EXPANDING HORIZONS AND LEARNING

Expanded learning programs can play a vital role in student success. These programs include all activities beyond the classroom: production, sport, excursions and camps are just a few of the opportunities that support the notion of expanded learning.

Children who participate in these programs can reap a host of positive benefits in a number of interrelated outcome areas—academic, social/emotional, prevention, and health and wellbeing.

Term Three is a time for students to have opportunities that are new, broad, challenging, nurture passions and increase their learning.

So as you reflect on the expanded learning opportunities your child has had this term … what do you see?

There are the performance activities, sporting challenges, basketball competitions and the camping program. Of course a huge highlight this term is our production ‘A Special Gift’.

Our objective in providing such a wide range of experiences is to enhance students’:
- Attitude towards school
- Engagement in learning
- All round personal development
- Emotional and social well-being
- Personal and social skills, including problem solving, conflict resolution, self-control, leadership, responsible decision making and self-esteem.

Our camping program is another example. From the first year of school we aim to provide opportunities that will expand each child’s learning and present them with controlled challenges that they can solve with the support of staff.

The YRPS sequential camps program begins in Foundation (Prep) with, a morning breakfast prepared by the students at school which starts the pathway for individual students to develop responsible decision making when in a group.
This term Year 1 students had a Milo and Movie night. The opportunity to be with friends, play games and then settle down and watch a movie was not only fun, but allowed students to experience being away from home, for an extended period, at the end of the day.

In Term Four Year 2 students will have a sleep over at school. An evening of fun and games, a movie to settle, then bunking down to sleep over with friends in the Bower Building is the next developmental step. Sharing breakfast before heading home is a further opportunity to develop important skills.

On Wednesday next week our Year 3 & 4 students and teachers will be heading to Sovereign Hill for a three-day camp where they will look at how life has changed over the decades in Australia. In 2017 they will venture to Camp Jungai in Rubicon which offers a range of outdoor learning and has a unique focus on Aboriginal culture.

Year 5 students are able to extend their outdoor adventure experience with a 3-day camp on Phillip Island. Canoeing, giant swings, flying fox and team building activities are just a few of the opportunities available in Year 5.

Year 6 have a very different experience when they embark on a one night camp in the City of Melbourne. Working in pairs the students plan and construct the camp around the numerous attractions in Melbourne. This camp offers unique opportunities to develop communication skills, confidently use public transport, interact safely with the public and have a snapshot of life in the city.

All of our expanded learning programs aim to promote resourcefulness, independence, leadership, judgment, cooperation and tolerance. Be it on camp, performing on stage, speaking at assembly or competing on the sporting field, students have to opportunity to further their learning and social skill development outside the classroom setting.

I hope that that during the remainder of the year and into the future you enjoy watching your students develop their amazing, wide ranging skills.

Cheers
Kate P
## STARS OF THE WEEK

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<td>Prep K</td>
<td>Fynn R</td>
<td>For making the day of a classmate by praising their achievements</td>
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<td>Prep M</td>
<td>Emma G</td>
<td>For being a superstar by walking to the classroom on her own and starting the day with a positive attitude</td>
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<td>Dakota R</td>
<td>For doing his very best and showing confidence when dancing at production rehearsals</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Liam J</td>
<td>For making his class mates day by collecting their jumpers when they were left behind on the oval</td>
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<td>Jeremy N</td>
<td>For always working hard in class and for choosing a positive attitude</td>
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<td>Hayden D</td>
<td>For always walking into the classroom with a huge smile!</td>
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<td>2E</td>
<td>Dylan S</td>
<td>For his excellent effort in class and making good working choices</td>
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<td>2RH</td>
<td>Alex A, Jack L, Jade M Millie S &amp; Zara T</td>
<td>For a fabulous performance of ‘The Billy-Goats Tough’ We loved the sense of fun and enthusiastic way they acted out their parts</td>
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<td>Molly G</td>
<td>For concentrating and staying ‘in the moment’ during class</td>
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<td>Thomas K</td>
<td>For excellent effort, research and presentation of your project about the history of communication</td>
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<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Ashleigh J</td>
<td>For excellent effort, research and presentation of your project about the history of communication</td>
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<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Ana Carolina P</td>
<td>For preparing a lesson with her mum about Brazil and teaching our grade</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Lilli S</td>
<td>For always supporting her classmates when they need it</td>
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<td>Henry Tulloch</td>
<td>For always bringing a sense of fun and cheerfulness to our classroom</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Braydon D</td>
<td>For being there and always offering a helping hand with a smile on his face</td>
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<td>6B</td>
<td>Alex T</td>
<td>For his cheerful attitude, supporting friends in need and for helping make their day</td>
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## APP OF THE WEEK

**Scratch Jr**

- **Price**: Free
- **Age**: Grades 1-6
- **Genre**: Coding & Programming
- **Description**: With ScratchJr, kids learn important new skills as they program their own interactive stories and games. By snapping together graphical programming blocks, students can make characters move, jump, dance, and sing. In the process, children learn to solve problems, design projects, and express themselves creatively on the computer. They also use math and language in a meaningful and motivating context, supporting the development of early-childhood numeracy and literacy. With ScratchJr, children don’t just learn to code, they code to learn!

