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Yangan State School News

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Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and students

Student Report Cards
Teachers have been very busy writing reports to outline your child’s progress with their school work this semester. I am very proud of the quality of reports our parents receive. They are very detailed and thorough, and I would like to thank our teachers publicly for the long hours and the effort they have put into preparing this semester’s reports. Reports were given out to students yesterday.

Information about student reports
The Prep year is equivalent to the Foundation year (F) of the Australian Curriculum. For Prep a five-point scale to report student achievement in the Australian Curriculum of English, Mathematics, Science and History is used: Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring and Becoming Aware. Comments are used to report on student achievement in the early learning areas of Social and personal learning, Health and physical learning, and Active learning processes. Comments are also used to report on effort and behaviour.

All students from Years 1 to 7 receive a similar report card format. The key learning areas of English, Mathematics, History (Semester 1 only), Study of Society and Environment (Semester 2 only), Science, Health & Physical Education, Technology and The Arts are reported on separately. These areas also provide the arena for practising and enhancing literacy and numeracy essentials. Specialist teachers report on progress in Physical Education, LOTE (French) and Music.

The achievement of students in Years 1–2 will be reported against what is expected for the time of the year using the ratings Very High, High, Developing and Requires Support for each learning area. Every child’s work effort and behaviour will be reported by ratings from Very high, High, Developing or Support required for each learning area.

The achievement of students in Years 3–7 will be reported against what is expected for the time of the year using the ratings A, B, C, D and E. Every child’s work effort and behaviour will be reported by ratings from Excellent, Very good, Satisfactory, Needs attention or Unacceptable for each learning area.

The school values section provides a brief overview of how your child is progressing against a range of outcomes that we believe are essential for all learners to develop. Parents are invited to arrange appointments for an interview with their child’s class teacher. An interview proforma is included with each report card.

SCHOOL VALUE:
Caring
This Week’s Focus:
I use my manners and a respectful voice.
Classes for 2014
Preliminary arrangements of classes for 2014 have been completed. As at this time of planning and according to the number of current students and future students, the classes and teachers have been allocated accordingly:

Year P/1 class (Mrs Annette Reid and Mr Ian Rathmell (Friday only)
Year 2/3 class (Miss Rebecca Hart)
Year 4/5/6/7 class (Miss Anna Condon and Mr Ian Rathmell)
Physical Education (Mr Ian Rathmell)
Music (Mrs Annette Reid)
LOTE (Mrs Frances Symonds)

This arrangement of classes could change if our school numbers increase or decrease according to our enrolment numbers at the beginning of February 2014.

If you have any queries regarding the class groupings for next year, please have no hesitation in contacting me to arrange a meeting.

Yangan State School Presentation Evening Tuesday 10th December
Don’t forget our school presentation evening will be held on Tuesday 10th December. The presentation evening begins at 6:00pm with an early supper. Please bring along a plate to share. This presentation evening provides our school community with the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the efforts of our students throughout the year. Students in Years 1 to 6 are presented with a book and Year 7s with a graduation certificate and a pen memento from the Parents and Citizens Association. Tennis Awards are also presented. Students in each class will present an item to the audience and prepare a display of their classwork for parents to view. It is appreciated if all students could attend this function.

I hope you can join us on this special occasion.

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

URGENT
End of year clean up – Prep/Yr 1 classroom
At the end of each year we appreciate parental help to get the equipment/resources in our classroom cleaned and ready for next year’s use. There are a variety of tasks that need completing: some that can be done at home, some at school. If you can help out, a list of jobs is displayed in the P/1 classroom so that you can choose what might suit you. It would be appreciated if jobs could be commenced ASAP. Thank you!

Class Booklists for 2014 Reminderr
Class booklists for 2014 have been sent home. Hynes Newsagency in Warwick has quoted prices to pack your child’s booklist for next year. Please note these prices only hold if your order is placed by December 20. If you wish to take advantage of this service, the school will collect orders and deliver to Hynes on your behalf.
Pay Hynes Newsagency and collect your order in the new year. If you wish to participate, please complete the booklist form and return to the school by Wednesday, 11th December.
Lost Property
All lost property will be on display under the school office from today for the rest of the term. Please check to see whether your child has misplaced an item of clothing. Remaining clothes will be given to charity.

Return your Library Books
Thank you to all the students who have returned their library books. Unfortunately there are still some books not returned. Please return ALL library books as soon as possible. Thank you from Ann Smith.

End of Year Celebration Day Reminder
This year’s break up day will involve an excursion to Warwick Cinema, Leslie Park Warwick and back at school on Thursday 12th December. We will depart from the school at 8:45am sharp. The cost is free. The day includes entry into the movies, sausage sizzle, drinks, ice block, and transport by bus. Please return the permission note if you would like your child to attend and return to school by Friday 6th December.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out, we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Playgroup
Playgroup break-up Friday 6th December at Yangan Park 9am – 11am. Please bring a plate to share.

BOOKCLUB 2013
The final Bookclub orders for 2013 have arrived for your collection. All bookclub orders will be located in the school office for collection at your convenience. This year through your bookclub purchases, the school has received a total of $707 in reward dollars. These dollars have been used to buy wonderful reading material and teaching tools for your children to enjoy. Thank you for your purchases this year. Remember every purchase counts to helping your school.
Mrs Kate Fritz has kindly volunteered to take on the role of bookclub coordinator for 2014. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Mrs Fritz in 2014.
I have enjoyed taking on the role of coordinator this year and enjoyed seeing the excited faces of the children when bookclub arrived.
Best Wishes for 2014.
Kind Regards Rhonda Godwin

Gotcha Values Award
Improving – Dominique Hawes – for working hard all week.
Improving – Shania Skinner – for writing independently

Congratulations to Dominique and Shania as the recipients of these special awards. They received these awards for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Word Wizard - Lachlan K – Completed Set 4

Accelerated reader
Congratulations to the following students who have reached part-millionaire levels.
Half a million words have been read by Aiden Diack, Aliza Hoffman, Lauren Hutchinson and Rani Towson.
A quarter of a million words have been read by Katie Gimm. Welcome to the Millionaires Club.

