Welcome to Week 6 of Term 2

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Students

Our school strives to provide parents with as many opportunities to be involved in our school as we can. These opportunities are provided in recognition that educational performance of students is boosted when families take an active role in supporting their child’s education and school endeavours. We want your involvement in our school to be a positive experience. Being involved also assists you in meeting new people and sharing a common goal. We thank you for your involvement and support.

Moderation
Yesterday afternoon, teachers from all primary schools in the Southern Downs Cluster met to moderate samples of student work.

Moderation is a process of analysing student assessment tasks from the same year level but from different schools. This process allows teachers to establish consistency in the judgement of student assessment tasks. Not only is this process important for clarity of expectations but also provides a great opportunity for professional development and networking among teachers.

After yesterday’s meeting, we are reassured that our student work is comparable to that of other schools, especially bigger primary schools.

Parents and Citizens Association Meeting Wednesday 27th May at 3:15 pm
An invitation is extended to everyone to attend our next P&C Meeting on Wednesday 27th May at 3:15pm in the library. All welcome to attend our May Meeting.

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 tomorrow 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.

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
**GOTCHA VALUES AWARDS**

**Improving** – Kyeisha Smith – Excellent improvement in your sight word.
**Caring** – Gabriella Kerlin – about your learning, by always being organised for class lessons. Keep it up!
**Improving** – Kade Atkinson – in your cursive writing skills – Great effort Kade!
**Improving** – Daniel Kelly – in your confidence in being a ‘risk’ taker during Maths lesson.

Congratulations to Dainel, Kade, Gabriella and Kyeisha as the recipients of this special award. They received this award for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

**Gotcha Awards**
Chelsae Longney - completing all the SRA learning activities in the Green Box! Well done!
Zach Mapes – completing all the SRA learning activities in the Green Box! Well done!

**Music**
Reece Lamb – White belt
Dacia McConville – White belt
Chase Powell – working hard during music lessons and demonstrating all three three values.
Dacia McConville – excellent attitude to over come difficulties with recorder learning.

**Goals**
Hannah Hutchinson – to read 40 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Ashlee Pickering – to complete 20 Accelerated Reader quizzes.
Kyeisha Smith – Read a book on my own.
Crissmon Gillespie – Count to 10.
Nate Stewart – Be a Word Wizard.
Bridget Kerlin – Finish map 1 on reading eggs.

**Accelerated Reader**
Congratulations to Katie Gimm for reaching 500 000 words towards the Millionaire’s Club. Well done!

**Word Wizard**
Shania Skinner – Orange
Cody Muller – Aqua
Hayley Burnett – Gold
Crissmon Gillespie – Gold
Bridget Kerlin – Gold
Josie Gillespie – Gold
Grace Muller – Gold
Ella-Rose Upton - Gold
CURRICULUM CORNER

SLEEP HABITS FOR CHILDREN
Sleep research shows that children who develop good sleep patterns usually carry these into adolescence, and beyond. If you are a parent of young children struggling to get them asleep or battling kids who want to stay up longer then a proper working knowledge of good sleep habits and sleep hygiene is a must...

GREAT SLEEP HABITS INCLUDE:

1. **Regular bedtimes.** Kids may fight this but be regular during the week and let kids stay up a little later on the weekends.

2. **A wind down time of up to 45 minutes prior to bed.** This includes, removing TV and other stimuli, calming children down and limiting food intake (and caffeine for teenagers).

3. **Bedtime routine** such as story, teeth cleaning that signals psychologically that it is time for sleep.

4. **Keeping bedrooms for sleep** and not TV or devices. Bedrooms that resemble caves seem to be recommended.

5. **Maximising the 3 sleep cues** of: darkness (cave-like bedroom), lowering body temperature (baths can be good for this) and melatonin (hormone that prepares you to sleep).

It seems sleep is one thing we can all be educated about. We take it for granted and often view poor sleepers through a behavioural lens. Better knowledge of the biology of sleep and also sleep patterns will go a long way to helping kids and teens get a good night’s sleep. I believe it is an absolute essential for good modern parenting.

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 – Today 27th May 3:15pm

Community News

*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*