School Terms 2017
Term 1  31 January - 31 March  
Term 2  18 April - 30 June  
Term 3  17 July - 22 September  
Term 4  9 October - 22 December

Up Coming Events
24th March - Yinnar & District Sports at the Yinnar Football Grounds

Katy’s Chat
Welcome to 2017. As much as I love holidays I am excited to be back this year and to see all our gorgeous children. I can’t believe how much some of the students have grown over the holidays. We welcome 9 new students this year. 6 Preps, 1 grade 3 and 2 grade 6’s. We also welcome our new teacher Avis who is predominately working with the grade 2/3 group. I am sure you will all help us to make them all welcome. We have 10 students in F/1, 9 in 2/3, and 13 in the grade 4/5/6 with a total of 32 students. How spoilt are we to have such lovely small class sizes.

Yinnar South Primary School Newsletter  
3rd February 2017

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.

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Our three classroom teachers are Michael (Mon- Thurs), Avis and Sarah. Alongside my administration role (principal) I will continue to work in the classroom which I love as the students are the reason we are all here.

Hats – I am so happy to say that every child has had their hat this week. Great effort. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

**A few reminders:**

**Carpark** - Please reverse park in the car park and drive at walking pace only. We have lots of little people this year. Please collect your student at the gate and escort them safely to the car.

**Foundation Students (Prep)** - We encourage foundation parents to collect their student at the classroom for term one.

**Smocks** – All students are required to have a named art smock. We recommend the plastic ones that go the whole way around. (Best and Less) had them.

**Home Groups**
Your child’s home group teachers will be the main teacher responsible for your child’s pastoral care and the person who will co-ordinate their reporting requirements. As per our flexible learning program students may work with a variety of teachers to best provide for their personal learning needs. Your child’s home group teacher is your first port of call if you need any information about your child’s learning program. Our teaching staff are all very approachable for quick things but if you need time to chat please make an appointment rather than trying to catch them when they are teaching. This ensures all students get our best attention.

**Banksia** – Home group Teacher: Michael (Grade 4/5/6) (Katy – Fri)

**Callistemon** – Home group Teacher: Avis (Grade 2/3)

**Wattle** - Home group Teacher: Sarah (Grade F-1)

Please be aware that class grade groupings are approximate as students will be placed in the home group that best meets their personal needs.

I look forward to another wonderful year as part of the Yinnar South Learning Community.

**Homework Term One**
At Yinnar South Primary we try to keep homework to a minimum as we would much prefer your children to be active and outside than sitting doing schoolwork at home. That said, all levels have some minimum requirements. Regular reading is incredibly important. Please make this an enjoyable part of your family time. We will be offering a literacy session in the next month to offer tips on successful home reading.

**Banksia**
Students will be required to read for 15 minutes four times per week (this allows for after school activities and can be completed on weekends if needed). Students are also required to
complete one page of writing per week (Home writing should not take more than maximum ½ hour). Students may also be provided with homework if classwork is not completed during the allocated time. Students who do not complete their homework will be required to complete the work during an allocated lunch time. Parents/Carers will need to sign their students diary (still on order) to demonstrate that this reading and writing has occurred.

Callistemon
Grade 3 – As above
Grade 2 – As below

Wattle
Foundation (Prep)/1 – Students are required to read their take home readers each school night. This should take no longer than 15 mins. Simple word list/spelling homework will/may also be required but this will be kept very simple and will be explained at the literacy night.

(All students may have modified homework plans as per their personal learning needs.)

We appreciate your support.

Yinnar South Teaching and Learning Team

Play is the Way
TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT YOU
If someone is unlike you, seek to understand them.

Wise Moment Recipients
Ellia-helping others
Matthew – helping others
Lucas-Integrity when packing up in class. He put everything back where it belonged.

Water Bottles
During the hot weather, please ensure that your child has a drink bottle each day. These can be refilled at school.

School Times
9am to 3:15pm
We start learning at 9am so please be here in time to greet others and unpack bags to be ready in for learning once the bell goes.

Morning Meeting
This year we will be holding a morning Meeting on

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Mondays and Friday Mornings. This meeting will initially be chaired by our new Junior Leadership Team. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting if they are available.

**Yinnar and District Athletics**
Yinnar and District Athletics on 24 March. Please be advised, we are unable to provide transport so it will need to be arranged privately.
Please see Katy if you are able to volunteer or have any concerns. More details to follow.

**Life Styles**
Lifestyles will be running each Thursday this year and therefore all students will be provided with a meal on this day. We alternate between cooking and sustainability (garden). Thank you to everyone who has been able to go on the roster to help in the kitchen with either food the preparation or washing of the dirty tea towels and aprons. It is amazing to have so many volunteers. If cooking is not your thing, you are welcome to help in the garden.
The cost is $30.00 per student each term.

**Breakfast Club**
Breakfast Club runs Wednesday to Friday 8.30 to 9.15am in the hall kitchen and is **free**. They can choose from Cherio’s, porridge, baked beans, tinned fruit, muesli and sometimes toast. Everyone is welcome. This made available through the Government and Foodbank Australia Australia.

**Welcome to our New Foundation (Prep) students**
Ritchies IGA Churchill
Remember to use your “Community Benefits card” when shopping at IGA the extra money from this program is used to buy extras around the school.

Illustrated talk on locally threatened indigenous species
Presented by local conservationist, Malcolm Grant
Sunday, February 5, 2017
2.00p.m.
Switch Room, arc yinnar, Main Street
Yinnar
Enter from the Community Garden

Free, family friendly community event.
Please stay and join us for afternoon tea after the talk.
Yinnar, Yinnar South Landcare Group
Contact: 0409 645 223

Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation

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