

# Yandoit Primary School

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**1-2-2013**

*'Learning and Growing Together'*  
*Be Respectful Be a Responsible Learner*  
*Be Honest and Trustworthy*  
*Be Caring and Compassionate Be a Good Citizen*

## CALENDAR

### February

Wednesday 20th

- School Council 6pm Child Care available.

### March

Friday 1st

- Excursion to Daylesford PS . Grades 3-6  
Swimming Sports. Grades P-2 Getting to know DPS and students from Drummond Annexe.

Monday 11th

- LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

### School Term Dates 2013

Term 1 Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thur 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Term 2 Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Term 3 Tue 16<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Term 4 Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

## WELCOMING

## OUR 2013 NEW STUDENTS



We welcome 5 students and their families to our Yandoit PS Family this year.

Prep Santiago Mattocks-Troy

Two Charlie Lovett

Milla Williams

Priya Stern

Four Harry Lovett



**CELEBRATING THE CLASS  
OF 2013  
YANDOIT PRIMARY SCHOOL**





## WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our 2013 students and their families. It is exciting to have 20 students, 4 teachers, 2 teacher's – aides and 3 support staff.

### Teachers

Jose Berto	.6
Deb Rauber	.4
Robyn Strickland	.4
Trudi Blick	LOTE Wed

### Teacher's –aides

Dave Lewis	.8
Michelle Quinn	.2

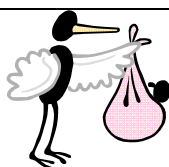
### Support Staff

Carlene Klas	Admin
Melissa Morrison	Cleaner
Chris Olver	Grounds-Mowing

A great team combined with equally supportive families.

We have enjoyed a great start to the school year.

## CONGRATULATIONS



We would all like to send our congratulations to Jane, Michael, Isa and Soloman on the birth of Satchen earlier this week.

## CHARLIE

We have all been learning this week about how we can support Charlie at school due to her allergies to certain foods.

We have decided to try not to **exclude** any foods, as we are aware that some foods are ones that some of our students eat because of their own dietary requirements.

Although we are not banning nuts, at this early stage of the year, we would appreciate it if you were able to minimise sending nut products until our routines are in place.

We would really **appreciate** your help with one particular group of foods as Charlie is severely allergic (anaphylactic) to peanuts, sesame and tree nuts.

We have attached a list to the Newsletter of the nut products that Charlie is severely allergic too.

Could you please see Debbie if this will be a problem for your family.

The Lovett Family are very grateful for the concern and care that Yandoit Families have shown to Charlie, both during Transition last year and the beginning of this the school year.

## SOCIAL COMPETENCIES PROGRAM

Our Social Competencies program will continue in 2013. As part of our Social Competencies program we will feature a specific "social skills" focus over a two week period in all classrooms. This program will support our students' needs in the area of "social skills".

The program is designed to raise the level of awareness of social skills and largely to develop in children appropriate skills and attitudes for them to deal with different social situations.

### AIMS

- To make the students aware of specific social skills
- To further enhance the general tone of the school
- To maintain a consistent whole-school approach and expectation of social interaction

The school newsletter publishes the following fortnight's topic with a brief discussion of the topic's rationale and some ideas the children might like to try.

The fortnightly topic will be discussed at Tuesday's assembly.

Appropriate activities are chosen to explore the topic over the fortnight. Teachers will develop the topic appropriate to the needs of the children in their class.

### Positives of the Program

- Raises the awareness of social issues for all children
- Establishes a common and shared language for discussing social issues
- Encourages children to think about and define concepts such as "co-operation and empathy"
- Is consistently applied throughout the school and is a great way to discuss social skills/issues with students, teachers and parents

The program will continue to develop

- a co-operative environment for all
- a common understanding of what is expected
- skills to deal with different social situation

We look forward to the students, teachers and parents working together to continue to make this a successful program for our school.

We look forward to your support.

Chris Tsiplakis ☺  
Assistant Principal

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## CURRENT FOCUS

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### *Good Manners*

Daily life provides us with many opportunities to demonstrate our manners. In many ways it is simply extending a courtesy to others. Some examples include the use of saying, “please, excuse me, thank you”. The use of good manners lets other people know that they’re appreciated, respected and valued. We can use good manners in a variety of settings: at school in the classroom /or in the playground, at home, down the street, when visiting family and friends, etc. Waiting for others to pass before we move or holding a door open for someone else are other ways of using our manners. Use your manners with community members of all ages!

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## NIT BUSTERS

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Could all families **please** regularly check their student’s hair for lice and treat their child immediately. It is necessary that hair is treated with Lice shampoo and all eggs must be removed with a lice comb before a student is allowed to return to school.

At Yandoit PS, we have had a ‘Nitbusters Program’ where we have asked all families to check their children’s hair regularly BUT particularly on Friday night. This enables students to be treated over the weekend, so that they can return to school on Monday, free of lice.

We would also ask families to inform the teachers if their child/children needed to be treated during the previous night. We have found that if we can inform families quickly, then we can hopefully ‘Nip the Nits’ really quickly.

We have had a family let us know that they have had to treat their children just before school commenced. So this is timely for us all to start being vigilant with checking.

Please see Deb if you need any information.

## ABSENCES

If your child is absent please notify the school by telephone, or send a written note with your child on their return. These verbal or written records explaining your child’s absence are required for audit purposes.

We have included absent notes with this Newsletter. If more are needed, please see Absent Notes file in the office or see Deb.

Please try and organise medical and dental appointments after school whenever possible. Please see Deb for more information.

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## LA PAROLA DELLA SETTIMANA

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Benvenuti (Welcome)

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## PARENT /GRANDPARENT HELPERS

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*We are always so grateful for the contribution that our Parents and Grandparents make to our school programs. Please look at the attached note and return it to school asap with activities that you would like to help with. Every offer of time is so appreciated by teachers and students.*

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