A Great Start to 2016

Thanks to all teachers, parents and students for making possible an exceptionally smooth start to the 2016 school year. The Readiness Program seems to be having a positive impact on student preparation for school and giving them the confidence to get going early. All Preps settled brilliantly.

Yarrawonga College P-12
Thankyou to all families for your support during the 2015 school year. Last year we were able to provide new and exciting opportunities to our community including:

- Oral Language Program
- Reading Bags
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Father’s Day Footy Evening
- Meet the Teacher Breakfast
- Sporting Schools Program

We are excited about 2016 as we continue to strive for an education program that focuses on high quality teaching and learning in the areas of literacy and numeracy but is well rounded to take into account the essential elements of social, emotional and behavioural areas along with sustainability.

Welcome to New Staff
A warm welcome to Rosemary Vale in Year 3, Rosemary has been a teacher at Ardmona Primary School in Shepparton and lives in Yalca South. Welcome to e Flanagan, Bre is a local girl and this is her first full time classroom. Welcome back to Jess Laws, Jess has been on Maternity Leave and is Share teaching with Kristen Fraser in Year 1.

Welcome to our new Prep students for 2015
The preps looked sensational in their new uniforms on Friday morning for their first day of school. Presently we have three classes of preps.

Prep assessments
Every Wednesday for 4 weeks our Prep students stay at home apart from those who are required at school for their Prep assessment. The dates to bring your child along for the assessment days this term include; Wednesday 3, 10, 17 & 24 February.

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 and fill out a late slip.

Canteen Menu
Can be found at the back of this newsletter and is open every Recess and Lunch.
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.

School Banking is on a Tuesday! Students wishing to use School Banking are asked to bring their Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite Bank deposits to the office every Tuesday morning.

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, 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 through the Building Learning Power program. We have created two, 2 hour blocks of literacy and numeracy learning time, wherever possible these blocks are uninterrupted learning time.

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.

Friday Assembly
Assemblies occur on Friday mornings at 9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Room for 2016 and are led by our Campus Captains.

Election of Campus Captains
Campus Captain speeches occurred Wednesday 3rd of February 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 Captains.

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 they go through 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.

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk
The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. It is advisable that items of value or sentimental value are not brought to school.

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
We can experience extreme some extreme heat and weather conditions in Yarrawonga, however 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 DET 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 the diary 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 8 February is our first Playgroup session for 2016. Please remind members of the Yarrawonga community with children about our fantastic Playgroup that is continuing to grow.