

YEA PRIMARY

newsletter



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COMING UP

August

21st National Principal's Day
24th School Council Meeting
27th ELF Reading Day
28th Curriculum Day
31st Grade 6 Market Stalls

September

1st Kids Teaching Kids - Gr 4
Fathers Day Stall
2nd Whole School Swimming
3rd Prep / 1 / 2 Camp departs
4th Prep / 1 / 2 Camp returns
7th Whole School Swimming
8th Whole School Swimming
9th Whole School Swimming
10th Whole School Swimming
14th Division Athletics
16th Gr 5 Market Stalls
18th Term 3 ends - early
dismiss 2.15pm



October

5th Term 4 begins

A WORD FROM CRAIG

Dear Families,
Term 3 really is **chock-a-block full of fun, learning and opportunities at Yea Primary School!** Over the past fortnight we have enjoyed some wonderful events, and looking at the calendar ahead, there certainly isn't any sign of things slowing down.

A massive thank you to all of our families and special people who supported this year's **Book Fair**. It was our most successful Book Fair yet, with record sales! That means plenty of new books and goodies have gone home to be enjoyed by our students, while also providing valuable funds for us to purchase even more books for our school library. A huge thank you to **Vicki, Jo D and all of the staff** who helped make the event such a success. It was wonderful to see so many families and special people spending time at school, sharing their children's excitement about books and supporting our library at the same time. Congratulations to our wonderful **Boîte Choir**, who performed at Melbourne Town Hall last Tuesday. It was a fantastic production celebrating the music and stories of Ghana, featuring acrobatics, acting, puppetry, music and, of course, some amazing singing. Our students did a terrific job performing as part of the enormous combined choir, and it was pretty special to see them on the big Town Hall stage. Congratulations to all of the students involved and thank you to the families who supported them throughout the experience. A very special thank you to **Lou Fillmore** for the passion, time and commitment she continues to give to supporting the Arts and creating opportunities like this for our students. Getting there and home also provided an unexpected lesson in one of our school values — **Resilience!** Public transport certainly wasn't kind to us, with late

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and cancelled trains requiring plenty of flexibility and some quick changes of plan. Students, staff and families handled the challenges brilliantly and still made the most of a fantastic day. Well done everyone!

Enterprise Bargaining Agreement Update

Some welcome news for our staff and families this week. On Monday 17 August, the Department of Education was informed by the Australian Education Union that its members had voted in support of the revised Enterprise Bargaining Agreement offer made on 10 August. This means the Department and AEU have now reached an in-principle agreement. As a result, the AEU has advised that the **industrial action planned for Wednesday 19 August will not proceed**, and school will operate as normal. This is great news for our staff, students and families. We also look forward to learning more about the additional resources and supports for students and schools included as part of the agreement. Thank you to our families for your patience, understanding and support throughout the industrial action and negotiation period.

What's Coming Up?

Today we have another fantastic opportunity for our students, with an author visit from **Lucinda Gifford** at the Yea Shire Hall, organised by the Yea Library. Then in **Week 7, things really heat up!** We have School Council, followed by our **ELF Reading Day on Thursday 27 August**, which is always a great celebration of books, reading and imagination across the school. A reminder that **Friday 28 August is our third student-free Curriculum Day for the year**. While students enjoy a day away from school, our teachers and Education Support staff will all be onsite working together on the **Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM)** and what its implementation looks like at Yea Primary School. This is a significant Department initiative and an important opportunity for our whole staff to continue strengthening a consistent approach to high-quality teaching and learning across the school.

Then comes **week 8**, we kick things off on Monday with our **Grade 6 Market Day**, with students running their own stalls and plenty of goodies available for students to purchase. Market Day is always a fantastic practical learning experience as students plan, prepare, budget, promote and operate their stalls, while also raising funds towards their end-of-year graduation. On Tuesday, **Mr Fallon and selected Grade 4 students will attend the Kids Teaching Kids Conference in Yea**, while back at school we will also hold our annual **Father's Day Stall**. Wednesday sees our **swimming program commence in Seymour**, before our Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students head off for their **Camp Toolangi experience on Thursday and Friday**. For many of our younger students, these early camp experiences are an important opportunity to build independence, confidence and resilience away from the normal classroom environment. The **swimming program continues from Monday to Thursday in Week 9**, before our Grade 5 and 6 students head to the Yea Shire Hall for a **movie screening** on Friday 11 September. **Week 10** doesn't slow down either! We have **Division Athletics**, followed by our **Grade 5 Market Stalls on Wednesday**, the **ELF Reading Day performance on Thursday**, and then we'll finish Term 3 with our **Celebration Day and early finish on Friday**.

There is certainly plenty happening between now and the end of term, so please **keep a close eye on ClassDojo and your emails** for reminders, permission forms, times and any updates or changes. We know it can be a lot for families to keep track of, and we'll continue to send information as each event approaches. While Term 3 might be incredibly busy, it is also a wonderful example of the breadth of opportunities our students experience at Yea Primary School. From literacy and the Arts to sport, camps, leadership, community events and student-led enterprise, there really is something for everyone.

Thank you in advance to our staff, families and community partners who make all of these experiences possible. Behind every excursion, camp, performance, stall and special event is a considerable amount of organisation, and we appreciate everyone who contributes to creating such a broad range of opportunities for our students.

Kind regards, Craig



VALUES AWARDS



Congratulations to these amazing students for displaying our school values. You did a great job!



Week 4

Jasper, Ashton
and Skye



Week 5

Eddy, Joey, Zoe
and Mason



ALL ABILITIES EXPO

EVERYONE WELCOME!

EXPLORE • CONNECT • BELONG

Celebrating Inclusion, Opportunity and Community

EVENT DETAILS

DATE:
Thursday 17th September

TIME:
2:30 – 4:30pm

VENUE:
Our Place,
Stewart Street, Seymour

WHAT YOU'LL FIND

- Disability Support Services
- NDIS Providers
- Allied Health Services
- Education & Transition Pathways
- Employment & Training Opportunities
- Recreation & Community Programs
- Sport & Leisure Activities

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY**
Discover supports, programs and opportunities available in your local community.
- FAMILIES & CARERS**
Meet service providers and access valuable information and resources.
- STUDENTS & SCHOOL LEAVERS**
Explore future pathways, training opportunities and employment options.
- EDUCATORS & PROFESSIONALS**
Network with local providers and build community partnerships.

WHY ATTEND?

- Meet local service providers
- Learn about available supports and funding options
- Explore employment and training pathways
- Discover community activities and programs
- Build meaningful connections
- Ask questions and gather information
- Have fun in a welcoming and inclusive environment

EVERYONE BELONGS HERE!

ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE FOR ALL

- WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE
- ACCESSIBLE PARKING
- INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT
- FRIENDLY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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Together we build a stronger, more inclusive community.

OUR FORTNIGHTLY SWPBS FOCUS

The next fortnight from the
24th August - 5th September 2026

'WE LINE UP QUIETLY
WHILE WAITING FOR OUR
TEACHERS.'

YEA PRIMARY



I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.



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