Students of the Week

P/1 Ben Papadopoulos
for winning and losing graciously with a smile.

1/2F Declan Fulford
for always being organised and ready for learning.

3/4G Heba Blair
for working solidly on all classroom tasks.

4/5/6M Johnny Turvey
for always making strong choices about where he sits during learning times.

5/6U Josh Donnelly
for persisting during Art in order to create a beautiful collage.

Grade 5/6 Buddies
for their enthusiasm and taking care of their buddies.
A word from Debbie

New Families
Stephen Clue (Prep) has settled well into Sal’s grade and we welcome his family to our school community. Laura (Grade 2) and Henry Creed (Grade 5) have returned to Yea PS after living and working on a property north of Broken Hill. This has been an amazing experience for them and they are now enjoying our new school facilities and renewing old friendships.

Swimming
On Wednesday 29th February 13 students will travel to Seymour to compete in the Zone Swimming Competition. They are Lily Marsden, Bridget Rasmussen- Congratulations to Bridget who was the 2nd District Champion at the Cathedral Cluster Swimming Sports on the 21st February, Hayley Lawrence, Sophie Stares, Terry Vlamis, Jayden Peacock White, Michael Cudmore, Becky Hall, Lulu Moon, Suki Marsden, Holly Granter, Harriet Rasmussen and Nikki Watts. It will be a great day and a wonderful experience swimming at this next level. The events will begin at 11.30am and conclude at 2pm.

Annual General Meeting
The AGM for Yea PS was held on Monday 27th February. Judy Watts was elected President and I would like to thank Adele Callander for her wonderful contribution to Yea PS as School Council President since 2010. Anna Rasmussen was elected as Vice President, Deb Male continuing as Secretary and Amanda Jolly was elected as Treasurer. We thank these Office Bearers and for the valuable support of our school councillors Jane Finlay, Richard Cudmore, Tai McQueen, Louise Fillmore, Sal Phillips, Adele Callander and Jane Marks.

School Council Meeting
Our first meeting for 2012 was held on Monday 27th February. Thank you to all our school councillors who braved the weather and were able to attend. The Recognition Ceremony for the building program will be held at 10.30am on May 11th. There will be more information closer to the date.

Discussion was held relating to a joint project with Landcare. The mounds of dirt at the back of the school will be planted up with a range of plants that will follow a theme. Further discussions are to be held regarding the types of plants. Students will be involved with researching plants, gaining an understanding of the plants and being involved in the planting and mulching of the area. This will be an interesting project for us all. The $50,000 solar grant has been approved and money received. We are just waiting on the provider to arrive and install on our north facing roof of the main building. The Grade 5/6 camp to Allambee was approved commencing on the 30th April to 4th May. Several students from Highlands PS will be sharing this camp with us. The experiences shared on camp are an important part of your child’s education and all students are encouraged to attend.

Tai McQueen has been working on invigorating the Yea PS website and was able to share his progress to date. We are lucky to have such talented school councillors.

Head Lice
Sue Hall volunteers for the job of checking students’ hair for head lice. We are very grateful to her as this problem needs to be addressed by all families. I’m very glad when families inform the school when they notice any lice or eggs as we can then follow up with a check. It is so important that you check your children’s hair regularly. Notes go home to those with any issues and we rely on the families to treat their children’s hair thoroughly and repeatedly until their hair is clear. This is the only way we will be able to get rid of this ongoing problem that occurs in all schools at various times.

With thanks
Debbie George
Parents’ & Friends’
Parents’ and Friends’ are having a meeting this Thursday just after school in the Multi purpose room. It would be lovely to see some new faces.

We would really appreciate some help on Monday 19th March. We will be catering for one hundred people and need some help with handling the food. If you are able to help please contact Amanda Jolly on 5797 2822 or 0400 510 787. Thank you.

Yea Tigers Junior Football/Netball Club
Parents of children interested in playing football or netball this year in the age groups of U/12 U/14 or U/16 are asked to attend an information evening on Thursday 1st of April at 7:30pm at the Netball rooms. The following Thursday 8th April at 4pm will be junior registration day. Children wanting to play football or netball this season will need to attend and register.

Swimming
Our swimming program for 2012 has finished. Thank you to all parents who helped out by walking groups to and from the pool. Also thanks to the following parents who helped out at the Cluster Carnival and the Mini Carnival; Judy Watts, Jane Finlay, Beth Turvey, Terry and Debbie Redding and Anna Rasmussen. Good luck to the 13 swimmers who are attending Zone swimming today.

Thank you
Deb Male

Good Friday Appeal
Envelopes have been included in today’s newsletter. We all know about the wonderful benefits that the Good Friday Appeal generates. Please make your donation count on Good Friday by returning the envelopes to the school no later than Friday 16th March.

Student Banking
We are very fortunate to have two banks with whom we are able to offer Student Banking. Student Banking is every Tuesday with either the Bendigo Bank or the Commonwealth Bank. If you would like more information regarding Student Banking please contact Kylie in the office as there are many rewards and incentives that your child can receive just by banking through the school.

Yea Foodworks Community Points
Yea Primary School
number 606
Our school has been very successful with the Yea Foodworks Community Points Program. This has enabled us to put this donated money to valuable use for our students. With every purchase of your groceries at Yea Foodworks we would appreciate if you quote number 606 for Yea Primary School.

Reading Information Night
This will be held on Thursday 15th March 6-7pm for Prep/One and Twos and their parents. Childcare will be provided.

Educational Assessment Australia NSW Testing
Please return this form with payment to school no later than Friday 20th April

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Total $
Alexandra Town Hall
28th February – 2nd March
9am – 4.30pm daily

Meditations, workshops & view sand mandala creation.
Free entry - donations welcome
Make your own Sand Mandala - $50 for 2 days

For TIBET with Love Concert
7pm Thursday 1st
March
(Alex Town Hall)
Concert - Adults $15 Concession $10 12 years & under free

For further information, program details and bookings please contact
Dawn Cooper 0428 942 095 or Nicola Woolford 57702200

This unique opportunity is brought to you by CARTWHEELS
The Tashi Lhunpo Monks of Tibet are masters of Tibetan Buddhist tantric ritual and their lives are dedicated to practicing tantric ideals. The Tashi Lhunpo Monks living in exile in India have regularly participated in tours of Australia with well-known Tibetan musician Tenzin Choegyal. They offer a cultural program of traditional Tibetan creative arts including Sand Mandala creation, Harmonic Chanting, Tibetan Singing, Cultural Workshops, Guided Meditations and the For Tibet With Love Concert.

Tour programs aim to share some of the most distinctive aspects of Tibetan culture with the people of Australia and promote the common human values of kindness and compassion through cross cultural connections.

The For Tibet With Love Australian Tour raises funds for the education of Tibetan Children as well as supporting the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery. This is a unique opportunity to experience the gift of beautiful music and unique culture while at the same time providing valuable humanitarian assistance.