DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY:
Wednesday 20th
Nude Food Day

Tuesday 26th
Grade 3-6
Swimming

Friday 29th
Hooptime Minis
Gr 1&2

Saturday 30th
YRPS Trivia Night

AUGUST:

Tuesday 2nd
Grade 3-6
Swimming

Tuesday 9th
Grade 3-6
Swimming

Tuesday 16th
Grade 3-6
Swimming

Friday 19th
Hooptime Gr 3/4

Friday 26th
Hooptime Gr 5/6

Tuesday 30th—
Friday 2nd
September
Camp Gr 3/4
Sovereign Hill

NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY 2016

STARS OF THE WEEK

At assembly each week students stand with pride when they receive “Star of the Week” award certificates. The emphasis has been on developing, strengthening and acknowledging our school values through framing this award to reflect our values.

This term we will be changing the emphasis, with the awards to be framed in terms of the “FISH!” philosophy. The FISH! philosophy has been an underlying practice in classrooms for several years, although we have not highlighted it extensively. To further develop the FISH! philosophy we will be working to support students to adopt the principles that underpin the FISH! attitude.

The FISH! philosophy was inspired by a group of fishmongers from Seattle’s Pike Place FISH! Market. This team was a shining example of how you can create a culture and workplace that encourages people to flourish and increase productivity. As a school we use The FISH! philosophy to build supportive relationships with students and to help students practice personal responsibility. Both are keys in creating effective classrooms.

The four practices of The FISH! Philosophy are:

Be There
Together we can make the day great by being there for each other, and by staying focused on what we’re doing and how we’re doing it.

Make Their Day
A kind gesture can make their day when we do things big and small to make others feel good.

Choose Your Attitude
Good and bad things happen every day, but you can always choose your attitude.

Play
We know learning is more fun when we throw ourselves into it, so let’s play.

Our new certificates will reflect these practices, and we will highlight each one at assembly and in the newsletter throughout the term. Have a look at our new certificates;
Welcome to new students

2017 Foundation
It’s hard to believe that transition to 2017 has already started. Last Friday we welcomed 60 of next years “Preps” and their parents, in an informal session in the Prep classrooms. There was plenty for the new students to do with either their friends or family. There was such a great feeling both in the rooms and in our new outdoor learning space. We look forward to welcoming all of our new students back to the next transition session on Friday 12th August at 2.15pm.

Next year we will be having a new Foundation (Prep) teaching team, as Kerri Kirby will be taking Long Service Leave for the majority of the year. Teaching our new Preps, there are currently 63 enrolled for 2017, will be Alycia Maher, Rhiana Macrae and Ryan Vorherr. These teachers have all been at Yarra Road for a number of years and will bring their diverse passions and strengths to the team.

Deakin University Fourth Year students studying Education
On Tuesday we welcomed 38 Deakin University students to their first tutorial and activity at YRPS. These students started their day with a one hour introductory talk about the school and our literacy programs. This was followed by an observation session in classrooms and then the planning of their work with classes in digitally infused literacy learning. It was fantastic to have such an enthusiastic group of pre-service teachers in our school. We will welcome back this group of students 3 or 4 more times throughout this term.

MATESHIP
Today during our Mateship sessions all groups focussed on the games and areas they play in throughout the schoolyard. Here is a list of the things that they love about the playground and the games they play.

This is where we like to play and what we love to do!!!

- Play ground
- Tiggy
- Hide and seek
- Football
- Basketball court
- Sanctuary
- Oval
- Monkey bars
- Front gate, grade 6 area
- Everywhere
- Oak trees
- Boxs

The second part of the Mateship sessions focussed on the areas and games that are safe to play. All staff reminded students about the rules and the out of bounds areas of the schoolyard. This is part of an approach to limit the play that is indeed unsafe in an area of the school, such as tackling or playing chasey around buildings etc. For the next 3 weeks all staff will be heavily reinforcing the rules and quickly enforcing agreed consequences.

Off to a great start!
The Year 3 to 6 swimming program commenced at Croydon AquaHub yesterday, the first in a program which will run for the next four Tuesdays. Thank you to all staff involved for ensuring such a smooth start to an important program.

Cheers Kate
STARS OF THE WEEK

Prep K  Chloe H  For enjoying every day at school & always striving to be the very best she can be.
Prep M  Lily F  For always having a cheerful attitude!
1B  Harrison K  For showing great confidence when he is showing his writing.
1D  Zoe R  For always coming into school with a smile on her face.
3/4A  Alex R  For finding the fun in all that we do. Keep up that positive attitude!
3/4JQ  Teagan M  For keeping a positive attitude and a smile through her new challenges.
1D  Jesse M  For trying hard to remain focussed on all class tasks.
3/4R  Teagan Mc  For always being a there as a good friend.
3/4S  Jess T  For fantastic active listening and concentration skills.
1/2MP  Sarah H  Answering the quiz questions posted by Mrs Perkins at assembly even though she was a little nervous.
5A  Brennan D  For choosing to have a positive attitude towards writing.
5H  Sean W  For always looking after and being there for students of all ages.
6RV  Tahlia T  For always taking the time to ensure that others are having a great day.
2E  Dean A  For choosing a positive attitude when asked to speak at assembly.
6VL  Jarred S  For always being engaged in activities in the classroom, the playground and while playing sport.
2RH  Hugh R  For choosing to have a more positive attitude towards his learning this term.
5H  Ella G  For always being there in her responsibilities as school Captain.

