Yinnar South Primary School Newsletter
4th November 2016

Wellbeing  
Integrity  
Self-Mastery  
Empathy  

School Vision Statement –
At Yinnar South Primary Learning Community we strive to create a flexible, vibrant and dynamic learning environment that customises individual wholistic development and maximises personal achievement.

Our Frog Bog
At the start of the year the grade 5/6 students started planning a frog bog. We had to plan the plants, the pump, the equipment and everything that goes into making a frog bog. We knew the maximum amount of money was $1500 so we had to budget. At our school we are all about sustainability so we got a solar pump.

I think the frog bog was and is a great learning opportunity because we did it all ourselves and we can use the frog bog for sustainability lessons and stuff like that. Matthew

Mirboo North & District Community Award Presentation
We walk into the recreation centre and see around 35 people, with around 40 chairs lined up in symmetry. Most ladies and gents there were people waiting for their grants. We sit down - as we were called to do from the women standing on the 30 cm taller stage in the front row, I sit at the end of the row on the left, waiting to start. Finally the presenter shears his verdict, only 18 of around 20 grants were approved. Were called up first after a ‘small’ intro. After intense work, we finish the summary and plant back on our seats. Our mission is complete, we have the grant. Travis

Sleep Over On Thursday the 20th of October grade Prep – Two students participated in a school evening and sleepover. These students participated in activities including active games, cooking, a nature walk, a disco and a campfire. For many of the students it was their first time staying away from home and some anxiety began to show in the early evening. At this time it became clear how special our school community is. Peers took each other under their wings to support and encourage those who were finding the idea of staying challenging. For dinner students ate spaghetti bolognaise
that they had prepared earlier that day and the Prep students were farewelled for the night. As the evening progressed students made their beds in Callistemon and watched the movie “Flubber”.

On Friday morning, students packed up their beds and got themselves ready for the day. They participated in Breakfast Club and enjoyed a day being inventors before enjoying a number of relaxation activities in the afternoon.

Sarah

**Wise Moments Recipients**
29th October: Heath had integrity.
4th November: Tasmin was listening to the teacher. Heath for helping Ryan when he was sad.

**Zoo Excursion**

On Friday the 11th November the Prep, one and two students will be attending the Melbourne Zoo.
Students will need to be at the **Morwell Train Station by 7.15am.**
Students will need to be collected from **Morwell station at 4.35pm.**
Please be on time as students will be very tired. Cost will be **$22.50**

**Science Works, Ferry, and City Adventure**

On Friday the 18th November the Grade Three to Six students will be attending Scienceworks. We will travel by train and ferry to Scienceworks and return by train. At science works we will be attending the Planetarium – tilt show and the Lightening room safety show. We will then be returning to town and having dinner before returning to Morwell.
Students will need to be at Morwell station by 7.15am and will return for a prompt pick up at Morwell Station 8.39pm.
Cost will be **$40.00**

**Play is the Way Focus**

WISE values
Integrity
Art Smocks
Reminder that if you haven’t already done so please send along an art smock for your child. We recommend one that is waterproof and covers the back as well.

Lifestyles Levies Term 4
Lifestyle levy of $30 per child were due to be paid by the 19th October. If you have any outstanding levies please pay these ASAP. Students with outstanding Lifestyle levies (and no agreed payment plan) will be unable to participate in our shared lunch.

Enrolments for 2017 are now open
If you or know of anyone thinking of enrolling for 2017. Please call into the office to pick up enrolment forms.

Woolen Blankets
In preparation for the upcoming fire season we require old woolen blankets. If you have any that you no longer and would like to donate them to the school it would be greatly appreciated.

Book Covering
We have new books that require covering before the students are able to use them. If you would like to take some home to cover, see Kylie, thanks.

