NEWSLETTER  WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2015

Tonight's the night, tomorrow’s the day!

Please join us as we celebrate 90 fabulous years and counting...

TONIGHT

Step back in time to explore the last 90 years at Yarra Road Primary school beginning with school tours at 5.00pm. Our classrooms will each represent a different era in our school’s history - photographs, memorabilia and special vintage cars will be on display.

Celebrate our enduring sense of community with a family picnic on the oval. Official 90th opening and birthday celebrations will commence at 6.30pm.

Welcome in the festive season with our wonderful students performing ‘Christmas through the decades’ commencing at 7.00pm.

TOMORROW

9.00 am—school tours begin.
10.00 am - 90th Birthday assembly.
11.00 - Special 90th celebratory morning tea for past, present and future families and distinguished guests.
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<td>For showing respect in the classroom and giving 100% in class activities</td>
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<td><strong>Millah W</strong> For showing great respect for her school and learning her script for the 90th celebrations</td>
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<td>Prep K</td>
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<td>For taking responsibility for speaking at our 90th birthday assembly</td>
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<td>Alira B</td>
<td>For showing confidence to speak at our 90th Assembly</td>
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<td>1D</td>
<td>Cooper H</td>
<td>For an absolutely fantastic year! Wow!</td>
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<td>Sarah H</td>
<td>For an outstanding year</td>
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<td>For taking responsibility for speaking at our 90th birthday assembly</td>
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<td>3\4 C\H</td>
<td>Patrick S</td>
<td>For completing a fantastic history/geography project and working so well independently</td>
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<td>3\4 H</td>
<td>Baylen H</td>
<td>For being such a fantastic student at Yarra Road! Best of luck at your new school</td>
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<td>5E</td>
<td>Sian J</td>
<td>For showing confidence by speaking in front of the school at the 90th celebration</td>
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<td>5H\V</td>
<td>Sally K</td>
<td>For her fantastic effort with her poetry anthology</td>
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<td>6RV</td>
<td>The Whole Class!</td>
<td>For looking after Mr Vorherr in his first year of teaching. Thankyou!</td>
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<td>6VL</td>
<td>Finlay K</td>
<td>For excellence both in the classroom and as school photographer</td>
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**School Crossing Message**

I would like to wish the teachers, parents and pupils of Yarra Road a very merry Christmas and a safe new year. How the year has flown as once again I farewell my grade 6 pupils. I would like to wish— Abbey, Cassie, Hannah, Ryan, Lockie, Angus, Luke T, Callum, Jacob, Campbell and Meg all the best for the future, you have been a pleasure and I will miss you all.

Merry Christmas also to all of the parents and children who cross morning and night.

Yarra Road should be proud of all of these students who smile and are polite every day.

I will see you all again next year.

Carmel Black (School Crossing Supervisor)
Update on Thiery and the Madakids

We came across Thiery in remote village in Madagascar in mid 2011. He was dragging himself around with a stick as both his lower legs were severely deformed. (See photo attached)

Immediately on our return from Madagascar we started the process of bringing him to Australia for surgery to his deformed legs.

After 18 months, Thiery arrived in Australia in January 2013 in a malnourished state. With an improved diet his health improved dramatically and he was able to undergo successful surgery in June 2013 and spent the next 11 months undergoing physiotherapy on his repaired limbs.

Thiery returned to Madagascar in May 2014 however due to the years of abuse he had previously endured because of his disability it was not practical to return him to his village.

Thiery was therefore left in the care of a local family under the supervision of the local nuns who run the Catholic school in Morondava. Each month we send $250 to the nun to cover Thiery’s rent, food and school fees.

For the past 18 months Thiery has attended the local school and is enjoying life with his foster family, however he recently broke the titanium rod in one of his legs and needs to return to Australia for further surgery.

In communicating with the nuns, who supervise Thiery’s care, we became aware of a group of underprivileged children who had previously had their schooling sponsored by a local businessman who had fallen ill and could no longer support them.

With the help of our family and friends we have sponsored these children for the last 12 months and are looking to do so again this year.

