**Dates for Your Diary**

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**Principal’s Message**

**Dear Parents and students**

Welcome to the beginning of Term 4 in the education year. I hope everyone had a most enjoyable and safe Spring vacation. It was great to see students come back refreshed and keen to begin their fourth term studies. This term will be another very busy educational term. School concludes for the fourth term on Friday, 13th December.

On behalf of the school community, I welcome Miss Sharmayne Nelson to our staff as the Year 2/3 teacher for Term 4. Sharmayne will be replacing Miss Rebecca Hart who is taking long service leave. We also welcome Miss Tracey Batten to our school as an administration officer. Tracey will be working on Tuesday and Wednesday in the office. Mrs Carolyn Vardy will continue to work on a Tuesday only. Mrs Tammy Wintour (student teacher) is also with us for the next three weeks undertaking prac. teaching experience in the P/1 classroom. I know you will make Sharmayne, Tracey and Tammy feel very welcome at our school.

**Continuing the Focus**

School improvement is always about trying to maintain the best possible education for your child. As a school we continue to promote high expectations and have the belief that every child is capable of success. In 2013, we have focused on the areas of READING and SPELLING. We have tracked the development of students in these areas by setting benchmarks and targets. Throughout the year students have set individual targets/goals for each of these aspects of their schooling. This focus will continue to be maintained during term 4.

**Swimming Begins on Monday 14th October at WIRAC**

The school swimming program will be conducted all of Week 2 of this term from Monday 14th until Friday 18th October. Monday to Thursday we will depart school at 11:10am and return to school at 1:40pm. We will be having lunch prior to departure and afternoon tea back at school.

- Swimming lessons from 12:00 to 1:00pm.
- All children must bring their own swimming towels, togs, swimming shirt, hat and water bottle.
- Goggles and caps (compulsory) will be provided but you may provide your own.
- No money to spend except on Friday for drinks etc.

**Friday 18th** - Depart school at 11:10am and return to school 2:50pm. The extended time includes lessons and Swimming Carnival. Students need to take a snack and water bottle.

If you haven’t already done so, please return the student permission form with money if you would like your child to participate in the swimming program.

Students not participating in the swimming program will be remaining at school.

Parents are most welcome to attend. Your assistance with monitoring children in the water would be greatly appreciated. I hope parents can attend the swimming carnival on Friday 18th beginning at 1:00pm.
Pre-Prep Orientation Mornings
Pre-Prep Orientation Mornings for students attending our school next year will be conducted this term. This is a wonderful opportunity for pre prep students to immerse themselves in our transition program. See school news below regarding dates and times.

School Behaviour Plan Review Completed
Our school has completed a review of Our Plan for Responsible Behaviour by Students based on Education Queensland’s Expectations of a Disciplined School Environment.
Our school’s process for facilitating standards of positive behaviour is through a whole school approach, targeted behaviour support and intensive behaviour support.
Our whole school approach provides a supportive learning environment through:
- open communication with the school community
- shared school values and a positive, inclusive culture
- staff, student and parent access to professional development, education or training
- managing of incidents through clear and well-understood processes
- provision of support for students and staff
- building strong community relationships

We thank Mrs Margie Kerlin (P&C Rep) for being a part of the review committee. A copy of the revised plan is available at the school office. This revised plan will be endorsed at the next P&C Meeting on 31st October.

Reminder: Student Free Day Monday 21st October.
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 theprincipal@yanganss.eq.edu.au

Have a great week.
Regards,
Ian Rathmell

SCHOOL NEWS

Religious Instruction this week

Sun Protection
As the days become warmer and longer we tend to spend more time outside. I encourage all our students to place sunscreen on and to wear a hat whenever they are outside. Sunscreen is available in each classroom.

Water Bottles Encouraged
It is highly recommended that students keep a water bottle on their desks to sip throughout the day.

Absent from school
Reminder: 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 theprincipal@yanganss.eq.edu.au is quite acceptable.

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 22nd October, 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th November beginning at 9:00am. Come and enrol your child in Prep now.

Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Orders
Orders have arrived and can be collected from the office. If there is enough interest a second order can be placed before mid-term. Thanks
Bookclub Issue No. 7 October 2013
Bookclub issue 7 has arrived and will be coming home for you to make your selection. Christmas isn't far away and a book makes a wonderful gift...
Please complete your order and return with payment to school no later than **27 October, 2013**. **Payment can be made using cash, cheque or credit card receipt number.**
If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact me Rhonda Godwin 0437 525 629.

**P&C NEWS**

**Next P & C meeting** will be held **Thursday, October 31** at 3.15 pm in the school library.
**MEETING AGENDA**
- Proposed Canberra Trip for years 4-7 in 2014
- Allocation of funds to begin kitchen project
- End of year break up

**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**

**Warwick Junior Cricket Association** is seeking players for all age groups, U10, U12 and U15. The 3rd sign on day is this Thursday 10th October at the Rose City Shopping Centre outside of Bi-Lo, from 3.30 – 4.30 If you can’t make it to the sign on feel free to drop into one of the below venues.
Cricket is on every Saturday morning during school term, U10’s play at Glennie Heights State School, U12’s at Warwick East State School and U15’s at Queens Park.
Players are asked to be at the grounds at 7.45 am for an 8.00am start.
Games are usually finished by 10.30am to avoid the heat and too long a day.
For any further enquiries please contact Andrew Bryson after 7.00pm on 46673749.

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).

**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

**Book Nook Quote**
‘There is a great deal of difference between an eager man who wants to read a book and a tired man who wants a book to read.’ **G.K. Chesterton**