Wellbeing
Integrity
Self Mastery
Empathy

Yinnar South Primary School Newsletter
13th November 2015

Walk To School
October was Walk To School month. As it’s difficult for our students to actually walk to school, they decided to walk to the Melbourne zoo instead. Coral measured out a 250-metre circuit around the school yard, then combined each student’s total in order to cover the 174-kilometre journey to the zoo, a massive 704 laps. It got to the last school day of October and students were still a few kilometres short of their target. Not only that, but some had yet to obtain their admission fee. In order to participate in the zoo day preps needed to have walked 15 laps, grade 1s and 2s needed 20, and 3s to 6s needed 35 laps. The entry fee was designed to maintain a sense of fairness, so only those who worked hard and sacrificed their own time would attend. On the final day all of the students worked extremely hard to reach their admission total, and by the end of lunch time only one student still had laps to do. The prep student had to walk five laps, or 1.25 kilometres. Upon hearing that only one

Katy’s Chat
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.

When we developed this statement there was much debate about the spelling of the word wholistic. After researching the meaning and etymology of the word, it was decided that we would use wholistic as it is truly representative of the importance of supporting the whole person.

This terms research focus is Wellbeing and it is amazing hearing the students discuss the different components that make up Health and Wellbeing. For such young students to recognise emotional, social and mental health as being as important as physical health is wonderful.

I believe Michael’s article this week reflects how successful our students are in recognising the role they can have in recognising and supporting others strengths and challenges. I was very proud of them.

Calendar of Events

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| Term 1 | 28th January - 24th March |

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person had laps to do, many students decided they wanted to provide support and encouragement so completed the required distance
too. It was amazing to see the solidarity that the students showed and that they are willing to use their strength to make others stronger.

Michael

**Water Bottles**
Please ensure your child has a water bottle, this is extremely important now the hot weather has arrived. Bottles can be refilled throughout the day but should go home regularly for washing.

**Late Arrivals**
Please be on time for school, the start of the day is very important for setting the days learning. Students that arrive after 9.05 must be signed in by their parents at the office.

**Zoo Day**
As per the notice last week, we are having a celebration on the 26th November to mark the equivalent of walking to the Melbourne Zoo, 175.2km.

**Bunnings BBQ**
Don’t forget to put your name down on the B.B.Q roster in the office foyer. This is a great fundraiser for our school.

**Slippers Indoor footwear**
As we have now moved into our new buildings at Yinnar South Primary School, students are required to remove their shoes before entering classrooms. To assist us with this, staff are strongly encouraging students to have a pair of indoor shoes.

Ideal indoor shoes:
- Have firm soles (provide some protection, and are suitable if a child wants to pop to the toilet)
- A good option is Target/Kmart cheap black pull on canvas shoes. ($5.00) These are a great when the weather is hot.
If the students are able to have this style of plain canvas shoe we will be able to decorate them with puff paint or waterproof chalk in art.

**End of Year BBQ**
We will hold our end of year BBQ on 17th December 6-8pm. The school will provide sausages and bread. You are welcome to bring along other meats to cook. We are asking parents to bring a salad or dessert to share. A note will come home closer to the time to confirm catering arrangements. This will be a lovely way to finish off a very busy but productive year.

**Fresh Eggs**
Thanks to the Dunbar-Wier family we have some fresh eggs available for $2.00 per dozen, available at the office. If any one has any egg cartons they would be appreciated.
**Juniors**

In Maths the juniors have been learning about capacity. The students enjoyed using the water play table to explore ideas and language like, full/empty, mls and litres, same/different, volume, beakers, funnels, containers, small/big, wide/thin, more/less, and much more. It was a fun lesson and the writing lesson that followed incorporated some great new words and understandings.

**Please** keep saving your plastic bottles tops, we will be using them early next term. Also save your plastic bottles, soft drink or water not milk bottles. Please ensure that they are all washed and dried. We are also looking for cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls).

Another item we would like are old work boots for projects in the garden.
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