

# Primary Connections Newsletter

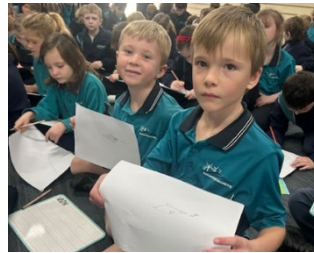


## Weekly Catch Up 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 Issue No. 22

### Recognising and Celebrating Culture and Connections

This year Yarrowonga College participated in a range of NAIDOC Week to celebrate the history and culture of First Nations people.

Many of our primary students participated in an illustrator workshop with Indigenous illustrator and author Jane Goodwin. The students had the chance to listen to her book and draw their own guided artwork.



Our Koorie students also had the opportunity to participate in local community events including the 9<sup>th</sup> Many Mobs Bridge Walk, and the Yanda community event. The walks across the bridge brought the community together and the activities at each gathering were thoroughly enjoyed by the students. Here are some of the things they had to say...

'NAIDOC week was fun and exciting' - Harmony

'We got to walk over the bridge together & there were lot of fun activities' – Indi

'NAIDOC is a special day and it was so fun. I got to play with my friends' – Milo

'It was a lots of fun and means everything to me' – Ashton

'During NAIDOC week I got my face painted and saw a massive platypus and received a boomerang bag' – Miley



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 1 Albury excursion to see The Gruffalo

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports Carnival – Wangaratta

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> July**

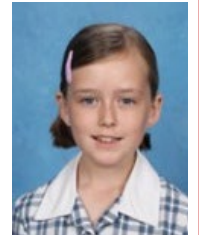
Year 4 local excursion

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Regional Arts Victoria  
P-2 Dinosaur Time Machine Show

### P-4 Campus Leaders

Congratulations to Frankie Hicks, Lizzie Thomas, Jasper Porter & Blaire Lee – our newly elected Term 3 Campus Leaders.



### Recognising Excellence in Achievement and Attendance

How lovely to see a great turnout for the P-4 assembly today despite the cold, and to celebrate the students who have received outstanding academic results in Semester 1 (one year or more above expected). We also recognised the 8 students who joined our very own '100% Club' – turning up every day in Semester 1 to achieve a perfect attendance record!



### T3 Junior House Captains

Ella Martin & Milky Smith

Luke Oates & Sahara Gower

Brooklyn Vandersteeg-  
Murray & Maizie Thomas

Erika Patel & Connor Fleming



## Integrity Awards



*Congratulations to the following students for acting ethically and fairly at all times, ensuring consistency between words and actions, and consistently upholding the College values in everything they do.*

Prep	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
Harlow W Boyd S Bronte D	Tyler E-D Tyler L Indy D	Sway N Esme M Skyla B	John B Rex P Jaxon B	Lyla Rose J Alexis S Lizzie T

**Grade 5 STARS** – Scott K, Lachie F, Amelia G & Tully E

**Grade 6 STARS** – Brock A, Tyler M & Adelyn K



**Happy Birthday to students celebrating over the next week...**

26<sup>th</sup> July – Niklas M

27<sup>th</sup> July – Paddy O & Griffin H

29<sup>th</sup> July – Levi S

31<sup>st</sup> July – Bonnie S

1<sup>st</sup> August – Candy H

### 2025 Energy Breakthrough Teams

Congratulations to all the students from Years 3-6 who wrote and submitted an application for this year's Energy Breakthrough Push Cart Teams! We were very impressed with the applications and with the amount of passion and eagerness shown by these students to be involved. Congratulations to these students who made the teams.

**The 3/4 Team:** Cash Trewarne, Archie Wilson, Charlie Whinray, George Styles, Harriet Alexander, Lizzie Thomas, Norah Primmer & Niah O'Sullivan

**The 5/6 Teams:** Mitch Purtle, Tate Cook, Jaxon Bromley, Zach Innella. Jackson Katz, Ben Ferguson, Zach Johnson & Lucas Rudd. Indi Burnett, Alice Withers, Bridie Pearce, Chelsea Brewer, Lilly White, Jade McInerney, Maddi Marrett & Tayla Chessels.

### Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition

During Term 2 students in Years 3-6 wrote and presented persuasive speeches within their classes. Several students from each class were chosen to compete in a School Based Public Speaking competition to determine one student from each year level to participate in the Lions Junior Public Speaking Competition.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July Maggie O'Neill, Sophie Orr, Lily White and Chelsea Brewer presented their speeches at the Lions Club, along with students from Sacred Heart and Mulwala Primary Schools. Mrs Montgomery and I had the pleasure of listening to these impressive speeches.

All students did extremely well and managed to keep their nerves at bay and speak confidently in front of a room full of adults, something many of us find very challenging! It was a high level competition and the judges said they had a very difficult time choosing the winners.

Well done to Maggie who came runner's up in the Year 3-4 competition.

A huge congratulations to all four of the students for the preparation and effort they put into their speeches!

