Seven Steps of Writing’ is our new writing program for students from Foundation to Year 6.

Sizzling Starts are the focus of writing classes at the moment.

Below is an extract from the support material being used in classes. In “Around The Levels” see some Sizzling Starts from our grade 5 & 6 students.

When writing, kids always want to start their stories at the beginning of the day, or the start of the week or even the first day of the school holidays.

Before:
I leapt out of bed that morning and hurried to get dressed because today Dad was taking us to the zoo. I was really excited because they have this big monkey enclosure there and I was mad about monkeys. I also needed to get some really good photos for my Science project.

After:
'Here,' I told my sister, 'hold my rucksack. I'm just going to get a bit closer to the monkey's cage. 'A bit closer meant over the fence, past the sign that said 'No Entry' and right up to the wire. 'You're monkey mad,' said my sister. Well, maybe I was. But I was also desperate for an 'A' in my latest Science project. A picture of a cute monkey, smiling right at the camera, would make all the difference, right?

TOP TIP:
Start stories right where the action begins. Not in the morning, but at the zoo as the person sneaks up to the monkey's cage, shiny earrings dangling in the sun, just waiting to be grabbed by a quick sharp paw. Far more interesting!

ACTION ACTIVITY:
Next time you are watching a movie with your kids, see how the movie begins with lots of action to grab your attention. Adventure movies (e.g. James Bond) are especially good at this.
THROUGH THE WINDOW

Imagine you are looking out of a window and can see something strange.
Draw what you see and write it below.

aaa aaaaah! there's a tiger out there!!
It's a baby and it's snarling.
Ha! ha! ha! ha! (even the bird is!)
Put on your Disco Shoes this Friday night!!

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 29th APRIL

Grade Prep to Grade 2  6:15pm ➞ 7:30pm
Grade 3 to Grade 6    7:45pm ➞ 9:00pm

$7 ENTRY

A chance for the kids to have fun with their school friends while they dance the night away. Light snack and refreshments provided.

Parent help is required.

Please EMAIL Melissa Nunziante munzian@bigpond.net.au if you able to help

PLEASE NOTE:
Parents not helping are not required to stay due to congestion in the gym.
Non-school siblings ARE NOT allowed due to liability.

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**UNSW Tests**

Please [click here](#) to download copy of information and permission form. Anyone wanting to do the Science test must return the form with payment to school by this Monday May 2nd.

Thanks,
Andrea Jackson
The Shrine

On Friday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} April, twenty grade 6 students got the opportunity to go to the Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne. When we got there we got shown where to sit. When the ceremony began, we watched the Melbourne High School cadets march down the middle of the aisle. Then we listened to the Governor (Linda Dessau) make a speech about ANZAC Day and what happened at Gallipoli. After that, five jets flew over us and then Caitlin and Liam (our school vice captains) got to put down a Yarra Road wreath in front of the eternal flame. In the ceremony we got to sing lots of songs (such as Waltzing Matilda and I am Australian), listen to some extraordinary speeches and see some lovely people who did an amazing job protecting our country.

At the end of the ceremony, we all went into the Shrine and saw some army and navy uniforms, old guns they used in World War 1 and a timeline of all the wars in history. After we had finished in the exhibition, we went down to the poppy wall where Caitlin and Liam put down two poppies for Yarra Road. The poppy wall has all these little holes in them which is actually in morse code, it says “Lest We Forget” over and over again. The students that went were all very respectful and responsible throughout the whole day. We then got on the bus and went back to school. When we got back to school, we had a circle time to reflect what happened and what we did at the Shrine.

Thank you to the two parent helpers Shelley and Megan and the teachers for coming to the Shrine and taking care of us!

