**Principal’s Message**

**Dear Parents and students**

**School Opinion Survey**

The annual School Opinion Survey is occurring in our school this week. The Parent/Caregiver Survey has been sent home to families, and can be completed either online or using the paper form provided. Selected students will complete their survey online at school and all school staff have been provided with access details to complete their survey online. A big thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey. If you have not yet done so, please complete the survey to ensure that your opinion is included in our school’s reports, which we will receive later this year. Survey queries can be directed to our school on 4664 8224 or email the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au

**Tanny Sports**

We are all looking forward to a very exciting day at the Tanny Sports this Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} July at Warwick Christian College, Glennie Heights. The day is hosted by the community for the students’ enjoyment. Every student will be in an event and in a team for ball games. This is a school day and all students are expected to attend. If for any reason you are not attending, please see your class teacher so teams can be adjusted.

**What can you do to help at the Tanny Sports?**

- The earlier we start the more effectively the day runs. Be early (8:00 am) so the day can start at 8:30 am. The day usually finishes by 3.00pm but this is dependent on an early start.
- Help set up the school area - tents, long jump mats, high jump equipment, marshalls’ tent, PA system, Handing out badges, etc, etc.
- Offer your services to assist as a timekeeper, place marshall, field event steward, etc. Even raking the jump pits is appreciated by busy marshalls.
- Teachers from our school will be conducting the High Jump events. Help will be needed to conduct this event
- Assist your child by making sure that they are where they are supposed to be at the right time.

**Things to remember:**

- Tanny Sports is a school day. No child should leave the school grounds without their parent first notifying their child's class teacher. Plan for your child to be at the event for the full day. It is a school day and your child has been put into teams that rely on your child being there.
- Volunteers do the best they can at the time. Encouragement is very helpful. Because the day is run as a community event, school staff may not know exactly what is going on at every point in the day. School staff will be listening for directions too!
- It is a very busy, hectic day and your support won’t go astray in making sure children get to and from their events on time.
- Toilets are located a short walk from the venue. Supervision will be required.
- Dress your children in school uniform with sun protection. An extra water bottle would be a great asset on the day.
- A canteen will be available for the purchase of food.
- Come along and have fun!

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
Instrumental Music Performance at JAZZ & Jumpers
If you have some spare time this Saturday 27\textsuperscript{th} July, come along to the Warwick Town Hall and watch Yangan students Anu Woodruff Becker and Isabella Hawes perform with the Southern Downs Big Band. They will be performing music from the 1940s to the 1970s. The show starts at 4:00pm and concludes at 5:30pm. Best wishes Anu and Isabella for a great performance.

Sports Day Programs
All students from our school attend the Tanny Sports and the Warwick Country Schools’ Athletics Carnival. If you would like a Tannymorel or a Warwick Country Schools’ Athletics Program, please notify the office. In the interest of not wasting paper and money, extra programs will not be printed.

Half Day Athletics at Wheatvale – Tuesday 30\textsuperscript{th} July
The half day athletics events (high jump and 800m competitors for 9yrs to 13yrs) for the Warwick Country Schools Athletics will be held at Wheatvale State School beginning at 12:00. A bus will leave at 11:00am from our school. The \textbf{bus fare will be $5.00 per competitor}. The events usually conclude at about 2:00pm, but this can be later. Student nominations for these events have been distributed. \textbf{Please complete the permission note and return (with money) to school.}

Discus event for the Warwick Country Athletics – Tuesday 30\textsuperscript{th} July
The discus event for the Warwick Country Athletics carnival will be held at Warwick State High School (Hamilton Oval) beginning at 3:15pm sharp on Tuesday 30\textsuperscript{th} July. The following students have been selected to represent our school: Lindsay Payne and Ethan Kelly

Reminder – Transport Arrangements for Athletics’ Carnivals
- Private transport by parents to the Warwick Country Athletics Carnival at Hamilton Oval, Warwick State High School (MISTAKE IN LAST WEEK’S NEWSLETTER REGARDING VENUE) on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} August for whole school). No transport will be provided.

Gotcha Values Awards
- \textbf{Caring} – Gabriella Kerlin (for taking initiative to help organise class materials)
- \textbf{Caring} – Ethan Kelly (for working with peers, guiding and supporting with tasks)
- \textbf{Contributing} – Tony Gimm (for diligently working on his comprehension assessment task in English)

Congratulations to Gabriella, Ethan and Tony 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
- Ben Gould (for attention and effort with personal home reading), Anu Woodruff Becker (for high level of care and attention with mapping), and Lindsay Payne (for a high level of accuracy with spelling)

Full Sticker Chart – Bessie Eastwell, Jake Locke, Lilly Kerlin, Charlotte May, Riley Mauch, Shay Towson

Word Wizard – Cooper O’Dea, Shania Skinner, Riley Locke (Gold and Red sets), Hannah Gould (Set One) and Kade Atkinson (Set 4)

Reading Eggs – Hannah Gould and Lachlan Kelly (Map 1)

ABC Special Reading Eggs Awards (for being top ABC Reading Eggs users at our school so far this year)- Charlotte May for completing 34 activities, Cooper O’Dea 33, and Bessie Eastwell 27. Great work students!

Music Award – Zack Locke for demonstrating an excellent attitude to Music during class time.