Questacon Visit
Last Tuesday, we received a visit from Questacon. They had travelled all the way from Canberra to perform experiments for our school. Some of the experiments required student participation, like the human “Newton’s cradle” and others were to teach us new concepts; like how a scrunched up piece of paper would hit the ground faster than another once of the same size, but smoothed out. Some were for fun, like watching how only a drop of rocket fuel could make a film canister hit the roof of the hall.

The concepts they taught us were force and energy. They explained to us that there were two basic kinds of energy; stored and moving. An example of stored energy is a basketball held over the ground. When you let go, and the ball hits the ground, you would hear a noise and maybe feel a vibration. This is the energy that the ball had, being converted into vibrations and noise. Some of that energy is left over and the ball bounces back up. Most of the energy was lost by making sound and vibrations so it doesn’t reach your hand.
They explained how some objects have more energy than others. They used a tennis ball and a basketball to demonstrate. They held the tennis ball on top of the basketball and dropped them both at the same time. When the basketball hit the ground, the tennis ball hit the basketball. The basketball used up some of its energy by producing noise and vibrations, and the left over energy would have made the basketball go back up, but the tennis ball was in the way, so it transferred its energy to the tennis ball and the tennis ball (being much smaller) could not hold all the energy and it bounced much higher than the basketball.

The last experiment they had was just for fun. They had set up a larger rocket than the first. This one was powered by air pressure. To generate the air pressure they used a bike pump to put air into a sealed bottle. The bottle was attached to a plastic rope so that it could slide up and down it freely. Some of the students got to operate the bike pump.
DO YOU WANT YOUR COMMUNITY TO HAVE ITS OWN BANKING AGENCY?

If you want the convenience of over the counter banking in your area then we need your support.

The Metachs North and District Community Bank is considering the establishment of an agency at the Yinnar South. I must stress that there is enough support from community members to make it financially viable.

Banking with your community bank will benefit your community.

A successful agency could increase the funds that flow into our community, the Metachs North and District Community Bank has already, in just over 12 months, provided Community Grants that amount to over $10,000. The new community bank has the potential to offer $50,000 in grants each year.

Implementation of the new agency will benefit the community and all residents will be able to enjoy the benefits of a local bank.

A feasibility survey will soon be delivered to all residents. Complete the survey and have your say.

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Building Students’ Learning Power

A workshop for parents and senior primary and secondary students with

James Anderson

James is the director of the Institute for Habits of Mind & the first internationally certified Mindset Trainer by Carol Dweck’s Mindset Works

Wednesday 16th November 2016
7:30 – 9:00 pm
(Tea & coffee available from 7:15 pm)

at Boolarra Primary School

Earlier this year James presented at a shared learning day for the teachers and Education Support staff at our school along with staff from other schools in the Churchill Cluster.

I was really impressed with James’ entertaining and thought-provoking presentation. Throughout the day I found myself thinking “I wish I had used this approach with my own children!”

We are delighted that James has agreed to run a session at our school for parents and older students. This will help us to work in partnership with our families to maximise the learning outcomes for our students.

Leslie Enomoto, Principal Boolarra Primary School

Limited places are available for participants from other schools.

Cost is $20 per participant

Family Fishing Day

Saturday 5 November 2016
10am - 2pm

Families are invited to join staff from Relationships Australia Victoria and volunteers from Yinnar South Community Bank for a fun filled day! Prizes will be awarded on the day for best dressed fishing outfit.

There will be a competition for best dressed fishing outfit and prizes will be awarded to children 10 years and under.

Come along and throw your line in to catch the biggest fish!

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

For further information contact Relationships Australia Victoria Yinnar South office on 03 5169 1540 or email Yinnar.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Positive Parenting Telephone Service

This program is offered to parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our free ten week program aims to assist you to:

* Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
* Encourage behaviour you want to see in your children
* Manage everyday behaviour problems
* Set rules & limits
* Teach new skills

This program is completed via a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly phone calls with a trained parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

Interested?
For more information please phone **1800 880 660**

Enrolments taken all year round

Enrol now and make a positive start last a lifetime

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