By The Digital Technologies Team
Book Week at Yarra Road

Grades 5 & 6 are having a very exciting Book Week, which started off with a book launch at Monday’s School Assembly. Each student wrote a short story that was published in ‘Tales from Yarra Road’. Grade 5 and 6 students have also been sharing picture story books with the junior grades and Grade 6 students have started recording their memories, which will become part of their Graduation book.

As well as avidly reading their book, our newly published authors, have been reading some of their ‘Tales from Yarra Road’ to the Grade 3 & 4 students. In Reading Groups, the Grade 3 and 4 students are recommending a favourite Lexile book to their peers.

Sharing the ‘best book I have ever read’ has been a feature of Book Week in Grade 2 as well activities related to the Short Listed Picture Book – ’Piranhas don’t Eat Bananas’.

Grade 1 classes have brought their favourite stories from home to share and the teachers have been swapping classes to read their favourite stories to the children.

Foundation students have also brought their favourite stories to share together.

Activities in the Visual Arts program in recent weeks have focused on the Children’s Book Council of Australia Children’s Book of the Year Awards Shortlisted Books.

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge

We have just over 2 weeks left to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. So far 5579 books have been entered online and 94 students have already completed the challenge. We need to get busy and get as many people across the line as possible.

Well done to Grade Prep M, Prep K and Grade 1/2MP for already completing the Challenge.

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

Hazel van Loenen
Reading Challenge Co-ordinator

"A book is a gift you can open again and again.” — Garrison Keillor

REMINDER

All Book Club orders must be submitted by Tuesday 30th August please. Don’t forget to order and pay online.
Grade 5s created a collage when responding to the short listed book 'And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda'.

This sad book dealt with issues relating to Gallipoli.
Thank you Yarra Road P.S

Thank you everyone for your kind and generous support last Thursday for Chantelle’s fundraiser. The day was a huge success.

Thank you also to the Australian Butcher Store (below) who donated all the sausages.
A huge THANK YOU to the Bevan, Cooper, Stevens, Dalgarno, Nye, Pfander, Davison and Robinson families for their time and effort at last Sunday’s working bee.

A great many tasks were completed including some much needed carpentry repairs, weeding and sprucing up the outdoor learning space behind the junior building, raking soft fall mulch, continued weeding and mulching in the Sanctuary revegetation area, cleaning debris from all of the drain pits and sanding of portable doors ready for painting.

**Awesome achievements by another small but very hardworking team!**

Make sure you stop and take a look at the Emotions Wheel created by the Life Skills Group, now hanging on the corridor wall outside the staffroom.

Mrs Haysom and Mrs Purdey took the opportunity to come in to sort costumes and prepare props for production – can’t wait to see it!

Hungry from all the physical activity - the sausage sizzle lunch went down a treat!

Thank you also to A – K Cast students in Year 3/4 for their efforts on Tuesday afternoon to bucket in more mulch and return rocks to the dry creek bed in the Sanctuary. It looks great!

Cheers!

Meriden
PRODUCTION NEWS

Not many sleeps left until performance night! Don’t forget to buy your tickets. If you have misplaced your order form just come and fill one in at the office (or ring if there is a problem.)

All costumes from home need to be brought in a name bag to school by Friday so that the students have them there for the dress rehearsal on either Monday or Tuesday.

Dress Rehearsals
Mon 29\textsuperscript{th} August: Cast 1 & A-K
Tues 30th August: Cast 2 & L-Z

Due to rehearsals, recess on Mon 29\textsuperscript{th} and Tues 30\textsuperscript{th} will be from 10.30 – 11.00 and lunch play will be from 1.15 – 2.15. All students will need their costumes for dress rehearsals.
(Individual photos will be taken on this day and will be available for purchase on performance night.)
Please note no flash photography is allowed during the performance at Yarra Valley.

Judy Haysom
Walk to School 2016
Crazy Sock Day!

Show us your craziest 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
* $30 for early bird external stall holders who book and pay by September 1
* $40 for external stall holders after September 1

Click here for external booking

Click here for school families booking
**Cadbury Fundraiser**

There are still **15** 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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**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 26th August**
Carrie Van De Graaf & Ruth Robertson

**Friday 2nd September**
Liz Armstrong & Britt Millward

**Friday 9th September**
Jenny Brown & Leesa Ferguson

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

Regards
Caroline and Lisa

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

Just a reminder to all parents if you could please let us know if any of your personal details have changed, phone, address/living arrangements etc. So we can have it updated on our system here at school.

Thanks

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