By Tahliya Williams
**Athletics Day!!**

House athletics day is always great and this year it was amazing! Every one joined in and participated in long jump, triple jump, shot-put, discus, 200 metre and 100 sprints, the 800 metre run as well as the two optional events hurdles and high jump. Great job everyone who had a go because even if you didn’t win you still earned points for your house. Congratulations to the people proceeding onto district. We hope you go well and enjoy representing the school. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and excellence. Here is a word from our sports captains:

**Sienna K** - Athletics day came so quickly and it was a really great day. Well done to everyone who participated. You all did great in earning points for your house. Good job J

**Cam A** - Congratulations to everyone who participated on the day. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success. Well done J

**By Bella W**

**A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL THE TEACHERS AND PARENT HELPERS WHO HELPED OUT ON THE DAY!!**

**RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUCED ON FRIDAY AT A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY IN THE GYM AT 3PM FOR AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS AND WINNING HOUSE!**
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Yarra Road Primary is excited to be participating!

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

Privacy Protection
The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information
If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department.

The Department will then:
Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent
The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx. Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll
Name of child…………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent Signature……………………………………………………………………….
May is National Family Reading Month

1. National Family Reading Month is designed to get more kids reading with their families. Family reading is one of the best ways to grow a child’s interest in the wonderful world of books.


3. Download the Read More in May Reading Log.

4. From 1 May, students record on the Reading Log the number of minutes they spend reading each day.

5. Students and their families tally up the total minutes spent reading during May and enter this online from 1–15 June for a chance to win great prizes.

   The entry form will be available on this website from 1 June.

The child in each State and Territory that records the highest amount of Reading Minutes in May will WIN $250 worth of vouchers for their family to spend on Book Clubs and Book Fairs. The winning child’s teacher will receive a class set of books worth $400.

The school in each State and Territory that records the most Reading Minutes will WIN $600 worth of books plus a perpetual trophy with the school name engraved on it, to keep for a year!

The more families a school has participating in the challenge, the greater chance it has of winning!

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**Book Fair at YRPS**

**Opening night:**

Thursday 19th May during our open night.

Book fair will also be open:

Friday 20th, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd May from 8.30 – 9.00am and from 3.15 – 4.00pm

The students will all be given the opportunity to look at the books and write wish-lists before the Fair opens.
Date: 3rd May

This year we have a great variety of gift ideas ranging from $1 to $10!!

The children can also purchase gifts for grandmothers or any special mum in their life too.

Please send a plastic bag to take the gifts home in.

Thank you - The Parents Association
Library News

Scholastic Book Club

A reminder that all Scholastic Book Club Orders need to be finalized by Thursday of this week please. Orders will be sent home with students when they arrive. Happy Reading!

Overdue Library Book Notices—

are being sent home with students this week. Please have a look for these at home and return with the notice to the Library. If books can't be found can parents please make a note of these on the notice and return. There will be a specially marked tub in the Library to put the books and notices into.

Thank you
Kerry Graham

Library
CHANGE TO CANTEEN PROCEDURES

We have been trialling new procedures in the canteen relating to dairy based items, with limited success. We have decided to change back to the “tag in the lunch bag” system for all non dairy frozen items-sour zings and zooper doopers, so when ordered on a lunch bag, we will place a tag in the bag, and the children can come to the window to choose their flavour, as done in the past. The window is also open as per normal for cash sales of JJ’s, chips, popcorn, pineapple rings, sour zings and zooper doopers.

We will continue to use the chiller bag system for dairy based items-moosies, frozen yoghurt and creamy zings, so if a particular flavour is required, please nominate on the lunch bag.

We are trying to reduce the impact on the school community by reverting to the original procedures where possible.

Thanks
Lisa & Caroline

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

WATERPROOF RAIN JACKETS

I receive many enquiries about whether we stock rain coats, so I have a sample in the shop for viewing—size 8

The black rain jacket is waterproof, it packs small by rolling into itself and has no logo so can be worn out of school hours casually.

I will take orders and delivery will be at the start of term 2.

