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We Show Respect

We are Fair

We are Learners

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Wed 5th Feb | -No school for Foundation students -Yr. 1/2 Parent Information night 5.30-6pm -Yr. 3/4 Parent Information night 6.15-6.45pm |
| Thu 6th Feb | -Yr. 5/6 Information night 6-6.30pm -Yr. 5 Netbook Information session 6.30-7pm |
| Fri 7th Feb | -Year 3/4/5/6 School Swimming trials -Welcome Pool party 5-7pm |
| Mon 10th Feb | -Foundation Information night 5.30-6pm |
| Tue 11th Feb | -Book club orders close |
| Wed 12th Feb | -No school for Foundation students |
| Thu 13th Feb | -District Swimming sports |
| Wed 19th Feb | -No school for Foundation students |
| Wed 26th Feb | -No school for Foundation students |
| Fri 28th Feb | -Division Swimming Sports |
| Wed 4th Mar | -Regional Swimming Sports |
| Mon 9th Mar | -Labour Day Public Holiday |
| Fri 20th Mar | -Folk Festival parade |
| Sat 21st Mar | -Folk Festival dinner |
| Sun 22nd Mar | -Folk Festival market |
| Fri 27th Mar | -Last day Term 1 |
| Tue 14th Apr | -First day Term 2 |
| Mon 27th Apr | -Anzac Day Public Holiday |

Hot Lunch

The Hot Lunch Team is seeking a manager and regular helpers for this year who can make a commitment for tasks such as planning, ordering, collecting food and preparing food on Fridays.

This will assist the current team in planning the meals for the year and continuing to provide our kids and school staff with delicious, wholesome and healthy lunches.

If you are interested in helping out please see Sandra in the office.

*Assembly Helpers
Leila Jansen & Will Rooney*

Principal's News

Welcome

Hello everybody and welcome to 2020 at Yackandandah Primary School. I look forward to hearing holiday news from the students and hope that everyone had a restful break – despite the smoke. 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 Friday 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. We appreciate the time and care you have given.

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.

- Orrin Pritchard, President, Parent Representative
- Michelle Croker, Co Vice President, Parent Representative
- Paige Rolfe, Treasurer, Parent Representative
- Jane Murphy, Parent Representative
- Michael Walsh, Co Vice President Parent Representative
- Tennille McIntosh, Parent Representative
- Jane Dowlsey, Parent Representative
- Mel Quick, Parent Representative
- Carly Frank, DET Representative
- Robyn Wilson, 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, Carly and Robyn at school).

Foundation Students

Don't forget that (apart from Jan 29) Foundation students do not attend school on Wednesdays until March. The dates are: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th February. Robyn 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:

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| Foundation: | Monday 10 th February 5.30-6pm |
| Year 1/2: | Wednesday 5 th February 5.30-6pm |
| Year 3/4: | Wednesday 5 th February 6.15-6.45pm |
| Year 4/5/6: | Thursday 6 th February 6-6.30pm. |

This will be followed by the Netbook Information session for Year 5 parents.

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.

Waste wise

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.

Privacy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Department of Education's Privacy The policy can be read here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolic>

School News

Newsletter

Our weekly newsletter will be published each Monday during 2020. The newsletter contains information in regard to events happening at the school and it is important to read it each week. Newsletters will be emailed 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, eggs and other products. Anaphylaxis can be life threatening. Our school 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.

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 and whose form hasn't been updated during 2019. 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.

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 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.

School News cont....

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 with the reason.

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. If they are not signed in as being late by a parent or guardian the reason will be put down as late arrival without parent knowledge.

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 Friday.

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 Friday.

Year 6 School Shirts

Year 6 students have today taken home an order form for their school shirts. Cost per shirt is \$33. Please return order forms by Friday 6th February.

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. Students 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 11th February

The link for LOOP payments is

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

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

Prep students who receive the fund are also able to get support for school uniforms. Please see Sandra in the office.

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 and would like to have it emailed in future please let Sandra know.

Fees for 2020 are:

Essential Costs (mandatory payments for all students):

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| Curriculum Levy: | \$100 |
| IT Levy: | \$60(YearsF-4students only) |
| Book pack – Foundation | \$94.90 |
| Book pack – Year One/Two | \$97.25 |
| Book pack – Year Three/Four | \$77.80 |
| Book pack – Year Four/ Five/Six | \$52.15 |

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

Year 5/6 netbook levy: \$200 (if they are taking part in the program):

Student Insurance: \$8.95 (this covers accidents during school, school activities and sporting activities organised by an established sporting association which the student is registered.). **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 is taking place on Friday, February 7, at the Yackandandah Swimming Pool. We will begin at 9.30am, with all events finished by approximately 11.00am. Students will swim in the age group relating to the age they will be by December 31, 2020. The event is open to students 9 years and older.

Students have the option of trying out for freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, with students representing and earning points for their 'House'. All events are 50m and qualifying is based on time. If students are successful in qualifying for the District event, this will take place at Chiltern Swimming Pool on Thursday, February 13. The Division event will be at Waves Wodonga on Friday, February 28.

School News cont....

I am looking for **6 parents or carers to assist with timing next Friday, February 7, 9.30am – 11.00am.** If you are able to assist with this, either contact Sandra in the office, or myself at hogan.brendan.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

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! I am looking forward to another successful year on the sporting front!

Brendan



2nd January - Ollie Paull

3rd January - Henry Wyatt

5th January - Vanessa Williams

8th January - Angus Glanville

12th January - Pippa Graham

12th January - Lenny Graham

13th January - Freya Vorbach

15th January - Kaitlyn McGlead

15th January - Peter Kellaway

20th January - Sally Bayne

20th January - Zachary Spargo

22nd January - Charlie Killen

24th January - Raff Gargiulo

25th January - Ava Walker

25th January - Oscar Barker-Powell

26th January - Lola Mahoney

27th January - Olive MacCalman

29th January - Hugo Dickeson

29th January - Zack Dickeson

31st January - Lara Bebbington

1st February - Lace Nocentini

Community News

www.indigogymnastics.com.au

Term 1 Gymnastics Classes



Preschool, parent & tot, Recreational, FreeG, Adults, Seniors, competitive

Class Dates/Times: Monday February 3 recreational
Ages 5-13 @ 3:45, 4:45, 5:45
Age 3-5 years @ 2:30 to 3
Adults 6:45

Tuesday Seniors 9 am

Wednesday: preschool parent & tot,

FreeG, recreational

Competitive by Invitation

Location: Unit 1/ 26 Crawford St,
Beechworth

spaces are limited and will book out.

Register today

www.indigogymnastics.com.au
or Call Erin 0499 027 243

Yackandandah Tennis Club



Calling all kids keen to try TENNIS!

ANZ Hot Shots Community Play sessions are starting from Wed 20th Nov for new budding young tennis players to have some fun and have a go!

The idea is to inspire/ expose/ nurture kids to play tennis (encouraging 5-10 yr. olds) and to see if they like it and if so, offer a pathway to help kids develop their skills to go on and play junior competition, etc.

Equipment is provided and cost is \$10, which covers the kids for as few or as many sessions that they wish to attend.

This is not coaching and parents need to stay, support their child/ren, even have a hit to their child or another's.

Venue: Yackandandah Tennis Club (at Yackandandah Sports Park).

2020 dates - Wednesday afternoons, 3.45-4.45pm:

- 05/02/2020
- 12/02/2020
- 19/02/2020
- 26/02/2020
- 04/03/2020 (Back up ONLY)

If you have any further questions, contact Louise Thornton on 0425 707 346 or just show up.

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

MORE INFORMATION

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

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 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 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 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

