Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and students

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother’s Day Morning Tea. What a wonderful morning. A special THANK YOU must be given to the members of the P&C who contributed to the running of this very enjoyable and relaxing morning tea. A special acknowledgment must be given to the school choir for your presentation. It was great to see so many people at this function enjoying themselves.

Helping Students Get Ready for NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be engaged in NAPLAN testing next week. They have been working very hard in preparation and practice. Do the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations? If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them.

Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests. It’s better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It’s also worth remembering that many children don’t stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about. The most important preparation that you as parents can provide is an early night and a good breakfast for clear heads and stamina.

We wish our students all the best with their NAPLAN Tests.

Special Parade

Next Tuesday 12th May at 2:30pm, a special school parade will be conducted to recognise Mrs Pat Fischer on her retirement from Yangan State School. Mrs Fisher has been an amazing member of our school staff for the past 31 years and this will be an opportunity to thank her for her wonderful contribution to our school over that time. An invitation is extended to parents and community members to attend this special occasion.

Regional Business Meeting

I will be away this Friday 8th May at a Regional Business Meeting with many other principals from the Darling Downs and South West Region. Miss Anna Condon will be teacher in charge during my absence.

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

Sport
Special congratulations must be given to Maddy Grayson on her selection in the Darling Downs 11 years Netball Team. This is a tremendous effort by Maddy to make the regional team. Maddy will be competing at the State Championships in Caloundra later in the term. Special mention needs to be made of students who recently attended Darling Downs Trials. Megan Kelly and Bridget Eastwell performed very well at the Darling Downs Netball Trials. Well done!

Southern Downs Cross Country
Best of luck to Tray Atkinson, Mitchell Muller, Hannah Hutchinson, Stacey Lamb and Ethan McConville who have been selected to represent their school at the Southern Downs Cross Country at Allora on Thursday. Best wishes.

Bookclub - orders are due back by Friday the 8th May.

GOTCHA VALUES AWARDS
Caring – Bridget Kerlin – for continually caring for others and the classroom.
Caring – Cohan McWaters – helping other students and caring for the feeling of others
Caring – Gus Gillespie – being a ‘bucket-filler’ during his school day.
Improving – Scott Broughton – in my time-management skills – completing my quizzes for Accelerated Reader in a timely manner.
Contributing – Mitchell Muller – to Health lessons – ideas, discussion points.

Congratulations to Bridget, Cohan, Gus, Scott and Mitchell 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
Chloe Mapes – for achieving your training target
Charlie McConville – to read 10 000 words in Accelerated Reader
Kade Atkinson – to read 30 000 words in Accelerated Reader
Cohan McWaters – to complete 10 Accelerated Readers
Tegan Lamb – to read 28 000 words in Accelerated Reader

Reading Eggs
Riley Locke – Map 5 and Lilly Kerlin – Map 4

Music
Stacey Lamb – for improved behaviour and attention in music
Chelsea Longney – for an excellent attitude to music lessons.

P&C NEWS

Traditional Mother’s Day Gift Reminder
For many years the P&C Association has conducted the Mother’s Day Gift Exchange. Each child brings a gift to school to exchange. Please send a gift to the value of about $3, wrapped in clear cellophane or similar, for each child. The children’s gift exchange will take place on Friday 8th May. The gifts can be left at the office before Friday, 8th May and then pooled so that each child can choose a gift for their Mum to give to her on Mother’s Day. This is a fun way for the children to have something special for Mum without spending a great deal.

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

CURRICULUM CORNER

Helping Students Get Ready for NAPLAN
There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:
- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
- encourage your child to write persuasive articles about something they have seen, heard or read about
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast