**Principal’s Message**

*Dear Parents and students*

Welcome back to Term 2, which is a 10 week term containing many important school events. The students have slotted back into their classes smoothly and I expect everyone to give their best effort to ensure this term is a terrific one. I look forward to a positive and productive Term 2.

To assist new families and provide a reminder to our students I would like to explain our important school values. Yangan State School’s values and beliefs about behaviour and learning directly relates to Education Queensland’s *Code of School Behaviour*. Our school’s values and beliefs underpin our Responsible Behaviour Plan. Our school aspires to securing success for all our students by:

- Caring for one another;
- Improving our performances; and
- Contributing to our school community.

The following list of school values are on wall charts throughout the school. As a part of daily teaching we often refer to these values. During weekly parades we select a particular school value and discuss its importance.

**Caring Values are**

- I treat people as I’d like to be treated.
- I show that I care about other people's feelings.
- I use my manners and a respectful voice.
- I look after my own and others’ property.
- I follow appropriate instructions.
- I stay where I know I am safe.
- I move safely around the school.
- I use equipment safely.
- I wear my hat when I'm outside. (THIS WEEK’S FOCUS)
- I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself.

In the following weekly newsletters we will share the school values of contributing and improving. At the end of semester we provide feedback to you on your child’s progress in our school values.

**Awesome Warwick Show Results**

I was very pleased to see the students’ results from their participation in the Warwick Show. It is always a pleasure to see our students achieve so well against other larger schools through their hard work and commitment. I congratulate every student in the school for participating in this community event. In particular, we must congratulate: Lindsay Payne (Year 7 Handwriting - 1st), Isabella Hawes (Year 7 Handwriting - 2nd), Anu Woodruff Becker (Year 7 Handwriting - 3rd), Jessica Welsh (Year 6 Poster - Highly Commended), Jessie Mauch (Year 4 Acrostic Poem - 3rd), Thea Diack (Year 3 Illustration and sentence - 3rd), Dominique Hawes (Year 2 Illustration - 1st), Chelsea Longney (Year 2 Illustration - 3rd) and Hannah Hutchinson (Year 2 Illustration - Highly Commended).

**ANZAC Day March and Service**

ANZAC Day is next week, **Thursday 25th April**. Our school is very proud to be involved in our community’s ANZAC Day Remembrance Parade and Service. Students are asked to assemble at the Carey’s Butchers at **7:30am on Thursday 25th April**. The march leaves this location at about 7:45am and marches to the School of Arts Hall for the service. This is a special
opportunity for all our students to be a part of and contribute to a community event. Students will be involved in wreath laying, poetry recitation and a choir performance. Your assistance in having your children dressed in school uniform for the march is gratefully appreciated. Our choir, student leaders and students have also been invited to be a part of the ANZAC DAY service at Emu Vale. More information regarding this service will be given to choir members and student leaders.

Staff News
Thank you Mrs Debbie Lawrence for performing the cleaner’s duties while Mrs Pat Fisher had been on leave. A warm welcome back is extended to Mrs Frances Symonds (our LOTE - French Teacher) after leave last term. We thank Mrs Cathy Petrasius for replacing her. On behalf of our school community I would like to welcome Mrs Dawn Vaughan to our school. Dawn is studying a Certificate III in Education Support. This requires her to undertake volunteer vocational training as part of her course. This will provide her with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in administration and classroom support. Dawn will be with us on Wednesdays.

P&C Meeting - The next P & C meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 24th April at 3.15pm. Hope to see you there.

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

Help Needed with ANZAC biscuits
Please contact Miss Condon if you are willing to make ANZAC biscuits this year for distribution to community members at the conclusion of the ANZAC service. This is a tradition of the school and is warmly welcomed by members of the community. Your help would be greatly appreciated and we would require the biscuits by Tuesday for wrapping. Thank you in anticipation.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy Years 3, 5 and 7
The Australia wide NAPLAN tests will be held for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students on the 14, 15 and 16th May. Further information can be obtained at: www.qsa.qld.edu.au/8017.html www.naplan.edu.au http://education.qld.gov.au/naplan
Please do not hesitate to contact your teacher if you would like any further information.

