Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and students

Thank you for your support of your children during the recent NAPLAN Program. All students in year 3 and 5 worked very hard to complete the various tests in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview. This information is collated by the Queensland Studies Authority and will be sent to us during third term.

Thank you To Mrs McKinney
Mrs Charlane McKinney has been filling in as a relief cleaner while Mrs Pat Fischer has been on leave prior to her retirement from Yangan State School. On behalf of our school community I would like to thank Mrs McKinney for her work and contribution to the school. Mr Steve Turner will be starting in the permanent position this week as a transferee from another school. We welcome Mr Turner to our school community.

Walk Safely to School Day on Friday
(A fun and healthy way of dropping students off at school)
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Parents of primary school students are encouraged to walk their children to school. Parents, who have to drive, could park the car a kilometre away from school and walk the rest of the way or even better, do the same on the way home. The annual event is a great way to promote the health benefits of walking, to help create regular walking habits at an early age and to emphasise safe pedestrian behaviour among your children. The school will be conducting Walk Safely to School Day Healthy Breakfast this Friday 22nd May at 8:15am.

TANNY SPORTS MEETING REMINDER
The Tanny Sports is a Community Sports (Athletics) Event organised by parents and community members with assistance from schools. The next meeting will be conducted on Thursday 28th May 7:00pm at Yangan School to continue the organisation of this year’s event. I hope you can find time to attend this meeting and provide input into the organization of the event.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS
Miss Condon and Miss Hart will be away this Thursday and Friday attending the Positive Schools Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference in Brisbane. The conference will address the key role of psychology in learning and academic outcomes. Some of the guest speakers include: Michael Carr-Gregg, Kaz Cooke asks how we engage every student. Dr Kerry Howells gives weight to gratitude and Therese Joyce helps us teach with classroom humour. Dr Helen Street challenges the myths of effective education and Professors Donna Cross and Toni Noble explore positive approaches to effective lifelong learning. Tony Jones (host on the ABC) hosts an afternoon Q&A session addressing fundamental questions about health, responsibility and the foundations for better education. Other topics include: Nurturing positive relationships with the help of peer support and bully proofing. I know they’re very much looking forward to this thought-provoking and informative conference.

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
GOTCHA VALUES AWARDS

Improving – Charlotte May – Improvement in time management and being organised for school.
Contributing – Chloe Mapes – Enormous effort in Geography lessons.
Improving – Jake Smith – in your reading – becoming a part of the Accelerated Reader program. HOORAY!
Contributing – Zach Mapes – to Science lessons with thought-provoking questions. Super effort!

Congratulations to Charlotte, Chloe, Jake and Zach as the recipients of this special award. They received this award for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Achieving Goals
Ashlee Pickering – to complete 20 Accelerated Reader quizzes.
Mitchell Muller – to read 10 000 words in Accelerated Reader.

Reading Eggs
Chloe Mapes – Map 4

Word Wizard
Liam Gooley – 300 Words
Sienna Atkinson – Aqua words

Accelerated Reader
Congratulations to students reaching personal milestones:
Ready Reader - Kirili McConville and Cohan McWaters
Independent Reader - Lachlan Fritz
Rising Reader - Stacey Lamb
Star Reader - Tray Atkinson and Katie Gimm

Special congratulations to Megan Kelly and Thea Diack for reading 750 000 words towards the Millionaire’s Club.
**School Uniforms**

It is great to see that parents and students have a tremendous amount of pride in their school and wear their school uniform as regularly as possible. As the weather cools, it is timely to note that the winter uniform includes navy track pants, navy tops or the school spray jacket. There are many lost navy tops (no names) in the lost property box. We aim to have our school uniform accessible to all so that all can wear it. Thanks for your support.

**CLASS NEWS**

**Year 6 Transition Day Warwick State High School**

Yangan students travelled to Warwick State High School on Tuesday for the first of several transition days. Students were given a guided tour and information session presented by high school student ambassadors. This tour was well received, as the ambassadors presented their thoughts, ideas and opinions relevant to the Year 6 students that will transition to high school next year.

They generously provided morning tea and this was followed by a sneak peak of the Warwick State High School musical “Back to the 80’s” – they were surprised by the fact they knew a few of the songs but it was a trip down memory lane for Miss Condon.

The students reflected on the experience using a PMI – their thoughts are outlined below.

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<td>The musical performance “Back to the 80s” was entertaining – it was good to note Yangan student participation</td>
<td>Unfortunately there was a shortage of muffins for students – although there was plenty of fruit for morning tea.</td>
<td>There is a large number of extra-curricula activities to choose from in 2016.</td>
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<td>The power point presentations by Year 7 students gave a basic idea of what to expect next year.</td>
<td>The whole school tour did not include some key areas – sports shed and the Arts area.</td>
<td>There is a large range of sports that can be pursued – futsal, athletics, cross country, swimming, Bronco’s Rugby Union/League, tennis, basketball, netball and cricket.</td>
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<td>The host students who gave the tours were well informed and answered questions during the tour.</td>
<td>Attendance at the musical performance had to be cut short to return to school.</td>
<td>Students get a stamp chart. If caught with positive behaviour you get a stamp. When your card is full with stamps, it is put into a raffle and you could win a ten dollar tuckshop voucher.</td>
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<td>The classrooms are big and spacious – it seems to be well resourced.</td>
<td>There are so many classroom blocks with codes.</td>
<td>We will be given a diary at the commencement of the 2016 school year.</td>
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Students were introduced to the Year 7 coordinator for 2016 – Mr Young.
P&C NEWS

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION CONTRIBUTION AND PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOW DUE IN FULL by Friday the 29th May

Next P&C Meeting - 27th May 3:15pm.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Exchange students need homes.
STS (Student Travel Schools) Student Exchange program is currently looking for families within Queensland, Victoria, WA and SA, to act as hosts for exchange students coming to Australia from many different countries. Students attend the local Secondary School and are expected to participate fully in family and community activities with their host family. Students cover all their own education, medical and travel expenses however, host families are expected to supply food and board and a friendly, safe environment.

We have all kinds of people joining our hosting program, two parent and single parent families, people with no children, young children or grown-up children. Most importantly is that host families have good patience and communication as student’s take time to adjust to the new culture, language and family.

For more information about becoming a host family please contact Annette on 0438704586

Book Nook Quote

“If minds are truly alive they seek out books, for books are the human race recounting its memorable experiences, confronting its problems, searching for solutions, drawing the blueprints of it futures” – Harry A. Overstreet