Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and students

Cycle Queensland
On Monday, about 500 bike riders rode through Yangan, over the course of two to three hours. Our students cheered them on with lots of encouragement at the front gate. It was a part of Queensland’s Bicycle 9-day adventure on wheels, an event called “Cycle Queensland”. Riders from Queensland, Sydney and Melbourne participated in the event. Mr Andrew Demack from Bicycle Queensland visited our school and talked to the students about bike safety.

Electricity Safety Week 7-11 September
Our students have turned into Safety Heroes this week and next week as they learn about electricity and how to behave safely around electrical equipment as part of Ergon Energy’s Electricity Safety Week. A first for Queensland, the free program has taught students valuable lessons that we hope they will take home – from identifying dangerous electrical situations, to knowing what to do in an emergency, to using electrical appliances safely and keeping them away from water.

A safety reminder for parents: If you see a fallen powerline, stay at least 8 metres away from it and anything it may be touching. Always assume they are ‘live’ and dangerous. Report them immediately to Triple Zero (000). For more information visit: www.ergon.com.au/network/safety

BUSHkids Celebration Reminder
Many of you will be well aware of the incredible work that the BUSHkids organisation does for the children and families in our community who need that extra support, not only educationally but emotionally. This year celebrates the 80th year of this organisation and also the upcoming celebration of the opening of the new Warwick BUSHkids Centre in Wood Street on the 25th September 2015.

We are going to recognise this great organisation by asking our students to come along dressed as a “Bushy” on the last day of term, Friday 18th Sept.

Parent Teacher Interview Reminder
To assist parents keep well informed on how their child is progressing, parent teacher interviews have been arranged for the end of term 3. This will enable us to give you feedback on your child’s performance in many areas, especially the whole school focus on writing (spelling) reading and numeracy. Parents are invited to arrange appointments for interviews with their child’s teacher.

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

Student Council Tree Planting Day
At a recent meeting, the Student Council decided that they wanted to be a part of the National Tree Planting Day. This Friday afternoon the whole school will be out in the school grounds planting trees. The Student Council stated that this project will assist in contributing more shade to our school grounds.

Darling Downs Athletics
A special congratulations is extended to Bessie Eastwell (80m and 200m), Maddy Grayson (Shot Put and Discus) and Eli McKinney (100m) on their efforts at the Darling Downs’ Regional Athletics Carnival yesterday in Toowoomba. This is a tremendous effort by Bessie, Maddy and Eli to compete at a regional level.

Jump Rope for Heart News
During the skipping sessions it has been wonderful to see not only the growth in skipping skills, but also the development of social skills. Children are learning how to work together positively whilst sharing the long rope, taking turns in spinning the rope and during partner skipping exercises. Sensational work skippers!

On Thursday 17th September 2015, we are hosting a Jump Off. The Jump Off will start at 1.30pm and parents are most welcome to come and join in the rotational skipping activities during that afternoon. The Jump Off is the climax of the Jump Rope for Heart program. The Jump Off gives students an opportunity to perform a variety of rope-jumping techniques they have learned throughout the term.

Sponsorship forms and money can now be taken to the school office. All forms and money need to be returned by Thursday 17th September.

Don’t forget that as a school we get to keep 50% of all funds raised!

Remember to keep fundraising, keep skipping and most importantly...keep having fun!

Heart Health Tip #4
Water is best
Did you know that water makes up about two-thirds of our body weight? Most of the chemical reactions that happen in our cells need water. We also need water for our blood to be able to carry nutrients around the body. So it makes sense to choose mainly water to drink.

Remember...a healthy heart is a happy heart!
GOTCHA VALUES AWARDS
Improving – Jack Grayson – in your focus and commitment during assessment tasks.
Improving – Mitchell Muller – in your focus and commitment during assessment tasks.
Improving – Shay Towson - showing an improved attitude toward learning.
Contributing – Zack Locke - Contributing to class discussion to demonstrate understanding.

Congratulations to Zack, Shay, Mitchell and Jack as the recipients of these special awards. They received their awards for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Gotcha Awards
Josie Gillespie – full sticker chart.
Nate Stewart – full sticker chart.
Basil McConville – full sticker chart.
Stacey Lamb – Attention and effort with note making for history.
Ethan McConville – 100% accuracy with spelling dictation.
Brin Cook – contribution to class discussion.
Dacia McConville – attention and high level mastery with spelling in daily writing.

Achieving Goals
Izic Webb – to complete Level 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 sight words.
Bessie Eastwell – to read 45 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Gabriella Kerlin – to read 140 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Angus Gillespie – to read 12 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Cody Muller – completing 300 sight words.
Sienna Atkinson –completing 300 sight words.
Chrisson Gillespie – completing red sight words.
Toby Booth – completing green sight words.

Reading Eggs
Chloe Mapes – Map 6
Isabella Beck – Map 3

Word Wizard
Cody Muller – amber and 300 sight words
Sienna Atkinson – 300 sight words
Beau O’Dea – Blue
Ella-Rose Upton – Blue
Kyeisha Smith – Orange
Shania Skinner - Pink

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Challenge has finished for this year. Thank you to everyone who has returned their completed sheets of books read. If you haven’t yet returned the sheets, they must be back at school by Friday this week to be included in the Literacy trophy house competition. Please hand them to Mrs Smith.

Enrolments for Prep are Now Open at Yangan State School
In 2016 children born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 are eligible to attend Prep. In Prep, children learn through inquiry, investigation and play – known as active learning. It’s a powerful way for children to develop important skills and the right attitude for school. If you need more information about Prep please contact the school 4664 8224. Come and enrol your child in Prep now.
Stay and Play Days at Yangan Prep
Yangan State School will be conducting Pre-Prep Orientation sessions during term four to support your child into starting school next year - a very important milestone in their life. You and your child are invited! The programme will include a parent meeting, designed to provide you with all of the information you will need to give your child the best start. It will also provide your child with five orientation sessions with Mrs Annette Reid (Prep/1/2 Teacher). This will give Mrs Reid the opportunity to get to know your child and their unique learning needs. This will help to ensure the development of a 2016 Prep programme tailored to address your child’s individual stage of learning and development.
These sessions are totally voluntary. However, your child would benefit from attending as many as you can manage.
Sessions are: Tuesday 20th October from 9:15am to 10:45am. Tuesday 3rd/10th/17th & 24th November from 9:15am to 10:45am.

Choir
Last Wednesday night the Yangan S.S. choir performed in front of a large crowd at WWSS as part of the Combined Schools Concert.
Congratulations to all choir members who did our school proud and showed that Yangan Kids Rock!
Thank you to parents for your dedication to choir by ensuring your children were at rehearsals every Wednesday morning and by taking them to the concert last week.
Choir will be on next Wednesday at 8:15am. Children will be treated to a special choir session as a reward for being awesome.

2015 Chalk and Parent Direct Fundraising
When you order toys from the Chalk & Parent Direct fundraising catalogues, 20 cents from every dollar you spend is donated back to the school. The toy catalogues are available at the school office. Orders and payment due back 16th October 2015.

ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards
Our school is participating in the ZooWhiz Learning Community Subscription Plan.
Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has FREE access to ZooWhiz Learning (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours. Parents are able to access ZooWhiz at home at a very special price by using the Home Access Discount Card.
ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to support your child’s progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.
Please note: The ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Card must be used to activate a subscription by 19/10/2015 as it will expire after this date.
The ZooWhiz Home Access Discount Cards is attached.

Please note: From time to time our school receives various offers from businesses. By passing on these offers we are not promoting these businesses but giving you the opportunity to take up these offers only if you wish to do so.