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# YERONG CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear families and carers,  
We have been undergoing an upgrade to our school this week. All our classrooms and administration areas have been given a fresh coat of paint. The results look fantastic. We have spent the week in the lovely sun filled library to ensure student learning was not disrupted. We look forward to you seeing the results next week at Assembly.  
This week I received some exciting news from the Australian Science Teachers Association. A grant we submitted earlier in the term was successful, and will go towards planting our vegetable garden next term. We expect to be able to offer fresh soup weekly when the crops are ready to harvest. Any great family favourite vegetable soup recipes are most welcome to be brought in.

Miss Murray and Mrs Gerhardy enjoyed their Professional Development day last week, where they studied an in-depth spelling program to be implemented in all classes from next term. You will see a different format of spelling sheets coming home for homework from next term. If you have any questions please ring and make a time to discuss with your child's teacher.

Reports are being finalised this week and will be sent home next Tuesday. Could you please ring the office and make a time to discuss your child's progress at a time convenient to you.

We will endeavour to be available most days before and after school.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy break. All of our school community has worked extremely hard this term and I thank them all: parent helpers, P & C members, staff, and students. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and relaxed for the first day of Term 3, 24<sup>th</sup> July. I will be overseas for the majority of the break participating in a behaviour conference in Cambodia. As part of this conference, I will be volunteering at a local Cambodian school and look forward to sharing the experience with our school community when I return.

Kym Poidevin

## K-2 Class News

The last two weeks have seen K-2 focus on Fairy Tales... What they are, and what the key features of this type of writing are. We were very interested to hear a different point of view to the Three Little Pigs story. Some in our class were convinced that the wolf actually wasn't so bad after all, and the pigs had misunderstood him. This led us to some very interesting conversations about how different points of view can be created from the same event!

Connor was very excited this week as he received a letter from the soldier who received his care

package for Anzac Day. We have scanned this letter so parents and families can read it. It was wonderful to read that the packages were so well received by our service personnel. Please enjoy your upcoming break and I look forward to seeing you all well rested and ready for learning at the beginning of Term 3 ☺

### 3-6 Class News

What a busy term it has been! Debating, athletics carnivals, cross country, art excursions, and the theatre excursion. The list goes on. Students have been busy with many learning opportunities in extra-curricular activities as well as learning in class.

The past few weeks we have focused on narrative writing, particularly planning drafts and looking at different ways we can start our narratives. Students have also focused on writing paragraphs and why we write in paragraphs. We are continuing to look at the format of a paragraph, such as opening statements and supporting sentences. Each day we continue practising writing and improving our own paragraphs.

We are enjoying reading The Twits and looking at different ways we comprehend texts, such as predicting, questioning and visualising.

I cannot express how grateful I am to have such wonderful students. They continually show flexibility in their learning, and I have seen an improvement in the students' abilities to manage their distractions.

As this is the last newsletter before the break I wish everyone a safe and happy break. I look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 3 and the new learning ahead.

Miss Murray

### Hot Chocolates

Hot chocolates will be for sale this term instead of icecreams. The cost will still be \$1.00. Remember you can pay in advance.



### Kindergarten 2019 Transition Information Day

A Kindergarten parent session will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 @ 11am** followed by a morning tea.

Kindergarten transition sessions will start week one of Term four:

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.30am – 12.00pm**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.**

Please contact the school if you would like further information.

### Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Tuesday 3rd July. If you have any questions or concerns after you receive your child's report please contact the school to arrange a meeting for later that week.

### Green Level Reward Day



The reward day for students who have remained on Green level will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. These students are invited to attend school in their pyjamas.



Sneakers or joggers must still be worn but slippers can be brought to school to wear in the classrooms.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.



Parents can send a list of the books that the students are reading at home and these titles can be added to each student's personal reading log.





## CALENDAR EVENTS

### ***Week 10***

Monday 2 July	Recorder Club
Tuesday 3 July	Chess Club Reports go home
Wednesday 4 July	Canteen
Friday 6 July	Reward Day- PJ's Sports <b>Assembly @ 2.45pm</b> <b>Last day for Term 2</b>

### ***Term 3 Week 1***

Monday 23 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 24 July	Students return Chess Club
Wednesday 25 July	Canteen Multicultural Public Speaking
Friday 27 July	Bluearth





**AUSTRALIAN ARMY**  
**Force Support Element – 8**

**Yerong Creek Public School Cole Street  
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*Dear Connor,*

I write to pass on my sincere thanks for the kind gifts that you recently sent to Australian Defence Forces deployed on operations, which I was lucky enough to receive. The ongoing support of the Australian public and the countless letters and gifts that are sent from back home to service personnel in the Middle East Region do not go unnoticed. It means an enormous amount to me and every member deployed in the region to know that the Australian public is thinking of us and is supportive of the sacrifices that are made.

I am currently deployed to the Middle East Region on OPERATION ACCORDION, as a Private within the Force Support Element that provides logistics support to all Australian forces in the region.

My great Grandfather was also so in World War 2, he was mostly in Europe during World War 2. I do not have any children.

Being away from friends and family is a difficult thing and it is a challenge for all service men and women deployed on operations. I hope you and your family are well and I send my best wishes.

*yours sincerely*

**D J Randall**  
Private  
Support Platoon

*24* May 2017

This a copy of the letter that was returned to Connor after the students sent letters and gifts items to defence force personnel for ANZAC Day Care Packages.