Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and students

Parent Teacher Interviews
To assist parents keep well informed on how their child is progressing, parent teacher interviews have been arranged for the end of term 1 during weeks 8 and 9. This will enable us to give you feedback on your child’s performance in many areas, especially the whole school focus on spelling and reading. Parents are invited to arrange appointments for interviews with their child’s teacher. Each child has been given an interview proforma. If you would like to arrange an interview time during weeks 8 and 9 please complete the proforma and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Special Parade
A special induction ceremony was conducted yesterday for our new student leaders for 2013. Our school leaders for this year are: Prisca Albendia, Max Grayson, Jake Hartwig, Isabella Hawes, Lindsay Payne, Aiden Steele and Anu Woodruff Becker. I congratulate each student on receiving the honour of being a student leader and wish them all the best in their role. Senior Constable Nathan Burnett was our guest speaker and presented the students with their badges of office. Mrs Colette Locke (P&C President) presented the students with Certificates of Congratulations sent by the member for Maranoa, Mr Bruce Scott. Special Year 7 Leaders’ shirts designed by the students were presented to them by Mrs Desleigh Clarson. Thank you to Mrs Clarson for making these shirts. After the ceremony our students enjoyed afternoon tea with their parents. Also during the special ceremony, our Year 5/6 students were officially presented to their prep buddies. Year 5 students also have the honour of being library monitors.

On behalf of our school leaders, I would like to thank Senior Constable Nathan, Mrs Locke, Mrs Clarson and the Yangan State School community for attending and making this occasion a special moment for our new school leaders.

Congratulations Buddies and Preppies
Our prep buddy program is a part of the school’s leadership program. Students commence this part of the leadership program in Year 6. This year students in Year 5 will also be a part of the program. This provides the opportunity for basic leadership and mentoring skills to be developed through supporting a younger child. Buddies assist the younger child in various activities including school routines, special functions, etc. They develop a nurturing bond that demonstrates the importance of considering the needs of others. The relationship helps to support the transition of younger students into the school setting. Congratulations to:

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'Take a Stand Together' on Friday 15 March

Our school is taking part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 15 March.

We encourage students to behave responsibly and safely every day, but on this day we will be putting the spotlight on our anti-bullying strategies by organising a whole school “Bullying No way” session.

The Bullying. No way! website has information for parents and students of all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence.  [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/)

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

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Gotcha Values Awards**

**Contributing** – Naomi Almond, Hannah Hutchinson and Dominique Hawes *(for contributing to history lessons by bringing in interesting objects from the past!)* and Zach Mapes *(for contributing to history lessons by bringing in a floor plan of his pa’s house. Wow!)*

**Improving** – Gabriella Kerlin *(for working above and beyond in all curriculum areas)*

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

**Full Sticker Chart** – Bessie Eastwell, Gabby Kerlin, Kade Atkinson and Jake Locke

**Music Award** – Chelsea Longney *(for working exceptionally well in Music)*

**Black Belt Recorder Program**

Congratulations to Anu Woodruff Becker for achieving Rainbow Level – Excellent effort, Anu

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**P & C NEWS**

Please return **BookClub orders** by this [Friday 15 March](#), **Picture product orders** by 20 March, **Spray jacket/jumper orders** by 22 March

**P&C Meeting**

Next meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday 24 April at 3.15pm. All are welcome.

**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: 5 April, 10 May, 14 June, 19 July, 23 August, 27 September, 1 November, and 6 December.

*Next selling date 5 April – McIvor family (thanks)*

**Leanne Hoffman Trail Ride Multi-Draw Raffle Winners.**

**Congratulations to:**

1. Pat Almond *(Black Toyota Home Décor Products)*
2. Ted Davidson *(Horse shoeing products from Pursehouse Rural)*
3. Kevin & Chris Holmes *($100 voucher from Riverina stockfeed)*
4. Cody Muller *(Submersible pump from Total Eden)*
5. Debbie Bradfield *(RSL voucher pack)*
6. Helen Welsh *(RSL voucher pack)*
7. Jenny Warren *(Tanny Bowls Club Voucher pack)*
8. Debbie Lawrance *(Killarney Co-op Voucher pack)*
9. Tray Atkinson *(Designer sunglasses from Chas Sankey Fraser)*
10. Rhonda Godwin *(3 piece bistro setting from Bunnings)*
11. Jack Grayson *(5 bags ‘Biomare’ from Pursehouse Rural)*
12. Gabby Kerlin *(Riverina stockfeed products)*
COMMUNITY NEWS

Freestone State School P&C Annual Trivia Night
Freestone Hall, This Saturday 16 March at 7.00pm.
Nominate a team or just yourself.
$10 per player, licenced bar and light supper.
Phone Helena 46661726

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

The Warwick Gymnastics Club is running our holiday program again these Easter holidays
Monday 8th April till Thursday 11th April 9am-3pm
Children will need to bring morning tea, lunch and hats.
The holiday program is a great way for beginners to get a taste of what gymnastics is about and see if they like it without the commitment of joining for a term.
For details and enrolling please call the Gym after 3.30 on 4661 9826 or Petra any time on 0411 111 406

CURRICULUM CORNER

Homework
Homework not only helps students consolidate their classroom learning, it lays strong foundations for lifelong learning and encourages family members to become involved in student’s life.
When giving homework, teachers take into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. Homework that enhances student learning:
- is purposeful and relevant to student’s needs
- is appropriate to the student’s age
- is appropriate to the capability of the student
- develops the student’s independence as a learner
- is varied, challenging and clearly related to class work
- allows for student commitment to recreational, chores, family and cultural activities.

I have seen great commitment to homework this year at Yangan SS. I am very pleased to see the students being so responsible in their learning process.
If completing homework is hard for your child or your family, please share this with your child's teacher to avoid anxiety and stress.
Year 2/3 News

In History this term we have been learning about changes in technology over time. Here is a photo of us. We have just completed our first History project. We really enjoyed interviewing our parents/grandparents and sharing the information with our classmates. History is great fun!

School Leaders 2013 with Senior Constable Nathan