Dates to Remember

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

**January**
- 30th: First Day of School 2013

Students of the Week

**P/1 Nellie Warren-Behm**
for working hard on her dances for the musical.

**1/2F Daniel McLeish**
For working hard to present his work well and make his writing neat.

**2/3/4G Holly Granter**
for always displaying school values.

**4/5/6M Xavier Jolly**
for taking on a leadership role during grade 6 graduation practise.

**5/6U Amber Reilley**
for settling in so well so late in the year and joining in concert and graduation activities.

Values Award

**Dylan Butler:**
For great dancing.

Sports Award

**Nicholas Gilbee:**
for a positive attitude to all sports activities.
Graduation Dinner 2012
Mrs U’s planning for this special night ensured everything ran well and a great night was enjoyed by all who attended. All grade 6 students celebrated their final year at primary school. The school leaders made speeches outlining the year of 2012 and their thoughts about primary school and secondary school. Darcy Pell who is in Year 7 at Yea HS was the guest speaker and spoke very well about what he thought secondary school would be like and the reality of what really happens!

Production - “Alice and the Red Queen”
Sal had a costume making day on the 6th December for the production. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and are continuing to make and alter various outfits. Sal has sent a note home about the additional bus costs and we are hoping families are able to help us with $10 to help pay for the bus costs to Seymour for the dress rehearsal. Please ensure that your child/ren bring back their note to travel to Seymour for the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 18th December.

Reports
All students have been given an individual report this week. If you would like to discuss anything to do with your child’s teacher please call the school to make a mutually convenient time.

State Transition Day
On Wednesday 12th December all our grade 6 students attended their secondary school for 2013 and the Foundation students enjoyed a lovely day with Sal. All students spent the day in their grades for next year and it was lovely that some of our new families could be with us. We welcomed Mrs Prue Smith who will be teaching Grade 2/3 next year and look forward to working with her in 2013. Thank you to Katherine Johnson who had the uniform shop open for families and many are now organised for next year. The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.40am and after school at 3.15pm weekly. Many families are keen to purchase next year due to sizing, Katherine will be at school on Tuesday 29th January from 1pm to 3pm.

Volunteer Morning Tea
Parents who have supported the school in any way this year will receive an invitation to attend a thank you morning tea on Thursday 20th December at 11am. We look forward to spending this time with our wonderful helpers.

Scholarship Awards
At Yea PS we encourage all students to work hard to achieve personal growth in their learning. In previous years a scholarship award has been given to a student in each grade who has achieved the highest standard in the grade. Our philosophy is to encourage all our students and this award only recognises one area of achievement and not always the student who has worked the hardest. Therefore this award will not be given at the awards presentation after the conclusion of the production on the 18th December.

With Thanks,
Debbie George

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Yellow Absence Pads are available from the Front Office.
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 Rasmussen.

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

REMINDER

THE 2ND YEA RACE MEETING IS THIS SUNDAY, 16TH DECEMBER.
ALL HELPERS PLEASE CONTACT JANE FINLAY OR AMANDA JOLLY IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT TIME YOU ARE NEEDED.

AMANDA: 0400510787
JANE: 0438982001

Conveyance Allowance
Cheques 2012

Cheques have been written for all families eligible to receive the term 3/4 Conveyance Allowance. Can you come to the school office to collect your cheque. Alternatively please contact Kylie to make other pick up arrangements.

Thank you Kylie.

Anglican Parish of Yea

WANTED

Families to come and be a part of:
Christmas Eve Family Service
When: Monday 24th December
At: 6pm
Where: St Luke's Yea
Why: To hear the story of Christmas

This Family oriented service will involve children in the telling of the Christmas story. The more children that are involved, the more enjoyable will be the experience.

Come along and experience the spirit of Christmas before the hustle and bustle of Christmas Day.

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
A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL OUR HELPERS!

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
GRADE 6 GRADUATION!
Yea PS Musical Important Update

“Alice Versus the Red Queen”
All students in Prep/One/Two and those Grade 3-6s in Eye of the Tiger and Heads will Roll will need to bring their costume clothes for photos on Friday!
Girls need black leggings and boys are wearing school shorts.

Tuesday 18th December
Arrangements
All students need to be at the theatre by 6:30pm. Parents can begin taking their seats at 6:45pm. The show starts at 7pm. Students need to wear their leggings/shorts and their own T shirt. Students will need to bring a water bottle.

There will be a DVD of the performance for sale.

Thanks Sal