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We Show Respect

We are Fair

We are Learners

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 5th Feb	-Yr. 5/6 Parent Information night 6pm
Wed 6th Feb	-No school for Foundation students -Foundation Parent Information Night 6pm
Thu 7th Feb	-School Swimming sports -Welcome Pool Party 5-7pm
Mon 11th Feb	-Finance Meeting 5.30pm
Tue 12th Feb	-Book club orders close
Wed 13th Feb	-No school for Foundation students -District swimming sports -Yr. 1/2 Parent Information Night 6pm -Yr. 3/4 Parent Information Night 6.30pm
Fri 15th Feb	-Hot Lunch
Wed 20th Feb	-No school for Foundation students
Mon 25th Feb	-School Council Meeting 7pm
Wed 27th Feb	-No school for Foundation students
Mon 11th Mar	-Labour Day Public Holiday
Fri 22nd Mar-Sun 24th Mar	- Folk Festival
Fri 5th Apr	-Last day of Term 1
Tue 23rd Apr	-Pupil Free Day – Vacation Care operating
Wed 24th Apr	-Students return for Term 2
Thu 25th April	-Anzac Day Public Holiday

Hot Lunch

Our organising team for hot lunch this year will be led by Alicia Quaglio, Michelle Croker and Clare Kellaway.

They have a lot of new ideas and we look forward to a new menu with lots of healthy food.

Our first hot lunch will be next Friday, 15th February.

The menu, help sheet and more information will be sent home in next Monday's newsletter.

Helpers will be needed each Friday morning from 9am to approximately 11.30am. Please consider putting your name down to assist.

*Assembly Helpers
Nina Edwards & Oscar Bayne*

Principal's News

Welcome

Hello everybody and welcome to 2019 at Yackandandah Primary School. I look forward to hearing holiday news from the students and hope that everyone had a restful break. We have a number of new families to our school this year and I encourage everyone to share the responsibility for making all our new students and families feel welcome in our school and community.

One of the ways we like to see in a new school year, meet new families and catch up with 'old' families is to share an evening together at Yackandandah Swimming Pool. This year our pool party will be on Thursday 7th February from 5pm to 7pm. The school will provide a sausage sizzle for members of the school community. Please note that children will need to be supervised by their parents as teachers will not be 'on duty' and other members of the public are likely to be there. Families will need to organise their own entry to the pool (either fee or season ticket). Remember that the pool is a strictly no alcohol or glass area. To assist with the catering please return the attached slip by Monday 5th Feb. if you will be attending. We hope to see you there.

Thank you to families who kept our gardens alive over the holiday period. Thank you also to Dave McAuliffe who worked hard in the January heat install a new bubbler and bottle refill in our courtyard, along with new guttering on our sports shed.

School Council

For those new to our school I would like to introduce our School Councillors. School Council serves a very important role in the governance of the school.

- Phil Edwardes, President, Parent Representative
- Richard Stamp, Co Vice President, Parent Representative
- Dave McAuliffe, Treasurer, Parent Representative
- Elle Walker, Parent Representative
- Orrin Pritchard, Co Vice President Parent Representative
- Michelle Croker, Parent Representative
- Paige Rolfe, Parent Representative
- Mel Quick, Parent Representative
- Judy Prlic, DET Representative
- Earle Mason, DET Representative
- Michael Edwards, DET Representative, Principal

Principal's News cont...

School Council elections take place in Term One each year. There are four parent representative positions that will need to be filled this term. Current councillors may renominate and other parents are also welcome to nominate. More information regarding school council elections will be in the next newsletter. If you would like to discuss what is involved in being on School Council or what School Council is responsible for please feel free to chat with any of the current school councillors (including Michael, Judy and Earle at school).

Foundation Students

Don't forget that (apart from Jan 30) Foundation students do not attend school on Wednesdays until March. The dates are: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th February. Angie or Kelli will make an appointment with Foundation families to arrange some initial testing for one of those days.

