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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

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and students

Testing for teaching

This week many of our students have begun their first round of testing. Traditionally tests were used to assign students a grade at the end of a unit of work. While this traditional format of testing still has a place it has very little impact on your child’s learning and how we teach.

At Yangan we use several diagnostic testing tools to give us an insight into our students’ capabilities. We then analyse these results to make judgments about your child’s strengths and areas for development. By identifying these areas of strength and development we can prioritise our teaching and allocate resources accordingly.

For this to work effectively it is imperative that your child is engaging with the ‘right test’. The wrong test would be when a student either records too few incorrect or too few correct. For example, if a student were to record 100% on their test then we have a situation where only the teacher knows the strengths of the student- Where to from here? What is it that we need to work on? How do we improve?

Ideally, the perfect test should see our students getting around 50% correct. By doing this, we have sufficient information about our students’ capabilities and we can inform and adapt our teaching accordingly. While we do explain this to our students we occasionally have students disappointed with their results particularly in these early stages of testing. If your child is coming home upset or disappointed because they found the test too difficult and they only knew half of the answers, please assist us by reassuring your children that is was probably the perfect test for them.

Testing should never be an opportunity to compare one to another. Testing is designed for individual improvement. It is purely for the teacher’s benefit and is an essential tool used in teaching to assist student improvement.

Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our class information sessions last week. It is very reassuring to see so many of our parents in attendance. Working collaboratively and maintaining regular communication with your child’s teacher is an essential component of their overall education.

Special Parade for the induction of school leaders

An invitation is extended to all the members of our school community to the special induction ceremony of our school leaders and buddies on the morning of Tuesday 1st March beginning 9:00am. Our school leaders play an important role in our school. They act as models of appropriate behaviour for younger students. Providing support for other students and staff is also part of the role of our most senior students. Senior Constable Nathan Burnett will be the official guest who will present our students with their leader’s badge and certificate of congratulations. Our year 5 students will be officially assigned their prep buddies for this year. I hope you can be with us on this special occasion.
Homework
You may have heard the latest homework debate and yes, there are two very good sides to the argument. For us at Yangan, homework has three distinct advantages:

- firstly, it provides parents with an indication about how their child is travelling at school,
- secondly, it builds essential skills around routine, organisation and responsibility,
- and thirdly but more importantly, it provides an opportunity for parents to become more involved in their child’s education and show their children that they value education.

It is no secret that children who have parents who are regularly involved in their education, who encourage them academically and who are enthusiastic about their schooling, will improve at a far greater rate than those who do not receive this level of support.

For us, we see homework as a fantastic tool to ensure that parents have an opportunity to provide this level of support. With this said, we all live very busy lives and we understand the pressure that homework can place on families.

Ideally your child should be spending no longer than 20-25 mins on homework a night with some additional home reading before bed. If you have any questions regarding your child’s homework please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Student Council News
Yangan State School Student Council conducted their AGM on Wednesday last week. Congratulations to the new executive for 2016 as elected by their peers:

President – Dacia McConville
Secretary – Megan Kelly
Treasurer – Zack Locke
Vice President & Assistant Secretary- Stacey Lamb

Leaders of Committees are:

Media and Publicity – Blake O’Dea
Fundraising – Thea Diack
Student Welfare – Jana Webb
Community Partnerships – Hannah Upton & Tray Atkinson

The student council is conducted to allow students to become familiar with meeting procedure, public speaking skills, adopt roles and responsibilities in various sub committees and participate in active decision making skills. There is a great deal of enthusiasm presently and we wish the students well on their future endeavours.

Healthy Lunch Box Ideas
Busy kids need a healthy school lunch to boost their energy and help them concentrate and learn in the afternoon.

Ensure you include a range of fresh fruit and vegetables and vary the food daily so kids don’t become bored.

Top tips for a healthy lunch box
- Always include fresh fruit and vegetables. Vary the selection to keep it interesting.
- Offer a variety of whole grain breads, rolls, pita bread and flat breads.
- Use avocado as a spread instead of butter or margarine.
- Use reduced fat dairy foods. Cheese and yoghurt are ideal.
- Kids need a serve of protein at lunchtime. Ensure you include lean meat, egg, chickpeas or tuna.
- Add a chilled bottle of water and limit juice.