Black Belt Recorder Program – White Belt – Lauren Hutchinson, Green Belt – Jessica Welsh

Bookclub Reminder
Please ensure all orders with money are returned to school by 26 July 2013. For any inquiries please phone Rhonda 0437525629
**Enrolments for Prep are Now Open at Yangan State School**

In 2014 children born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 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. It is a requirement of entry to Prep that a copy of the child’s birth certificate is presented on enrolment, so if you do not have your child’s birth certificate, please organise to obtain one before enrolment.

**P&C News**

Next P & C meeting will be held Wednesday, September 11 at 3.15 pm in the school library.

Father’s Day Trivia Night in the Big Shed on FRIDAY AUGUST 30, 2013
Door will open at 7 pm with the evening kicking off promptly at 7.30 pm. Entry is $10 per person. This includes a light supper. Bar available. Tables can be pre-booked and individuals can be seated with an existing table upon request. **TO HELP with this event we are asking each family to PROVIDE A PLATE TO SHARE FOR SUPPER.** The P & C will purchase the makings for sandwiches. Help would be appreciated Friday after lunch to assemble the sandwiches for that evening.

**DATE CLAIMER.** Fund raising event - CAR BOOT SALE / MARKETS - SUNDAY, OCT 13, 2013.

Gardening News - *Speed* gardening is happening each Wednesday between 8.00am and 9.00am to try to keep the gardens tidy (a little each week makes the job so much easier). Please come along and help any Wednesday that you can spare. Thank you to the parents who have been gardening when they can.

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. Dates for rest of year: 9 August (volunteer needed), 26 September (Sam Cochrane), 4 October (Vanessa Sharman), 1 November (volunteer needed), 29 November (volunteer needed), 27 December (volunteer needed) **Volunteer needed for 9 August!**

**BRISBANE WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TRIP.**
Get some friends together and enjoy a day of shopping at exclusive warehouses in Brisbane.

**OPEN HOUSE CLOSING DATE - 30 SEPTEMBER 2013.**

**COST:** $50 per person (includes lunch)

**DATE:** Sunday 15th, September.

Bus departs from Yangan SS at 6.30am and returns to Yangan SS at approximately 7.00pm.

For more information, or to book your seat, call Emma on 4664 4205.

To secure your seat payment must be received by 3 pm Friday, 23rd August.

**Religious Instruction contribution and Parents & Citizens Association Contributions are now due**

Please pay by Monday 19th August to be in the draw to win four season passes to the Village Roadshow Theme Parks. Envelopes are attached to this newsletter.

- Yangan State School Parents and Citizens fee $10 per family.
- Religious Instruction fee $5 per student from years 1 to 7

The Religious Instruction contribution helps offset the cost of the students’ activity books for all students who participate in this program. The Yangan P & C Association contribution helps offset the cost of insurance and registration. This money is also used to purchase end of year presentation gifts for our students.

Both contributions are due by **Monday 19th, August.** All families who pay the contributions **IN FULL** by this date will go into the draw to win four VIP passes to the Village Roadshow Theme Parks. This includes Sea World, Movie World, Wet ‘n’ Wild, Australian Outback Spectacular and Paradise Country. Passes are valid till 30th June, 2014. *The winner will be drawn on parade on Tuesday 20th, August, 2013.*

**Community News**

Get started returns for round 2
The second round of the Queensland Government’s Get Started program is now open, offering vouchers worth up to $150 to help families pay membership fees for children to join a registered sport or recreation club. Children with a parent or guardian who holds a health care or pension concession card are automatically eligible to apply, while other families will need to submit recommendations from two referral agents. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.

From Swing to Rock
Jumpers and Jazz 27 July 2013 4.00pm -5.30pm

Featuring
- The Southern Downs Big Band
- Killarney School Band
- Stanthorpe School Band
- Inglewood School Band

Playing:
- 40s – Glenn Miller & Duke Ellington
- 50’s – Bill Haley & Chubby Checker
- 60’s – Beatles & Creedence
- 70’s – Bob Seger to Blues Brothers

Plus presentation of the POINTS CHALLENGE TROPHY.

At the Warwick Town Hall
Gold coin donation entry.

CURRICULUM CORNER

How to help with Spelling

- Build your child’s self-confidence. Praise the effort they make, even if the result isn’t perfect. Prevent the development of self-image as a poor speller (Don’t say things like: Your mother was always a terrible speller, you must be too)
- Understand that teachers don’t always insist on correct spelling in writing a first draft. Usually, the focus is on developing ideas or organising information and spelling comes second. If your child is writing a story, fix the ideas first, then look at the spelling second.
- Show that you care about spelling. Ask questions in everyday situations like “Who knows how to spell ________ while you are at the shops, or driving.
- Try strategies like checking the spelling by writing it out. If it doesn’t look right, it usually isn’t. Check spelling with a dictionary, but be careful of tricky words or confusing meanings.
- Remember that sounding out doesn’t work for every word. Silent letters in words like ‘know’ and ‘thumb’ can be killers.
- Encourage reading. Improvement in spelling has been shown through focus on reading. Don’t just read books. “What does that sign say?” while driving can be just as effective.
- When practising spelling words from a list, or learning new words; the school strategy is look-say-cover-write-check.
- Don’t discount your own creativity. Writing words in the dirt with a stick can be just as effective as writing them in a book.

Book Nook Quote

‘Be awesome! Be a book nut.’ - Dr Seuss

‘You have to be a speedy reader because there is so much to read.’