**September 11, 2013**

**Yangan State School News Update**

**Dates for Your Diary**

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**Notices:**

Welcome to week 10 of Term 3.

It is always a pleasure to see and hear of the wonderful achievements of our students when they have opportunities to perform at local, district and regional events. It was a pleasure to listen to our talented school choir perform at the Combined Schools Concert last Wednesday night in front of a packed Warwick West State School Hall. It is an opportunity like this that assists our students in developing confidence and a sense of achievement. Thank you to Mrs Reid for the organisation and preparation of our school’s involvement.

**Tap into Water Follow Up**

Last year our school participated in a regional dental health project called “Tap into Water”. On Thursday school dental staff will conduct class group sessions focussing on Tap into Water. The overall aim of the Follow Up Day is to see what students remember from last year’s event and to revisit the themes and information given. It is hoped that by refreshing this information, students will understand the importance of water for good oral and overall health.

**Prep Orientation**

Get ready for Prep 2014. This year we have decided to have 5 x 2 hour sessions to assist the new prep students prepare for schooling next year. Sessions will begin in Week 3 (22nd October) and will be held from 9am until 11.00am on Tuesday mornings. The other sessions will be on Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th November. Early next term, Mrs Reid will send a letter home outlining the parent information session, activities to be undertaken etc. to all of the prep students enrolled for 2014.

**Interhouse Literacy Challenge**

The inter-house literacy challenge was introduced this year to encourage students to read more and learn their spelling words. The Premier’s Reading Challenge, Accelerated Reader Program and home reading were part of this challenge. The winning house of the inter-house literacy challenge will be announced next Tuesday on Parade followed by a special celebration in the evening. Students needed to have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge to attend the special celebration disco on Tuesday evening.

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.
from the staff at Yangan State School

**SCHOOL VALUE:**

**IMPROVING**

**This Week’s Focus:**

I am a helpful member of my group.
SCHOOL NEWS

Gotcha Values Award

**Contributing** – Chase Powell *(contributing to your new school – fantastic effort in Accelerated Reader)*

Congratulations to Chase as the recipient of this special award. Chase received this award for his personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Gotcha Awards

Dustin Heslin *(for challenging himself in Accelerated Reader)*

Nicholas Gould *(for improvement in time management with Accelerated Reader)*

Word Wizards – Bessie Eastwell, Gabriella Kerlin, Riley Locke, Cooper O’Dea

Swimming Program Reminder

The school swimming program begins next term on Monday 14th October *(WEEK 2)*. The cost for swimming will be **$25.00 per student** for the 5-day program. This fee covers entry to the pool, swim and survive certificate, use of WIRAC equipment and transport by bus. The school and P&C are contributing finances to this program *(The actual cost is $48.00 per student)*. The whole school will be departing the school at 11:10am and returning by 1:20pm. Those students not attending will be supervised at school with class work.

Please return permission forms and money by the **end of term, Friday 20th September**.

Inter-house Literacy Challenge Celebration – Disco

On **Tuesday 17th September** a special celebration evening *(disco)* will be held to celebrate all the wonderful successes that the students have achieved in their reading and spelling over the last two terms. Dinner *(pizza)* will be provided free for the students. If you don’t want your child to have the dinner menu, please provide an alternative plate. Students will be involved in various fun activities during the evening.

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. Come and enrol your child in Prep now.

WANTED! Large glass bottles with lids about 1litre in size *(400g Moccona coffee bottles are ideal)*.

Please leave at office or in P/1 room

Chalk and Parent Direct Catalogues – Batch 1 orders have been sent away today, should be back right after the holidays. A later order will be sent if anyone is interested.

P & C NEWS

- Hotel Raffle ticket selling next selling date 4 October – **Vanessa Sharman**
- P&C Meeting **today** Wednesday 11 September at 3.15pm

BUS UPDATE - Just a quick update to all interested parties about the proposed bus for service for students travelling to Yangan School. I have had discussions with the Department of Transport and local bus services over the past few weeks. Both have been very helpful although there is no quick answer to getting a bus service up and running. One bus route may be extended to include one family on it which is good news. I am going to continue to negotiate with the Transport Department offering various proposals. I am also going to approach local officials to see if they can offer any assistance. There may be some more official forms that need to be filled out and I will get them to all the interested families. More update when information becomes available. **Thanks Colette**

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. 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 4661991.