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Dear families and carers,

Welcome back to Term 3! It has been a busy start to the term, and we are happy to see most of our students have recovered from the nasty cold that was doing the rounds over the last week of the holidays.

Congratulations to our student representatives who took part in the Multicultural Virtual Speaking and the Premiers debating. These students represent Yerong Creek Public School at a high standard. Coming first in these activities is not at the forefront of why we engage in these opportunities- the purpose is to build confidence and capacity in our students to effectively communicate in a range of situations. This ultimately assists them in becoming the fantastic adults of the future that we know they will be.

During the break, as I mentioned in the last newsletter of Term 2, I travelled to Cambodia to engage in a behaviour course, as well as assisting in two local schools. It was an amazing experience, and I was fortunate to meet with a group of other teachers and executives from a broad range of schools in NSW. There are some photos which I will put up on the Facebook page to show what the schools in Cambodia look like. We are very fortunate indeed to have the quality resources, and quality staff, that we have here in Australia!

Thank you to the families who have returned notes and deposits for the 3-6 excursion. If you have not already done so, could you please send the note back to the school. If your child will not be attending, could you please return the form indicating they will be attending school on those days.

We will be holding a Transition to Kindergarten day in Week 4. If you know of any families who may wish to enrol their children here with us next year, could you please let them know? We have sent out flyers within the local area, and can send out more if anyone needs one.

Coming up next week we will have a visit from the Environmentors- a program aimed at reducing waste and encouraging recycling. The students will engage in a range of hands on activities as they explore various aspects of caring for the environment.

Could I please also ask that recorders are sent back to school? We have been unable to continue our recorder club as students have not been bringing them back to school.

Have a great week.

Kym Poidevin

K-2 Class News

Welcome back! It was fantastic to hear about the activities the students got up to during the holidays. I hope some of you get the chance to

use the chopsticks I brought back from Cambodia!

This term our class will be developing spelling skills using the SMART spelling program. We are targeting a specific graph, digraph, or trigraph each week. Students say the word, tap out the sounds, count the sounds, then break them into their letter sounds. They are doing a great job thinking hard about the sound/letter connection. We are studying persuasive writing during the first half of this term. Keep a look out on Storybird throughout the term to see examples of your child's persuasive talents.

During the first 2 weeks we are continuing to build on our skills in addition and subtraction. It is very important that students get to use different strategies such as jump, split, and compensation. Please send in any book titles that your child is reading at home that aren't home readers. These books will be added to the record for the Premiers Reading Challenge. Thank you for encouraging reading at home- it makes a huge difference to the literacy development of your child 😊 Have a fantastic week and till next time.

Mrs Poidevin and students K-2.

3-6 Class News

Welcome back to another exciting term. It was fantastic to hear all the wonderful things students managed to do throughout the holidays.

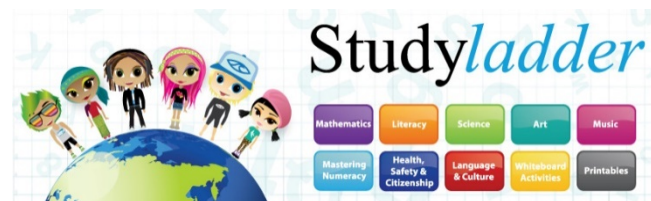
In literacy students will be learning a range of persuasive devices used in reading and writing. We will be looking at the style of writing used when we want to persuade someone to agree with our views, especially in debating. We look forward to participating in our own debates during class.

In Mathematics students are practising using different strategies for addition and subtraction. We specifically focused on the jump and split strategies, and are now beginning to apply these strategies in problem solving questions. Congratulations to our debating team on their participation in the second debate for 2018. It was fantastic to see the participation from all group members, even if it was their first time speaking in front of a new audience. Whilst we did not win I am proud of their effort on the day. We have two more debates to complete which will occur Monday 13th August at Yerong Creek. Well done to both Annie and Ryan on their speeches in the Multicultural Speaking Competition. Both students presented well written speeches on a multicultural topic and were unfortunate not to have won first place. Both should be proud of their achievements.

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 14th August, 2018 @ 11am** followed by a morning tea.

Kindergarten transition sessions will start week one of Term four:

Tuesday 16th October @ 9.30am – 12.00pm

Tuesday 23rd October @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Tuesday 30th October @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Tuesday 6th November @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Tuesday 13th November @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Tuesday 20th November @ 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Please contact the school if you would like further information.

Student Reports – Teacher Meetings

Please contact the school office to book a date and time with Mrs Poidevin or Miss Murray to discuss your child's report.

