Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY
7th Active After School begun
   Tuesdays & Fridays 3:15-4:30pm
8th Get to know parent/teacher
   interview meetings
   Preps Away
9th Get to know parent/teacher
   interview meetings
10th Breakfast Club starts
13th Gr 1-6 Swimming beings
   Trials for Cluster
14th Student Banking begins
   every Tuesday
15th Preps Away
21st Cluster Swimming Sports
22nd Preps Away
27th School Council AGM
29th Zone Swimming
   Preps Away

PLEASE NOTE:
Tuesday 13th March
Pupil Free Day
Teachers will be doing a
Developmental Curriculum Course

SRC Term 1

P/1 Rosie McQueen
   & Dominik Ciantar

1/2F
  Declan Fulford & Jade Malesa

3/4G
  Jye Aldous & Holly Granter

4/5M
  Johnny Turvey & Jordan Watts

5/6U
  Yasmin Ukosich & Aidan Etherton
A WORD FROM DEB
Welcome back to Yea Primary School for another amazing year. We would like to welcome the following students and their families to our school.

Prep: Ben Papadopoulos, Declan Ingham, Heath Kelly, Riley Frankcombe, Jacob Torpey, Aaron Chuah, Perry Moon, Connor Gibney-Schelfhout, Nellie Warren-Behm, Kiara Cousins Wilberforce, Abby-Mae Dean, Jessica McLeish, Sunday Marsden, Bethany Fulford, Madison Kelly and Jazmine Henwood

Grade 1: Damon Potts
Grade 2: Olivia Johnson
Grade 5: Josh Johnson
Grade 6: Tyffany Potts, Keira and Hayley Lawrence

Staff for 2012
P/1: Sal Phillips
1/2: Louise Fillmore
3/4: Lachlan Grant
4/5/6: Deb Male/Debbie George on Fridays
5/6: Tracey Ukosich
Jo Madden; Art and Phys Ed
Gaye Garlick/ Debbie George: Green Literacy Group
Michelle Dolman Classroom support
Joy Clayton: Reading Recovery
Kylie Fountain: Business Manager
Kylie does not work on Fridays and I teach Grade 4/5/6 until 1pm. We are very lucky to have Natalie Fulford who volunteers in the office and will be here most Fridays. Please come to the new building second last door if you require my support between 9am and 1.00pm, if the office is unattended.

Our teachers are very approachable and are happy to speak with parents at a mutually acceptable time. If you have any concerns or issues, please make contact with your child’s teacher or myself.

School Council Nominations
Thank you to the parents who have nominated for School Council this year. The AGM and first meeting will be held on 27th February at 6pm.

Pupil Free Day
All staff at Yea PS will be working with our Developmental Curriculum mentors from the Kathy Walker Foundation on the 13th March. This is a Pupil Free Day approved by School Council.

Assembly
We have been running an assembly each morning to go over our six school values and look at how they would look in the school and at home. Teachers then follow up with activities in the classroom. It is important that our students and their families know our values and why they are important to ensure our school community is a safe and caring environment.

Get To Know Meetings
You will have received a letter relating to a sharing of information meeting with your child’s teacher on either the 8th or 9th of February from 3.15-5.30pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to discuss your child, their needs, how they learn best and any other information that will support their teacher to understand them from your perspective.

A busy break!
Usually schools are very quiet places over the summer break but not so at this school. Many families have been busy supporting the school with many tasks during January. We are thrilled with the new garden irrigation and garden beds at the front of the school created by Chris Cummins and Amanda Jolly. Amanda has more plants to put in to further enhance the entrance to our school. The Parents and Friends Committee have organised the purchase of the horseshoe pear which is now sitting proudly at the front of the school. Darryl Callander (grandfather of Sophie Stares) is the creator and we are constantly going outside to look at this very clever work. Jane Finlay and Smiley Marsden, Del Callander and David Stares have been a wonderful support attaching the new table tops for the P-2 students, making up IKEA storage units, securing bag storage units to the wall,
sorting out the computer tables and clearing out the front two rooms with Sal and me to enable the painting to begin in early January. The Parents’ Club have also provided the money to have this painting done, so now the entire interior of the original building has been painted. This gives us a wonderful large double room to use for many purposes. Richard Cudmore and John Leary have replaced all the floor boards on the balcony and taken down the damaged trellis which will be replaced with another row of boards. Kay Granter spent many hours cleaning up the existing garden beds, the balcony area and front entry to the school. Beth Turvey has been tending the little beds at the front of the school for many years and has created a lovely colourful display to start our school year. We are so fortunate to have so many families who contribute in various ways to support the school.

the Grade 3/4 room. The food is donated and delivered by Foodbank and we are very grateful for their generosity. If you are interested in being involved with this program please see me. It is very easy and a great way to meet and interact with the students. The time we require a parent helper is from 8.30am to 8.55am on the three days listed above.

Installation of Synthetic Grass
Anyone who has built anything will understand holdups and complications that occur with a building project! Making sure the concrete slab was positioned correctly was important and this meant changes that held up work for a couple of days. Then of course it rained so although we had hoped to have the grass laid by the beginning of term, this was not to be. As a community we are so used to working around a building site this was not a problem and we are now enjoying a lovely playground environment. The Tigerturf Company have been great and very supportive in ensuring that we are happy with the finished product.

