YEA PRIMARY newsletter

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COMING UP

November

6th Prep Transition 9am -1.30pm
11th SRC Fundraiser day
27th Prep Transition 9am -2.15pm
28th Yea Show
30th School Council Meeting

December

1st Curriculum Day - no students
14th Whole school DRESS rehearsal Hall 11.30am-1.30pm
8th Statewide Transition Day
10th Cast rehearsal at Hall 9-11am
Whole School rehearsal at Hall 11.30am - 1.30pm
Gr 6 Graduation
13th St Lukes Community Carols
14th Whole school DRESS rehearsal Hall 11.30am-1.30pm
16th School Concert
17th Pool Party & Celebration Day
18th Term 4 Ends - early dismiss 1.15pm
Gr6 Final assemby
Gr6 Parent TeeBall match
Yea Arts Community Carols

A WORD FROM CRAIG

The Final Stretch of 2026

I hope everyone enjoyed a fabulous long weekend and had an opportunity to relax and recharge. We are now well and truly into the final stretch of the school year, with plenty happening over the coming weeks. Between end-of-year celebrations (Graduation at Flowerdale Estate, School Concert at the Shire Hall), Christmas parties, assessment, reporting and preparations for 2027, it is certainly going to be a busy and exciting time at Yea Primary School!

As we prepare for these important events, I encourage all families to take some time to read our End of Year Celebration Policy, which is attached to this newsletter and also available on our school website. The policy provides important information about our end-of-year activities, including Grade 6 graduation awards, the school captain selection process, our end-of-year tee-ball arrangements and rules, and information about purchasing tickets for our school production (will go on sale shortly). These are significant occasions in our school calendar, and we want every student and family to understand how they are organised and the processes behind them. Having clear, consistent guidelines helps us ensure that these events are transparent, equitable and, most importantly, enjoyable for everyone involved.

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our students and finishing the year on a positive note.

A WORD FROM CRAIG CONT...

Planning for 2027 — Our Class Structure
Planning for 2027 is well underway, and I am pleased to share our class structure for next year.

We will be operating seven classes:
P/1A – Prep and Grade 1, **P/1B** – Prep and Grade 1, **1/2C** – Grades 1 and 2
3/4A – Grades 3 and 4, **3/4B** – Grades 3 and 4, **5/6A** – Grades 5 and 6, **5/6B** – Grades 5 and 6
This structure will see our average class size sitting at approximately 20–21 students at the beginning of the school year. We are pleased to be able to maintain class sizes that support positive relationships, effective teaching and individual attention for students. We can also confirm that Bree Turner and Bec Smith will be teaching our two Prep/Grade 1 classes in 2027.
We are continuing to finalise our remaining teacher placements and expect to announce these over the coming weeks, prior to the Statewide Orientation Day. As always, considerable thought goes into developing our class structures and student placements. We consider learning needs, friendships, social development and the balance of each classroom to ensure students are well supported as they move into the new school year.

Assessment and Reporting — Changes for 2026
The Victorian Department of Education has introduced changes to student reporting requirements across government schools, with the aim of reducing teacher workload and allowing teachers to dedicate more time to teaching, learning and assessment.
As a result, families may notice that written comments in this year's end-of-year reports are less detailed than those provided in previous years. At Yea Primary School, we are working to find the right balance between implementing these new requirements and continuing to provide families with meaningful information about their child's learning, achievements and progress. While the format and level of detail may change, our commitment to understanding every student's learning needs and communicating their progress with families remains the same.
We recognise that written reports are only one part of the communication between home and school. If you have questions about your child's report or would like further information about their learning and progress, we encourage you to contact their classroom teacher before the end of the school year to arrange a conversation. We value these conversations and the strong partnerships we share with our families.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day
Last Friday, 30 October, we celebrated World Teachers' Day, an opportunity to recognise the dedication, professionalism and care of our wonderful teaching staff. Teaching is an incredibly rewarding profession, but it is also one that requires enormous commitment, patience, flexibility and compassion. Every day, our teachers do so much more than deliver lessons. They build relationships, inspire curiosity, support students through challenges and celebrate the many achievements, big and small, that make school life so special. I would like to personally thank our teachers for the work they do and the difference they make in the lives of our students and families.
I would also like to acknowledge our Education Support and administration staff, whose contributions are essential to the success of our school. Great schools are built by great teams, and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people working together at Yea Primary School.
Thank you to our families for your ongoing support as we approach the final weeks of 2026.

Craig Irvine

VALUES AWARDS

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



Week 3

Mia & Matilda

Week 4

Logan, Bodhi, Flynn, Pippa, Bjorn and Emma





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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