



CHATTERBOX

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CALENDAR:

Monday's Assembly Item

WebEx Number 574 950 391 - 3pm
21/02 - Room 56O
28/02 - Room 34M

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Breakfast Club 8:15-8:45am

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Lunch Orders

FEBRUARY

Monday 21st

School Council 7pm

Wednesday 23rd

No Preps
Athletics Coaching - Grades 3 to 6

Friday 25th

School Photos

Monday 28th

Census Day
Swimming Carnival - YPS swim team

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd

Education Sub Committee Meeting
- 3:45pm

Thursday 10th

Finance Sub Committee Meeting
- 2pm

Monday 14th

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th - Monday 21st

Harmony Week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Morning Drop Off: During the time before school begins staff are busily preparing for the day, holding scheduled meetings with families, and ensuring that everything is ready for your child/ren to have a great day at school. To allow this important work to happen we are not able to supervise early arrivers. Our morning yard supervision begins at 8:35 am. Students should not arrive at school before this time unless they are attending Breakfast Club on Mon, Wed or Fri, when they are welcome to arrive starting at 8:15am. Thank you for your help in ensuring that students are not at school before this scheduled supervision time.

Lunchboxes: Students are more focused and ready to learn when their bellies are full! We have noticed this week that many children are eating their lunches at snack time, which leaves not much for them to eat at lunch. The important work of exploring new concepts, practicing skills and interacting with peers is hungry business! You can help your child by ensuring they have breakfast before coming to school or planning for them to attend Breakfast Club on Mon, Wed and Fri. Students can have brain food mid morning (fruit or veggie), a healthy snack and lunch. This is a perfect time to talk with your child about what they are eating at school, when they might be hungry, and what to pack to keep their bellies full and their brains ready to go!

Covid Updates: It was announced to schools today that the RAT testing program will continue until the end of Term 1. This means that the school will receive further deliveries of RAT tests, and a new box will be sent home with each student fortnightly. You have our sincere thanks for your efforts in testing your child/ren, isolating when

required, and communicating with the school if they test positive or need to isolate. We have been very fortunate as a school community that the spread of Covid-19 in our school has been relatively slow. Mask wearing and proactive RAT testing has helped make this possible, and we have been able to cover all staffing shortages and maintain the continuity of student learning. Your diligence has made this possible, and we thank you for that.

Six Key Elements Important to Wellbeing: The second element important to wellbeing we will look at is recognising personal strengths. Being able to recognise and understand positive qualities in themselves and others helps to build self-confidence and the capacity to face and manage challenges. You will find a variety of conversation starters and activities on page 2 that you can try at home to bring your child/ren's personal strengths to their attention.



Have a fantastic finish to the week!
Kind Regards,

STUDENT AWARDS

Room 00M **Isabelle Rhone** for the great way she has settled into school and for her attitude to learning.

Room 12M **Lexie Dale** showed fabulous focus in maths when learning about place value.

Room 12W **Chase Arnol-Holt** tries very hard to show beautiful manners during floor time.

Room 34K **Judah Drakeford** had excellent responses during Writer's Workshop discussions.

Room 34M **Yuki Braybrook** is organised and ready to learn every session.

Room 34S **Alira Braybrook** gives everything 'a go' with a positive mindset and 'I can' attitude.

Room 56K **Oliver Travers** takes on feedback when working on a writing piece through multiple drafts.

Room 56O **Matthew Jaensch** wrote an amazing second part to a story he began in 2021.

PERSONAL STRENGTHS ACTIVITIES AND CONVERSATION STARTERS

Prep: Have your child draw a picture of a time when they felt brave and talk about the feeling "brave."

Grades 1 and 2: Take turns sharing stories with your child/ren of times when each of you felt proud. Discuss the different things that have made each of you feel proud of yourselves.

Grades 3 and 4: Talk with your child/ren about someone you admire. Name the internal qualities that you admire in that person and the evidence you have seen (What did that person say or do that makes you admire them?) Invite your child to do the same with someone they admire.

Grades 5 and 6: Talk with your child about a character in a book, show or film. Discuss what you like about that character, and then name whether those things are talents (something they are skilled in) or personal strengths (character traits), highlighting the importance of personal strengths.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND – CSEF

A reminder that if you hold a valid Centrelink Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Pensioner Concession Card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for this fund.

The CSEF (\$125 per year for primary school students) is paid directly to the school and will be used to help cover the cost of your child's camping / excursion program.

If you think that you may be eligible and have not already lodged an application form with Yarram Primary School we encourage you to do so by 28th February – forms are available from the school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo envelopes have been distributed to students. Please contact Janelle or Gail in the office if you did not receive one. If you would like a sibling photo taken, envelopes are available from the office.

Please return envelopes on photo day - Friday 25th February.

YFNC FOOTY & AUSKICK



Auskick Registration and Junior Football Registration

Yarram Recreation Reserve
Sunday Feb 27th
11.00 am
sausage sizzle and Jumping Castle



Yarram Football Netball Club Season Launch

- Meet the Coaches
- BBQ lunch
- Live Music
- Jumping Castle
- Inflatable Pool
- Season 2022 News



Sunday Feb 27th from 12.30 Yarram Recreation Reserve

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

If you travel more than 4.8 kilometres to take your child/ren to their nearest school or to catch a bus to their nearest school, you may be eligible to receive a Conveyance Allowance from the Government. Please contact the school if you feel you may be eligible. Applications must be in by Friday 25h February.