



FRIDAY FLYER

TODAY: 03/02/2017

A smile is worth a thousand words

WELCOME TO THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

WHATS ON THIS TERM?
13th Feb Year 3/4 Swimming starts

Curriculum Support Levies

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their CSL. Statements will be mailed to parents in the next 2-3 weeks with your available payment options. Health Care Card Holders be make sure you return the application for CSEF that will be attached to statements.

Book Orders are Due back at School by Wednesday 15th February

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A big thank you to all teachers, parents and students for making possible an exceptionally smooth start to the 2017 school year. Each year level has settled in perfectly and everything is going along smoothly. Our School Readiness Program seems to be having a positive impact on student preparation for school and giving our new prep students the confidence to get going early. The preps looked sensational in their new uniforms. After saying goodbye to their parents it was straight into learning and enjoying their first real day as a prep. We look forward to watching you progress through the years at Yarrowonga College.

Over the holidays we have had several new students and their families enrol at the P-4 Campus. We would like to wish each and everyone of them a smooth transition to our school and welcome them into our school community.

Welcome to New Staff

We would like to welcome back to the P-4 Campus Mr Alaster Mitchell. Mr Mitchell will be teaching a year 2 class and has previously been teaching at the 5-8 Campus. Welcome back also to Ms Claire Smith who has returned from an extended 2 year working holiday overseas. We would also like to welcome Miss Sami Till who was previously teaching at the 5-8 Campus. They are enjoying the change and enjoying being part of the P-4 Campus.

Prep assessments

Every Wednesday in February our Prep students stay at home apart from those who are required at school for their Prep assessment. All prep parents should have received an appointment time and should be aware of when their child's appointment is.

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2017

Yesterday a letter went home to all parent explaining that our school assemblies had changed to a Monday afternoon at 2.25. After much discussion with the staff and some feedback it was decided to make the move to Monday afternoons to help create more focused literacy time. We are sorry once again for moving the assembly times but we are hoping that this will work and be a more productive time to celebrate with our students. We encourage as many of our parents/caregivers to come along to our assemblies to see the wonderful achievements of our students.

Students arriving late to school

It is important that students arrive at school prior to 9.00 a.m. The first session of the day is the most informative session where students are firstly marked on the Attendance Roll & Bus List, receive their instructions for that session and get themselves organised for the day. Students who arrive late can find it difficult to be properly prepared for the day's events. Students who do arrive late to school due to unforeseen circumstances need to come to the office to be signed in.

Canteen Menu

Our canteen menu can be found at the back of this newsletter. Please ensure that you are aware of the days the canteen is open as some days lunch orders are not available.

INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Term 1 Curriculum

Throughout Term 1 the students will be learning through the topic of 'Personal Learning'. This topic involves students learning about the school values and how to be a team player within our school community. Throughout the term students will gain a better understanding of themselves as learners and how to get along with other people effectively. Students will also learn about resilience, being resourceful and reflective. Students will also have many opportunities to have regular meditation sessions and mindfulness activities.

Values

Our college values of Cooperation, Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Integrity will be consistently communicated and worked through with students both in the classroom and at assemblies throughout the year.

Election of Student Campus Leaders

Student Campus Leader speeches occurred today Friday 3rd and the students did a terrific job speaking about how they would make great leaders. After the speeches our student body in Year 4 voted on who they would like to be our Campus Leaders. Stay tuned!!!

Picking up Students Before 3.15pm

Parents should not go directly to the classroom to collect their child/ren as this can disrupt the class. We ask that all parents please make sure to report to the general office. Wendy or Sharon will organise for your child/ren to come to the office where you will need to sign them out. We also ask that parents do not enter the classroom unless the teacher is in the room. **Students and parents are not to enter the buildings prior to school unless this has been arranged with the classroom teacher. Your child will have an area where they line up up and wait for the classroom teacher to open the doors. If you need to access your child's teacher you must do this via the general office.**

School Parking/Drop Off Zones

To ensure the safety of students could parents please make sure that you use the appropriate drop off and pick up zones in Tom Street and Hovell Street. Please do not park in Piper Street at the crossing or in Irvine Parade during bus pick up and drop off times.

Weather conditions and processes to ensure student health and safety

There are processes we have at school to ensure your child's safety.

- **NO HAT NO PLAY**
Hats are worn at all times by all students in the playground and outside areas from the beginning of the school day to the end for all of term 1 and depending on the bureau some of Term 2.
- **WET/HOT DAY LUNCH**
If the weather is too hot or wet we will call a hot/wet day lunch timetable which means students will stay inside in the dry and cool supervised by a classroom teacher.
- **SHADE AREAS**
We have a number of shaded areas around the school for students to sit quietly and play.

Please ensure that you reinforce the message with your child about the importance of staying hydrated, which means drinking plenty of water during the day. To avoid dehydration we also suggest to students on hot days that they reduce the amount of running around they do during break times.

Parents, Volunteers, Community members and other visitors to our School

It is DEECD policy to ensure the safety of all students at all times, **as a measure to protect students we need to account for everyone entering the College. To all those visiting the P-4 Campus please ensure that you sign in at the front office and collect a visitor pass. When leaving the school please return to the office and sign out and hand in the pass.**

Money brought to school

To assist the office staff I am requesting that all money brought to school be placed in an envelope and clearly marked with the child's name, class and the activity being paid for. I thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter. We have money envelopes available at the office to assist you with this.

Playgroup

Monday February 6 will be our first Playgroup session for 2016. Please remind members of the Yarrowonga community with children about our fantastic Playgroup that is continuing to grow.

Due to a number of students enrolled at our Campus being severely anaphylactic to ingesting and touching Nuts, and in accordance with DEECD Policy, the P-4 Campus is a **NUT FREE** Campus. We ask parents to refrain from sending their child to school with any food containing Nuts or nut products.

