Dates to Remember

**December**
- 6th: Active After School Care
- 11th: Whole School Transition
- 13th: School Council Meeting and Dinner
- 18th: School Musical at Seymour Performing Arts Centre
- 19th: Rosebank visit 2/3/4
- 21st: End of Term

Students of the Week

**P/1 Jess McLeish**
for swimming under water.

**Sunday Marsden**
for great swimming and swimming demos.

**1/2F Olivia Johnson**
For taking on extra responsibilities without being asked to.

**2/3/4G Coen Marks**
for working hard to understand decimal hundredths.

**4/5/6M Teagan Britton**
for working superbly with her prep buddy for next year.

**5/6U Michael Cudmore**
for giving an inspiring speech to prospective school captains.
Award from Debbie

For the first time in three years there will be a staffing change at Yea PS. We are very disappointed that Lachlan Grant will not be with us in 2013. Lachy came to Yea as a graduate teacher and has taught all students in the last three years with care and a determination to ensure that they all achieved success in their learning. He will be missed in our school community and the wider Yea community of which he has been an active member. We all wish Lachy every success and happiness in the future.

School Leaders 2013

Every year the Grade 5 speeches for school leadership are fantastic. The students capture their own personalities and are able to express very clearly what they feel they could offer the students as their school leaders. This year nine girls and four boys had put a lot of effort into their speeches and I would like to congratulate them all. The school leaders for 2013 will be announced at the school production at the Performing Arts Centre in Seymour on the 18th December.

School Production - Alice Versus the Red Queen

Sal has been practising with the main characters for many weeks and many costumes are beginning to appear in the staff room. This year’s production has been much more complex to direct for Sal as we cannot use the Yea Hall and therefore have to travel to Seymour for practises. It is expensive, therefore practises in the venue are limited. It will be a wonderful night as the venue is designed for performances so the seating is graduated and all seats are great. Tickets went on sale on Tuesday 4th December.

Reports

Due to the news coverage many parents will be aware that the AEU (Australian Education Union) have included in their industrial bans that teachers will not be writing written reports for any students. This is an issue as teachers spend an incredible amount of time outside work hours putting these reports together. At Principal meetings I have attended most schools are complying with this directive. I felt that our parents and students needed some form of information from teachers as well as the VELs dot points. Therefore I gave our teachers additional time release at school so that a condensed written report could be completed within designated work hours. These reports have now been compiled and will be given to students on the 10th December. This gives parents time to make an appointment with teachers if they need to discuss any information the report contains. I thank the teachers for their professionalism in this matter.

Grades 2013

All students were given a note to nominate three students they would be able to work well with in class. It is important that parents have some input into these choices as often friends may not be the people who encourage good working habits. At the moment the possible grade break ups for 2013 will be P/1, 1/2, 2/3, 4/5 and 5/6. Teachers discuss at length which students would work most effectively and cope with the classroom combinations. We take into consideration the student choices and endeavour to make sure they have at least one of their choices. The Grade 2 students in 2/3 would work with the 3-6 Developmental Curriculum program and would attend Green Literacy group with Mrs Garlick and myself.

Graduation Dinner

Mrs U has got all arrangements in place for the Graduation Dinner for all Grade 6 students and their families. This special evening will be held on the 6th December at the Trawool Resort.

State Transition Day

On the 11th December all students at Yea PS will spend this day with their teacher for 2013. The Foundation students will spend their first full day at school and Grade 6 students will all be at their secondary school for 2013. We also look forward to students from new families to our school attending to get to know peers they will be with next year.

School Council

The last School Council meeting for 2012 will be held at Mannafest Café at 6pm on Thursday 13th December. A regular meeting will be followed by dinner. I would like to thank all our school councillors for their commitment to our school and Judy Watts our President for her support.

With Thanks,
Debbie George
Parents and Friends

A reminder to parents to please send in Christmassy items for the Parents and Friends Christmas Hamper. Collection boxes are located in each classroom and the class who donates the most items will be rewarded with a ginger bread house donated by Anna Rassmusen.

It’s not long now until Christmas, so let’s get cracking!

Johnston Family Christmas

Hamper

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

BUDDIES VISIT 28.11.12

Chloe Bennett getting acquainted with her buddy for 2013 Bonnie Aldous.

Conveyance Allowance 2013 Update

After receiving feedback from rural and regional Victoria, the Minister for Education announced in Parliament that the means testing component of the Conveyance Allowance will be removed for 2013. This means that any family regardless of their financial situation can now apply for the Conveyance Allowance in 2013. The Conveyance Allowance is paid to any families who travel 4.8km or more from their home to either their closest bus stop or school. Conveyance Allowance forms will be sent home early in term 1 next year in the school newsletter. If you have any questions regarding eligibility of the Conveyance Allowance please contact the school office.

Thank you Kylie.
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

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. Ph:57972 724
   AND/OR
2. Send in a note from the Yellow notepad explaining the absence the next day of attendance.

Caitlyn will only be calling you if we have not received notice of the absence. Thankyou for your cooperation.

*Yellow Absence Pads are available from the Front Office.

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.

TAKE HOME BOOK COLLECTION

If you still have any school Take-Home books at home could you please send them back to school with your child.

We understand that these books might get mixed up in your own personal collection, however if you could return them it would save the school having to continually replace these books.

Many Thanks
Chinese Principals Visit Yea Primary School

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 Youthsaver 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!
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 are on sale NOW and selling fast!** They are available 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
Can you help?

Costume Making
Sewing
Cutting
Sticking
for the musical

TOMORROW!
Thursday 6th Dec

Make your way to
the Multi-Purpose Room and see Sal for a job!