FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Karyn Forge

**Buddies**
This year as part of reinforcing the values of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program we will be also adopting The Alannah and Madeline Foundation’s Better Buddies Framework. This Framework supports children to learn and use the values of friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing differences and including others. This year the following classes will be buddying up:-
- 6C and PP
- 34C and 1C
- 45R and 12A
- 56G and 23C

**School Council Elections**
At the start of each year all government schools in Victoria have to elect their School Council by the end of March of that year.

As Principal, I therefore issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations from parents and staff to join the Yarrunga Primary School Council.

Nominations are now open. Nomination forms are available from the General Office and need to be submitted by 4pm on Tuesday 28th February. If the number of nominations received are more than the number of vacancies, an election will be held shortly after this date. If you have any queries please contact current School Councillors of myself.

There are 4 parent positions and 2 staff positions. An information sheet for parents on the role of School Council is included with this newsletter. At this stage I would like to thank the following people for their service on school council. Their positions are currently vacant. Parent members – Judy Cryer, Cindy Christodoulou, Kylie Dowell and Michelle Muller. Staff members – Ann Rasmussen and Heather Anderson.

**Open Night 5th March 5.30-7pm**
At the start of each year we hold a Welcome night. This is to give parents and families the opportunity to come and meet their child’s teacher, to see the work that they are doing and to see their child’s classroom. It is also another opportunity to chat with your child’s teacher about your child’s needs. This year Open Night will be held on Wednesday 5th March between 5.30 and 7pm. Parents and families are welcome to view all classrooms. Tours will also be available to see the recent upgrade of our Early Learning facility and new playground (The Hub). Further information about particular year level plans for the night will be sent home with your child. Please mark this date on your diary. I’m looking forward to meeting parents and families on the night.

**School Sores**
There have been two reported cases of School Sores at the school. Impetigo, School Sores, is a highly contagious skin infection. Impetigo is easily diagnosed by the doctor. It can be spread from person to person but a person can also spread it to another part of their own body through scratching or picking at the blisters and scabs. Children can return to school after treatment has started and the sores are completely covered with a watertight dressing.

- Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and always use their own towel and facecloth.
- Cut your child’s nails short and encourage them not to scratch scabs or pick their nose.
- Keep injured areas of skin clean and covered to minimise the chance of any bacterial infection, including impetigo.
- Always wash your hands after touching sores or scabs and use gloves if possible when treating infected children.
- Keep children with impetigo away from other children for the period of exclusion. This is until antibiotic treatment has commenced and the sores are covered with a watertight dressing.

**Students demonstrate care on our roads**
Congratulations to the students who are crossing Cribbes Road – getting off their skateboards, looking both ways and then carefully crossing this road.

**Principal Awards**

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<td>Sophie retold the story in detail. She used descriptive words from the book.</td>
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Yarrunga Primary School is again having morning tea after Monday morning assembly.

Come along have a chat, meet other parents and make new friends.
Yarrunga Primary School Values

1. Be a learner
2. Be responsible
3. Be respectful

CLASSMATES OF THE WEEK

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Congratulations to all our classmates. Have a great week!

Friendly Playground

Winners for last week were:

Christopher
Billy
Jessika
Tyler

OFFICE NEWS

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Friday 28th February is the last day for parents to apply for EMA. You would have received a flyer in your child's white envelope giving you information about this payment. If you have a health care card and have NOT filled out an EMA form, please come in and see us here at the office. If you are unsure about this payment or have any questions, Virginia or I will be happy to help out.

School Supply Payment

The school supply payment of $120.00 for Preps to Grade 2 and $140.00 for Grades 3 to 6 is now due. Parents are welcome to pay part payments on the first Friday of each term.

Account Information

Although we don't have eftpos here at Yarrunga Primary School, parents and guardians are able to direct debit funds electronically into the school bank account to pay for school supplies and camps and excursions. If you would like use this option, please see me at the office for our banking details. Parents are also welcome to pay money into their accounts here at school so that they can save for a camp or excursion. Parents can pay as little as $5.00. Just a reminder that all camps and excursions must be paid before your child attends.

