



Thursday Thoughts

Issue 6

Date: 3rd March 2016

Important Dates:

MARCH

- 4th - Swimming Carnival
- 7th—Close of SC ballot
- 11th - Declare Poll SC
- 14th - Labour Day Holiday - no school
- 15th - Foundation/ prep students start full time
- 16th - School Council (new) 7.00pm
- 18th - Athletics' carnival Grades 3-6
- 24th - Alpha Show (whole school incursion)
- 24th - Last Day Term 1
- 2.30 finish

APRIL

- 11th - Term 2 begins
- 25th - Anzac Day holiday
- 30th - Aerobics Prelims

MAY

- 16th - 20th - Education Week
- 17th - Grandparent's day
- 18th - Open Night

Photos of School Council candidates are now on view in the office foyer.

**Student Absent
Hot Line Number
5964 7783**

The Week in Review

Prep/ Buddy BBQ

What a perfect night we had for our Prep Buddy BBQ on Friday night. It was lovely to see so many families in our school community coming along to meet other new families and share a fun night with their children. Parents and teachers were able to chat, relax and enjoy a sausage sizzle while the kids had a great time playing on the jumping castle or playing with the sports equipment. Thank you to all who attended and helped to make this night a success.



Swimming Carnival

A reminder to please make sure that all children come to school tomorrow prepared for the swimming carnival. The forecast is for a hot day so it would be great if all children could come to school with sunscreen applied. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

A brief outline of the day is as follows:

- 10.30am – Buses depart school
- 11.00 -1.15 – Swimming events
- 1.15-2.00 – Picnic lunch and free time
- 2.00-2.20 – House presentation
- 2.30 – Buses depart pool

Reminder: If you would like to collect your child from the pool, you must ensure that you 'sign them out' first. We look forward to a fun day!



Lunchtime Clubs

Having fun in Taekwondo

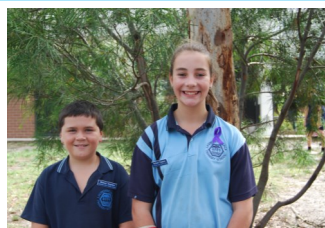


Notices/ Replies

1. School Nursing program:
Questionnaires due back by today.
2. School council ballot papers—closing date Mar 7th .

Parent Information

This Week at Assembly



School Captain's Report

Prep: This week in Prep we have been learning about the letter 'B'. We looked at the difference between letters and words and talked about full stops. In Writing we have continued to add labels to pictures and completed our heart maps. We enjoyed our buddy session where we made balloon men, blew bubbles and did ball skills.

Grade 1/2: This week in grade 1/2 we have been comparing different versions of fairytales during CAFÉ reading sessions. In Writing we have been working our way through the writing process by taking a seed idea all the way to a published piece. We look forward to learning about shape this week in Maths.

Grade 3/4: We have had a wonderful week! In Writing we looked at the writing process and continued on our drafts. In Reading we made sure that we have a variety of genres in our book box and that we are real readers. In Maths we started our addition Math's groups and we looked at transformations. In Integrated studies we studied the Italian culture and learnt some Italian words. We are looking forward to the swimming carnival on Friday.

Grade 5/6: What a busy week we have had in the senior school. Monday started with an afternoon of kayaking on Lilydale Lake which was enjoyed by all of the students that attended. There may have been a shoe or two lost in the lake but it was still great fun. We've been working hard on our multiplication and division skills in Math's groups and learning all about shapes in class Maths. In Writing we learnt about verbs and are practicing taking writing seeds into drafted pieces.



We're proud of our Achievement Awards

Yarra House Captains Report

By **Bridie and Blake**

Week Ending
26/02/2016



Bellbird came 1st this week with a great score of 26.8. It was a really close set of scores for 1st and 2nd place between Bellbird and Wattle but Bellbird came out on top. All in all only 7 classes participated which was a disappointment from last week's effort.

To work out the Point Scores we divided the class house points by how many people were in the house and added up the totals.

