Dates to Remember

November
22nd Active After School Care
23rd Kinder Transition 9-1pm
27th Active After School Care
   Tennis with Rachel
29th Active After School Care
30th Pupil Free Day- Report Writing

December
3rd School Captain speeches
4th Active After School Care
5th Rosebank Visit Grades 1/2
6th Active After School Care
   Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

Students of the Week

P/1 Connor Gibney-Schelfhout
for making good choices in our classroom.

1/2F James Cudmore
For making great choices to continue his learning.

2/3/4G James Dunn
for being a mature and organised camper.

4/5/6M Ethan Aldous
for confidently making a thankyou speech to guest speaker on camp.

5/6U Yasmin Ukosich
for being a responsible bus traveller and leader.

Values Award

Michael Cudmore and Terry Vlamis:
for showing respect and representing YPS at the Remembrance Day Service

Sports Award

Rosie McQueen:
for being a great team leader and encouraging her opposing captain.
Our School Values
Respect, Empathy, Collaboration, Creativity, Integrity, Persistence

A word from Debbie

Yea PS will be closed on Friday 30th November as teachers will be preparing reports for all students. The recent AEU bans have stipulated that teachers are not required to write the usual report that is put together in time outside the stipulated working hours of teachers. Many teachers in government schools are refusing to put together any written comments for parents. We will not be following this lead but the written comment for the December Report 2012 will be much reduced, however parents will be given information as to what their child has achieved this semester.

Grade 3/4 camp - Phillip Island
It was an absolute pleasure to take this group of students on camp for three days, they were wonderful campers. We enjoyed spending time with four students and Meagan from Highlands PS and as always all the students enjoyed each other’s company. The weather was superb, sunny and no wind which is apparently quite unusual for Phillip Island. We learnt many new things and had a lot of fun. Thank you Mr Grant for your organisation of this camp.

Reminder
It is important that if a student is collected early from school or arrives late that the information is recorded in the folder on the bench in the office. Also if you have a concern or issue to discuss, a mutually convenient time with myself or the student’s classroom teacher will be arranged. The teachers at this school are always very happy to discuss and share information with families.

Race Meeting 17th November
Thank you to all the parents who provided food and worked at the races last Saturday. There is a report outlining this event in more detail in this newsletter. We are very grateful for your efforts and support. The next race meeting is on the 16th December, if you can help please contact the school.

Chinese Principals Visit
On Wednesday 21st November fifteen principals from China will be visiting Yea HS and our school. John O’Meara and I look forward to sharing information with them throughout the day. Our students will all be singing “Different People” and the skipping team will demonstrate their skills. Linny Cudmore and Anna Rasmussen have helped me get organised to host the lunch, thank you very much!

School Nurse
Jenny Banks our school nurse will be talking with the Grade 5/6 students regarding personal development on Thursday 22nd November and the 29th.

Transition
Prep students for 2013 will be attending school from 9am to 1pm on Friday 23rd November. These are students who are currently attending the Yea Preschool and new families to our town. We look forward to spending this session with them. The Grade 5 buddies visited the preschool today and will return on the Thursday 29th.

Cricket Clinic
All students will be participating in the cricket clinic on Friday 23rd November. This will be an opportunity to learn new skills and rules of the game.

With Thanks
Debbie George

Mr Grant showcasing his Mini Golf prowess while on camp in Phillip Island.
As the Johnston family will be having Christmas at the Ronald McDonald House whilst Marko’s treatment continues, we have decided to put together a Christmas Hamper that they can enjoy at Christmas. If you would like to contribute please contact Linny Cudmore 0418 544 470. Items can be a small gift for either Paul, Dominik, Jack, Marko or a non-perishable food item, or a donation towards an Intimo (casual day wear) gift voucher for Belinda. Items need to be wrapped with a card or note and donated prior to Friday 7th December.

Thankyou

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**YEA WATER TIGERS 2012/2013**

Training starts Mon 26th November 2012
6 - 7 pm

Please do not arrive at the pool any earlier than 5:45pm or you will be required to pay entry. (Unless you have a seasons pass).

I need registration forms before the first night of training. Swimmers MUST be registered with Swimming Victoria before they can enter the pool!!

There will be a break for Christmas from Thursday 20th December 2012 until Monday 7th January 2013

Reminders also, that training has started on Friday nights at the Seymour pool @ 6:15pm. If you have any queries please ring Jacky on 0437 354 037

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**Active After School Care IS NOW FULL!**

All available places have been filled for this term.

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**Lost!!**

One POKEMON tin full of cards. Owned for only 2 weeks! Purchased using all saved up pocket money.
One unhappy boy!
Contact Natalie
0429615387/57973015

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**School Uniform Shop**

Open every Thursday

**TIMES**
8:50am—9:10am
3:10pm—3:30pm
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Yea Races

On the weekend P & F catered at the Yea Races. This is the 4th year that we have run the BBQ area but the first one for the clubhouse catering. Conditions were perfect for a day of racing with a large crowd in attendance. Thank you to Leisl & Mark, Don Ali & Jo, Adele Callander & David Stares, Jude & Brad & Jordan Watts, Jane Finlay and Mark & Sarah Rasmussen for working in the BBQ area. We sold out of food before the last race which is a first in about 8 years that I have been involved in the races. Our profit from the BBQ area is a huge $1900 with drinks being the only things left to sell next races on the 16th December.