Cost is $25

Thanks Lisa Kemp
Uniform Shop

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All Shifts are from 12pm - 2pm

CANTEEN ROSTER— Term 2

Friday 29th April
Shelley Schafer & Jen Morton

Friday 6th May
Lucy Cooper & Sofija Marek

Friday 13th May
Karen Lucas & Jo Hawking

Friday 20th May
Sharon Gordon & Anne Dunne

Regards
Caroline and Lisa

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YRPS INFORMATION
Click on the links to view:

Current Notices
Diary Dates
Noticeboard
The Entertainment Book is back! But, which Entertainment Book should I buy?

Digital vs Hard Copy Book

Hey Yarra Road families! Once again the Entertainment book is available to purchase through the school. 20% of each book sold goes straight to the school to help boost fundraising efforts.

Are you undecided about which style membership you want? Curious about the digital membership? Me too – so this time around I’ve decided to try out the digital membership option.

I mainly use the book for the dining vouchers and one of the things I weighed up was the fact that I could no longer swap the printed vouchers with my friends to get more of the vouchers I use the most. However; what won me over was the fact that I had the book with me (in my phone!) all the time, meaning I could access a range of vouchers that I wouldn’t have otherwise had on me for those last minute ‘eat out’ decisions. No need for pre-planning and it will also encourage me to try out different restaurants.

One of the main benefits of the digital membership is that no matter where you are in Melbourne, you can search for a nearby restaurant that offers discounts – it even shows how far away you are! It’s also very handy for the food courts in shopping centres! The way it works for dining is you select the voucher you want to use and the shop assistant presses the redeem button. Once it’s used, it is deactivated.

Not only does the digital version keep track of what you have redeemed, it can also be used on multiple devices – so the chances of getting better value out your membership increase. Only one device is active at a time, but it’s easy to change this over at the touch of a button, in an instant.

Of course, all the standard benefits like discounted movies, accommodation and shopping vouchers still exist and are accessed in the same way (i.e. online) as the hard copy book.

If you want to know more, check out the FAQs at: http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/DigiFAQ
Or contact Mel Stacey (YRPS Entertainment Book Coordinator) at any time on 0402 455 809.
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"I have the Entertainment™ Digital 'Book' on my smartphone and I love it!"

The entertainment Book OR The entertainment Digital Membership

With thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, here's a taste of what's in it for you:

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Pre- Purchase before 12th April 2016 to receive Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away! (Subject to availability)

20% from every membership sold contributes to supporting our School
Norwood Secondary College has a long tradition of academic excellence and is proud of its outstanding reputation for fostering personal development, happiness and future success for all students.

OPEN NIGHT 2016
WEDNESDAY 4 MAY
7PM TO 8.30PM

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend our Open Night. Discover how your child (and you) can share in the lifetime benefits of a Norwood Secondary College education.

The evening commences at 7pm in the College Hall. Visitors are then invited to tour the College, viewing displays of students’ work and attending student performances. A comprehensive information package will be provided.

Norwood Secondary College’s reputation for excellence is supported by high retention rates, excellent VCE results and the high proportion of students gaining tertiary entrance.

JOIN US FOR A TOUR
Parents are encouraged to tour the College during March, April and May.

Please phone the General Office to arrange a booking.

NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE
Byron Street Ringwood VIC 3134
Car parking is on the oval.
Please enter from Byron Street.
Telephone 9871 0400
Email norwood.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
If your child is approaching Secondary College, we warmly encourage you to

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LILYDALE HEIGHTS COLLEGE

at our OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 3rd May, 2016
Presentation and Tours from 6.00pm

Presentation, tours and supper provided throughout the evening in our café.
17 Nelson Road, Lilydale Vic 3140

COLLEGE TOURS AVAILABLE
Bookings: 9735 1133
P: 03 9735 1133
E: lilydale.heights.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.lilydaleheights.vic.edu.au

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OPEN NIGHT

Junior Campus – Croydon Rd, Croydon
Monday 2nd May, 2016 at 7:00pm
You are invited to see our school at work; participate in aspects of our curriculum; find out what Melba College has to offer; ask questions and seek further information.

SCHOOL TOURS
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 am
Other times by appointment.

Bookings can be made by contacting us on 9725 8277 or by email melba.sc.junior@edumail.vic.gov.au

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