Personal milestones have been reached by:
Independent Reader – Blake O’Dea
Rising Reader – Adrienne Hawes
Super Reader – Jessica Welsh, Hope Albrecht, Zach Mapes and Thea Diack
Star Reader – Rani Towson
Well done, everyone!
P&C NEWS

The P & C in conjunction with the Yangan Progress Association will be running the Moo Poo Lotto at the Yangan street party and Truck pull (SAT 14th DEC).

IF ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD THIS EVENT WILL RAISE FOR THE P & C $1000.

HELP IS NEEDED to make the Moo Poo Lotto a success. PARENTS, we need help selling tickets. Take a book to work, ask family and friends. Tickets and flyers are available by contacting Colette Locke. HELP is also needed in setting up the 10 X 10 m grid on Friday 13th DEC, and also during the lotto, on the 14th, to assist where needed. The Lotto will start as soon as the truck pull is over, at approx. 4p.m. Please contact Colette Locke with any queries and to OFFER HELP. This is a great way to raise funds for your school. Please lend a hand any way you can.

Community News

Santa Letters
There will be a special “postbox” set up at the Yangan Post Office where kids can send their letters off to Santa. All letters to be received by December 13, 2013. Santa will reply to all the letters he receives.

Yangan and District Progress Association Inc.
Yangan Christmas Party and Annual Truck Pull
14th December 2013 from 2pm.
Are looking for local stallholders to be a part of the celebrations and to showcase the many talents our district has to offer. Please contact Kylie Gould on 0429 549 368 to reserve your site.

Animal Nursery
Bring along young pets to show or sell. We will attempt to sell your animals for a small donation to Progress Association. Please pickup unsold animals at end of day.

Warwick Club – Masquerade Ball
31st December, 2013
$35 per person
For more information phone: 0402 659 043

Combined Churches Christmas Carols
6:30 pm on Monday, 16th December at Yangan Presbyterian Church. Supper afterwards. All welcome.

Warwick Gymnastic Club – School Holiday Program
16th December - 20 December 2013
6th January – 10 January 2014
9am to 3 pm for ages 5 and up
$25 per day or $100 for five days BOOK NOW
For more information phone: 07 4661 9826 or 0411 111 406
The Australian Red Cross ‘Karma’ Box

The Karma box, located on the verandah at Yangan State School, is accepting donations of clothing and accessories for adults, children and babies, suitable (and wearable) for re-sale. All funds raised go to the work of Red Cross in Australia e.g. to help people cope when disasters such as floods, fires and cyclones affect them and to fund the Breakfast Program in some Australian schools which provides breakfast for needy children who would otherwise go hungry. All donations are gratefully received! The bin will be emptied Mondays and Thursdays. For more information contact Heather 46648524 or Australian Red Cross, Warwick Branch on 46619916.

PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN YEAR 8 IN 2014

We are looking forward to spending time with your student on Wednesday 11 December at our Year 7 Transition day. During this day all Year 7 students from various Primary Schools will have the opportunity to participate in a day at Warwick State High School to meet teachers, the other students and get to know the school routines. If you would like more information please contact the High School (46669222). Students must have completed their enrolment interview to participate in the transition day.

WHAT: Year 7 Transition Day
WHEN: Wednesday 11 December
WHERE: Warwick State High School (HALL – Victoria Street)
TIME: 8:40am – 3:10pm
BRING: Pencil case with pens, pencils, hat, water bottle and money for lunch.

Parents are welcome to stay for the first session in the hall until 9:15am and then attend a morning tea and question/answer session.

BreastScreen Queensland – Free Breast Cancer Screening Warwick Hospital 1 October 2013 – 14 January 2014. Women aged 40 years and over are encouraged to attend every two years. Phone 13 20 50 for your free appointment (no doctor’s referral needed).

Book Nook Quote

‘The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it.’
– James Bryce
Reflections from Yr 4/5/6/7 on activities at Jacob’s Well Camp

Mangroves by Lorna Broughton

The mangroves are the centre of an extremely important and comprehensive eco-system, providing nurseries for a wide variety of small aquatic creatures and other living organisms. Mangroves are also very important in stabilising the banks of estuaries and also they provide essential cover and shelter for many species of birds and some bats.

Cane Toad Busting by Rhyanna Payne

My favourite activity would have been Cane Toad Busting! It was a little bit frightening when someone screamed and when I thought that I had stood on a toad. When physically picking up a toad, it was a bit scary, because they always let poison out of the bags behind their eyes. When the poison was on my glove, it felt as wet as going down a water slide and getting soaked. My favourite part of the activity was watching Jessica with the net. I also enjoyed physically picking up the toads. All thanks to Kerry, this activity was extraordinary!

Canoeing by Aiden Diack

During the canoeing activity I found it extra important to communicate with the other members in your canoe. If you don’t communicate properly, you may paddle in circles, crash and maybe capsize! I personally believe that Lauren and I work well as a team. We were congratulated by Miss Ella who was the other member of our canoe. I learnt how to raft the canoes up against each other in an emergency. It was hard work to hold them all together. I thought it was funny whenever Lauren changed sides to paddle. She would always move that way and Ella would say, “Put your bottom in the middle of the seat!” It was funny! Overall I found canoeing a great activity!

Stradbroke Island by Lauren Hutchinson

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