On behalf of the students and staff, I thank our school community for their contribution and support to the education of Yangan State School students this term. Another excellent educational term has gone very quickly. All the very best for an enjoyable and safe break from the school routine.

Impressive NAPLAN Results
The results of the 2013 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests have now been released. Every year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in these national tests that examine their abilities in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

We all know there is far more to our school’s performance than the annual NAPLAN tests but they are one important measure of how our school, classes and individual students are performing. Overall, the results for Queensland students have continued to improve in these tests. The results for our students were very encouraging. Out of all the students participating in the tests there were only five incidents (in the areas of writing and language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) where our students did not achieve the national minimum standard. Some other results include:

- Reading - 100% of all our students achieved the national minimum standard or better
- Numeracy - 100% of all our students achieved the national minimum standard or better
- 75% of Year 3 received the top two bandings (levels) in Numeracy. 31% National
- 50% of Year 5&7 received the top two bandings (levels) in Reading. 32% National
- 50% of Year 5 received the top two bandings (levels) in Grammar and Punctuation. 33% National
- 50% of Year 3 received the top two bandings (levels) in Writing. 46% National
- 33% of Year 7 received the top two bandings (levels) in Numeracy. 26% National

As educators we naturally want our students to do better. We work hard to make that happen, and we have a real sense of achievement when we see their results improving.

We are encouraged by the 2013 NAPLAN results, but we will continue our commitment to school improvement. Individual student reports will be sent home early next term.

Next term starts on Tuesday 8th October
Be sure to remember that next term does not start until Tuesday 8th October after the Labour Day Holiday. The Student Free Day for Term 4 is on 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 the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au

Have a great week.

Regards,
Ian Rathmell
SCHOOL NEWS

QCWA Division Awards
Awards from the QCWA Border Division Project have been presented to our students. Special congratulations are given to Bessie Eastwell in Year 1 for winning her year level. Her entry will now be entered into the State level for judging. Congratulations is also extended to Georgina Godwin (2nd), Ethan Kelly (3rd) and Bridgett Eastwell (3rd) on their wonderful achievement.

Gotcha Values Awards
Improving – Year 2/3 (for your enthusiasm, effort and perseverance to complete your assessment tasks. Hooray!)
Caring, Improving and Contributing - Ethan Kelly (for assisting and sharing his expertise with classmates with multi modal tasks). Congratulations to Year 2/3 and Ethan as the recipients of this special award. Well done!

Gotcha Awards
Bridget Eastwell (Personal and Time management with class tasks) Benjamin Gould (Work on Number facts and Operations) Jessica Welsh (Positive group leader for task) Max Grayson (Personal and Time management with tasks) and Mrs Hempel (Assisting Years 4/5/6/7 with multi model task).

Full Sticker Chart P/1 – Bessie Eastwell, Gabby Kerlin, Lilly Kerlin and Hannah Gould

Accelerated Reader
Congratulations to Lindsay Payne for reaching millionaire status. Great work in becoming a member of the Millionaire’s Reading Club 1,000,000 words. Congratulations also for reaching personal milestones: Nicholas Gould (Ready Reader) Tray Atkinson (Independent Reader), Megan Kelly (Super Reader), Dustin Heslin (Super Reader), Bridget Eastwell (Super Reader), Rhyanna Payne (Advanced Reader), Katie Gimm (Advanced Reader), Aiden Diack (Star Reader) and Aliza Hoffman (Star Reader)

Swimming 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.

Interhouse Literacy Challenge Celebration – Disco
Thank you to the Student Council for organising and assisting in the running of our special celebration evening (disco) to celebrate the wonderful successes that the students have achieved in their reading and spelling over the last two terms. The Accelerated Reader Program, Reading Eggs, The Premier’s Reading Challenge and home reading have all contributed to reading improvement. Students had a very enjoyable time participating in various fun activities during the evening.

Religious Instruction this week

School Watch – keep an eye on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. To find out more about the School Watch Program, contact Education Queensland's School Security Section on 3237 0874.
P&C NEWS

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: 4 October (Vanessa Sharman), 1 November (volunteer needed), 29 November (volunteer needed), 27 December (volunteer needed)

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 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

Warwick Potters Children's September Hand building in Clay Workshop
Monday 23rd September, 9am-11am, Tuesday 24th September, 9am-11am, Wednesday 25th September, 9am-11am at Potters Place 63 Horsman Rd (Opp Slade now Christian College). BOOK EARLY NUMBERS ARE LIMITED
Contact Sue Creed: 46615548, PO Box 343 Warwick 4370, info@potters.org.au

Movie Premiere Night with Percy Jackson - McHappy Day Fundraiser
Sea of Monsters at Warwick Twin Cinemas 19 September 6.00pm for 6.30pm movie start time. Adults $15, children $12. Lucky door prizes, cheese and drinks provided. Tickets in our Mega Toy Raffle; Stephen Reid Photography Raffle and Spicers Peak Raffle on sale on the night. All proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House Charities. A wonderful night anticipated. Contact Rebecca on 0417602044 for tickets and more information.

Queensland State Landcare Conference 2013 27-29 September
Junior Landcare Boredom Buster for September School Holidays. Program for 7-15 year olds runs in tandem with the Queensland State Landcare Conference. Hosted by teachers from Warwick Central State School. Hands on learning, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and transport to and from activities. $10 per day or $25 for three days (or free for children of full Conference delegates). Register by 20 Sept – download a form online at http://headwaters.ddrlandcare.org

Warwick Gymnastic Club Holiday Program
For details please contact Petra on 0411 111 406 or the club after 3.30pm on 46619826
Year 2/3 News
Our visit to The Woolshed at Jondaryan was so much fun! We learnt so much as we ‘stepped back in time’. Here are some photos from our wonderful excursion.