‘Learning and Growing Together’
Be Respectful    Be a Responsible Learner
Be Honest and Trustworthy
Be Caring and Compassionate    Be a Good Citizen

CURRENT FOCUS

Play by the rules
“Playing Fairly” “Being a good Winner”
“Being a good Loser”

Through playing games we learn about ourselves and others. Playing games provides opportunities where children will be expected to play fairly, play by the rules, co-operate with others, get along with others and handle both winning and losing. Having rules in games ensures a level playing field making it fair for all.

Playing together does not just mean playing happily with our friends, although that is important. ‘Playing together’ means sharing space both in the classroom and the playground. Demonstrating sharing in our games ensures that everyone will enjoy their playtime. We have to think about other people, the games they are playing and playing sensibly. We want everyone to enjoy themselves. Whenever you are playing remember to:

- play in sensible areas.
• check to see if others are involved in a game or an area before setting up your game
• play safe games, particularly in small areas
• walk around other people’s games.

David Garner

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**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

The ‘Lockdown’ policy was practiced at school this week which created an opportunity for staff to reinforce to all students what the procedures are and under what circumstances we might need to put such practices in place. Later in the year we will also practice our Emergency Evacuation procedures, whereby the school would evacuated to the school oval.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents, grandparents and friends along to our Grade 3-6 House Swimming Sports next Friday 26th February.

An early reminder to parents/carers, that information about our Parent/Teacher interviews will be coming out next week. Please look in your diaries and set aside either Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th March for an interview.

Interviews will occur between 2 and 4.30 and they are between parents/carers and teachers only. Students are not required to this early interview. They will be directly involved in the term 3 interviews.

Peter Burke

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**EXCURSION TO DAYLESFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Next Friday 26th February is our first excursion for the year and this will be to Daylesford Primary School.
For new families, this means that all families make their own way to Daylesford PS (20 Vincent St Daylesford) and meet at the garden beds in between the library and the art room. Jose, Michelle and Nicole will meet you there. Please see Deb Wed or Thursday if you need any more information.
Pick up will be at the garden beds at 3.20, as Daylesford PS dismiss at 3.20.

If you are unable to get your child to Daylesford PS, please let the teachers know asap so that we can see what can be arranged.
Please note that this is considered a local excursion and the permission form that was signed with the enrolment form covers this excursion. If we have missed giving you a consent form, then one is included with your Newsletter.

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**FAMILY WORKING BEE AND BBQ**

On Friday 11th March, we will be having our first Working Bee, starting from 2pm. This will be followed by a Family BBQ at 5pm.
We start the Working Bee early, but understand that not everyone can make it at this time. There are a range of jobs always to be done, but we always need parents to bring some tools, as the school supply is not large.
We would ask that families bring either a salad, or a dessert and that family’s BYO drinks.
A note will go home the week before to see how many will be attending (for catering purposes). This is a lovely opportunity to say hello and welcome to our new families as well.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCIES**

This year we have two School Council Vacancies. Our School Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Child Care is available.
Parents who have agreed to be a part of the Council have always commented that it is a nice way to find out more about Yandoit Primary School and also an opportunity to help out.
It is important that we have a quorum and we find it is so much better to have ‘more hands on deck’, especially in the winter months.
Please see Deb if you need more information.

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**FORMS ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER**

• Parent Helper Notes for those not returned yet
• Letter re Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days
• Gr 3-6 Swimming Sports Information letter
• Maths at YPS.
• Consent/permission forms for new students

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
Are you eligible?
For students to be eligible for a conveyance allowance they must:
• Be aged over five by 30th April 2016.
• Live more than 4.8km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest bus stop, and
• Be enrolled at the nearest government school.
• Parents who applied last year will need to reapply for 2016 by Wednesday 24th February, 2016.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
DO YOU HAVE A VALID MEANS-TESTED CONCESSION CARD?
Then you may be eligible to apply for the CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND)
The annual CSEF amount per primary student will be $125, which will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Please contact Deb R for an application form (or download from the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) to be returned to the office before Wed 24th February.
Note extension of date

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Franklinford CFA Coffee Morning
Wednesday 9th March

Please save the Date!!
The famous Children’s Choir of Yandoit Primary School, will be the Guest Performers…The Star Attraction!!!

Coffee Morning – 10-12 noon
Raffles, Trading table
All money raised supports our local CFA

NIT ALERT

We have had two families report that they had found live lice and eggs this week in their children’s hair. Could we still ask all families to regularly check on Friday nights. Then hair can be treated, if necessary, over the weekend.
Please don’t forget to check siblings. Thankyou

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. Please try and organise medical and dental appointments after school wherever possible.
Please see Deb if you need more information.

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