**Principal’s Message**

**Dear Parents and students**

**Welcome Back**

A warm welcome is extended to all new and returning students, parents and staff to our school community. I trust that you and your families had an enjoyable break from the school routine. I look forward to a very positive and productive first term. I’m very enthusiastic about continuing on the great work that we have achieved at Yangan State School. We will ensure that we continue to maintain excellent progress in student achievement as well as ensuring our school has top-class facilities and resources. We are looking forward to working together with you to make your 2014 school year most rewarding.

It is exciting that we have 17 new students and 6 new families joining our school. We offer a special welcome to all of our new students and their families.

**Parent Information Sessions**

Information sessions for each class are planned for Tuesday, 11th February. At these information sessions, class teachers will provide an overview of what is planned for their class. It is a great chance to find out about the format of your child’s homework, how each curriculum area is to be taught, sign up to be a parent helper in the classroom and ask any questions you may have. Please make the time to attend this information session.

- **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

**Grounds Care and Facilities Upgrade**

A special thank you is extended to Mr Doug Martin, our Schools Officer Casual (Grounds), who has helped maintain our beautiful grounds over the holidays. During the holidays, the floor of the Big Shed was buffed up to improve the surface and new handball courts were painted. A new shade cover has been placed over the structure outside the Year 4/5/6/7 room. Thank you to the parents for mulching some of our gardens with the donated straw. Contact Collete (P&C President) if you can assist in the future with more mulching. This improvement and maintenance of our facilities continues to improve the quality of our school learning environment.
P&C Meeting Wednesday, 5th February
Our Parents and Citizens Association is a major avenue for parent feedback, support and planning in ensuring our school provides the highest quality service. A lot can be achieved through the P&C and school working towards common goals. Your involvement in the P&C can build a stronger school community where all children benefit.

A General Meeting for our Parents and Citizens Association will be held next Wednesday 5th February from 3:15 pm. I encourage you to attend this meeting to give your support.

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

Morning Tea Invitation

The Yangan School Community would like to welcome all the new families to our school at a special morning tea to be held next Tuesday 11th February commencing at 9.00am. If you are a new parent and you have a child /children attending the school for the first time (a new Prep student or older student/s) we would like you to join us. Come and meet other new and some not so new parents! Have a social chat, a cuppa, and find out what is happening around the school. Year 1 parents are asked to bring a plate to share.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014

TERM DATES
Term 1 (10 weeks) Tuesday 28th January to Friday 4th April
Term 2 (10 weeks) Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 27th June
Term 3 (10 weeks) Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September
Term 4 (10 weeks) Tuesday 7th October to Friday 12th December

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to a new year of reading enjoyment.

P-1 and 2/3 students will be visiting the Library on Fridays to borrow and return their books, listen to stories, do activities and discover how to find resources. The loan period for these classes is ONE week so books need to be returned each Friday.

4/5/6/7 students will also visit the Library on Fridays. The loan period for the senior students is TWO weeks but if books are required for longer, renewal can be organised by seeing Mrs Smith.

There will be various events during the year to celebrate books and reading, including the Premier’s Reading Challenge, the Readers’ Cup, and Children’s Book Week in August.

Please help your child take care of their library books, keep them in a safe place and remember to return them when they are due back to school. I extend an invitation to all parents, especially those new to the school, to visit the library and see the resources we have available. Happy reading.

Ann Smith

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Term 1 Week 1, 2014
Accelerated Reader

Reading can be an exciting voyage of discovery, visiting different worlds, meeting new people and investigating other writing styles. Accelerated Reader is a motivational program to encourage reading for pleasure which benefits the development of reading and vocabulary skills.

As the Independent Reading component of our literacy program, Yangan State School subscribes to the web version of Accelerated Reader, with the help of the P & C. In Accelerated Reader, each child reads books within their reading range. They do a quiz on a computer in their classroom or the Library which measures their comprehension, and accumulate points over the year. Year 3 to Year 7 students will be continuing from this week and Year 2 students will be gradually introduced to the program during the year.

There are over 1 400 books in the school library which have quizzes. These books are marked with coloured dots on their spines. Additionally, students have access to more than 10 000 quizzes so they may also read books from home and do the quizzes at school, although it is recommended that the majority of these books fall within their reading range. Mrs Smith can advise on the titles available. It is best if the quizzes are taken within two days of the books being read.

Students will use their home reading log to keep a record of their reading of their own choice as well as their Accelerated Reader books. In addition, after a quiz is taken, students will print a TOPS (The Opportunity to Praise Students) Report which shows the progress toward their target points. These reports will be signed by the teacher and filed in their display folders. Teachers will print their own diagnostic reports regularly and follow up any difficulties students may face. Each classroom has a motivational method to mark progress with various rewards and recognition of success.

Please support your child by following their progress as shown in their TOPS reports. If you have any queries about Accelerated Reader, what it involves and how it works, please don’t hesitate to talk to Ian Rathmell, Ann Smith or your child’s teacher. We would be delighted to explain the benefits of the scheme to your child’s education.

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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.
NETBALL
Would you like to play Junior Netball? Netball for 5yrs (born 2009) to 14yrs (born 2000)
Come along to sign-on day Saturday 15 February 2014
At our Junior courts - Barnes Park, Matthews St, Warwick
10am – 1pm
For more information:
Email: warwicknetball@bigpond.com
Ring: Linda Bunch 0407 734 380
Facebook: www.facebook.com/warwicknetball

Soccer Signup
Registration is available online Right Now! Just go to www.myfootballclub.com.au click register now and
follow your nose. If you have any problems message us via Facebook or
email registrations@warwickwolves.com.au and we will help you through it. We have also put an online
registration guide on our website (www.warwickwolves.com.au) which will help you out if needed. All players
are required to register online. It is simple, quick and convenient! No waiting in queues! Give it a Go!
Registrations will close on Sunday 16th March to enable time for us to finalise teams for the season
ahead.
In addition to Online registrations we are running 2 registration information days:
☐ 15th February will be at the Rose City Shopping Centre (bottom of the escalators) and will run
from 8-30am until 12-30pm. Warwick Wolves members will be present to assist you with the online
registration process. There will be two computers available for this purpose.
☐ 22nd February – will be held at the WDFA Clubhouse, Queens Park, Park Road, Warwick, from
10:00am till 12:00pm. Warwick Wolves members will be present to assist you with the online
registration process. There will be two computers available for this purpose.
If you have any questions please call Paul Butler 0423 647 890, Rebecca Butler 0428 715 663, Peter Dar ton
0427 498 478.

REGISTER NOW!!
Limited spaces
BOYS Yr1 & 2
Commencing Monday 3 March 2014
Girls Yr1 & 2
Commencing Wednesday 5 March 2014
Call BUSHkids Warwick 4667 1200 to register
A FREE 10 week program to help build emotional resilience that will stay with children for life.
Teaching practical and useful strategies for coping with stress, worry, fear and sadness.

REGISTER NOW!!!
Limited spaces
A FREE three session program for parents & carers at BUSHkids Warwick
Wednesday March 5, 12 & 19 from 9 – 11.30am.
Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-10 years old
Call 4667 1200 to register.
Parents will receive: A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook Proudly provided by Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise

Book Nook Quote
'The smallest bookstore still contains more ideas of worth than have been presented in the entire history of television.’
– Andrew Ross