (performance, music, visual art, dance, and drama), aids students in skills needed in life and the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence. Being able to participate in the yearly school production supports the development of all these skills.

Congratulations to the students and teachers for the fun, experience and the delight of this year’s production. To everyone who has supported the students with encouragement, costumes, and praise for their efforts thank you. To the team who worked on props, costumes, transporting and ticketing your support has been exceptional, thank you.

Holidays
Holidays are around the corner, and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I am starting my leave a week early, with a week of Long Service Leave. I am planning to take extra time exploring the highlights of Gippsland and the surrounding areas by foot and bike. While I am away Meriden James will be Acting Principal, she can be contacted through the school office.

Cheers Kate

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 week’s newsletter.
STARS OF THE WEEK

Prep K  Mia B
For always giving 100% to her school work

Prep M  Matilda G
For making Miss Maher’s day by doing such a fantastic class bear presentation

1B  James B
For his amazing singing voice at production

1D  Kiara R
For displaying a positive attitude in all class tasks
Ava C
For always contributing to class discussions

1/2MP  Layla V
For always being engaged in all of her activities

2E  Jasmine G
For having such a friendly and confident attitude towards school

2RH  Inari W
For the effort she has shown in improving her comprehension.
Congratulations Inari!
Alle A
For the effort she has shown in improving her comprehension.
Congratulations Alle!

3/4A  3/4A
For your brilliant behaviour on camp. Well done everyone!

3/4JQ  Hayden S
For your awesome attitude at camp

3/4R  Krissada G
For his enthusiastic performance at production

3/4S  Will B
For having such a positive and confident attitude towards school

5A  Charlotte M
For consistently working very hard in Maths. Well done!

5B  Joel G
For always having a smile on his face and being there for his friends

6A  Harrison A
For getting himself prepared for Production, after his holiday
Maddy S
For choosing a positive attitude when she comes to school, and giving her best

6B  Jackson N
For having a great attitude and putting more effort into his school work and his role as ICT Captain

What happens when…?

Introducing a new addition to the fortnightly newsletter, a ‘What happens when…?’ column that will give information in answer to the most common questions asked at school.

These questions may be have been addressed to the school leadership, office or class teachers. 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 next term.

Here’s some to get us started –
What happens when...

my child does not have a hat a school? As we are a Sun Smart School, all children are expected to wear a wide brimmed hat that provides protection for the face, neck and ears, from the 1st of September until the 30th April. Children without an appropriate hat must play in the shade of the oak trees in the courtyard or under the shade sails in the front play space.

my child does not bring home a notice/permission form for a school event? When the event involves all children in the class, level or school, after distribution, notices are posted on the School Website- www.yarrardps.vic.edu.au and can be downloaded and printed. When the event involves only a small number of specific individuals please contact the school to arrange for a replacement notice to be provided. Children cannot attend any school event, outside of the regular classroom program, without a parent’s signed permission. Please return permission forms by the due date published on the notice to ensure your child’s participation.

I am running late and won’t be at school in time for pick up? Please phone the school and let us know you will be late. Having your child registered for Out of School Hours Care is a great option as registered children can be included in the program on an emergency basis by calling Camp Australia to book them in. If you will only be delayed for a short period, the school yard is supervised by staff until 3:45 pm. After 3:45 pm children who are still waiting to be collected are directed to wait on the couches in the school office foyer.

my child behaves inappropriately? Depending on the level and nature of the inappropriate behaviour, where the behaviour occurred, who is affected and ensuring that everybody’s safety remains our first priority, the following steps would usually be followed: Directing the misbehaving child to stop, if necessary removing them, or other children, from the situation (this may include moving an individual, group or class) to a new location, informing / discussing the incident with the offending child’s parents and participation of child(ren) involved in a restorative chat or circle time facilitated by the class, or student well-being, teacher. In incidents where the behaviour is severe or repeated the school principal or assistant principal will be involved. Appropriate consequences will be applied. As required by Department of Education and Training (DET) Incident Reporting Requirements, the DET Security Services Unit, police and DET Regional Office staff may be contacted, and the student may be internally or externally suspended.

my child is absent when he or she is due to be presented a ‘Star of the Week’ award? The names of students being presented a ‘Star of the Week’ award are published in the News Letter or News Sheet in the week prior to the Monday Morning School Assembly at which the award will be given. If your child is absent from that assembly the award will be presented at the next assembly.
A SPECIAL GIFT

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION……. and it’s a wrap!