We refer to the 37 students as the Madakids and each child requires $100 for 12 months education. For the coming year we so far have sponsors for 8 of these children are grateful for any help we get in finding another 29 sponsors. See attached photo

When Thiery returns I am sure he will want to call in and visit all those at Yarra Road primary who helped so much in changing his life.

Regards, Roxanne & Thiery
GRADE 5/6 POETRY PROJECT

As part of their literacy extension program Grade 5 / 6 students have been working with their teachers, fellow students and local author and poet-in-residence Mark Carthew to produce their own bound and illustrated poetry anthology. Inspired by workshops with Mr Carthew, students researched Australian and international poets and poems in a range of genres. They also wrote some of their own exploring a variety of themes and criteria.

It was a fantastic project and the student have produced some wonderful work which is currently on display in the BER building.

The following students have achieved Highly Commended awards for their outstanding effort

5E
Amber J
Caitlin M
Charlee S

5V
Ella G
Ella D
Sally K

6V
Thomas B
Jaclyn B
Nicola D

6VL
Abbey S
Shantè G
Taylah W

The Grade 5/6 teachers and Mr C!
**Watering Schedule for the holidays**

We are looking for families that would be interested in watering the fruit trees in the vegie patch and the apple orchard at the front of the school. Families will be given a key to access the watering cans and water in the vegie patch.

We still have 2 weeks that are not filled, please contact Jodie Ross if you can help.

Thanking you

Jodie Ross (ross.jodie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)
Sustainability Coordinator

Week 1
19th December-26th December (King Family)

Week 2
27th December-2nd January (Davison Family)

**Week 3**
3rd January-9th January

Week 4
10th January-16th January (Hawking Family)

Week 5
17th January- 23rd January (Whiting Family)

**Week 6**
24th January-30th January

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**KIDS HOPE LAST UPDATE FOR 2015**

IT IS OFFICIAL.....THE NEWS IS OUT.....IT IS THE END OF TERM FOUR!!!

Indeed, as we near the holidays, we reflect back on another great year with our mentees.

Much was shared and much was learned! AND...much fun was had!

This year, we took the mentees to Ten Pin Bowling for end of year break up. Lots of fun and great competition!

Sadly, we say goodbye to two of our mentees, Callum and Damon, who are off to high school! Both have been in the program for a number of years. We wish them all the best in the coming years.

We wish to thank Kate, all the teachers and parents, for their support to KIDS HOPE during the past year, and we look forward to sharing with all of you, and the children in 2016!

We wish everyone a very joyful Christmas and a safe, happy and relaxing holiday.

On behalf of the mentors,

Joke Vanderveen

"Long after they forget what you taught them they will remember how you treated them". - Anne King
Kitchen Kart Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Nestle Kitchen Kart competition. Unfortunately Yarra Road Primary School wasn't a winner in this instance. Adam Ellis Kiama Public School KIAMA won. The competition winners are listed below—

$25,000 Kitchen Kart competition
Congratulations to all our winners!
Major prize winner: Adam Ellis Kiama Public School KIAMA
Runner up 1 Amanda Howard Wallington Primary School Wallington
Runner up 2 Amy Malone St Patrick's Primary School Gympie GYMPIE
Runner up 3 Tony Holden Roxby Downs Area School Roxby Downs
Runner up 4 Kellie Dennerley Ballam Park Primary School Frankston
Runner up 5 Ceri Foster Carramar primary school Carramar
LOST PROPERTY!

There are a significant number of items—clothing, drink bottles, hats etc in lost property that are unnamed.

Please ensure you come up to school over the next week or so to check for anything that you have missing.

All items that are not collected by the end of the year that are unnamed, will be recycled or disposed of.

Thank you

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

The uniform shop’s last day of trading is Thursday 17th December from 3-4pm.

We will re-open the day before school commences in 2016—Wednesday 27th January from 1-4pm and again on the first day of term - Thursday 28th January 8.30-9.30am.

Normal shop hours are— Tuesday 8.30-9.15am Thursday 3-3.45pm

Merry Christmas everyone, enjoy the holidays.

Lisa Kemp

All Shifts are from 12pm - 2pm

CANTEEN ROSTER— Term 4

Friday 11th December
Karen Lucas & Rachel Ritchie

Regards
Caroline and Lisa

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