Helpful tips for adding fresh fruit and vegetables to lunch boxes
- Kids like fresh fruit cut and ready to eat. Fruit salad is the ideal lunch box solution; it’s colourful, easy to eat and bursting with vitamins.
- Offer different seasonal fruits each day for a change in flavour, colour and texture.
- Freeze fruits in the summer or for sport days. Simply pop the frozen fruit into a small sealable plastic bag or airtight container.
- If including whole fruit in the lunchbox, select fruit that is a suitable size for a child to easily hold in their hand and eat (this is particularly important for younger children).
• Peel and slice or cut fruit if possible and choose seedless varieties of grapes, watermelon and Imperial mandarins.
• If you’re adding tomato to sandwiches, place the tomato between fillings and not directly onto the bread. This prevents the bread becoming soggy.
• When using avocado, mash or drizzle with a little lemon or lime juice to prevent the avocado from discoloring.
• Mild tasting and crunchy lettuce varieties like Iceberg and Oak leaf and Lebanese cucumbers are ideal for kids.
• Add leftover (or cook extra) roast pumpkin or sweet potato to sandwiches, wraps and roll fillings. Naturally sweet and loaded with beneficial antioxidants, roast vegetables team well with a range of fillings.
• Make salads or salad sandwich fillings interesting by using a range of vegetables like grated carrot, snow pea sprouts, lettuce or rocket or baby spinach, sliced celery, tomatoes, avocado and cucumber.
• Use a vegetable peeler to slice cucumber into thin ribbons for sandwich fillings.

SCHOOL NEWS

Tennis
Yangan State School has been successful in receiving some grant funds through Sporting Schools and Tennis Australia. These funds will be used to assist our Fun Friday afternoons by providing every student in the school with professional tennis lessons at no cost. The funding includes access to an experienced tennis coach, 4-5 weeks of tennis lessons, tennis racquets, nets, balls and bags, all free of charge for the school to keep. At this stage the tennis program will run for the remainder of term 1 with opportunities to extend through term 2. Your child may bring their own racquet on Fridays for their lesson, however this is not a requirement. Participation in Friday tennis will be subject to the agreed negotiated rules set by each class regarding their usual Fun Friday participation.

P1209 Swan Creek School Run Timetable

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Over 400kg Led Steer Placed 1st at Killarney Show on Saturday. Well done Mitch.

Photo courtesy of the Warwick Daily News
Gotcha Values Awards

Caring – Ameena - Caring for your classmates and including them in your work and play.
Caring – Lucy – Working hard to include others in your work and play.
Caring – Dacia – using initiative to volunteer to publish group narrative response to Mulga Bill’s Bicycle.

Congratulations Dacia, Lucy and Ameena as the recipients of these special awards. They received these awards for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Achieving your goals
Nate – Log onto the computers on your own.
Basil – Finish 200 sight words.
Mackenzie – Finish 200 sight words.

Reading Eggs
Mack – Map 1
Basil – Map 3

Gotcha Awards
Lucy - Achieving 10 Red Shiny Stars.
Beau - Achieving 10 Red Shiny Stars.
Ava – Achieving 10 Red Shiny Stars.
Toby – Achieving 10 Red Shiny Stars.
Mackenzie – putting in a huge effort with your sight words.
Shania – Working hard on spelling.
Kade – Working hard to complete accelerated reader.
Zack – Demonstrating proficient understanding of rounding off money.
Mitchell – Demonstrating proficient understanding of rounding off money.
Hannah Hutchinson – Giving a high level of attention to the role of Prep Buddy.
Tray – Giving a high level of effort and attention to reading.
Tim – Giving a high level of effort and attention to reading.

P&C NEWS - P&C Meeting Wednesday 23rd March 3:15pm.

Time to give your brain a workout
This Saturday, February 27 is your chance to prove to your kids how brainy you are! Gather your friends and family together and enter a team in the P&C’s Trivia Night. The questions are all ready, now all we need are plenty of teams to pack out the Big Shed and make it a fun night out!

The teams will also need fuel to keep the brain cells in high gear, so could each school family please deliver a sweet or savoury dish to school on Friday (February 26) or bring it with you on the night.

Help is needed from 2pm Friday 26 February to help set up the shed for the Trivia Night. Please come along and help out. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Warwick District Football Association – Soccer 2016
Registrations are open for the below age groups:
CUBS: Under 4 and Under 5
Juniors: Under 6 – Under 17
To register go to www.warwickwolves.com.au and follow the links. You will also find registration information on our Facebook page (warwick district football association). If you want more information email registrations@warwickwolves.com.au.
 Registrations CLOSE 13th MARCH – Don’t miss out REGISTER NOW!

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Sunday 20th March 2016 4-6pm
St Mark’s Anglican Church
Cnr Grafton and Albion Sts Warwick QLD

Word Wizard
Kyeisha – Pink
Mackenzie – Aqua, Lime, Lemon, Pearl, 200 and Ruby
Basil – Lemon, Lime and 200
Toby - Sapphire