Yinnar South Primary School Newsletter
13th February 2015

I can’t believe I am beginning my fourth year at Yinnar South Primary. The time has flown. I still drive down the road each year. We are very proud to announce that we now have 20 students. We are growing strongly now with most students Prep-2. We are anticipating a strong prep enrolment next year which is very exciting.

Our new students, Chante (grade 3), Layla (Grade 2) and our gorgeous preps, Izak, Jake, Willow S and Willow B have all settled in well. It is wonderful to see so many happy bubbly faces around the school.

A few housekeeping reminders: For our children’s safety please:

- Reverse park when picking students up.
- Please collect students from the bottom gate. (or the playgroup playground) It is difficult to supervise their safety in the carpark and as we get bigger this is something we need to be very careful about. Please pick students up promptly.
- Please drop students off at the bottom car park.
- Staff are on Yard Duty from 8.45 in the morning.

HATS, HATS, HATS – Please make sure your child has their hat at school. As you may be aware, I am currently dealing with a skin cancer on my face which is the result of a childhood with no protection. Hats on is a policy to protect your child. Please support us. We prefer hats to stay at school (in your child’s individual tub) unless being taken home for washing.

Thank you to all of the parents who have supplied their child with a smock. It will certainly make it easier for us to help your child look after their uniform.

Calendar of Events
January 2015
Term 1
2nd Feb - 27th March
Term 2
13th April - 26th June
Term 3
13th July - 18th September
Term 4
5th October - 18th December
February
Thursday 26th – Literacy Session
March
Thursday 26th March - Yinnar & District School Sports
Friday 27th - Last Day Term 1 – 1.30 pm Finish

Book Club
Orders are due back 20th February

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
If you live more than 4.8km from Yinnar Primary School, you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance. Forms are available from the office and must be returned by Friday 20th February 2015. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Literacy Info Session
How to make the best of your child’s home reading.
This session will provide some tips and strategies to use to maximise your child’s home reading experience.
While the session is aimed at the Prep-One parents, all parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 26th 3.15 – 3.45ish.

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**Maths/Science**
We made paper boats and then tested them on the water.

**Physical Education and District Sports Day in March**
This term in Physical Education classes students are preparing for the District School Sports. The District Sports Day is a day where all the local schools compete against each other in a range of different activities like running races and shot put. The preps are learning new skills like high jump and bean bag throw. For the older students the term is a time to practice and improve techniques. District Sports will be held at Yinnar Football Oval. The date for the day is the 26th March. Traditionally parents have transported their own child to and fro this event which minimises bus costs. We will be sending a notice home asking your transport intentions to ascertain if we need to book a bus. Parents and families are welcome to attend and cheer on their children and the school. We will need a few helpers to work on the long jump event throughout the day (as Yinnar South PS is scheduled to help out at this event with Yinnar PS). If you have some spare time on this day please let us know.

**Garden Produce**
Oh what a beauty! This weighed in at 4.95kg and was transformed into this.
**Lifestyles Lunch**
Every second Thursday when we garden Julie makes lunch for the whole team. As we grow this is difficult to sustain. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this role. We would love to be able to create a roster of volunteers to come and help us prepare lunch and of course stay and enjoy it with us. Please let us know if you are interested.

**Lifestyle Program**
The Lifestyle Program combines Health, Kitchen and Garden lessons. Our Kitchen Program is for the senior students only and this term we commence our fortnightly lessons in the kitchen, preparing a hot meal for the school.
All students work in the garden and this term we are focusing on planting our vegetable garden! We are also aiming to construct useful things for our garden this term. We are planning to create a mosaic out of recycled milk and other bottle tops. Please collect them and bring them in if you can spare them!
In Health, Sarah has been introducing the students to basic hygiene with a focus on hand washing.
**Coral’s Corner:** is a place where you can come and find helpful tips in regard to Health & Wellbeing, whether that be Social, Emotional or Mental Health etc. It is relevant to all ages; We are all on the journey of life together and we can always be learning from each other or adapting our methods and strategies as we go along.

It’s also a place where I can let you know what’s been happening at School in regard to the Play Is The Way program, our ‘Earth Hour’/ Animal Care & Management program and about any of our School Values. I look forward to the year ahead as I join together with all the staff in your child’s education and personal development. I hope that you all enjoy being a part of our learning community. □ Coral

**Play is the Way**

Play is the Way is a program that we started at the school last year designed for teaching social and emotional learning using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language – behaviour education using wisdom not force. It is suitable for all ages and all students at the school work together in this program. The values that form the basis of the program are:

- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Be brave – participate to progress.
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with.
- Have reasons for the things you say and do.
- It takes great strength to be sensible.

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**Have a go with**

Open rehearsal on musical instruments for the young and the not-so-young. Come and try the Cornet, Tenor Horn, Baritone, Euphonium and Tuba. Also stay to hear the bands play and meet players and parents from both Training and Main bands.

**Open rehearsals held on Tuesday 10th and 17th February.**

At the Morwell Town Common Pavilion, corner of Elgin and Chapel Streets – Morwell.

Starts 7pm – 7:30pm.

Beginner band starts at 7pm. Main Band starts at 7:30pm.

For further info contact Beth Turner (President) on tel: 5134 1873 or Joseph Bonnici (Music Director of Brass Band) on tel: 040 7792 131

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**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation**

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