Students of the Week

P/1 Heath Kelly
for being a well mannered, cheerful and helpful class member.

1/2F Matthew Luke
for showing integrity by returning money he found on the train to Melbourne.

2/3/4G Lulu Moon
for completing some excellent writing in literacy.

4/5/6M Ryan Lucas
for a beautifully written report about the Wild Action Zoo.

5/6U Terry Vlamis
for stepping in at short notice to tell part of a story to a very large audience at the Boite Choir Performance. He spoke clearly and confidently. Well done Terry!
Our School Values
Respect, Empathy, Collaboration, Creativity, Integrity, Persistence

A word from Debbie

Prep (Foundation) 2013 Information Meeting
The parents attending this session were met by our school leaders Nicky, Terry, Becky and Michael and shown to Sal’s room. It is always lovely to share with new families what is available at our school and how our six school values underpin all our teaching and support for students. Thank you to Sal for organising the night and Tracey Ukosich, Terry Redding, Louise Fillmore, Michelle Mussett, Judy Watts and Joy Clayton for their contributions and information regarding programs and life at Yea PS.

Developmental Curriculum
All four year old kinder children have been invited to attend two Developmental Curriculum sessions. This gives potential 2013 prep (foundation) students and their families the opportunity to experience how this philosophy supports their educational and social learning. The first is this Thursday 23rd August at 2.15 – 3.15, followed by a session at the same time on the 20th September.

Enrolments for 2013
Enrolment packs for 2013 are available at the office for new families and existing families who have Prep (Foundation) students for 2013. I will be looking at class combinations for 2013 in Term 4.

Boite
Miss Fillmore and Mrs U were very proud of our students who participated in Boite last week. The following parents Michelle Mussett, Katherine Johnson, Meagan McLeish, Sue Hall and Judy and Brad Watts helped at the performance and also kept our students safe on the V/Line trip and travel between Southern Cross and Flinders Street stations. Could parents who took photos or videos during the day please get a copy to the school. The cost for the train travel on the day was $4 and there are many families who owe this money. Terry Vlamis and Michael Cudmore presented a slide show of the day at assembly on Monday, well done boys.

Sausage Sizzle
Richard and Zak Firman with some helpers including Ethan Aldous will be selling sausages this Saturday at 8.30am – 2pm. The stall will be in front of the Yea Butcher in High Street Yea. Sports equipment will be bought with the proceeds and the boys are keen to see everyone eating sausages!

Literacy/Numeracy Week
All our classrooms will be expecting parents and friends to visit from 9.30am – 1.30pm on Tuesday 28th August to celebrate literacy and numeracy week. Many parents who attend classes during this time comment on how they enjoy observing their children at work. The students are always happy to see their families at school.

Grade Prep/1/2 Camp
Everyone is getting very excited as the Jungai Camp for all grade Prep/1/2 students is on the 30th and 31st August. It is essential that families have paid for the camp before we leave. This camp is a wonderful experience for the students and there is a lot of class work before and after the camp that ensures all students can share their thoughts and experiences. Sal puts a lot of effort into ensuring the camp includes social and educational activities.

Parent Opinion Surveys
Thank you to all the families that took the time to complete the Parent Opinion Surveys. We appreciate your input and once the DEECD has compiled the information your anonymous comments and suggestions will be discussed with staff and School Council. I encourage parents to bring any concerns or issues to my attention and very much appreciate the individuals who have done this. I would be disappointed if any concerns were not brought to my attention when they occur.

With thanks
Debbie George
Yea Primary School understands that sometimes absences from school are unavoidable, be it illness, family business or other reasons. However, in these circumstances we ask that parents please:

1. At your earliest convenience give us a call to let us know what is going on.

AND/OR

2. Send in a note from the Yellow notepad explaining the absence the next day of attendance.

Thankyou all so much for the cooperation and patience during the implementation of this new program. Caitlyn will only be calling you if we have not received notice of the absence.

*Yellow Absence Pads are available from the Front Office.

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Yea Primary School

is now taking enrolments for 2013. Our kinder to prep transition program will begin this term however we invite families to arrange a time to tour our new school.
Goulburn Fish Festival

Friday August 31st & Saturday September 1st
5.30 pm - 9.30 pm 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Free activities for the whole family at the Eildon Community Centre.
- celebrate trout season opening
- guided tour of the Snobs Creek Fish Hatchery
- fishing expo and presentations
- talk and learn about fishing the region
- showcase of local produce
- face painting, jumping castle and fishing activities
- prizes and giveaways
- catering available.

For more information visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing

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Yesterday Chris from Wild Action Zoo came to visit us. He had amazing animals for us to pat, hold and watch. It was very entertaining, interesting and memorable.

The first animal we saw was called Bumpy Stumpy. He had bumps on his back made of keratin. He had a tale that looked like his head to confuse his prey, it confused me too. He also has a tail that is like a lunch box because he stores his food in it that means he doesn’t eat for six months.

Next he brought in a beautiful lizard called Spencer. He is an arboreal creature and can run at 60 kms an hour. He is a carnivore and he has big claws to climb trees and other things too. Spencer had a long tail, he is from the desert. He had terrible breath too.

Then in came an appealing turtle called Terrence. He is an eastern long neck turtle and he has a shell like Bumpy Stumpy’s back. It was made out of keratin too. He can flip himself on to his feet using his head when he’s stuck on his back. Speaking of feet he can swim well because they are webbed.

After that a scary looking python came out of the box. Its name was Olive and Chris takes it down to the supermarket with him. Olive has just been named the most dangerous snake in the world because he can take down a male wallaby going at full speed. Amazing enough it also has enough venom to kill fifteen fully grown men.

Finally... a horrendous salt water croc called Rex came. He had sixty razor sharp teeth in his mouth which can rip off one of your arms. Thankfully it had its jaw taped up so it wouldn’t bite anyone. It was only a baby but it was still humungous. Chris and Angus held it. So we had to be quiet or it would wiggle and it’s hard to hold.

Overall I had a fantastic day. I hope Chris will return again sometime.

By Ryan Lucas
Yesterday Chris from Wild Action Zoo came to our school. I was so excited. Chris told us his three simple rules, his first rule was cross your legs and his second rule was listen and his last rule was to shut your mouth. First he brought Bumpy Stumpy. His tail looked like his head so predators would get confused and bite his tail. He was also very flexible. I also learned that Bumpy Stumpy’s skin is made of keratin that is what nail and hair are made of. His food goes to his tail and he doesn’t need to eat for six months. After that he brought Spencer the lizard. Chris told us he is a carnivore and can run 65 km/h and has sharp nails to climb trees. He was also longer than Bumpy Stumpy. Spencer was very cool. Then he brought Terrence the long neck east turtle. His shell was made of keratin, he had a sharp nail to dig and he was very cute. Also if he got on his back he could get back up too. He was very smart too. One of my favourites was the python, I was scared of the python. When I was holding it I started to cry and laugh at the same time. Lots of people were laughing but I had fun and then I held a different python. I held the head it was so much fun and I wasn’t scared. He was so big and Chris takes his python to the shop. It was so cool! I hope that Chris would come again.

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