Yinnar South Primary School Newsletter
17th February 2017

School Terms 2017
Term 1
3rd October – 20th December

Up Coming Events
March
3rd - School levies due
6th - Pupil Free day- Staff Professional Development
9th - School Photos
13th - No School Public Holiday
24th - Yinnar & District Sports- at the Yinnar Football Grounds.

2017
Term 1 31 January - 31 March
Term 2 18 April - 30 June
Term 3 17 July - 22 September
Term 4 9 October - 22 December

Katy’s Chat
What a busy little school we are this year. We have 31 students, 3 teachers, 2 educational support staff, Coral our chaplain and myself which seems a huge number after the seven students we started with in 2012.
Apart from our wonderful students we also have an incredible parent community. We love seeing so many parents coming into the school to help. Please remember all parents and volunteers require a working with children’s check. They are easy to apply from online and are free. Kylie can help if you are having any difficulty and the computer in the foyer is available for parents who need to complete this process

Thank you
Thank you to Anita and some wonderful parents who have been busy in the garden helping our students to extend our garden projects. We would also like to thank all the parent/carers who have volunteered to help in the kitchen with Breakfast Club and Thursday lunches. This valued program needs your help to continue as we grow. I would like to particularly thank

School Vision Statement –
At Yinnar South Primary Learning Community we strive to create a flexible, vibrant and dynamic learning environment that customises individual wholistic development and maximises personal achievement.
Leonie and Sophie who stepped in this week to prepare lunch while Julie was away attending professional development.

**Safety**
Safety is a high priority for our school and you will have noticed we sent home information regarding our Extreme and Code Red Fire Danger Days. Please make sure you are aware of this policy as it is an important part of keeping your child safe. The information is available on the website or you can contact the office for another copy if you have misplaced it.

Your child may also talk to you about the emergency drills we have been having this week.

Kylie and Julie both attended training this week to be our anaphylaxis supervisors. All staff will complete e-training and be verified over the coming weeks. This is all a part of important preventative safety procedures which we hope we will never need to use.

**School Photos**
The envelopes with all of the details went home with the students yesterday. These need to be returned to school before or on the day with the correct full payment. Please ensure that you are at **school on time for the photos**. If you would like a school sibling photo please come to the office to pick up an envelope.

**Yinnar and District Athletics**
Yinnar and District Athletics on 24 March. Please be advised, we are unable to provide transport so it will need to be arranged privately.
Please see Katy if you are able to volunteer or have any concerns. More details to follow

**CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**
If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. 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 $125.00 for primary school students and $225.00 for secondary school students. Please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF Application form and return before February 23rd 2017.

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**
The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus.
Students attending a government or non-government school must:
☐ attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible

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☐ reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
☐ be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.
If you require an application form, please contact school office. Forms must be returned no later than February 23rd 2017.

**Smocks** – All students are required to have a named art smock. We recommend the plastic ones that go the whole way around. (Best and Less) had them.

**Foundation Students (Prep)**- We encourage foundation parents to collect their student at the classroom for term one.

**BANKSIA NEWS**
Since returning to school, Banksia students have been learning to code. Computer coding teaches students problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, math, collaboration and a host of other important 21st century skills.

The skills and knowledge developed through coding support student learning across all curriculum areas, and students have been fully engaged in the self-directed learning process.
**Carpark** - Please reverse park in the car park and drive at walking pace only. We have lots of little people this year. Please collect your student at the gate and escort them safely to the car.

**Play is the Way**

**TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT YOU**

If someone is unlike you, seek to understand them.

**Wise Moment Recipients**

Heath was playing nicely with Charlotte at lunch play.

Aurora – For being a great role model to the Wattle students and making sure they have someone to play with.

**Water Bottles**

During the hot weather, please ensure that your child has a drink bottle each day. These can be refilled at school.

**School Times**

9am to 3:15pm

We start learning at 9am so please be here in time to greet others and unpack bags to be ready in for learning once the bell goes.

**Morning Meeting**

This year we will be holding a morning Meeting on Mondays and Friday Mornings. This meeting will initially be chaired by our new Junior Leadership Team. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting if they are available.

**Life Styles**

Life Styles levies are due. The cost is $30.00 per student each term.
**Breakfast Club**
Breakfast Club runs Wednesday to Friday 8.30 to 8.45am in the hall kitchen and is free. Please ensure that your child is here on time to enjoy their breakfast. They can choose from Cherio’s, porridge, baked beans, tinned fruit, muesli and sometimes toast. **Everyone is welcome.**

**Ritchies IGA Churchill**
Remember to use your “Community Benefits card” when shopping at IGA the extra money from this program is used to buy extras around the school.

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**Playgroup**
All parents and community members are invited to attend Yinnar South Primary School’s Playgroup, ‘Wise Little Owls’. This playgroup has been designed to complement the school’s vision that focuses on individual wholistic development in a flexible, vibrant and dynamic learning environment. We aim to provide an environment where children learn through play. We will offer opportunities for children to play freely and explore the world through nature, art, their senses and health and well-being activities. We value children and parents/caregivers, recognising the importance of parenting and being gentle and respectful to ourselves, our children and others.

‘Wise Little Owls’ will come together on a Wednesday at 9.15am until 11.15am in the hall at Yinnar South Primary School. We ask that each family contributes $2.50 for a session to cover the materials and bring a piece of fruit to share. The program has been created around the four seasons with each school term dedicated to a season. Each session will have a weekly rhythm that looks something like the following:
- Welcome, cuppa and play
- Sharing a snack together
- Facilitated activity
- Free play and pack up time
- Story (provided by families)
CALLING ALL KIDS AGED 4-16 YEARS
THE RAMS WANT YOU!

2017 MINI ROOS AND JUNIOR REGISTRATION FEE $105

Unsure? Then “Come & Try” on Saturday 25th February from 10am - 11:30am followed by FREE FAMILY BBQ!

Training is every TUESDAY & THURSDAY from 4.30pm - 5.30pm commencing THURSDAY 2nd MARCH

Registration Day at the Churchill Lions Market 18th March from 8.30am to 1.30pm

For more information, contact Peter Cooney on (0416) 140 179 or peter@gippslandroosters.net.au

The Gippsland Youth Drama Workshop

Come & Put on a Theatre Show. Learn about Performance, Have Fun, Gain Confidence & Make New Friends!!!

Classes Designed for Solid Reading Age / Upper Primary School through to 17 Years Old

Incorporating:
- Drama Games & Theatre
- Sports Activities for Confidence & Team Building
- Improvisations of Characters & Stories
- Writer’s Workshop to Build an Original Show
- Establishing Themes & Plots
- Original Music
- Rehearsal Technique
- Voice Projection

Final Production for Family, Friends & the Community

Wednesdays
5 - 6:30pm Norwell
Cost $39 Per Session

Gippsland’s Longest Running Youth Theatre Program.
Helping Create Stars for Life

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