



**24th March
2021**

Issue 4



A word from Deb...

Walkathon

I have wanted to run a Walkathon for some time and was determined to get this done before I left Yea PS. It was incredible how many students from Prep to Grade 6 walked the 10 kms. As I write this report we have raised over \$7000, an amazing effort. Thank you so much to our families for finding such generous sponsors!

Harmony Day

Wear something with a bit of orange on Monday 29th March as we celebrate the importance of tolerance and diversity. Assembly will be a little earlier at 2.15 to celebrate Harmony Day.

Expo – Grade 5/6

On Tuesday 30th March all students in grades 5/6 will be presenting their ERP's projects to their families and friends. It is always wonderful to hear them speak of their work with passion and enthusiasm.

World of Maths

All students will experience a maths incursion on Friday 26th March. We are looking forward to their knowledge and understanding of maths being extended with various activities from the World of Maths team.

Asthma Management Plans

The Department requires the Asthma Management Plans to be updated annually. If you haven't given us a new plan this year please organise it and forward it to the office as soon as possible.

School Fees

School fees are now overdue. please talk to Fiona if you would like to set up a payment plan.

I actually can't believe this is my last newsletter after 12 ½ years as Principal at Yea PS. This term seems to have gone very quickly. I have been blessed to have worked with amazing staff over the years and am often in awe of the care and commitment they show to all students and their families.

School Council members have shown their support in various ways and I thank all present and past councillors for making school governance a shared responsibility. There is so much I will miss and I value what I have learnt about myself and others whilst in this role.

Many families have shown me nothing but support and understand and recognise that working with so many children

and families can be very complex and at times challenging.

Frazer Thomas will begin as Principal at Yea PS on the 19th April.

I wish you all a relaxing Easter and holiday. Yea has been a special chapter in my life and I look forward to what comes next!

Thanks Debbie.

Congratulations and welcome to Mr Frazer Thomas, who has been appointed Acting Principal for Term 2. Mr Thomas is very much looking forward to starting at Yea PS and we hope everyone will make him feel very welcome.



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At the Assembly over the last two weeks the following Students shared some information about themselves, things they thought we may not know:

P1A	Eden Henry	Jax	Deegan	Harley
1/2B	Mila Tommy	Darby	Archie	Toby G
2/3C	Isla Charlie	Alexis	Harper	Taj
3/4D	Aleyah	Holly	Izzabelle	
5/6E	River	Bradley	Max	Keira
5/6F	Edi Kye	Jack Evie	Jasper Airlie	

Raffle Tickets have been sent home for the Easter Raffle. Please return tickets and money to the office as soon as possible.

Raffle will be drawn at the farewell for Deb George next Thursday.

We invite you to join us for celebrations from 1pm

Just a reminder the students will receive a free sausage and a cupcake. Please send more food if this is not enough for your child.



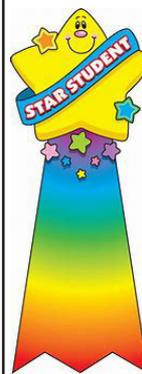
Values Award



Max

For showing integrity and respect for our school when helping younger students how we use our resources!

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Kaiden

For showing empathy and respect by walking with his Prep buddy for the entire Walkathon!

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AGM/SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT 22/03/21

In line with current DET requirements, the School Council will provide a report for the school community following all school council meetings.

AGM Report

Previous AGM minutes and reports from 2020 were ratified. 2021 School Council members were welcomed, and the election of office bearers and sub-committee memberships was successfully undertaken (see below). The 2020 Annual Report to the School Community was discussed, ratified and will be endorsed this week. This will appear on the MySchools website.

2021 School Council Composition

Parent Members (9): Erin Papadopoulos (President/Sub Finance committee), Amanda Jolly (Vice-President/Treasurer/Sub Finance committee convenor), Tania Day (Sub Finance sub-committee), Chelsea Helder (Environment sub-committee convenor), Kelly Jolly, Lareesa Brennan, Sam Porter and Hayden Benefield.
DET/Staff Members (3): Lauren Cronk (minute taker), Sal Phillips (Family Engagement sub-committee convenor), Susie Bennett.
Executive Officer (1): Debbie George, then Frazer Thomas upon his commencement in Term 2.

School Council Meeting

School correspondence was presented to council and finance reports for January and February 2021 ratified following Sub-Finance meeting on 19/3/21. Various operational finance motions were presented to council and were all moved and carried including discussions around the uniform shop and ongoing fundraising for shade sails.

Debbie's Principal's Report outlined staffing, enrolments (139 at Feb CENSUS), professional learning and school activities that have occurred since our last meeting on 8/2/2021. It has been a busy term with 'Get to Know You' meetings, swimming sessions and swimming carnivals for grades 2-6, 'Horse Powered Reading' literacy program for select students in grades 1-3, 2-Dream Music & Wellbeing music lessons have recommenced, a footy clinic (gr P-2), a grade 6 library excursion, a literacy info session for families with students in P-1, a sausage sizzle to raise money for our chook enclosure, a hugely successful walkathon (money still coming in), a wonderful 3-4 camp to Sovereign Hill and a snap lockdown!

Standing Reports and General Business were presented and discussed:

Funds raised via the walkathon will be used for STEM equipment and a water bubbler in the playground. It's been a great term for family engagement with numerous activities across the school and facebook posts continue to engage the school community, SRC fundraising events this term has raised money for MS and The Cancer Council, with additional lunchtime activities being organised. Foodworks to be approached to see if they will donate fruit for classrooms and Lauren has entered a competition to win a colour run for the school. Lareesa and Zanni to coordinate Friendly Parents and will look to organise a school community catch-up to discuss fundraising ideas early in term 2.

COVID-19 guidelines/mandates continue to evolve from DET and we will continue to follow them. Grade 3-4 camp at Sovereign Hill was a great success with wonderful feedback provided about our students. Sal showed a presentation about JENS, the artist in residence program, who will be engaged using a \$10,000 grant that she was successful in gaining for the school. ELF-day guest speaker has been selected and this day will occur in October (date still to be decided). P-2 camp dates have been set for Oasis Camp, Mt Evelyn Aug 9-10. School Council was formally notified of the appointment of Frazer Thomas to the Acting-Principal role for Term 2. He will begin his handover this week and is very much looking forward to starting at YPS.

Council members thanked Debbie George for all her wonderful years of service to YPS.

Next meeting: Monday 10/5/21, Erin Papadopoulos, School Council President

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Ella, Maya and Lily having fun participating in a Literacy Masterclass at Wallan Primary School on Monday.
Well done girls!



March

- 25th Horse Power Reading
- 26th SRC Dress in Pink for Cancer Gold coin donation
- World of Maths Gr 3-6
- 29th Harmony Day - Dress in orange

April

1st **Term 1 Ends**
Early dismiss 2.15pm

19th Term 2 Begins

- 21st School Photos
- 23rd School Leaders Legacy trip to Shrine of Melbourne

May

- 5th Cluster Cross Country Gr3-6
- 7th Sub Finance Meeting 1.45pm
- 10th School Council



\$10.50



\$12.50



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\$8.50



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