BookClub – May – National Family Reading Month
The 1st issue of Bookclub for Term 2 has now arrived and will be coming home for you to make your selection. May is National Family Reading Month so please take the time and have a look through as there are some really interesting reads. Please complete your order and return with payment to school no later than Monday May 6th, 2013. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact me.
Happy Reading - Rhonda Godwin 0437 525 629.

School Photos are Tuesday 30 April – Please return your orders and money by Monday 29 April

Arts Council – ‘The Box’
Arts Council will be held on Thursday 2 May at 9.00am in the Big Shed. For these two clowns, moving a box has never been so complicated. The Box brings red nose clown, slapstick and physical comedy into one hilarious show about two clowns and a seemingly mundane box. Two clowns have a job to move a box across the room... sounds simple but nothing is ever simple when clowns are involved! Expect a whole lot of chaos, comic creativity and fantastic situations that show how extraordinary the ordinary can become and how funny we all are at heart.
Entry to Arts Council is $6 per student or $15 per family. Envelopes are attached to this week’s newsletter. Please return to the school office with payment before the performance in order for your children to attend this wonderful experience.
**P&C News**

**Picture Products Update**
The return date for each child’s template has been extended till **9.00am Friday 26 April**. They may be returned to the school office or to Colette Locke. Please ensure the templates are not creased as this may affect the end result. There are a few spare templates if you need one – call Colette on 0450420184.

**Mother’s Day Morning Tea**
Mother’s Day is fast approaching (12 May) and the P&C usually has a morning tea for the entire community. We will be having a meeting **this Friday, 19 April** to discuss some ideas. Please come along and share your thoughts.

A Mother’s Day gift exchange will also be held: each child brings along a small gift (value to $5) wrapped in clear cellophane. The gifts are placed in a box and then every child gets the opportunity to pick a gift for their mum or gran, aunty or special female. It is a fun and inexpensive way for the children to make mum feel special. If everyone could start thinking about this, we would like all gifts in by Wednesday, 8 May.

**P&C Meeting**
Next meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday 24 April at 3.15pm. All are welcome. Agenda items include:
- Trail Ride figures,
- Cubby House – to paint or not to paint?
- Decision on which areas of the school curriculum to allocate P&C funds
- Mother’s Day Morning Tea

**Hotel Raffle Ticket selling to raise P&C Funds**
If you can assist with selling tickets (in conjunction with another family or by yourself) at the Yangan Hotel even one Friday in the year, please contact the school to place your name on the roster. Selling dates: 10 May, 14 June, 19 July, 23 August, 27 September, 1 November, and 6 December.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bush Kids Trivia Night**
This **Saturday 20 April** at Senior Citizens Hall, Warwick, $10 entry fee. Individuals welcome or book a team of 8-10 people. Call BUSHKids Warwick on 4667 1200 or email warwick@bushkids.org.au All proceeds go to Warwick BUSHkids. Light supper provided, bar and canteen, prizes for the winning team.

**St Patrick’s, Allora School’s P&F ’Rattle of the Brains’ Trivia Night**
**Friday 31st May**, starting 7pm (doors open 6:15), Allora Community Hall, Herbert Street, $10/each. Book your Table of 8 by phoning the St Patrick’s School on 4666 3551

**Book Nook Quotes**

‘You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax; all you need is a book!’

‘A book that is shut is but a block.’ **Thomas Fuller**
CURRICULUM CORNER

Every Day Counts is a state-wide initiative addressing the issue of student attendance at school. The initiative is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes to school attendance. It requires the support of both parents and the community if student attendance is to be successfully addressed.

Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community

Research shows that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. I must commend the school families for informing the office when their children are away. If you are ever having trouble with your child refusing to come to school, please make a point of involving the school straight away to help resolve the situation before it becomes a habit.

Year 2/3 News

In Year 2 we have been learning about 2D shapes. We had so much fun using elastics to create BIG 2D shapes. Can you work out what shape Chelsea, Dominique and Cohan are making?

In Year 3 we have been busy learning about 3-digit numbers. We even made our own BIG number chart, which we stood in!

Maths is great!

Have a great week of learning Yangan State School.

Year 2/3 students