APP OF THE WEEK!

Bully Stoppers

Price: Free
Age: Foundation – Grade 6
Genre: Cyber Safety

Description: Bully Stoppers is a joint initiative between the Australian Centre for the Moving Image and the Victorian Department of Education and Teaching. Bully Stoppers supports students, parents, teachers and principals in working together to make sure schools are safe and supportive places, where everyone is empowered to help reduce the incidence of bullying in all Victorian schools. We recommend that all families download this app and go through it with their kids!
Term 3 has started and the Preps have already been busy learning new things and are looking forward to lots of great things ahead! It has been wonderful to see how well everyone has settled back into school routines after holidays, and have been working hard in all areas of school, especially their writing!

Last week we had a lot of fun making and eating jelly for the ‘j’ sound and came up with some amazing sizzling starts for our writing about this experience. Next Wednesday we will be celebrating 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!! All the Preps will be coming to school dressed in something that represents the number 100 and we will be celebrating with a party and lots of activities all day! We have also been learning about the Olympics and we’re looking forward to Olympics Day coming up soon!

What a great start to the term we’ve had in Level 2! We are hard at work, learning about the country we are studying for the Olympics and are having fun with all of the different activities we’re doing for it! We are excited about the Olympics Day coming up in August. In Literacy we are revising Sizzling Starts and Tightening Tension from last term. Our Writer's Briefcase has been sent home and we have already had some amazing pieces being brought back. Last week we began the term with pre tests for our new envision topics and are keen to work hard in our maths groups.

Looking forward to an excellent Term 3!

-Level 2.
A few weekends ago my sister, Chloe and I raised money for the Blue Cross. We raised $180, we are very proud of ourselves. The last week of Term 2 we went to the shops and spent all of the money. We bought toys, beds and food for all the animals. We hope the animals like it all and keep warm over the winter.

-Ben H 3/4 JQ

In Level 3/4 we are very excited about a fun term ahead! Swimming lessons have started and we are learning to be water safe with our friends. We are practising hard for Production and Sovereign Hill camp preparation is well underway!

For Home Learning this term we are having a focus on local history. Our first task was to research a local building that has historical significance and see whether it has changed over time. Some of the buildings we have already looked at include, Coombe Cottage, the local railway stations, Eastland, the Clock Tower and even YRPS itself! This Friday all the students in 3/4 will be sharing the information they discovered with their grade and learning lots about the area we live in.
Dear Yarra Road Families

We are launching a new and exciting fundraiser at Yarra Road for 2 weeks. **Tuesday 12th until Friday 22nd.**

We have sent home order forms for purchasing Tupperware and in return our school will receive 10% of total sales. Along with that if families book a Tupperware party our school will receive $10 for each party.

Credit card and cash accepted and can be returned with order forms in an envelope back to school. Please write family name and class on top of order form, if an outside order please place family and class in host section of order form.

There will be a display on Wednesday 20th from 2:30-4pm location to be confirmed and depending on weather. Purchases on all products welcome. Links for the catalogue and July offers will be posted.

This offer is open to all friends and families of Yarra Road.

For all questions please contact Amanda Simpson 0403116633.

There are 3 prizes to win too.
PRIZE 1:- 1 entry for every $50 purchase
PRIZE 2:- 1 entry for each outside order
PRIZE 3:- 1 entry for each party booked.
Prizes will be displayed on Wednesdays.

Many thanks again for your support
Link for July promotions:-
http://tupperware.ipapercms.dk/Tupperware/Australia/2016/MonthlyPreviews/JulyPreview1706/

Link for main catalogue:-
http://tupperware.ipapercms.dk/Tupperware/Australia/2015/SeasonalPreviews/AW16Catalogue2302/
**Cadbury Fundraiser**

There are still **55** 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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**Book Club**

Book club brochures were sent home with students at the beginning of this week. All orders need to be completed online by Friday 29th July.

If you are unable to order online then send cash to school and I will order for you.

Kerry Graham
Library

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**DRINK BOTTLES FOR SALE**

600ml Water Bottles $6 each

As part of my pledge to get a drinking fountain at Yarra Road P.S, we had to purchase 50 water bottles. We only have 15 bottles left to sell. The money will assist with the installation cost.

If you are interested please bring along $6 to the office. First in best dressed.

Thanks

Jarred S - 6B

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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 22nd July**
Chelsea Weeks & Shelley Schafer

**Friday 29th July**
Jen Morton & Lucy Cooper

**Friday 5th August**
Sofija Marek & Karen Lucas

**Friday 12th August**
Jo Hawking & Sharon Gordon

**Friday 19th August**
Anne Dunne & Vanessa Kennedy

Regards
Caroline and Lisa

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