Information Evenings

Each class/level will hold information sessions for families to familiarise them with routines, expectations and other details. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have at that time. The dates/times are as follows:

5/6B&E: Tuesday 5th Feb, 6pm start (followed by a student laptop meeting for Yr.5 families).

1/2 PS & R: Wednesday 13th Feb, 6pm start

F K&A: Wednesday 6th Feb, 6pm start

3/4 LC & C: Wednesday 13th Feb, 6:30pm start

In addition to the information sessions, staff will make contact with families to arrange a meeting or catch up to discuss student learning and needs. This may have already taken place for some students/families. For many, this will be a quick catch up, for others it may be a more formal meeting. It is a chance for families to meet staff and discuss anything the teacher may need to know and a chance for teachers to do the same. Please remember that you do not need to wait for 'official' meeting times to talk to teachers. They can be contacted via email at any time and you will no doubt see them around the school and can chat to them then, or arrange a time to meet.

Buses

Bus services should be running at similar times to last year, however glitches are always possible. Please contact Michael at school if you have any difficulties with buses or require any further information.

Nude Food

This year we are encouraging students to bring 'nude food' to school. This means bringing food in reusable containers rather than in disposable plastic wrapping. If wrapping does come to school with lunches we will ask students to place it back in their lunchbox after they have finished eating and take it home again. Students will not be 'in trouble' if there is wrapping – we are simply trying to work toward the Plastic Free Yackandandah goals. Please ensure all containers have your child's name clearly marked on them.

Michael Edwards
Principal

School News

Newsletter

Our weekly newsletter will be published each Monday during 2019. The newsletter contains information in regard to events happening at the school and it is important to read it each week. Newsletters will be email out to families each week and will also be available on the school website at <http://www.yackaps.vic.edu.au/> You can also subscribe on the website page to be notified when the newsletter is available.

Anaphylaxis Management

We currently have a number of students at school with severe allergic reaction to nuts & nut products. Anaphylaxis can be life threatening. Our school **strongly** encourages families not to send nuts or nut products to school. Although our staff supervise students eating lunch, it is a great help if nut products don't come to school at all.

Anaphylaxis, Allergies and Asthma Management Plans

A blank asthma, allergy and/or anaphylaxis management form has being sent home to families who have a child/children who experience asthma, allergies and /or anaphylaxis. These plans need to be completed, signed by a medical practitioner and returned to school as soon as possible unless you have already provided the school with an updated one.

Student details

To ensure our student details are up to date all students have today taken home a printout for parents to check and return to school.

It is important that the family occupation codes and education details are correct – this is a requirement of the Commonwealth Government and all schools across Australia are required to collect this information and keep it updated. Our school funding is also connected to this so it is important that the correct codes are used. If you have any questions please call into the office.

It is also important that the school is aware of any medical issues regardless of how minor they might be as well as having your current contact details.

Please check the form and update where necessary and return to school as soon as possible.

Medication

Parents of students with allergies are asked to please call into school and check that their child's medication is current.

If you require medication to be administered at school on other occasions please bring the medication to the office and fill out a consent form.

Student Absences

If your child is absent from school please either phone the school, send a note into the office, send an email to yackandandah.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or write the absence in the absence book at the office.

If your child arrives at school after 9am or is picked up before 3.30pm they need to be signed in or out at the office by a parent or guardian.

School News cont....

Photo Consent Forms

From time to time student photos are taken for local media publications, are included in the newsletter (website) and student work is published. At times student photos are also placed on the school Face book page. For students to participate in these type of publications parent permission is required. A consent form has been sent home with the eldest child today. Please return to school by next Monday.

Local Excursions

A permission form for students to participate in local excursions has been sent home with each child today. The permission form covers any local excursion around Yackandandah. This includes the visits to the library, kindergarten, CFA and any other excursion that the class is walking to. The permission form does not cover any sporting events or excursions where transport is required – a separate note will be sent home for those excursions. Please return the permission form to school by next Monday.