We really do have amazing students at Yarra Road. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with all the students to help them perform in the school production. I am also very proud of each and every one of them in the way they performed and behaved, not only on performance night, but throughout the term in rehearsals. Not everyone is born for the stage and yet every single student tries their best and they work together as a team. All Gr 6 students have the opportunity to have a speaking part if they so desire and it is wonderful to see students having a go. The main cast spent many lunchtimes rehearsing their lines and dances. I hope they are very proud of their achievements as I am certainly proud of them.

Many parents helped out along the way whether it was with the choreography, organising the tickets, taking photos, copying DVD’s or making a door. To all of you a very big thank you and I hope you realise how much we appreciate your help. In saying that, all parents have helped out by supporting their child and organising their costume where necessary. So thank you! Yarra Road staff also need to be thanked as a production is such a team effort. Teachers help with the organisation of costumes, helping with costume changes, prompting, making and moving props, a change in their daily program and being there for their students. So much happens on the night, behind the scenes that the teachers deal with in their calm, dependable fashion.

But the biggest thank you must go to the students for their willingness to practise their item, for the way they help each other and work together. They were absolutely amazing!

If you would like a memory of the evening, please order a DVD. Order forms will go out next week.

Thank you everyone,

Judy Haysom
Here are some quotes from the 3/4s about Sovereign Hill Camp.

"My camp highlight was finding lots of gold in an abandoned gold pan."
-Adyn K

"It was exciting going down the mines because it was such a new experience."
-Ryan G

"Confidence and resilience are both very important for camp because with those things you can get through just about anything!"
-Ebony T

"It was interesting to find out about how they found gold in those days."
-Ava G

"The pasta was yummy & I liked buying toys."
-Ryan G

"Did you know?...Instead of using food colouring like we do these days, olden day lollies were coloured with squashed up bugs and rust!!!!" - Sovereign Hill dude dressed in olden day clothes who works in the lolly shop.

"Mrs Macrae was a gold-finding machine!!!!"
-Chloe Ristov
**Oreo and Ginger**

Hello everyone. We are the guinea pigs who live in the Bower Building. Everyone is going away on holidays next week except for us.

If you are staying at home and Mum or Dad says it's ok for us to come for a little holiday, will you please let Mrs V know. Bring in a note saying that it's all right. We come with our own cage, spare hay and enough food for the two weeks.

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**Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge**

This is the last week of the Reading Challenge and there are still a few students to finish. 301 students have completed the Challenge and 10,327 books have been entered online. Well done to Grade 1B, 3/4R and 5B for completing the Challenge this week. The Reading Challenge finishes on Friday afternoon – I wonder if everyone will get across the line!

If you would like to browse the website, or to check out this year’s booklist, the address is [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Hazel van Loenen  
Reading Challenge Co-ordinator

"I'm wondering what to read next." — Matilda, Roald Dahl
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.
Walk to School 2016
Crazy Sock Day!

Show us your crrraziest socks or tights!

It’s Walk To School month and we want you to celebrate by walking to school wearing crazy socks or tights to bring a splash of colour, glamour and fun to school!

Find your craziest socks or tights to wear - the more colourful, brightest and zany the better!

We want people to stop and stare!

www.maroondah.vic.gov.au
1300 88 22 33 or 9298 4598
Book your stall now for market night!

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

Click here for external booking

Click here for school families booking
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All Shifts are from 12pm - 2pm except Footy Day which is 11.30am—2.00pm

If you can’t make it on your day, could you please arrange to swap with someone else please

**CANTEEN ROSTER—Term 3**

Friday 16th September
(FOOTY DAY)
Libby Prasad & Helen Green

**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

Regards
Caroline and Lisa

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

NEW JUICIES ICY POLES NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CANTEEN
$1.00 each

- Lemonade
- Berry
- Tropical
- Orange

CREAMY ZINGS now selling for 40c each

- Blueberry
- Mango
- Apple
- Raspberry

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**SunSmart**

Sun protection times

Don’t just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

Further information contact SunSmart
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