Welcome to Week 10 of Term 1

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students

What a very busy term! Luckily, a well-earned break is just around the corner. Thank you everyone for your involvement in your child’s education this term. Homework help, volunteer help in classrooms, grounds care, contribution to the P&C, very supportive staff and keen student leaders have all assisted our students to do their best.

Thanks to our school staff who have worked tirelessly during the term to plan and provide relevant and innovative learning experiences. The resulting learning experiences are assisting your child to develop life-long learning habits. Special congratulations are extended to all the students on your efforts and positive attitude towards all the learning experiences this term.

Well done!

Next term is set to be an exciting one with ANZAC Day, Interhouse Cross Country, NAPLAN, Southern Downs sporting trials, etc. Don’t forget to keep up the fitness training over the break. The interhouse cross country run is in week 2. To do your best, you have to be at your best!

The Autumn vacation begins this Friday afternoon, 3rd April. School resumes on Monday 20th April. Happy Easter to those families celebrating during this religious time. Have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday from everyone at Yangan State School.

A Speedy Recovery

On behalf of the school community I would like to send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to one of our students, Dylan Skinner, who was injured in a fire accident over the weekend. The P&C and Student Council would like to offer their support in the form of an Easter hamper to Dylan and her family during this very difficult time. It would be appreciated if families would contribute a gold coin on Thursday (free dress day and end of term celebrations).

ANZAC Day March and Service Saturday 25th April.

Our school is very proud of being involved in this long tradition of our community’s ANZAC Day Remembrance Parade and Service.

This year marks the 100 year commemorative service of ANZAC Day. During the week prior to ANZAC Day, students will be engaged in many key learning activities involving History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship and the Arts. Because of the significance of ANZAC Day this year we would like our school to participate not only in our Yangan Remembrance Parade and Service, but also in the Warwick March and Service. This is a special opportunity for all our students to be a part of and contribute to a wider community event.

- **Yangan ANZAC Day March and Service.** Students are asked to assemble at Carey’s Butchers at 7:30am. The march leaves this location at about 7:45am and marches to the School of Arts Hall for the service. Students will be involved in wreath laying, poetry recitation and a choir performance.

- Some of our student leaders will be involved in the ANZAC DAY service at Emu Vale. More information regarding this service will be given to student leaders.

- **Warwick ANZAC Day March and Service.** Students are asked to meet outside the Warwick RSL at 10:30am for the march along Palmerin Street at 10:45am to the cenotaph in Leslie Park. Staff will be marching with students and supervising them during the service.

I encourage every family to be a part of this special 100 year commemoration activities. Your assistance in having your children dressed in school uniform for each march and service is gratefully appreciated.
Tanny Sports Meeting

The Tanny Sports is a Community Sports (Athletics) Event organised by parents and community members with assistance from schools. This event has been a wonderful tradition occurring for over 70 years. It is organised for the benefit of school students in the communities of Maryvale, Freestone, Murray’s Bridge, Tannymorel and Yangan. It is conducted every year at different school venues within our district. The event is an excellent lead up experience for the bigger Warwick Country Small Schools Athletics Carnival.

A meeting will be conducted on Thursday 30th April 7:00pm at Yangan School to discuss the organisation of this year’s event. A new executive is required due to the retirement of long standing members. I hope you can find time to attend this meeting and provide input into the organization of the event.

Safety Concerns

Senior Constable Nathan Burnett has expressed some safety concerns to me regarding parking, speed limits and children playing on the footpath in our school zone. Discussions are being held with the Main Roads Department and the Southern Downs Regional Council to solve some of the parking difficulties and slowing traffic down entering the school zone during drop off and pick up times.

Students waiting for parents after school

- Students have been asked to wait inside the school gate while they are waiting for their parents. Please help your child to realise that cars and kids don’t mix well.

For safety reasons the following gate usage is highly recommended:

- Top Gate - The gate closest to town is the top gate. This gate is for pedestrian access.
- Double Gate - This gate is at the school driveway which provides access to the car park. Students and parents are asked NOT to walk through the car park. They should choose the top gate for the bus, access to town and if access to a car in the top parks is required.
- Bottom Gate - This gate at the front of the school is for access to the car parking outside the school from the driveway down.

Please help your child to use these gates safely.

Reminder about early arrival and departing school grounds.

- Students, other than bus students, are not to be at school before 8:30am. If your child needs to arrive before 8:30am, please see the principal so arrangements for your child’s supervision can be discussed.
- Students are not permitted to play in the grounds before the 8:30am bell. This is due to staff being unable to provide playground supervision before this time.
- At 3:00pm, students are reminded to promptly make their way home.
- If you are going to be late picking your child up, please notify the office.
- Students are reminded that if they have not been picked up by their parents by about 3:15pm, they should move to the supervision of the bus room.

Warwick Show Results

I was very pleased to see the student’s results from their participation in the Warwick Show. It is always a pleasure to see our students’ achievements through their hard work and commitment. I congratulate every student in the school for participating in this community event.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s education or any other school related matter, please have no hesitation in contacting the school (4664 8224) or emailing me at the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au

Have a great week.

