

Primary Connections Newsletter



**Weekly
Catch Up**
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2023 YCP12 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Our Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday, with parents warmly welcomed to come and watch or assist during the day. Please note there will be no 3-6 lunch orders available and students are not allowed to use pool canteen. Parents may certainly bring lunches or make purchases themselves from the pool canteen though.

All students are reminded to bring bathers, rashies, hats, towels, goggles, snacks, lunch and drinks for the day. They are also encouraged to dress in house colours for the day and the school will ensure sunscreen will be available throughout the day.

Group A swimmers able to compete in formal competition level events for the chance to win placings and perhaps qualify to go on to representative levels will travel to the pool at 9am. All other students will head to the pool at 11:30am for some fun events and activities.

The Carnival is expected to finish around 2.45pm and students will then be bussed back to school. If parents wish to take students home at the conclusion of the event, please make sure to check in with their class teachers to confirm.

Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Conferences

Meeting times will be offered for P-3 & 5/6 classes on the afternoon of

Tuesday 26th February from 3:30 – 6:30pm

Year 4 teacher conferences will be offered on the following Monday (3rd March) due to being away on camp in week 5.

Interview times will not be scheduled for Preps due to the Wednesday interviews throughout February, however these teachers will be available on the afternoon of the 26th if any parent would like to make contact and organise a time for an additional meeting. A number of our specialist teachers who work on Tuesdays will also be available on the 26th – Carolyn Willett & Kelly Rudd (PE), Alaster Mitchell (STEM & Music) and Soedjono Hui (Indonesian). If any parent wishes to meet or speak with these staff members, please make contact via email or through the College office.

Times will be available to book via Compass from 5pm next Monday.



Our Open Water Program concluded this week with the Year 3 program on Monday and the Year 4 program on Tuesday. The session were greatly enjoyed by all students!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 17th Feb

Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Mon 24th Feb – Wed 26th Feb
Year 4 Phillip Island Camp

Tuesday 25th Feb – Year 1-3
& 5-6 Making Connections
Interviews 3.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 26th Feb
O&M Primary Level Swimming
Competition

Fri 28th February –
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Monday 3rd March – Year 4
Making Connections
Interviews 3.30-6.30pm

Tuesday 5th March
Hume Region Primary Level
Swimming Competition

Thursday 6th March – “Ditto
Keep Safe Adventure Show:
personal safety for Prep – Yr 2



Birthday celebrations in the coming week ...

Today: Harper M, Ollie E, Andy H, Lenny W, Rodney C & Robert C
15th Feb – Herbie W & Jake C
16th Feb – Pippa R
17th Feb – Willow G, Dalia M, Matilda C, Kate C & Tayla W
18th Feb – Zander O, Morgan K, Ruby P & Harrison S
19th Feb – Max D
20th Feb – Austin K, Savannah M & Ricardo L

Co-Operation Awards



Congratulations to the following students for working together, communicating effectively & supporting each other positively.

Prep	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
Lottie H Kelsie W Winnie P	Alex H Albie A Dustin B	Kenzie S Bowie T Daisy G	Mackenzie B Maggie O Bobby C	Savannah M Kayden J Sophie O

Specialist Awards

Phys Ed Awards: Harvey N, Xavier S, Aliah S, Ella O, Frankie H, Will W & Jesse C

Indonesian Stars: Remy W, Larissa S, Lincoln W, Riely P, George S, Poppy K

STEM Stars: Lottie H, Adara A, Ryder M, Chase L, Alliarna M, Delilah S & Evie R

Music Stars: Eadie N, Jaxon H

Students in 5A enjoying their swimming program this week...



Grade 5 STARS

- 5A – Tayla W
- 5B – Winter C
- 5C – Jaxon B
- 5D – Eloise T

Grade 6 STARS

- 6A – Izzy G
- 6B – Logan B
- 6C – Jack W

STORIES FROM THE STEM ROOM... Over the past few lessons Year 4/5/6 students have been exploring career pathways and incorporating the engineering design process into their class creations. We have had an array of designs and creations in class, while students experimented with the planning and construction of paper airplanes, parachutes and tin foil boats. We look forward to seeing what changes and improvements they can make in the next round of construction.



Introducing some of our new classroom teachers this year...

My name is Paulla Sharples (Mrs Sharples), and I am teaching Prep this year. I grew up in Melbourne and I moved to Mulwala 10 years ago.

For the past year I have worked at Country Buddies in the 3-year-old kindergarten room and absolutely love watching children grow and develop.

I have two daughters who attend Yarrawonga College P-12 and their experience inspired me to follow my dream to become a teacher.

I feel extremely lucky to be placed in the prep area, helping our new students transition into school life.

In my spare time I like to spend time with my family, read books, bake, and paint.



Hello! My name is Kyra Ives (Miss Ives) and I am teaching Prep B this year.

I grew up on the Murray in Echuca where all my family still live, and moved to Ballarat to go to university.

I then worked at Miners Rest Primary School, on the outskirts of Ballarat, for 11 years. In my time there I taught across the junior and senior schools and spent my last 4 years there as a Learning Specialist.

I have moved here with my partner, James and am loving the lake lifestyle and the sunshine!! I enjoy spending time by the water, cooking, walking my dog, Bella and online shopping.

I am so happy to be part of the YCP-12 Team this year 😊



Hello, my name is James Orr and I am excited to be teaching Year 5 at YCP-12 in 2025!

I am originally from Mulwala, growing up here enjoying playing footy for the mighty Mulwala Lions, playing cricket, swimming, fishing and hanging out with mates.

I have been teaching since 2010, across a number of public schools in Canberra and the United Kingdom. I have recently moved back to Mulwala from Canberra with my wife, three kids and our dog Rocky; we are absolutely loving being back!

I'm very much looking forward to learning with you all in 2025!



We also welcome Mr John Higgins this term, who is teaching 6C whilst Vanessa Borg is on extended leave.