**Students of the Week**

**P/1 Perry Moon and Riley Frankcombe**
for fantastic swimming and demonstrating swimming skills.

**1/2F Sam King**
For sharing his knowledge of 3D shapes with the class confidently.

**2/3/4G Melina Zipsin**
for working productively on her research project.

**4/5/6M Jaylin Bulbeck**
for being organised and having his homework in before going on holidays.

**5/6U Chelsea McLeish**
for showing resilience and calm when faced with a really disappointing situation.

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**Dates to Remember**

**November**
- 29th Active After School Care
  - Buddies to kinder
- 30th Pupil Free Day - Report Writing

**December**
- 3rd School Captain speeches
- 4th Production tickets go on sale
- Active After School Care
- 5th Rosebank Visit Grades 1/2
- 6th Active After School Care
  - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
- 11th Whole School Transition
- Active After School Care
- 13th School Council Meeting and Dinner
- Active After School Care
- 18th School Musical at Seymour
  - Performing Arts Centre

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**Values Award**

Sophie Appleyard:
For taking great care of her buddy.

**Sports Award**

Jessica McLeish:
for making great progress in swimming last week.
Word from Debbie

Bendigo Bank
Amanda Jolly and I attended the Bendigo Bank Presentation evening on Wednesday 21st November. We were very happy to receive $1000 which will be used to establish our new vegetable garden area. Thank you to this community bank that has provided many groups with money towards many varied projects. The bank also gives us weekly values award winner a $10 voucher to begin an account or add to their existing account.

Congratulations
Kylie Fountain has just completed her Diploma of Management which is a wonderful achievement. The group Kylie worked with elected to complete the course in six months rather than twelve months. I look forward to attending her Graduation Ceremony on the 14th December.

Yea Show
Many families will have seen the students’ work displayed at the Yea Show last weekend. Mrs Madden had collected a lot of art work and teachers added to the display which looked fantastic. Thank you to the teachers who spent time last Friday setting up our display.

The Mens’ Shed
There was great excitement last week when the cubby house built by many hands at the Mens’ Shed was delivered. Jane Marks, Amanda Jolly, Chris Cummins and David Lucas were on hand to prepare the area and get the cubby in place. It was a great team effort and we thank all those involved.

School Production
Sal and Miss Fillmore took the older students who have speaking roles in the production to Seymour on Tuesday to practise at the venue at Seymour College. Directing this year’s production has been so much more difficult for Sal as the Yea Hall is not available and therefore the practice times at the venue will be limited.

Shadow Day students
Our school is always happy to support the students from Yea HS and this week we have had Allyson, Emma and Connor shadowing teachers. They were all very helpful and we wish them well in their studies.

Speeches for school leaders 2013
On December 3rd students in Grade 5 will be presenting speeches for school leadership in 2013 to their peers and families. This will be held in our multi-purpose room at 2.15pm.

Grades for 2013
I am currently looking at grades for 2013. It would be helpful if you could inform the school if your child/ren will not be attending Yea PS in 2013.

CRE 2013
All students were given a note regarding CRE for 2013. We need to know if your child/ren will be participating in CRE sessions. Please complete this form so Joy Clayton can order the appropriate amount of books.

With Thanks
Debbie George

Some Prep and Grade One Students enjoying the new Cubby House generously crafted by the Yea Men’s Shed. We thank all involved for their time and effort.
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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**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.

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**Active After School Care**

**IS NOW FULL!**

All available places have been filled for this term.

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**Musical Sewing Day**

Can you come along and lend a hand to sew costumes on Thursday 6th December?

Time: 9am-3:15pm

Come along to the Multi-Purpose Room and see Sal for a job.

Thanks, Sal.
SPECIAL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS FOR PREP 2013 ON TRANSITION DAY

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

The uniform store will be open for Prep 2013 students on Tuesday 11th December at the following times:
8:45am-9:30am, and 3pm-3:30pm

School Uniform Shop
Open every Thursday

TIMES
8:50am—9:10am
3:10pm—3:30pm

VIC SWIM SUMMER KIDS
January 2013 Program

The VICSWIM Summer KIDS program will be held in the local area during the following dates:

1. Monday 7th Jan–Friday 11th Jan 2013
2. Monday 14th Jan–Friday 18th Jan 2013

More information about this program and how you can get your child involved can be found at the Front Office.

BANK SOME MONEY AND YOU COULD BANK YOURSELF AN iPAD MINI.

Simply making a deposit through School Banking will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPAD Mini’s valued at $369 each for Christmas*. 

Here’s how it works -

• Make a deposit into your CommBank Youth saver account at school any time between November 19 – December 14 2012.
• Every student that makes a deposit during the competition period will go into a draw to win one (1) of twelve (12) iPAD Mini’s (16GB with wi-fi).
• For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.

Start saving more today and you can be a winner!
Year 5 Buddy visit to Yea Kinder

Last Wednesday, 21st November, Grade 5 Students made their way down to Yea Kinder to spend some time with their future buddies.

Prep Swimming Program

Our little swimmers have been having a fantastic time learning new skills and gaining confidence in the water.

Future Olympians in the making!
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
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 (a Full Christmas prop) 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: 5799 3070 / info@yea.house.org.au

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Flowerdale Junior Youth Group

November-December 2012
Ages 5-14 years

Contact: Tamara & Rod Hubert, Youth Group Leaders 4648 333 963

Flowerdale Junior Youth Group will be helping at the Flowerdale Kindergarten Twilight Market with BBQ and wrapping of xmas gifts on 6th December 6-9pm so why not come and support the local groups.

Flowerdale Community House

Phone: 03 5097 2320
Fax: 03 5097 2900
Email: info@yea.house.org.au
Website: www.ysm.vic.gov.au/yea/home.html
Location: 68 Yea Street East, Yea, Victoria, 3717
Web: PO Box 14, Yea, Victoria, 3717

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Australian Government Mobile Offices

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

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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
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:
The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013 and added to the EMA. As a result, parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, schools will no longer receive EMA payments on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school 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 temporary foster parent.

* I.e. – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

The EMA application form must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2013.

Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

You can receive the EMA by direct deposit into your nominated bank account or by individual cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application.