Bernie O'Connor Football and Netball Carnival

Preparations are underway for our upcoming football and netball carnival with the teams being sorted in the next couple of weeks. This a time for all students aged 8 and above to combine with the other Greater Kengal Schools and enjoy a day of physical activity and social connections.

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 students personal reading log.

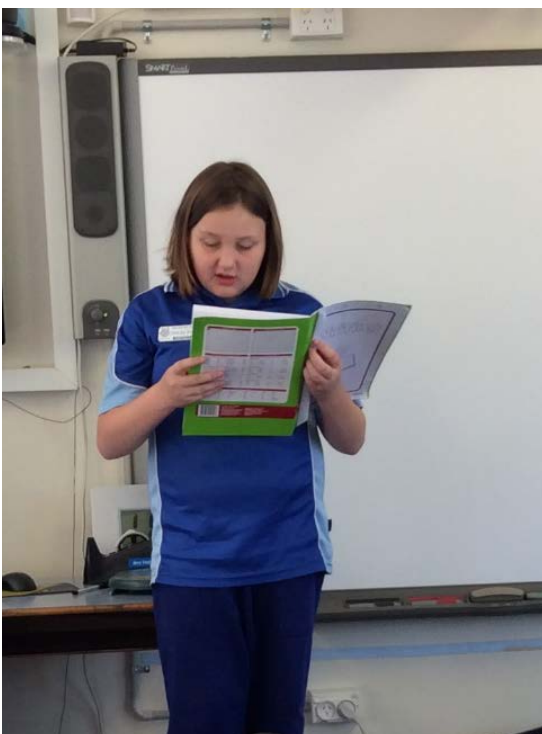


Enviromentors Workshops

The Enviromentors offer a series of different workshops that cover a range of current environmental issues.

All modules are designed to engage students through movement and fun activities.

Workshops are designed to encourage students to become environmental stewards in their households, spreading the message to the wider community. The pace of the workshops is mixed by incorporating games, kinaesthetic learning and props to keep children engrossed and actively engaged.



CALENDAR EVENTS

Week 2

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| Friday 3 August | Sport |
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Week 3

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| Monday 6 August | Bluearth EnviroMentors Program |
| Recorder Club | |
| Tuesday 7 August | Chess Club |
| Wednesday 8 August | Canteen |

Week 4

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| Monday 13 August | Premier's Debate Recorder Club |
| Tuesday 14 August | Chess Club |
| Wednesday 15 August | Canteen |
| Friday 17 th August | Sport |

Week 5

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| Monday 20 August | Bluearth Recorder Club |
| Tuesday 21 August | Chess Club Assembly @ 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 22 August | Canteen |
| Friday 24 August | Bernie O'Connor Football/ Netball Carnival |

Week 6

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| Monday 27 August | Recorder Club |
| Tuesday 28 August | STEM Visit Virtual Arts Excursion Chess Club |
| Wednesday 29 August | Canteen |
| Friday 31 August | Bluearth |

Week 7

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| Monday 3 September | Bluearth Life Education Day @ Pleasant Hills School |
| Tuesday 4 September | Chess Club |
| Wednesday 5 September | Canteen |

Week 8

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| Friday 14 September | Sport |
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Week 9

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| Monday 17 September | Bluearth Recorder Club |
| Tuesday 18 September | HMFD |
| Wednesday 19 Sept | HMFD Canteen |
| Thursday 20 September | HMFD |

Week 10

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| Monday 24 September | Recorder Club |
| Tuesday 25 September | Chess Club |
| Wednesday 26 Sept | Canteen |
| Friday 28 September | Sports Assembly @ 2.45pm Last Day Of Term |

ASSEMBLY AWARDS FOR WEEK 10

Numeracy Awards
Mia & Leilya

Literacy Awards
Kiana-Leise & Connor

Library Awards
Riley & Serenity

Outstanding Behaviour Awards
Leila & Patrick

Kindness Award
Annie

Attendance Awards
Campbell, Leila, Mia, Charlotte, Ryan,
Salina, Leilya, Serenity, Annie, Patrick,
Thomas, Riley, Rori, Connor & Seth.



WORKSHOPS AT A GLANCE



BENEFITS



10 educational modules meeting objectives of:

- Litter reduction
- Bin contamination
- Organic Recycling promotion
- Waste Reduction
- Resource Conservation
- Water Specific Conservation
- Sustainability



Encourages students becoming environmental stewards



Workshops cover a multitude of environment issues



Modules designed to engage students through movement and fun activities. Tailored for each learning stage, from preschool to Year Six



Up to 5 classes, or approximately 150 students, can participate each day in the incursion-based workshops



Workshops run for 45 minutes to an hour