Parents & Friends Fund raising for 2012
On the 17th Dec and 28th January the Yea Races was held and the Yea PS BBQ rose over $3000. Thank you to the following parents who gave up their time Anna, Sarah & Mark Rasmussen, Jane Finlay & Smiley Marsden, Ric & Sandra Zipsin, Amanda Jolly, Judy & Brad Watts, Adele Callander and David Stares and also Alex and Lynne from the Bendigo Bank who worked for us on the day.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club will begin this term on Friday 10th February. All students are invited to come and enjoy a piece of toast with Vegemite or honey and some fruit from 8.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Grade 3/4 room. The food is donated and delivered by Foodbank and we are very grateful for their generosity. If you are interested in being involved with this program please see me. It is very easy and a great way to meet and interact with the students. The time we require a parent helper is from 8.30am to 8.55am on the three days listed above.

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AASC
Terry, Deb and Leigh Redding have already started this program as we wanted to use the pool as much as possible. The program runs for seven weeks on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3.15 – 4.30pm. Afternoon tea is provided and the program is a federally funded free session for all those who attend. There are many families that have registered and this gives them the option all year to attend if required. Parents are asked to collect their children from the pool.

With thanks
Debbie George
Family Finance Statements
Financial Statements were sent home at the end of the holidays. Thank you to all families who have paid these fees so promptly. As the school has already paid for our 2012 student stationery it would be appreciated if this account is settle by the end of term 1. If you require another statement please contact Kylie in the office.

P/1/2 Art Smocks
All Prep/One/Twos need an art smock (named and preferably with sleeves) and a named library bag.
Thanks
Sal and Lou

Opening accounts for CBA
School Banking – great news!
School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking.

Take in identification for you and your child (such as driver’s license and birth certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot – it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open the account online as well!

From January 2012 when children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

School Banking is every Tuesday!
See Kylie for further details.

Can you claim the EMA?
Education Maintenance Allowance
To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must:
• Be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary student up to the age of sixteen; and
• Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; and
• Submit your application to the school by the 29th February.

An application form is contained in this newsletter. All forms must include a copy of your Health Care or Pension Card which must be returned to school no later than 29th February.

If you were eligible and applied for the Prep School Start Bonus then you do not need to reapply for the EMA.

Are you able to receive money from the Government for driving your child to school? Unsure? Please read the attached Conveyance Allowance application contained in this Newsletter.
Applications for Conveyance Allowance are due into the office by Monday 5th March. No late applications will be excepted.
For further enquiries, please contact Kylie.

Billanook College is currently accepting Academic Scholarship Applications from children in Grade 6, for Year 7, 2013.
Year 7, 2013 Academic Scholarship Exam Saturday 25 February
Closing Date for Applications: Thursday 16 February
www.billanook.vic.edu.au
Regards,
Georgie Bennett
Public Relations & Marketing Manager

Private Piano & Keyboard Tuition
at Yea Primary School
Offered by qualified and experienced teacher, Michele Willey to any interested student in 2012.
Catering for;
Beginners to advanced
All styles from Classical to Modern
Preparation for AMEB exams
Music theory to 5th grade
$26 per half hour.
Contact school for further details or phone Michele on 5797 2804 or 0429 942 292.
School Musical—Feedback

Following 2011 Musical we had some great feedback about the night; we also had some feedback that made us thoughtful about whether parents understood the process we go through to produce the show. So I would like to explain what happens and give you a chance to send in your feedback.

Grade 6 students are invited to apply in writing to be part of a script writing team at the end of Term 2, 4 students were chosen in 2011 (4 applied). Together we write a script in Sal's Time Release from the classroom. Auditions occur at the start of Term 3 (in July) and Grade 6s are given priority. If there isn’t enough enthusiasm or the numbers the Grade 5s are invited to be part of the show.

Each Grade 6 student determines how big a part they wish to play, i.e. how many lines they have. Usually if they want more lines and they are coping, a bigger part is written for them. Some choose not to be on stage or to have a non-speaking part. They are required to attend rehearsals twice a week during lunchtime from Term 3 onwards.

Footsteps dance lessons start in Term 3 – all students Prep-Six participate. Four dances for the show are chosen from these. In 2011 we invited Michelle Moon to play pipes for another dance that P/1/2s did. Louise and Michelle choreographed that dance. Teachers take on a dance and are responsible for rehearsing their group.

Grade 6 students have input into the script, parts, costumes, props, music and the dance they participate in. In 2011 other students approached Sal with a view to performing with a dance, act or song. All extras are encouraged but are still required to audition. We encourage students who are learning other Arts genres outside of the school to audition.

Please send in your feedback about how we could improve our musical.

Thanks Sal

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MUSICAL FEEDBACK

PLEASE HAND TO KYLIE OR SAL BY MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Name: _________________________________

What do you like about our School Musical night? _______________________________________

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What could we change or do better? ______________________________________________

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Other thoughts? _____________________________________________________________

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Can you **help** out in the **Prep/One** classroom? Are you able to come and hear Magic words, help out with **Investigations**, **Numeracy** or **Reading** groups. Please fill in a time below if you can.

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