Regards,

Ian Rathmell

SCHOOL NEWS

End of Term Celebration Day

This Thursday 2nd April (last day of term) individual classes will be involved in an end of term celebration and rewards for all their outstanding efforts and achievements this term. It will be a free dress day. (Gold coin donation)
Head Lice
Head lice have been detected in the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice today. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days. If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the course of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Teachers will reduce head-to-head contact activities while head lice are known to be around.

Dental Van Open over the Holidays
Thur 9 April, Fri 10 April, Mon 13 April, Thur 16 April and Fri 17 April
Mon 20 April when School returns

ANZAC Day
We commemorate ANZAC Day on Saturday 25th April and this Saturday falls at the conclusion of the first week back at school in Term 2. We adopted the practice of giving ANZAC biscuits to individuals in the community, who attend the Yangan ANZAC Day service. This small practice has been well received, so it is something we value and would like the school leaders to continue to have the opportunity this year. It would be appreciated if you could assist with the donation of a batch of ANZAC biscuits in the first few days of Term 2 back at school. This will give us sufficient time to wrap and tag the biscuits in preparation for the service. - Year 5.6

GOTCHA VALUES AWARDS

Contribution - Katie Gimm – demonstrating positive sportsmanship with Fun Friday activities.
Improving - Lauren Hutchinson – working positively towards reading goal of 1 - 3 books per week. (Books in excess of 50 000 words).
Improving – Damon Smith – in your sight-words knowledge.
Improving – Jake Smith – in your comprehension abilities (SRA Box).
Improving – Riley Locke - Demonstrating excellent dedication to the Accelerated Reader program
Improving – Lachlan Fritz - Demonstrating excellent dedication to the Accelerated Reader program.

Congratulations to Katie, Lauren, Damon, Gabriella, Jake, Riley and Lachlan as the recipients of these special awards. They received these awards for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Gotcha Awards
Tray Atkinson – posing questions to extend scientific thinking.
Blake O’Dea – making an effort with data work in mathematics.
Ethan McConville – sharing scientific thought and observations.
Lilly Kerlin – excellent effort in English Ass. task.
Lachlan Fritz – excellent effort in English Ass. task.
Charlotte May – excellent effort in English Ass. task.
Eli Carter – super effort 100% in Mega Spelling test.
Shania Skinner – excellent effort in English Ass. task.
Riley Locke – excellent effort in English Ass. task.

Goals
Jack Grayson – to complete 6 TOPS Reports
Bessie Eastwell – to read 10,000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Mitchell Muller – to read 5,500 words in Accelerated Reader.

Music Award
Ashlee Pickering – making an effort to be involved in Music lessons.
Hannah Upton – Excellent effort in your Assessment task.

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**Accelerated Reader**

Congratulations to students who have reached personal milestones:
- Ready Reader - Charlie McConville, Riley Locke
- Super Reader - Tim Garland, Chase Powell, Adrienne Hawes
- Star Reader - Maddy Grayson

Special congratulations for achievement in the Millionaire's Club:
- Tray Atkinson for reaching 250 000 words read
- Eli McKinney for reaching 750 000 words read.

Well done, everyone.

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

**P&C NEWS**

P&C Meeting today, Wednesday 1st April 7:15pm. Prior to this general meeting a special meeting at 7:00pm will be conducted to endorse the new P&C constitution. The new constitution is available for perusal at the school office.

Main agenda item for general meeting will be the parking issues outside the school. Constable Nathan will be attending the meeting to discuss.

**FREE DRESS DAY/GOLD COIN DONATION**

Donations are being accepted Thursday (Tomorrow). The proceeds will go toward purchasing a hamper basket for the Skinner family. We wish them all the best in the coming months. Thank you – Yangan S.S P&C and Yangan S.S Student Council.

**Community News**

**Family and Child Connect**

Every family needs a little help now & then. When friends and family are unavailable, it can be hard to know who to call for support. That’s where Family & Child Connect can help.

Funded by the Queensland Government, Family and Child Connect is a brand new community-based service designed specifically to listen to you and help you to connect with the right supports at the right time. In South West Queensland the service is provided jointly by Mercy Community Services & Lifeline Darling Downs & SW Queensland Ltd at three different sites; in Toowoomba, Roma and Charleville.

Whether you are a parent, a young person, a concerned friend, neighbour or professional, if you are looking for information and advice on how you can best help yourself or someone else, you can call or drop into Family & Child Connect and speak to a real person about how to get the right assistance.

Family & Child Connects friendly, professional staff know all about the people and services in your area and how they can help with any challenge a family might be facing. They can provide you with information about these supports and in some cases can even introduce you to them. If you are worried about a family other than your own they can help you with ideas of how you might be able to reach out and provide some personal support to them.

At the moment this service is available throughout South West Queensland. If you would like to speak with us it is as simple as picking up the phone and calling **13FAMILY** (13 32 64). All enquiries are most welcome.

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**Struggling to pay for Groceries?**

Food Assist Warwick is here to help people with Food Assistance. **All you need to do** is bring $13 and your Medicare card for I.D to get your Food Box. **When:** Thursday 2nd April **Where:** Queens Park, Alice St, Warwick.

Any queries please ring 0413422733 or 0746381939 or find us on Facebook.