

YEA PRIMARY

newsletter



ISSUE 16, 5TH NOVEMBER 2025

COMING UP

November

10th 2026 Prep Transition

9am-1.30pm

School Council

11th Breakfast Club

12th Glasses for Kids P-3

14th SRC Hot Dog fundraiser

17th School Council meeting

18th Breakfast Club

22nd Yea Show

24th 2026 Prep Transition

9am-2.15pm

Smile Squad Dental

25th Breakfast Club

Smile Squad Dental

26th Smile Squad Dental

27th Smile Squad Dental

28th Smile Squad Dental

December

1st Curriculum Day

2nd Breakfast Club

3rd Passion Projects 11.30-1.30pm

8th School Captain Speeches

School Council meeting

A WORD FROM CRAIG

Dear Families,

Can you believe we're already halfway through Term 4? The end-of-year events and celebrations are quickly taking shape. Much of our 2026 planning is already underway, and staff are also busy assessing and preparing your child's reports to celebrate all they have achieved this year.

During this busy time, lots of information will be coming your way — please read everything carefully to stay up to date.

One key item you'll receive shortly is our Parent Payments Policy and 2026 School Booklists. This year, School Council has decided to reduce the requested voluntary contribution amount to make it more affordable for families and hopefully encourage more families to participate.

While these payments are completely voluntary, they make a significant difference to the quality and resourcing of the programs we can offer your children. A few years ago, over 90% of families contributed; this year, we are sitting at around 20%.

We know some families prefer to pay and forget, so next year we'll send a gentle reminder each term — not to pressure anyone, but to help those who may have simply overlooked it. Our goal is to see at least 50% of families contribute in 2026 if they are able.

In 2025, the voluntary contributions were set at \$230. In 2026, this will reduce to \$150, and funds will go directly towards strengthening our specialist programs.

Class DOJO – Please Connect to Your Child's Class!

Class DOJO is our communication portal for sharing information directly with families. Through DOJO, you can see your child's assessment samples, DOJO points, and class photos, as well as messages and updates from teachers.

We'll also be using DOJO this year to share photos of your child's current resources — helping you identify which items from the booklist need to be replaced and which can be reused.

Please find the QR code attached to request access to your child's Class DOJO.

Current connection rates:

PT – 87%	1M – 54%
2P – 41%	3P – 86%
456C – 80%	456W – 46%

Staffing and Class Structure for 2026

At the end of this year, Ms Watts will begin her maternity leave and won't return in 2026. Beth Turvey will take Long Service Leave prior to her retirement. We thank both for their wonderful contributions to Yea PS. Emily Noonan will return from her year of travel and rejoin our Education Support team.

Following our recent interviews, we're pleased to announce several staffing appointments:

- Rebecca Smith – appointed to the Grade 1 teaching role (formerly Education Support and student teacher at Yea PS)
- Rob Fallon and Amanda Augello – reappointed to their specialist roles
- George McLatchie – Integration Aide
- Ami Taylor and Vicki Mueller – Literacy Intervention / Education Support

2026 Class Structure:

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| • PrepT – Mrs Turner | • 1S – Ms Smith |
| • 2M – Mrs Madden | • 3/4P – Mrs Parsons |
| • 4/5C – Ms Cronk | • 6P – Ms Priestley |

This means there will only be one cohort requiring a class split next year.

Grade 4 parents wishing to discuss class placements for next year are welcome to email me or contact the school for a confidential chat. Final classes will be announced just prior to the Statewide Orientation Day on December 9th.

Families who may be leaving Yea PS in 2026 are asked to please contact myself or the office as soon as possible.

Specialist Programs 2026:

- Health & Physical Education (HPE) – Nikki Waghorn
- STEM – Rob Fallon
- The Arts – Lou Fillmore
- Language & Culture (AUSLAN) – Amanda Augello
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKGP) – Craig Irvine

Term 4 News

There's a lot happening in the final weeks of term — SRC events, celebrations, graduations, the school concert (and rehearsals), our volunteer morning tea, and the traditional Grade 6 parents vs students tee-ball match.

Please check the Term 4 calendar carefully and add these important dates to your diary.

School Review and Governance

In preparation for our school review in Term 2, 2026, we'll be updating school registration items and reviewing our policies and procedures.

Yea Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. Our Child Safety Framework includes policies, codes, and procedures that guide how we support student wellbeing and protect children from harm. These documents are available on our website: www.yeaps.vic.edu.au

We welcome feedback from students and families as part of our continuous improvement process. If you have ideas or suggestions on how we can strengthen our approach to child safety and wellbeing, please contact us at 03 5797 2724 or yea.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Kind regards, Craig



VALUES AWARDS



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



Week 3

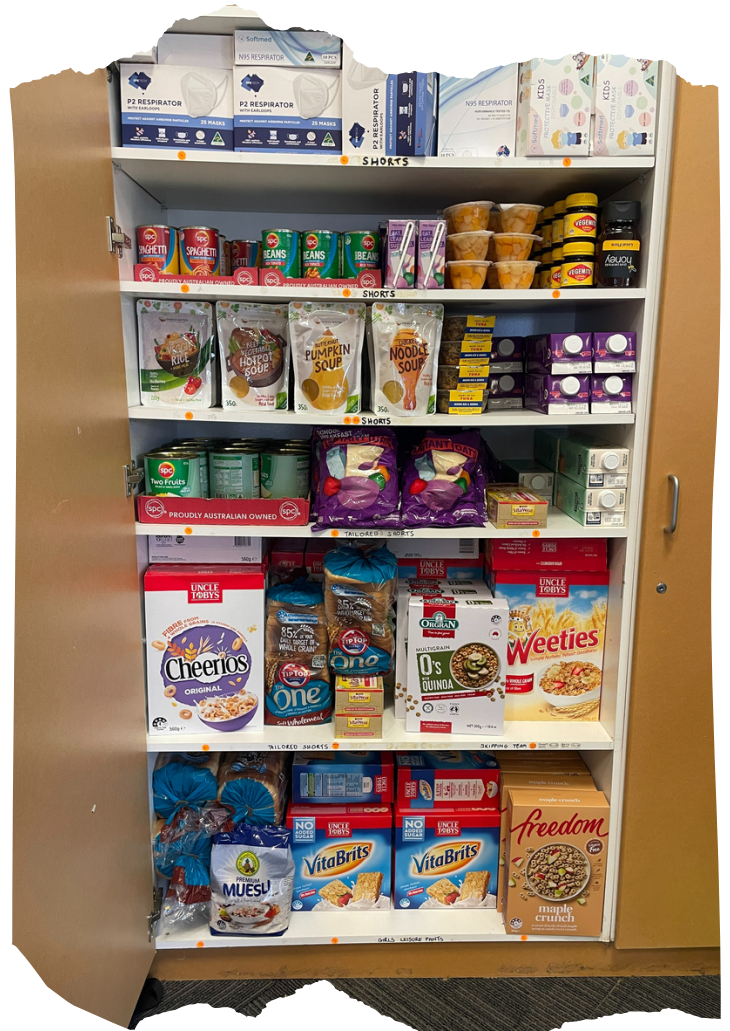
Hayley, Brian, Skye,
Rory, Oliver, Rusty,
Elias, Aleah and Harry



Week 4
Chet and Mason



*Please help
yourself to the
Foodbank
pantry in the
Multi Purpose
room*



**OUR FORTNIGHTLY
SWPBS FOCUS**

This fortnight from the
3rd - 14th November 2025

"WE SHOW RESILIENCE
IN ALL THAT WE DO."

**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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