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Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year
A three year old gave this reaction to her Christmas dinner: “I don’t like the turkey but I like the bread he ate”.
On behalf of students and staff, we wish our school community all the very best for a safe and joyous Christmas season. We thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year. It is through the support of the staff, parents and community that our students are able to attain such high standards within our school and beyond. We look forward to working with you to make 2014 a most rewarding educational year. Best wishes to the families that are leaving our school.

Have a great week and enjoyable holiday
From the staff at Yangan State School

SCHOOL NEWS

Instrumental Music Report
This year we have had two of our very talented Year 7s involved in the Instrumental Music Program and Combined Schools Band which involves students from Killarney, Stanthorpe, Warwick Central, Inglewood and Wheatvale. They have both been studying their chosen instruments for three years and are now at the stage where they enjoying performing with the band at many events in the community. Anu has also been playing in the Southern Downs Big Band at many exciting venues including Fanfare and Jazzin’ up the Mall in Brisbane. She has attended numerous Music camps and this year won the Mayor’s medal at the Warwick Advanced Camp. They both performed last night for our school community at Presentation Evening.
Congratulations Anu and Isabella for such excellent achievements! We hope to see you involved in some of the Warwick High School ensembles next year.

Outstanding Fees
Could you please check at the office for any outstanding fees that you may have forgotten to pay? Excursions, sports bus levy and arts council are some of the examples of outstanding fees. We would appreciate prompt payment for any outstanding fees.

End of Year Celebration Day Reminder
This year’s break up day will involve an excursion to Warwick Cinema, Leslie Park, Warwick and back at school on Thursday 12th December. School uniform is required.
The cost is free. The day includes entry into the movies, sausage sizzle, drinks, ice block, drinks and transport by bus. A permission note needs to be returned to school if you would like your child to attend.

Tennis Tournament
What a great tennis tournament. Congratulations to all the students who entered into the competition. Your sportsmanship was of a very high standard. Thank you to all the students who assisted with umpiring and scoring in this event and a special thank you to Miss Condon for coordinating the event.
Special congratulations to the following players:
Year 4/5 Singles Runners Up – Aliza Hoffman
Year 4/5 Singles Winner – Ethan Kelly
Year 6/7 Singles Runners Up – Aiden Steele
Year 6/7 Singles Winner – Lindsay Payne
Year 4/5 Doubles Runners Up – Rani Towson and Eli McKinney
Year 4/5 Doubles Winner – Maddy Grayson and Ethan Kelly
Year 6/7 Doubles Runners Up – Aiden Diack and Lindsay Payne
Year 6/7 Doubles Winner – Jessica Welsh and Aiden Steele

School Shirts
If you need a new school shirt for next year please contact Desleigh Clarson on 4664 8216
Gotcha Values Award

**Caring, Improving and Contributing** – Prep/One Class – for completing a whole year of learning through work and play in a wonderful positive way.

**Caring, Improving and Contributing** – Prep/One Parents – for doing your best to help your child gain the most out of their school.

Congratulations to the Prep/One class and their parents 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
Charlotte May, Besssie Eastwell, Lilly Kerlin, Gabby Kerlin and Lachlan Fritz.

Lost Property
All lost property is on display under the school office. Please check to see whether your child has misplaced an item of clothing. Remaining clothes will be given to charity.

Reminder to return your 2014 booklists so they can be taken to Hynes Newsagency.

Be Safe
This time of the year often becomes very busy when many events are happening in our lives. Being safe is always important for our children but more so during the holiday period.

- Be safe when riding bikes, horses etc.
- Be safe during storm season.
- Be safe by staying away from storm water drains, dams and flowing creeks.
- Be safe when visiting shopping centres, parks, beaches, etc. Promote and encourage your child to be aware of personal safety awareness (stranger danger).

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.
By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Stay cool, be shady and protect your health
Queensland Health is urging families to take care of their health as the state heads into summer holidays.
Measures such as staying indoors or in the shade in very hot weather, taking cool showers or baths, limiting strenuous outdoor activity and drinking plenty of fluids can help to prevent heat-related illness.
It is equally important to monitor family, friends and neighbours who may be more prone to heat-related illness. These include the elderly, infants, overweight and obese people, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and people with some pre-existing health conditions.
Queensland Health is also urging families to avoid any summer tragedies by remembering how quickly the temperature inside a vehicle can rise. If you have to leave the car always take children and/or animals with you.
Back to school in 2014
Parents and carers are reminded that the first day of school for all state school students is Tuesday 28th January 2014.
Queensland state school term dates are available from the Department of Education and Training’s website at www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

P & C NEWS
The P & C in conjunction with the Yangan Progress Association will be running the Moo Poo Lotto at the Yangan street party and Truck pull (SAT 14th DEC). IF ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD THIS EVENT WILL RAISE FOR THE P & C $1000. HELP IS NEEDED to make the Moo Poo Lotto a success. PARENTS, we need help selling tickets. Take a book to work, ask family and friends. Tickets and flyers are available by contacting Colette Locke. HELP is also needed in setting up the 10 X 10 m grid on Friday 13th DEC, and also during the lotto, on the 14th, to assist where needed. The Lotto will start as soon as the truck pull is over, at approx. 4p.m. Please contact Colette Locke with any queries and to OFFER HELP. This is a great way to raise funds for your school. Please lend a hand any way you can.

Community News

Santa Letters
There will be a special "postbox" set up at the Yangan Post Office where kids can send their letters off to Santa. All letters to be received by December 13, 2013. Santa will reply to all the letters he receives.

Yangan and District Progress Association Inc.
Yangan Christmas Party and Annual Truck Pull
14th December 2013 from 2pm. Are looking for local stallholders to be a part of the celebrations and to showcase the many talents our district has to offer. Please contact Kylie Gould on 0429 549 368 to reserve your site. Animal Nursery - Bring along young pets to show or sell. We will attempt to sell your animals for a small donation to Progress Association. Please pickup unsold animals at end of day.

Combined Churches Christmas Carols
6:30 pm on Monday, 16th December at Yangan Presbyterian Church. Supper afterwards. All welcome.

Warwick Club – Masquerade Ball
31st December, 2013
$35 per person
For more information phone: 0402 659 043

Warwick Gymnastic Club – School Holiday Program
16th December - 20 December 2013
6th January – 10 January 2014
9am to 3 pm for ages 5 and up
$25 per day or $100 for five days BOOK NOW
For more information phone: 07 4661 9826 or 0411 111 406

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.