Dates to Remember

12th Zone Athletics
17th Summer Sports (Years 3-6)
P/1 Rosebank Visit
Ride to School Day
19th Kinder Transition Day
Loud Shirt Day—supporting the hearing impaired.
23rd Prep Nurse Visit

Visitor Tim Whitford spoke to students about the Vietnam War on Tuesday 9th October.

Tim showing Dylan Butler some Australian Soldier’s attire and demonstrating his metal detector at recess.

SRC Representatives

P/1:
Ben Papadopoulos and Jasmine Henwood

1/2F:
Hayden Marks and Olivia Johnson

2/3/4G:
Nicholas Gilbee and Lulu Moon

4/5/6M:
Jayden Peacock-White and Bianca Longstaff

5/6U:
Josh Donnelly and Lillian Moon


**A word from Debbie**

Our staff trip to China in the holidays was wonderful! We have learnt so much about the traditions and beliefs of the Chinese people from our experiences and also our three guides were so informative. We visited Liyang Foreign Language School which was a four hour bus ride from Shanghai. This school has 1900 primary students who welcomed our group of sixteen with warmth and excitement.

Enjoying lunch in the canteen and talking to the students was amazing; the school provides lunch each day for every student and the one hundred and fifty teachers! Luckily by then we had mastered the use of chopsticks but the students still insisted on getting spoons for some of our group! We spent time with many students in class who were keen to ask us questions about Australia and we had many questions to ask them. Our teachers had time to discuss educational issues with the ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers. Through this discussion we have established a joint consensus that we will have on going contact for the growth of understanding of our teachers and students. Yujuan Chuah arranged this visit for us through her contacts at this school. We thank her very much for her efforts on our behalf and for organising her niece Lulu and friend Emily to meet us after the school visit and take us to a beautiful lake where we were given a surprise boat trip.

**Thank you**

Brad, Judy, Jordan and Nikki Watts spent time in the holidays replacing the railing along the balcony of the original school building. It looks fabulous and we are very grateful for the time this family has given to the school.

**Zone Athletics**

The following students will be representing the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 12th October at Meadow Glen Athletics Track in Epping. We wish them every success.

Hayley Lawrence: 12/13 years high jump, 200m and relay
Harriet Rasmussen: 9/10 years long jump
Nikki Watts and Xavier Jolly: 12/13 years shot put
Lily Marsden: 12/13 years 100m and relay
Sophie Stares and Bridget Rasmussen: 12/13 years relay
Ryan Lucas: 9/10 years 100m

**Summer Sports**

All Grade 3-6 students will be participating in Summer Sports activities on Wednesday 17th October. Please make sure your children are wearing appropriate footwear. All parents and friends are invited to attend and enjoy the day with their children.

**Visiting Speaker**

Tim Whitford from the Education Unit of The Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne spoke to all students in grades 2-6 on Tuesday. As we are studying Asia Tim spoke about the Vietnam War and was able to share with the students how conscription was set up and discussed with them a broad outline of the conflict. Tim had all students totally engaged. He commented that our students are a breath of fresh air as they asked interesting questions and participated so enthusiastically during the session.

**Footsteps**

Bron took our last dancing session on Tuesday. The dances learnt will be showcased in the end of year production. Sal is working weekly with the senior students who have the main parts in the play that has been written by a team of students and Sal. What a huge job! The students choose how involved they want to be and tried out for the various parts last term.

With Thanks
Debbie George

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**E.L.F Day**

*is coming!*

**Thursday October 25th**

Come dressed up as your favourite book character.
Just in time for Christmas, the YEA Camera Club is offering the residents of Yea and districts the opportunity to book in and have family portraits taken. On the weekend of **17th and 18th November 2012**, a temporary studio will be set up at Station 7 on Station Street, in Yea.

Our Camera Club members will take your photos with our own cameras, then the images will be downloaded onto a disc for you to take away with you and do as you please. You can go through the images at your leisure and pick that special shot for grandparents or for your family Christmas card. You only print the ones you want. You get to keep the photos that are on the disc.

We will have 2 studios set up and one includes an outdoor setting. There will be a Providence Valley Alpaca available (thanks to Ian Findley), if you would like to have a photo of the kids with an Alpaca. If you want to bring props that is fine, but please no pets. We have all the lighting and backdrops required, all we need are subjects.

If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity, the details are below.

**BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL.**

**DATE:** Saturday and Sunday 17th and 18th November 2012  
**TIME:** as per you booking  
**LOCATION:** Station 7 Ice Cream Shop, 7 Station Street Yea  
**CONTACT:** Ann on 5797 3121 to get your time slot  
**DETAILS:** Wear your best clothes, or a costume, or your favourite hat, or bring Teddy.  
**COST:** $20 for a disc with around 20 images downloaded

The options are as limited as your imagination, if you have a local team or troop you would like photographed in their uniforms, or a special group of friends who would like a group shot. Maybe you want to surprise a boyfriend or girlfriend with a special photo. You choose your outfits, costumes, make-up and hair styles before you arrive, the come along and we’ll take your photos.

Not only will you be supporting a local community group, you will come away with some great photos, you can cherish and share with family and friends. Remember, bookings are essential, so book early to get your preferred day and time. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Murrindindi Little Athletics Club Registration Day**

*Murrindindi Little Athletics Club invites all children and parents to attend the registration day for the 2012/2013 season.*

This will be held at Leckie Park in Alexandra on Saturday 13th October at 9.00 am. Parents can complete registration while their kids enjoy some fun games and activities.

**Little Athletics** is a great way for our kids to stay healthy and be a part of an inclusive, encouraging club.

We meet at Leckie Park on Saturday mornings at 9.00 am throughout Spring and Summer, holidays excluded.

For further information, please contact Lisa Harding on 0419 519 900.
**Skipping Team**

The State Skipping Competition is only a month away on Friday 16th November. Students in the team need to be skipping regularly at home to help build up their stamina. Students wishing to participate in solo, partner or triple routines need to have their music chosen and some of their routine ready to show me by next Friday 19th October. I will be deciding who is going to be in each category based on the quality of their routine so far.

Good luck!
Miss Fillmore

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**Spare Clothes**

The latest spate of wet weather has exhausted our supply of spare **socks**, **undies** and school **pants**. If you have any to spare please send them along to the Prep/One room.

If your child has come home in spare clothes please wash and return to school.

Thank you
Sal

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**IT’S FREE!**

**Beginning Soon**

Every Tuesday and Thursday

**Active After School Care**

3:15pm-4:30pm

Snacks & and drinks provided

Lots of new & interesting activities organised such as archery, circus skills and ball games.

Come & have fun with Terry & Debbie

Application forms available in the office.

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**National Ride to School Day**

Next Wednesday 17th October it is Ride to School Day. Students are encouraged to participate in an active method of getting to school.

On the day students can meet at the rotunda behind the Yea Pool and ride, skate, scoot or walk to school from there.

There will be staff members there to ensure that your child gets to school safely and available parents are encouraged to join in the fun too. The group will be leaving the rotunda at 8.30am sharp. If you would like to help out or participate on the day please let Miss Fillmore know.

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**Unexplained Absences**

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.

Thank you 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.*