HOUSE	BELLBIRD	LAUNCH	WATTLE	YARRA
Last Week	26.8	9	24.6	5.35
POINTS	15	9	9	7



	Name	Award
1/2 A	Kaia W	Being a fantastic role model in the yard and in the classroom.
1/2 B	Curtis D Angus A	Improved independence and strategies in writing. Being responsible.
1/2 C	Alyce O Andrew B	For always being a happy and helpful member of 1/2C. For always ensuring his handwriting is excellent.
1/2 T	Lincoln L Summer D	For being a responsible and dedicated learner. For always trying her best and taking pride in her beautiful neat workbook.
3/4 B	Jada B Liam I	Great start on her Multicultural Melbourne brochure. Getting his writing published.
3/4 M	Jake C Haidyn G	For working hard to complete all addition activities during Math's groups. For creating a wonderful flip, slide and turn poster.
5/6 L	Bridie S Bree T	For always working hard and taking care with presenting her work. Outstanding reading work at school and home.
5/6 S	Brodie H Jacob F	Great work in Math's groups. Your great attitude to school and willingness to give things a go.

FEBRUARY, 2016

JUNIOR AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Esra H



SENIOR AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Hayley D

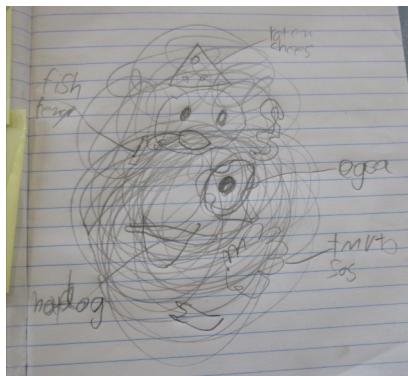


From The Classrooms

A day in the life of Grade 3/4

Reading Workshop:

We are looking at making mental images as we read. Here is an example from The Twits.



We are also learning to build our reading stamina to read for 20 minutes.



Writing Workshop

We have started looking at realistic fiction and we created a SWBS chart to understand the structure of a narrative.



Maths

We have been learning about transformations. We can flip, slide and turn a shape. Check out the posters we made that showed how we transformed the first letter of our name.



SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SNAPSHOT

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to the Launching Place school community. My name is Edwina Whiteside and I feel privileged to be your new Chaplain, while Chezelle looks after her new baby boys on parental leave.

I have been working as a Chaplain for the last 8 years and truly love creating time and space to listen and care for children who are facing challenges in their lives. I enjoy using art, play and symbols to help children express themselves and tell their stories.

On a personal note, I have been married for 20 years and have 3 children, a dog, a cat, 2 goats, chickens and bees. I love learning new things, enjoy craft and am passionate about edible gardening.

What is a Chaplain and what does she do?

The simple answer is pastoral care. My role will be as a support person in the school for the students, teachers and other staff, as well as school families and the wider community.

As a Chaplain I will be one part of the support team for students in this school and as such I will be working very closely with Administration and the Student Welfare Team.

Referrals:

For students to access the program, an approval form needs to be completed by a parent/guardian. This can be collected from the office. If you would like to contact me, feel free to phone me at school on 5964 7783, or drop in for a chat. I am here every Monday.

Having lived and worked in the area for some years, I can also help to link you into local support networks that might be of benefit to you and your family.

Edwina Whiteside





Extend Before and After School Care *at* Launching Place Primary School

Our Weekly Recap

Last week the children made cup puppets then held a puppet show, played bingo, baked yummy chocolate cake and made beautiful bracelets out of cotton and plastic beads.

Michelle

Our Extend Superstar is...

Chloe C for helping to organise activities for the others to play with.



