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Yangan State School News

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Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and students

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a most enjoyable and safe winter vacation. The cold weather has certainly made it an uncomfortable time. This term traditionally brings with it the medical complaints of colds and flu. Please look after yourselves and your family.

Continuing the Focus
School improvement is always about trying to maintain the best possible education for your child. As a school we continue to ‘promote high expectations’ and have the belief that ‘every child is capable of success’. In 2015, we have focused on the areas of WRITING (Spelling) and READING. We have tracked the development of students in these areas by setting benchmarks and targets. Throughout the year students have set individual targets/goals for each of these aspects of their schooling. This focus will continue to be maintained during Term 3.

School Opinion Survey
The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted over the next three weeks and will obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and all school staff. All survey participants are encouraged to complete their survey online during the survey time to ensure that their opinion is included in our school’s reports, which we will receive later this year. The reports will help our school and Education Queensland to further understand how to better meet the needs of our community. Results from the surveys at a school level are used in conjunction with other information that we may have gathered through our own internal monitoring processes and considered in the context of our school.

All participants complete the survey online. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey are attached to this newsletter - these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available in the school library. The survey closes on 31st July 2015. Survey queries can be directed to our school on 4664 8224 or email the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au

The Premier’s Reading Challenge
Our school has registered for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to improve literacy, cultivate a passion for literature and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. This term we will continue to challenge every student from Prep to Year 6 to experience or read a number of books. The Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage greater involvement in reading. Please encourage your child with their reading.

HELP NEEDED FOR TANNY SPORTS
The Tanny Sports is a Community Sports (Athletics) Event. It is organised for the benefit of primary school students by volunteers from the school communities of Freestone, Murray’s Bridge, Tannymorel, Maryvale and Yangan. It is a wonderful event where every child gets an opportunity to participate. It is also a great opportunity for everyone to contribute to their community. This year’s Tanny Sports will be conducted on Friday 31st July at Maryvale State School. A working bee will be conducted at Maryvale School on Sunday 26th July beginning at 1:00pm to prepare for the Tanny Sports. I hope you can assist at the working bee or on the day of the sports.

Yangan State School Staff:
Principal – Mr Ian Rathmell
Yr 5/6 – Miss Anna Condon
Yr 3/4 – Miss Rebecca Hart
Yr Prep/1/2 – Mrs Annette Reid
Miss Emma Pails
Mr Ian Rathmell
Music – Mrs Annette Reid
HPE – Mr Ian Rathmell
LOTE – Mrs Frances Symonds
Support – Mrs Margaret Gambrill
Teacher Aides - Mrs Ann Hempel
Mrs Ann Smith
Mrs Melissa Donges
Mrs Petrina Lamb
Cleaner – Mr Steve Turner
Administration – Miss Tracey Batten
Grounds care – Mr Doug Martin

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ATHLETICS CARNIVALS THIS TERM
Friday 31st July - Tanny Sports at Maryvale SS (Help from parents needed)
Tuesday 4th August – ½ Day athletics (high jump and 800m) at Wheatvale for 9 to 13 year old students
Friday 7th August - Warwick Country Schools Athletics at Hamilton Oval, Warwick High School
For our students to develop their physical skills, social skills and confidence, we need to prepare for these events. Training sessions are being conducted during some school sessions and lunch times over the forthcoming weeks.

School Maintenance
Minor maintenance projects have recently been completed. Front gate entrances to the school were fixed. Minor plumbing works were also undertaken.

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

AWARDS

Gotcha Awards
Mackenzie Fritz – full sticker chart.

Word Wizard
Mackenzie Fritz –Blue

Reading Eggs
Ava Myler – Map 1 and 2
Bridget Kerlin – Map 3
Mackenzie Fritz – Map 6

Achieving their Goals
Lilly Kerlin – 100% in spelling for 5 weeks
Isaac Hawes – to read 30 sight-words

Music Showcase
Our school choir has been invited to join a number of other schools to perform at the Warwick Rose City Shopping Centre on Wednesday 29th July as a part of Music Showcase. It also coincides with the Jumpers & Jazz Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to contribute to the larger Warwick community.

Half Day Athletics at Wheatvale – Tuesday 4th August
The half day athletics events (high jump and 800m) for the Warwick Country Athletics will be held at Wheatvale State School beginning at 12:00 on Tuesday 4th August. The events usually conclude at about 2:30 pm but this can be later. A letter will be sent home next week notifying those students who have been selected.

Transport Arrangements for Athletics’ Carnivals

• Private transport by parents to the Tanny Sports (Maryvale State School) on Friday 31st July for whole school. No transport will be provided.

• A bus to Wheatvale SS for the high jump and 800m events (Tuesday 4th August 12:00pm to approximately 2:30pm for students who are nominated in Years 4 to 7). The bus will depart at 11:00am from the school. The bus fare is free courtesy of the P&C and school.

• Private transport by parents to the Warwick Country Athletics Carnival (at Hamilton Oval, Warwick High School, on Friday 7th August for whole school for the full day). No transport will be provided.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

In the last Woolworths Earn and Learn, Yangan School received over 12000 points and received these wonderful learning resources.