Nomber 6, 2013

**Yangan State School News**

**Principal’s Message**

**Dear Parents and students**

The remaining weeks of this term will be extremely busy weeks for our school community. The orientation mornings for prep students, assessment and reporting (student reports), parent interviews, whole school presentation evening, tennis tournament, Jacob’s Well Camp for Year 4/5/6/7, Arts Council, year 7 transition program to year 8 and whole school planning for 2014 are just some of the important events for the rest of the school term.

**Awards**

It is always encouraging for our school community when previous students from our school achieve success in their secondary education. Congratulations are extended to the following students and their families from Warwick State High School who received awards at their recent Annual Awards Night: Rachel Donges, Shaun Kelly, Ruby Grayson, Claire Kelly, Hannah Donges, Glen Roulston, Liam Schulz, Dylan Treasure and Taylah Eastwell. Well done!

**Attendance**

A parent of a child of compulsory school age is obliged to ensure that their child attends school on every school day for the educational program in which he/she is enrolled. Each day is important and children should not be absent on any day without a valid reason.

**Parents/Carers Responsibility:**

- ensure their child of compulsory school age attends school on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse
- ensure their child in the compulsory participation phase fulfils the requirements of their eligible option
- advise school, preferably in writing, of the reason for any absences, if not beforehand then within 2 days of the student’s return to school
- initiate or attend meetings to discuss their child’s attendance or participation in their educational program
- negotiate with the school, where appropriate, alterations to their child’s educational program or flexible arrangements to best meet the needs of the child
- apply for an exemption for their child for non-attendance at school for a stated or indefinite period where the child’s attendance at school is impossible or should not be reasonably required.

**Reasons for Absence**

Satisfactory reasons for an absence may include such factors as medical or dental treatments or procedures, specialised training, sporting events other than those associated with the school or the education system, funerals, cultural reasons, or family reasons (e.g. special family events, holidays).
Procedures for Absence Notification

- If a student is going to be away please phone 4664 8224 and leave a message that your child will be away.
- A written note must accompany the student when they next come to school explaining their absence.
- Prior notification of absence in writing is essential.

Leaving the School Grounds

If a child is attending an appointment during the school day, it is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver to come to the office/classroom to collect the child (no child will be allowed to wait outside the school grounds), **sign the register at the office** to indicate they have taken their child and left the school grounds.

Personal Safety

This week’s learning focus (values) for our students is on the school values that encompasses “Personal Safety”. Yesterday on parade, I spoke about making sure that I am safe when moving around the school, staying where I know I am safe, I use equipment safely, I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself and very importantly I think for myself. Teachers will be discussing this topic of ‘Personal Safety” with their students throughout the week.

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

Reminder: Return permission notes for Year 4/5/6/7 Excursion to Jacob’s Well by Friday 8th November.

International Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to Aiden Diack (Participation), Georgina Godwin (Credit), Lindsay Payne (Participation), Thea Diack (Participation), Megan Kelly (Credit), Rhyanna Payne (Participation), Ethan Kelly (Credit) and Max Grayson (Participation) on your effort and results from the International Mathematics Competition. Well done!

Religious Instruction this week

Enrolments for Prep are Now Open at Yangan State School

If you need more information about Prep for next year please contact the school 4664 8224. Prep-Prep Orientation Mornings for students attending our school next year will be held on **Tuesday 12th, 19th, and 26th November** beginning at 9:15am. Come and enrol your child in Prep now.

Bookclub – Final Catalogues for 2013 – Issue No. 8

The final issue of Bookclub for 2013 will be coming home this week for you to view and make your selection. This is your last chance to get some great specials especially with Christmas only around the corner. They are great to give as class presents or teacher gifts. If you would like to place an order please provide to school by 22 November 2013. Please mark on your order if the item is a gift as these will be placed in the school office for collection. The timeframe is shorter as I want to guarantee you have your orders before end of school breakup. Any queries please call Rhonda on 0437 525 629.

Bookclub Coordinator Position - Vacant.

For anyone wanting to take over the Bookclub coordinator position as part of your P&C involvement now is your chance to do something great for the school. I am unable to continue providing this service. There will be a full handover of functions to the new coordinator for the commencement of 2014. If you would like to discuss further please contact Rhonda on 0437 525 629.
Gotcha Values Award

**Improving** – Zack Locke *(for working well, independently and continuously striving to do his best).*
**Improving** – Dominique Hawes *(for excellent contributions to class discussions and continuously striving to do her best).*
**Improving** – Year One class *(for working independently and extremely hard all week on your assessment tasks).*

Congratulations to Zack, Dominique and the Year One class as the recipient of these special awards. They received these awards for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Gotcha Awards
Chelsea Longney – *For finishing all your sightwords. Well done Chelsea.*

**Full sticker charts** – Kade Atkinson and Lachlan Kelly


P&C NEWS

**Next P&C meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, October 26** at 3:15 pm in the school library.

**Important Notice**
The “Bootifull” car boot sale and Moo Poo Lotto have been postponed to coincide with the Yangan street party and truck pull held in December. Any tickets in the lotto will be valid on this postponed date. If there are any concerns please contact Colette Locke on 46644246.

Community News

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).

Warwick RSL Social Club Charity Lawn Bowls
Sunday November 10, 2013 at Warwick East Bowls Club Lyons Street, Warwick. Names in by 12.30pm games to start at 1pm. Cost $10 green fees. This year's charity is Glennie Heights Scout Group. There will be a multi draw raffle on the day and afternoon tea. Flat soled shoes or bare feet are required. Please bring a plate of food to share. For more info contact Esther Osborne on 0427 694 742.

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.
Join McDonald’s Warwick on McHappy Day®

Sat 9th NOV

by raising funds to help keep families with seriously ill children under the same roof

Lots of raffles!
All prizes drawn
Ryan from CFM morning crew
Charity Garage Sale
Purchafe a Helping Hand for $1
and help raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities

Zumba
Face painting
Performances by local Schools
Jumping Castle

AND PLENTY MORE....

Yangan Choir will be performing at 11am

Book Nook Quote

‘The smallest bookstore still contains more ideas of worth than have been presented in the entire history of television ’ – Andrew Ross