The club house catering consisted of supplying official's meals, platters for jockeys and Devonshire teas. Thank you to Amanda for co-ordinating this area. Her helpers were Helen Jolly (Amanda’s mum & scone guru!), Xavier Jolly, Lorraine Finlay (Jane F mum – & best corned beef ever!), Jenna King & Jane Marks. A great team effort for the first time we have catered for this area. Profit from inside is approximately $700.

We have another race meet on the 16th December and would love to have anyone who is available come and help out even for a couple of hours or prepare food and deliver it to the race course. You don’t have to commit to the whole day. People who have not helped out before this weekend asked “when was the next one” as they left. It’s a great social day for parents to meet other school parents especially if they don’t normally get to school during the week. It’s also very worthwhile as it’s our children and school who benefit.

We have had a very busy November with the market ($1000), Remembrance Day ($300) and the 1st of three race meets ($2600). We have our Christmas hamper raffle to start collecting for so please send in donations to your class. Class with the most items wins a prize. Thanks everyone who has assisted in any way.

Anna Rasmussen.

CRE Christmas Celebration

The CRE teachers are planning a special Christmas Celebration for all CRE students. It will be held on Wednesday 5th December at 11.30am in the multi-purpose room.

Parents are welcome to join the students and teachers in celebrating the Christian message of Christmas. The format follows the approved CRE program and lasts for only half an hour.

This year, we would like the students to bring along a non-perishable food item (perhaps with a Christmas theme), that they will give as a gift to those less fortunate via a local charity.

Looking forward to seeing you for a special get together for Christmas.

From the Yea Primary CRE teachers.

CAR BOOT SALE

Where: Murrindindi /Woodbourne Community Hub.
815 Murrindindi Road, Murrindindi

When: 25th November, 2012

Time: 9am-3pm

Many Stalls. You will find a bargain!

The local CFA are also hosting a community day.

We hope that you can come along!
Yea PS Musical

“Alice Versus the Red Queen”

This year our musical is called *Alice Versus the Red Queen*, it will be performed in Seymour Performing Arts Centre as the Yea Hire Hall is still being renovated. All Preps/Ones/Twos are involved; they will be in two dances. All students are involved, either in a dance, chorus or as a main character.

We have been rehearsing since last term and the students are starting to get excited about the performance on **Tuesday 18th December at 7pm**. All students need to be at the theatre by 6:30, they will be given their costumes to wear and need to have a change of shirt to wear home.

**Tickets go on sale on Tuesday 4th December at 8am** and then before and after school until sold out. They are $12 each for adults and $8 for students, we need to charge for tickets as we pay for the hire of the facility, lights, mics, costumes and buses to get students there for rehearsals. Seats are numbered so the front rows sell fast. This year, however all seats have a good view, so don’t panic but we generally don’t sell seats on the night. After the show we have our 2012 presentations to students, so the night generally finishes around 9:30pm. Please put this date in your diary as we hope to see all families represented!

Thanks Sal
Friday Night

SOCIAL MIXED NETBALL

All Welcome

Where: Yea Recreation Reserve

When: 5-6pm, 14yr old and under 6pm onwards, everyone else

Cost: Gold Coin
Yea Community House presents...

FESTIVE PHOTOS WITH SANTA

A fundraiser for the Yea Community House

Would you like a photo with Santa for 2012? Santa (and full Christmas props) will be visiting the Community House. Come along with your own camera and get some lovely festive photos with your children, family or pets! Santa is a fully qualified professional! A photographer from the Yea Camera Club will be there to help out on the day!

When? 1st December 2012 @ 11am—1pm

What to bring? Your camera & a big smile!

Enquiries and RSVPs? 5797 3070 / info@yeahouse.org.au
Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Office to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Near the Library, The Semi Circle

YEA

Wednesday, 5 December 2012

9:00 am - 4:30 pm
The Australian Government is introducing an easy, upfront cash payment to help families with the costs of education.

Starting from 1 January 2013, the Schoolkids Bonus will help eligible Australian families and students with kids at school pay for expenses such as:

- uniforms
- books
- school excursions
- school fees
- stationery
- music lessons
- sports registration fees.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return – and you get the full amount upfront so you have the money on hand when you need it most.

This brochure explains who is eligible, how much you will receive, and how you get it.

Am I eligible?

You will receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a student in primary or secondary school, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit A
- Youth Allowance (student)
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment*
- Parenting Payment*
- Special Benefit*
- Education allowances under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus.

* Pending the passing of legislation through Parliament
How much will I receive?

From January 2013, you will be paid the Schoolkids Bonus in January and July.

Each year, eligible families will receive:
- $410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205) and
- $820 for each child in high school (paid in two instalments of $410).

If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A, you will also receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.

Each year, eligible individuals will receive:
- $410 if they are in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205) or
- $820 if they are in high school (paid in two instalments of $410).

How do I get it?

It's easy – you don't have to fill out any forms, keep receipts, or claim the Schoolkids Bonus in your tax return.

You just need to let Centrelink know when you or your child starts primary school to start receiving the payment and when you or your child changes from primary to secondary school to start receiving the secondary school payment.

You'll also need to let Centrelink know when you or your child is finishing secondary school to receive the final secondary school payment.

When will I get it?

The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid into the bank accounts of eligible families with kids in school and eligible students every January and July.

If you claim Family Tax Benefit as a lump sum at the end of the financial year, you will receive the Schoolkids Bonus automatically then.

More information

Website
humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Phone
13 6150*

* Call charges may vary depending on the telephone service provider. Calls from public telephones and mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate.