Yangan State School News

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Yangan State School staff:

Principal – Mr. Joey Campbell
Yr 5/6 – Miss Anna Condon
Yr 3/4 – Miss Lisa Holden
Yr 1/2 – Miss Emma Pails
Yr Prep/1 – Mrs. Annette Reid
Mr. Joey Campbell
Music – Mrs. Annette Reid
HPE – Mr. Joey Campbell
LOTE – Mrs. Frances Symonds
Support – Mrs. Margaret Gambrill
Teacher Aides - Mrs. Ann Hempel
Mrs. Ann Smith
Mrs. Melissa Donges
Mrs. Petrina Lamb
Mrs. Kate Grayson
Cleaner – Mr. Steve Turner
Administration – Miss Tracey Batten
Grounds care – Mr. Doug Martin

School Watch 13 17 88

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and students

Thank you for your support and cooperation in a very smooth start to 2016. It is great to see all students in full school uniform and keen to start learning. This will be an exciting year for our students and parents as we work closely together to focus on developing each student to their full potential across all fields of learning.

Our P&C Needs You

Yangan State School has very proud tradition of parents supporting their school very strongly through attendance at school functions, assisting children to learn, fundraising and being involved in the P&C executive. In the process of being involved, parents are actively showing that they value and support educational and school endeavours. This highlights the importance of the school (education) to your children.

Our Parents and Citizens Association is a major avenue for parent feedback, support and planning in ensuring our school provides the highest quality service. A lot can be achieved by the P&C and school working together towards common goals. Your involvement in the P&C can build a stronger school community where all children benefit. The Annual General Meeting for our Parents and Citizens Association will be held tonight, 10th March at 7:00pm. I encourage you to attend this meeting to give your support. The P&C will also be hosting a new staff meet and greet prior to the meeting at 6:00pm.

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. Have a great week.

Regards,
Joey Campbell

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 make their way home promptly.
- 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.

Parades: School parades are conducted on a Tuesday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

SCHOOL VALUE: CARING

This Week’s Focus:
I treat people as I’d like to be treated.
**Student Information**

It is that time of year again where we need to ensure that all student contact details are up to date. Please advise the school as soon as possible if you have had changes to your details in the last 12 months.

**Shop Day (Tuckshop) – Wednesday Information for new students and parents.** The Yangan Cash and Carry offers lunch on Wednesdays. Orders are made and paid for at the shop by Tuesday afternoon. Please remember to send afternoon tea with your child on these days if you are placing an order. We also would like to remind parents that foodstuffs in glass containers are not permitted due to safety considerations. The Smart Choices Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy encourages children to eat lots of food in the green category and select carefully in the amber category. RED foods are only consumed occasionally. This is especially important on tuckshop day.

**Religious Instruction this week for Years 1 to 6** - Religious Instruction is conducted on a fortnightly basis beginning this week on Wednesday 10th February from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. **If you do not wish your child to participate** in Religious Instruction lessons please send a letter to confirm non-attendance. New students do not have to confirm this, as it was stated on the enrolment form.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Additional Funding for Schools:** Our school will again receive additional funding ($34 850.00) from the Investing For Success (formally Great results Guarantee). Our school’s draft Investing For Success agreement outlines how our school will use the additional funding to improve student performance. Our agreement commits us to guarantee that every student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard in NAPLAN for literacy and numeracy for year 3 and 5 or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties

Strategies will include:

- Additional teacher aide support for literacy/numeracy with personalised teaching and intervention that meets the needs of all students.
- Purchase relevant and recommended resources to support student learning.
- Build teacher capability in explicit teaching practices to further develop their capacity to work with students who require targeted and intensive literacy and numeracy support by providing regular coaching, feedback and professional development.

**Thank you for your attendance at the Parents’ Morning Tea last Thursday.**

**Bus Conveyance Meeting**

A meeting of the Bus Conveyance Committee will be held at Yangan State School on **Monday 22nd February at 5.30pm**. The bus runs must have a functioning committee to receive government funding. It is often the only meeting held during the year and it is only one hour of your time to ensure the continued operation of our school bus run. All parents of bus students are urged to attend. For further details please contact Cameron Haidley 4661 2816.

**Thank you to our fantastic gardening team! We appreciate all your hard work and rest assured that your work has not gone unnoticed!**

**Office Hours**

Miss Tracey Batten (Administration Officer) works on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Outside these hours the office is unattended and we rely on the answering machine. If you have a general office enquiry for Tracey, please see her during these hours. Thanks.
Parent Information Sessions

Information sessions for each class are planned for Thursday, 18th February. At these information sessions, class teachers will provide an overview of what is planned for their class. It is a great chance to find out about the format of your child’s homework, how each curriculum area is to be taught, sign up to be a parent helper in the classroom and ask any questions you may have. Please make the time to attend this information session.

Thursday, 18th February

- Year 5/6 Miss Anna Condon - 8:20am to 8:50am
- Year P/1/2 Mrs Annette Reid - 2:45pm to 3:00pm
- Miss Emma Pails 3:05pm to 3:20pm
- Year 3/4 Miss Lisa Holden 3:25pm to 3:40pm

Gotcha Values Awards

Improving – Ella-Rose – Displaying a positive attitude to class tasks.
Contributing and Improving – Toby – being an active participant during Maths discussions.
Caring – Bridget - Caring for your classmates.
Contributing – Dominque – contribution to maths discussion and work with time.

Congratulations Dominque, Bridget, Toby and Ella-Rose 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

Hannah U – for showing excellent leadership skills.
All prep children – Making a great start to school.
Jack - always being on task.
Emily - trying very hard in maths.
Zack L – demonstrating leadership in team game.
Izic – effort with sight vocabulary.
Stacey – attention and effort with Accelerated Reader.

Word Wizard

Ameena – Indigo.
Eddie – Red, Green, Orange, Indigo, Violet and Magic 100.
Nate – Orange.

Reading Eggs

Mackenzie – Map 8.

P&C NEWS

New Staff meet and Greet- Tonight 6:00pm
P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TONIGHT 7:00pm.

Book Nook Quote

‘Books are the ever burning lamps of accumulated wisdom.’
– George William Curtis