Family Statements

Statements will be sent home to families this week. Payment can be made at the school office or via the internet. Please note that there is no Eftpos facility.

Bank account details are:

WAW Credit Union
BSB 803-070
Account No. 48135.

Our preference is to email statements to families. If you receive yours in the mail this week and would like to have it emailed in future please let Sandra know.

Fees for 2019 are:

Essential Costs (mandatory payments for all students):

Curriculum Levy:	\$85
IT Levy:	\$55(YearsF-4students only)
Book pack – Foundation	\$60.60
Book pack – Year One/Two	\$73.20
Book pack – Year Three/Four	\$70.40
Book pack – Year Five/Six	\$49.50

Optional Costs which need to be paid at the start of the year if required:

Year 5/6 netbook levy: \$150 (if they are taking part in the program):

Student Insurance: \$8 (this covers for accidents during school and school activities). **If you do not want to take out the accident insurance please let Sandra know.**

There will be other costs for camps, excursions and activities as the year goes on.

Voluntary Contribution

All families are invited to make a voluntary contribution. This is generally \$50 but any donation, more or less would be greatly appreciated.

When making payments please send an email to Sandra at mckibbin.sandra.k@edumail.vic.gov.au stating what charges you are paying for.

School House Swimming Sports

The House Swimming Carnival will be on next Thursday, February 7, at the Yackandandah Pool. This carnival is for students in Years 3-6, with all students turning 9 or above this year, eligible to qualify for the District team.

We will be leaving the school at 9.15 am and will return by approximately 1pm. The cost per student is \$3.10 if you don't have pool membership. Permission forms went home today and need to be returned with payment by Monday.

We are looking for 6 parent helpers to assist with timing for the morning. If you are able to help out, please let Sandra or myself know, as parent helpers really do make the event go quickly and smoothly. Spectators are most welcome.

Please note that students will not be able to purchase snacks from the kiosk, so they will need to bring food to eat, water to drink, and be wearing sunsmart clothing, including a hat. Students are also encouraged to wear their 'house colours' to show they are a united team! For students who qualify for the next level, the District Swimming Carnival will be held at Chiltern on Wednesday, 13th February. I am looking forward to another successful year on the sporting front!

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is a Government commitment to help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to participate in camps, sports & excursions at school.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for the CSEF.

Please see the attached flier for more information. An application form is available from the school office or www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Scholastic Book Club

The school offers parents and students the opportunity to purchase books through Scholastic Book Club. The school receives bonus points which we then use to purchase books. The eldest students in each family have today taken home an order form through Scholastic Book club.

Orders may be paid for with cash through the school office or with credit card online through the LOOP system. Orders must be submitted by Tuesday 12th February.

The link for LOOP payments is

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

OSHC Bookings

If you are wanting your child to attend OSHC on a casual basis they must be booked in in advance and not just show up on the day.

With the new electronic sign in children must be on the roll for them to be able to attend.

If you need to book your child in to BSC that morning please send Kerri a message on 0421 324 528.



- 2nd January - Ollie Paull*
- 5th January - Vanessa Williams*
- 8th January - Angus Glanville*
- 12th January - Pippa Graham*
- 12th January - Lenny Graham*
- 13th January - Freya Vorbach*
- 14th January - Darcy Greenwood*
- 15th January - Kaitlyn McGlead*
- 15th January - Peter Kellaway*
- 15th January - Mason Walker*
- 20th January - Sally Bayne*
- 20th January - Zachary Spargo*
- 22nd January - Charlie Killen*
- 23rd January - Hamish Murray*
- 24th January - Raff Gargiulo*
- 25th January - Ava Walker*
- 27th January - Olive MacCalman*
- 27th January - Lily Nedziak*
- 31st January - Lara Bebbington*
- 1st February - Lace Nocentini*



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



2019 Term Dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	29 January Students start 30 January in government schools	5 April
Term 2	23 April	28 June
Term 3	15 July	20 September
Term 4	7 October	20 December