

# Primary Connections Newsletter



## Weekly Catch Up 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 Issue No. 25



What a wonderful week of science experiments and learning our students have enjoyed! Along with classroom based lessons we were also extremely grateful to Mrs Thomas (5-8 Campus Principal) for working with students from Years 5 & 6 to provide fun and engaging science activities for our Year 1 & 2 classes.



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**Book Week Costume  
Parade Party**

ECA Centre (9-12 Campus)  
From 9:15am

11:30-1:30 – Year level based  
special program of Book  
Week thematic learning and  
creative fun!

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Year 5 & Year 6 Lightning  
Premiership Winter Sports  
Carnival**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> August  
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Aug – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Scholastic Book Fair**

### Bullying, No Way! – National Week of Action

This week we recognised the National Week of Action, with this year's theme of 'Be bold. Be kind. Speak up'. Bullying is everyone's responsibility. It takes a community to be brave and address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate.

Students can be bold, kind and take a stand to support others being bullied, and parents and teachers can provide the support to help children learn how to behave in a positive way.

**Be Bold. Be Kind.  
Speak Up.** BULLYING NO WAY WEEK  
11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025

In our community and in our school, we want a place where everyone can belong, a place that celebrates everyone, and where bullying is never accepted. On Monday our teachers ensured that all classes from Prep to Year 6 joined the Kids Helpline's Largest Anti Bullying Lesson for kids. This live streamed online session provided students across the country with insights from young people who have faced bullying; practical strategies, expert tips & tools to respond to bullying; reporting and support options.

### **Book Week 2025 P-6 Costume Parade Party!!**

This Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August - ECA centre from 9:15am

Reminder for students to come dressed up this coming Monday – Book themed costumes, favourite characters or maybe even an outfit relating to this year's theme...Book an Adventure!

Please note: Students absolutely do not have to wear a costume – just casual clothes will be fine – but for those who forget or may need help with a costume we have had several donated that teachers will have access to.



**Happy Birthday to students  
celebrating this week...**

16<sup>th</sup> August – Daisy G  
17<sup>th</sup> – George H & Aliyah B  
18<sup>th</sup> – Jasmine AW  
19<sup>th</sup> – Ella L & Mitchell H  
20<sup>th</sup> – Kayden J & Lilly D  
21<sup>st</sup> – Adelyn K  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Maggie O, Gracie W  
& Mackenzie B



## Respect Awards



*Congratulations to the following students for treating others with consideration and being courteous at all times.*

Prep	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
Ellie R	Axton G	McKenna L	Niklas M	George H
Willow G	Noah C	Oscar C	Blake P	Leah M
Winnie P	Brock D	Eddie T	Amarnii P	Harriet A

**Grade 5 STARS** – Claire B, Laura H, Jax F & Zayn L

**Grade 6 STARS** – Poppy K, Cash S & Koda P

## Specialist Awards

**Phys Ed Awards:** Phoebe M, Rylee L, Ginny A, Sophie H, Charlie P, Layla G & Lachlan HM

**LOTE:** Felix M, Adara A, Alice CS, Jason B, Harriet A & Maddilyn M

**Music Stars:** Harlow Williams, Adara Aynsley, Jardi Brown, Niah O, Hunter T & Mason B

**STEM Stars:** Jaxon K, Arlo B, Alexis O, Lola L, Lucy C, Bonnie S & Jackson K

## Superstar Author Visit to kick off Book Week with a bang!

What a great experience Martin 'Ed' Chatterton provided for our Year 3-6 students today! A 'real life' writer and illustrator who has been performing for over thirty years, Martin was highly engaging and inspirational thanks to his highly imaginative talents, impressive drawing skills and wicked sense of humour!

Students very much enjoyed his large-scale interactive 'live' drawing, 'mind-reading' and lots of fun exploring comedy, poetry, animated fiction and funny stories.



Martin is a celebrated author, writing children's books, as well as adult crime fiction, and his work includes co-writing and illustrating a number of books in the highly successful **Middle School** series. Martin successfully travels the world performing at school incursions and **school author visits**.

## Prep Learning experiences

In the lead up to Book Week, the Prep Team ventured down to the Yarrowonga Library on Wednesday to take part in a library session with Eddie. Students listened to some stories, browsed the shelves and even learnt some new songs. What a great way to build connections within the community!

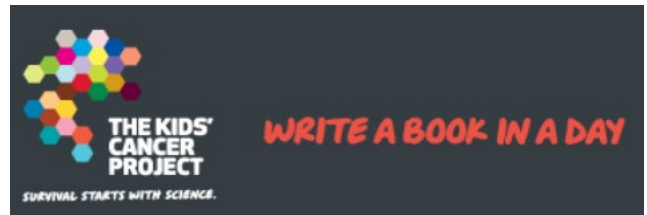
A special thank you to our helpers, Janelle and Claire for coming along to support us. Unfortunately we didn't get to round the excursion out with a play at the park, but we were lucky enough to utilise our soft play resources when we returned back to school.

On Tuesday, Paul from Ascent footwear in partnership with Yarrowonga Intersport Wingates delivered a shoelace tying workshop to our preps. The Preps were rewarded with a showbag of goodies to continue practicing the art of tying shoelaces at home.



# Write a Book in a Day

## A Celebration of Creativity at Yarrawonga P-12



On Wednesday, students from Grade 5 to Year 11 at Yarrawonga P-12 took part in *Write a Book in a Day* – one of Australia’s most inspiring writing competitions. In just 8 hours, our talented young writers and illustrators planned, wrote, edited, and published an entire book — complete with dedications, blurbs, and stunning illustrations.

More than just a challenge, this event gave our students the opportunity to collaborate, create, and contribute to a greater cause — with all books donated to children’s hospitals across Australia, and funds raised supporting childhood cancer research. Click on this [link](#) to read more about the Write A Book In A Day initiative.

The Yarrawonga team has already raised over \$5,000, and there is still an opportunity to donate.

You can support the fundraising efforts of these students. The team fundraising pages can be accessed via these links:

- [Year 5 team](#)
- [Year 6 team](#)
- [Year 7/8 team](#)
- [Senior school team](#)



We are incredibly proud of the dedication, teamwork, and passion shown by our students. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and the energy in the room was nothing short of inspiring.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our extraordinary Curriculum Leader, Rebecca Sprague, for organising this unforgettable experience. Special thanks also to Rebecca Carlyle, Ana Howard, Alex Ridley, and our School Principal Damien Keel for their invaluable support in facilitating the teams.

At Yarrawonga P-12, we are so fortunate to have passionate learners and educators who embrace opportunities like these — nurturing a lifelong love of writing and creativity in our students.

