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Yangan State School News Update

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Notices:
Welcome to Week 2 of Term 1

Reminders

• **Additional Funding for Schools**: As you may have heard, an additional $131 million will be invested in Queensland's State Schools in 2014 to improve student performance. Our school will receive additional funding from the **Great Results Guarantee** and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes. We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. To receive the funding, our school must complete an agreement that commits us to guarantee that every student will either:
  - achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
  - have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties.

The agreement will outline how our school will use the additional funding to improve student performance. More information on the development of this agreement will be shared after consultation with our P&C Association. If you have some ideas to support this funding come along to the P&C meeting. Read more about the guarantee at [www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee).

• **School Newsletter**: Newsletters will be published weekly with one week publishing a major newsletter and the second week catching up on news. We would also like to send newsletters home via email. Emailing also gives you an opportunity to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter. It helps save paper and provides an opportunity to improve communication between home and school. Please contact Tracey at the office with your email address.

• **Parent Information Sessions**: Information sessions for each class are planned for **Tuesday, 11th February**.
  - Year 4/5/6/7 Miss Anna Condon & Mr Ian Rathmell - 8:15am to 8:50am
  - Year 2/3 Miss Rebecca Hart 3:05pm to 3:35pm
  - Year P/1 Mrs Annette Reid 3:40pm to 4:10pm

Please make the time to attend this information session. Each session will be held in the teacher’s classroom.

• **Parades**: School parades are conducted on a Tuesday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

• **Student Information Form**
  Student information forms are attached to this newsletter. New students will not receive one. Could you check to see that everything is correct? **We need the latest contact details.** Please return to school as soon as possible whether you have made changes or not. Write the changes on the information sheet. Thank you!

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### Dates for Your Diary

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Southern Downs football Trials (11&12 years)
• **Internet Access Agreement**
  Please complete the form with your child if you wish your child to access the internet, and return it to school as soon as possible.

• **Shop Day (Tuckshop)** Orders are made and paid for at the shop by Tuesday afternoon.

• **Religious Instruction next week for Years 1 to 7** - Religious Instruction is conducted on a fortnightly basis beginning next week on Wednesday 12th February from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. **If you do not wish your child to participate** in Religious Instruction lessons please send a letter to confirm non-attendance. New students do not have to confirm this, as it was stated on the enrolment form.

• **A school calendar for term one is attached to this newsletter and is also available on the school website.** The calendar provides the main dates for the term. There will be many more important dates and activities throughout the year. Please regularly check newsletters (issued weekly) and notice boards for modifications to our calendar during the year.

• **Parent / teacher interviews** may be requested at any time during the school year. We value strong home – school communication. Please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an appointment.

• **School Uniform**
  It was great to see everyone in full school uniform and rearing to start learning on the first day. A few reminders about our school’s uniform code:
  - Plain navy shorts or skorts
  - School shirt
  - Navy broad-brimmed hats are to be worn at all times including before & after school if playing outdoors
  - Jewellery permitted includes: watch, earrings (sleepers or studs)

• **Absenteeism**
  Children are required to attend school regularly. Each day is important and children should not be absent on any day without a valid reason. If your child is absent, please contact the school by telephone and leave a message or forward a written note to the school when you child returns. Sending an email to the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au is quite acceptable.

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.
From the staff at Yangan State School

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**SPORT - Southern Downs Swimming Trials**
We wish Maddy Grayson and Jarrett Powell the best of luck at the Southern Downs Swimming Trials next Monday at WIRAC. We hope you enjoy the opportunity to represent your school at these trials.

**Gotcha Values Award**
- **Improving** – Hannah Hutchinson – improving in her participation in class discussions
- **Improving** – Cooper O’Dea – starting the year with excellent behaviour and attitude to learning
- **Improving and Contributing** – Jake Mc Waters – attention to work and contribution to discussion

Congratulations to Hannah, Cooper and Jake as the recipients of these special awards. They received these awards for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!
Gotcha Awards

Ethan Kelly - Attention towards Class ICT and assisting peers
Hope Albrecht – helpfulness in class.
Adien Diack - Proficiency and attention with spelling
Zack Locke – Attention and effort with number work

Welcome to a new year of Bookclub

Issue 1 for Bookclub has been sent home with your child for you to make your selection. The Bookclub assists in providing essential resources for our school as well as providing some wonderful experiences for your child through the joy of reading.

Please take some time to view the catalogues. If you would like to place an order please complete the form on the back of the catalogue and return to school by **12th February 2014**. There are three **payment methods** available to you. **Cash, cheque and credit card**. For **Credit card** payments can be made through the Scholastic website and details are provided on back of catalogue; **Cheque** payments can be made to ‘Scholastic Australia’.

Please return all completed order forms with cash, cheque or credit card receipt attached by the due date to the P&C box located in office. Extra catalogues are available from the office. If you would like to order a book for a different age group then your child’s please collect one.

If you have any queries please contact Kate Fritz on 0409 070 221 or 07 4664 8780 to discuss.

Community News

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.

Mobile Women’s Health Service

Killarney & District Aged Care Facility on Thursday, 13 February, 2014 from 9am to 3pm. This is a free service. For information and bookings please phone the Aged Care Facility on 4664 1488

Playgroup

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