Next week's activities:

Monday 7 March:

Basketball dribbling practice, long jump

Tuesday 8 March:

Easter origami, making letter boxes

Wednesday 9 March:

Cooking hot cross buns, Dodgeball

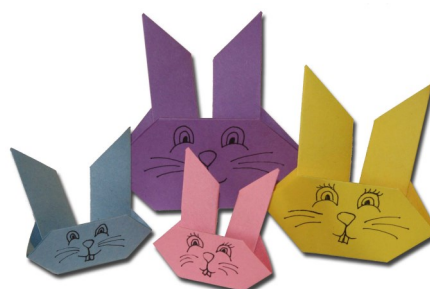
Thursday 10 March:

Making Family Trees, Save your eggs game

Friday 11 March:

Chalk Drawing on black paper, UNO

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au



Lost Uniform

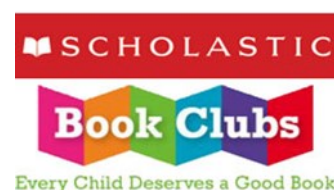
Please check your child's name on their hoodies .

Please return to school if the hoodie is not yours.

Thank you.

**Book Club**

Make reading fun with Book club! Did you know that 91% of kids are more likely to finish books that they choose themselves? This is why, at school, each child has a personalized book box – full of interest based books. Book club catalogues provide quality, age appropriate selections so that children can choose their own books. Twice each term teachers distribute Book club catalogues to their grade. If you are interested in buying a book, please ensure that money is returned to school with your order by the due date.

**UNSW Tests:**

Just a reminder to families that the note for the UNSW test went home earlier this term. Should your grade 3-6 student like to participate, this form needs to be returned to school by **Friday the 18th March**. If you need a new form, you can find a copy on the website or there will be spares in the brown display shelf in the office.

Additionally, the date for the Science test was unclear on the form, but will take place on the 31st of May.

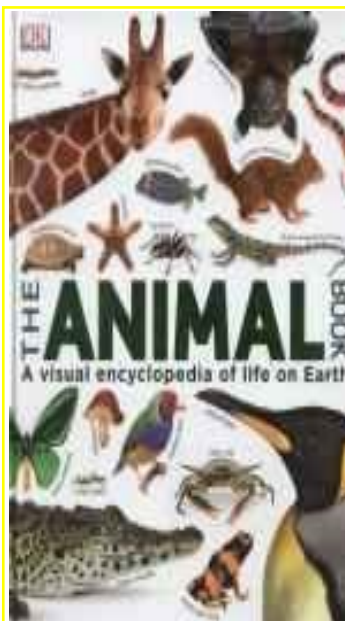
Thank you

Kathy Boyd

**MISSING!**

Stormblade Skylander (exactly the same as the picture).

Blue, grey and an orange base. If found please return to Mrs Bishop in 3/4B. Thankyou!

**LOST BOOK !!!!**

If anyone has seen this book or has ended up with it at home, could you please return to the School office asap. (Yarra Junction Library book)

THANK YOU.

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Community Advertisements



Linking Learning Rewards



Linking Learning Rewards Program Events Term 1, 2016



Storytime

Every Thursday
10.00am

Yarra Junction Library

Children aged 3-5 years and their parents share stories, songs and rhymes to foster a love of reading and assist language development.



Wickedly Awesome Warbie Fest

Friday 4th March
3pm-7pm

Warburton Primary School

A festival for the whole family. Featuring Elf Sneakybottom, author Adam Wallace, Bollywood dancing, African drumming, plus lots more!



Spark the Imagination Workshop

Tuesday 29th March
10.00am - 11.30am

Yarra Junction Library

Children aged 0-5 years (siblings welcome). Explore the use of props to create amazing stories and connect with your child through imaginative play.

For more information contact: **Brenda Annmann, Linking Learning Project Officer 0394 67966**

Event updates can be found at: yarraranges.vic.gov.au/linkinglearningVR and facebook.com/LinkingLearningVR



Don't forget to stamp your Linking Learning Rewards card at each event to win great prizes!