If you have any questions regarding your financial account please contact me here at the school on 5721 2682.

Barb Patterson
Business Manager

Chaplain’s Chunk

In 1987 the late, great Jim Stynes, blamed himself for Melbourne not winning a place in the football Grand Final after he ran across the mark, conceding a 15 metre penalty which enabled Hawthorn to kick the winning goal, making what has been called the biggest mistake in VFL/AFL history in front of 80,000 people. He said it hurt him ‘more than anyone can imagine.’ He wanted to run away and return to Ireland for good, but instead he learnt from the experience and went on to have an amazing career and life from Brownlow medallist to coach and mentor for young people. He said the turning point came when he put into practice what his parents had always told him: ‘No matter what happens you must never give up, there is a reason for everything’.

Teaching our children not to give up (unless for reasons of common sense or conscience) and setting that example ourselves is possibly one of the most important things we can teach them. We all make mistakes but we can learn from them. If something was worth doing in the first place, then keep going for it! The rewards and sense of self-respect are much greater than if we quit.

Yarrunga Pride Award

This week: Be a Learner

Nominations:

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This week’s winner is Ellie (Congratulations)
CYBER SAFETY

Well done to all the parents and children who have returned their Computer Values forms. In keeping with our school values we are helping our children to become learners, be responsible and respectful using technology (computers, iPads, camera etc.) at our school.

James Tilson
Kindergarten

Our settling in 2 weeks is completed and from Monday, all children will be coming full time - 15 hours per week. The 6 hour days have been a challenge for a number of children (and the staff too!), particularly as we cope with the hot weather. For some children a quiet time after lunch results in a sleep on a cushion while others are content to enjoy some play dough or table top activities inside. For others still with energy to burn, we have outside play, and the addition of water in the sand makes for great cooling rivers and mud cooking. It is important that we remain flexible to the varying needs of the children, particularly in these early stages of getting to know the routines of Kindergarten. Over the coming weeks we will be learning all about ourselves and each other with games, music, stories and lots of art activities around our bodies.

Michelle, Gwynda, Jess, Stacey & Kylie

LETS LEARN TOGETHER
Early Learning Facilitated Play Program
for Children 0-4 & their families
2014 Session times
Wednesdays & Thursdays
9.15 to 11am
During school terms
For more information please contact Angela Craven,
Coordinator on 57212682 or craven.angela.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK

Connor in 1/2A wrote a detailed explanation of his Maths activity. He explained how to measure correctly using his feet.

At Home
- Encourage your child to talk about what they are doing Maths.
- Ask questions about their understanding.
- Support your child to use the correct words and phrases.

OAK FM COMMUNITY RADIO

Tune in and listen to our Grade 5 & 6 students on Mondays between 1 and 2pm during the school term.

Wombats Hockey Club

Interested in playing hockey or learning to play hockey? Please see the Parent Notice Board for more information.

Nihongo News

Well, don't believe everything you read in the paper. Last week, the kids didn't do hiragana activities at all; instead, they did some singing and games related to body parts. This week they'll combine that knowledge with their Hiragana skills in some word-maker games. It seems that the littlies really enjoyed learning about Setsubun in Week 2. Last week, they were asking if they could chase me around and throw beans at me again. Once a year is enough.

Monoshiri Sensei's Culture Tips

Gemma (3/4B) knows all about Japan. She told us that the population of the Greater Tokyo Area is 35 million, almost twice as big as our whole country. For this week's nazorazo, tell us, in Nihongo, what sort of animals like to eat the following, 1. Ninjin 2. Kusa 3. Mimizu. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayonara from Peter Sunderland

Pancake Day
Tuesday 4th March
You, your families and friends are invited to share a pancake and orange juice in our SAKG garden from 8am on Tuesday 4th March. Cost for pancake and OJ will be $2. Just a pancake will cost $1. Can you please fill out the form below and return to the school by Monday 3rd March. Anyone interested in helping please contact Judy Byrne.

Family Name:_______________________
No. of Pancakes & OJ@ $2: __________ No. of pancakes @ $1: __________
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**SMS Absences:** 0405 268 775

**Icy poles 50c Monday Friday**