What an exceptionally exciting time Term was! Student learning outcomes were outstanding and the whole child was continually developed through the range of opportunities students were engaged in. Thank you to the staff and parents for the work and individual care of each child’s learning.

April
Surprise visit from some of the Collingwood football players.
Athletics Day
Thai students visit for 3 weeks
ANZAC DAY
Story time with the Preps
Science in Year 2
Art that sends a message
Creating a lovable bear
Disco
Stars of the Week
New Water Fountain

May
2017 Prep Information Night
Education Committee discusses digital learning
School Council meets monthly
Book Fair
Discovery Night
Art that captures history
Chantelle Joins School Sport
State team for diving
New whole school writing program

June
Grade 5 Camp Phillip Island
Gymnastics
Science for Preps
Working Bee
Reports and Interviews to celebrate student learning
End of season AS Basketball

59 Preps enrol for 2017 @YRPS and start transition Week 1 of Term 3
NEXT TERM

Library moves for a trial to the Bower Building

July

Transition for new 2017 Preps begins
Nude Food day
Swimming 3-6
Netball Championships Grade 6
AFL 9s (5 & 6)
Hooptime Minis (1 & 2)
Trivia Night

August

Olympic Day
Swimming 3-6
Grade 3 & 4 Hooptime
District Athletics (3,4,5& 6)
Hooptime 5 & 6
Grade 3/4 Camp
Movie & Milo Night Grade 1
Working Bee
Book Launch

September

Production

Term Two 2016 finishes at 2.30 pm on Friday.

Have a safe and fun packed Holiday!

Fees Reminder

For all of those families who opted to pay fees by instalment, the second payment is now due.

Thank you

Lost Property

There are quite a lot of items that have been handed into the office for lost property over the term. (Not including uniform items)
These will all be thrown out on the last day, so if your child has misplaced something they have brought to school, please come and check before Friday.
We discourage students from bringing to school anything that is valuable in case it is lost or broken.
Better Buddy Day

Last Wednesday the 15th of June we celebrated 'Better Buddy Day' at Yarra Road. ‘Better Buddy Day’ is an initiative of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation designed to create friendly and caring primary school communities where bullying is reduced. During Mateship groups all students explored what it meant to be a good buddy and considered values such as being inclusive, friendly and kind, as well as discussing how students can support each other in the playground.

On display in the office corridor you will find the display 'A Handful of Buddies' - representing each of the 16 Mateship groups at Yarra Road. Also, as you wander through our school, be sure to keep a look out for 'Buddy Bear' who is displayed in every classroom and Mateship meeting place, reminding our students of how to be a ‘Better Buddy’.
It has been a fantastic term in Prep filled with lots of fun and exciting things, ending with the children receiving their very first reports!

The term started with the children beginning reading group rotations, which they continue to work beautifully during! We have seen lots of progress in their reading skills as well! We have been working hard on writing with Sizzling Starts and the children have all produced some excellent pieces, including writing about blowing bubbles and playing with balloons when working on the ‘b’ sound.

This term the Preps also enjoyed gymnastics, running in Cross Country, checking out the Book Fair and Discovery Night and learning lots in Science with our Scientist in Residence, Shelley Atkinson (thanks Shelley!). We have been lucky to have kinder kids from Bright Horizons come to visit and share stories with the Prep children and we are so excited to have so many new Preps enrolled for next year!
Wow, what a very busy term we have had in Level 2! In Science we have enjoyed experimenting with many different kinds of food to observe the changes that occur when we add or take away heat. We especially enjoyed making towers and pictures using spaghetti! The Grade 2’s have had a lot of fun investigating time and making some amazing patterns with shapes in Maths. The main focus for Geography this term has been to investigate our Olympic country. We have learnt about the different languages they speak, the national flowers for each country and have looked at some things that make each country special. We can’t wait to present what we have learnt so far to each of the grades later this week! We hope everyone has a relaxing break. See you next term!
What a long and busy term it has been! We started off with lots of NAPLAN preparation during the first 4 weeks, which included using the 7 Steps of Writing program and many practice tests.

Well done to all the Grade 3 students for completing their first year of NAPLAN! It has also been a busy time for sport, with many students achieving excellent results at the Athletics Day and Cross Country. It was wonderful to see many 3/4 students going on to District and Division competition and representing our school in such a fantastic way. On top of that we have had the Book Fair, Open Night and lots of fun Mateship sessions. We’re looking forward to next term because we have Sovereign Hill camp coming up at the end of August!

We hope you have a fun and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you back at the start of Term 3.
Term 2 went off with a bang! Not only did the term go off, but so did everyone participating in Athletics Day and Cross Country. We had four people go all the way to Regional Cross Country and many teams in Inter-school Sport go undefeated throughout the term. Grade 5 also went on the camp to Phillip Island. From giant swings to canoeing, they did it all. But perhaps the most amazing thing, was seeing the cute little Fairy Penguins waddle up the beach to their tiny little burrows in the sand dunes. This term was also an extremely exciting one for the Grade 6s as they finally got their production roles and have been practicing hard so that this year's production will be unforgettable. They also got the opportunity to go to the Shrine of Melbourne on ANZAC Day and paid their respects for those who died for our freedom. In the last two weeks of term the Grade 5s and 6s have been working on a writing program called Launch Pad. Everyone in Level 4 has written story and illustrated it, and these will eventually be put into a book that will be published. Let's hope that Term 3 will be as good or even better! We almost forgot about our visiting friends from Thailand! What an amazing experience, getting to meet people from another culture and learning a little more about the world.

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Don’t forget to submit your enrolments for Prep 2017 as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be collected at the office.

You do need to be enrolled to attend the transition sessions commencing in term 3.

**Term 3 2016:**
**Friday 15th July**
(Parents are asked to stay with their child)
**Friday 12th August**
(Parent afternoon tea with the Principal)
**Friday 9th September**
(School readiness talk for parents)
All sessions 2.15 to 3.15pm

**Term 4 2016:**
Friday 14th October
Friday 4th November
Friday 25th November
All sessions 2.15 to 3.15pm

**Prep Information Night**
Monday 5th December @ 7.00pm
(Preparing your child for school)

**Orientation Morning**
Tuesday 6th December
9.15am—12.45pm
(children spend the morning with their class for 2017)
peers & play — play-based social skills program

Groups run for Ages:
3&4 y/o Kinder
Prep-Grade 2
Grades 3-6

Sessions run at
Yarrunga
Community Centre,
Croydon Hills

Costs:
$240 per term
(Kinder & P-2 Groups)
$260 per term
(Grades 3-6)


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

CANTENE ROSTER— Term 2

Friday 24th June
Libby Prasad & Chelsea Weeks

Friday 15th July
Helen Green & Trudi Smith

Friday 22nd July
Chelsea Weeks & Shelley Schafer

Friday 29th July
Jen Morton & Lucy Cooper

Friday 5th August
Sofija Marek & Karen Lucas

Regards
Caroline and Lisa

Canteen

The canteen will be open on the last day of term for normal lunch orders and snacks

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