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Community Advertisements

Bendigo Bank Colouring Competition

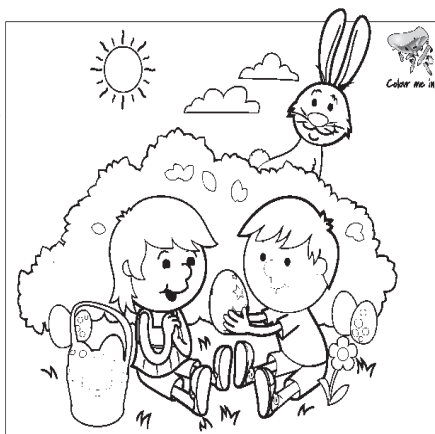
Competition entries will close on 24/03/16, with no entries being accepted after this date. There will be three winners, each receiving one of three Easter

Eggs. The winners will be drawn at 4.00pm on 24/03/16 at Woori Yallock & District Community Bank® Branch.

Please collect colouring sheets from the office.

Win one
of three
Easter
Eggs.

Enter our
colouring
competition
for a chance
to win.



Woori Yallock & District Community Bank® Branch



Yarra Valley Soccer Club



New Players Welcome

We still have vacancies in all our teams so if you are interested in giving Soccer (Football) a go please give us a try.

Be part of Australia's Number 1 participation sport.

Valley Soccer Kids

A program for ages 5 Years to 12 years, which helps develop a player's football skills and promote interest in soccer. A skills based program for all juniors held on Sunday mornings. Term by term program.



Juniors Teams Under 10, 12 and 14 years

Seniors Men and Women (15 years and over)



Enquiries

please contact Andrew Devisser on 0439 034 278
or Andrew Woolley on 0413 666 392

Expressions of Interest taken for experienced and suitable coaches and assistants to compliment existing dedicated team.

Twilight Festival

Friday 11th March

5:00pm - 7:30pm



LILYDALE HEIGHTS
COLLEGE



www.facebook.com/events/45513558012497
or search 'Twilight Festival'

Family Fun, stalls include:

Food and Drink
Jumping Castle
Huge Raffle with many fantastic prizes
Face Painting
Mystery Jars
Cake Stall
Dunk the Teacher



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and get active again!

Every Saturday and Sunday in February and March at Lillydale Lake

Saturday 27th Feb

- 11:00 – 12:30 - PaddlePower Passport – Level 2
(for those that have completed the first PaddlePower session)
- 1:00 – 2:00pm - PaddleTime for Family and Friends
- 2:00 – 3:00pm - PaddleTime for Family and Friends
- 3:00 – 4:00pm - PaddleTime for Family and Friends

Sunday 28th Feb

- 11:00 – 12:30 - PaddlePower Passport – Level 2
(for those that have completed the first PaddlePower session)
- 1:00 – 2:00pm - PaddleTime for Family and Friends
- 2:00 – 3:00pm - PaddleTime for Family and Friends
- 3:00 – 4:00pm - PaddleTime for Family and Friends

Cost : \$25.00 for 90 minute PaddlePower session
\$20.00 for 60 minute PaddleTime session

All equipment provided - Sit on Tops and life jackets.

Suitable for all ages. 7 – 97

To secure your place, call 03 8846 4120 or 0430 312 252

www.vic.canoe.org.au

State sport program



Community Advertisements



YOU'RE INVITED TO

Launching Place Netball Club

Registration Day Friday 4th March

In conjunction with Upper Yarra Netball Association

Where: Yarra Centre

Time: 4.30 - 5.30pm

Players for all age groups welcome.

Games played on Friday nights at the Yarra Centre, starting in term 2.

Net Set Go: 5-7 years Girls and Boys

Under 9's Girls and Boys

Under 11's Girls and Boys

Under 13's Girls and Boys

Under 15's Girls

Cost: Approximately \$160



Please Note: A new fee policy has been introduced for the 2016 season and beyond. All outstanding fees and a minimum \$50 deposit per player must be paid at Registration with balance to be paid in full by the first game of the season.

Coaches and umpires needed, please let us know if you're interested.

UYNA has also started competitions for:

Intermediates Girls: High School ages

Intermediate Mixed: High School ages

****To be played on Monday and Tuesday nights (**TBC)**

For more information/queries contact Shelley: 0410 626 353 or

Maryann: 0419 590 766.

You can also find/join us on Facebook for news and updates!