Welcome to all to our Yeo Park families to the 2013 school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Kindergarten students and their families.

Last week we also welcomed Ms Deborah Lang, a new teacher at our school. Ms Lang was the successful candidate at interview last year and has joined our teaching staff permanently this year.

Our large intake of Kindergarten students has meant that we have 4 classes again this year. We are now able to confirm our class structures as:

- KT (24 students)
- K/1P (23 students)
- 1/2L (24 students)
- 1/2F (24 students)

We hope to have our new Kindy students in their classes by the beginning of next week.

Teachers are planning a staff development day for Friday 12/4, which will mean that students will finish term 1 on Thursday 11/4. I will be speaking about this at our coming P&C meeting and parent information night.

I am looking forward to another busy and exciting year at our little school in the park.

Regards, Stacey Furner

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**Dates for your diary**

**February**

- 8 - Music Lessons start
- 13 - CAKE DAY - P&C AGM meeting—7pm
- 14 - First School Assembly 2.20pm
- 20 - Parent Information Night 6.30pm
- 25 - Child Protection training for parent helpers—2.45pm
- 19 - Scripture Lessons start

**March**

- 4/3 - 8/3 - BEST START Interviews for Kindergarten parents

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**Special points of interest:**

**Child protection Training for Parent Volunteers**

All “parent helpers” and volunteers who wish to assist with classroom programs are required to attend a session on Child Protection procedures. This training will be held on Monday 25 February at 2.45pm in the 1/2F classroom.
School Assemblies

School assemblies are held each Thursday afternoon starting at 2.20pm. The first assembly will be held on Thursday 14 February. Parents are welcome to attend.

On arrival parents should wait under the "shelter" near the line up area in the park. It is not appropriate for parents to enter the playground or to approach their child whilst waiting for assembly. At the end of "Crunch and Sip break" students will be taken into the school hall and seated. The year 2 assembly leaders will go out to the park and welcome parents when it is time for the assembly to begin. We ask for your co-operation to arrive punctually as the doorbell ringing and parents arriving after the assembly has started are very disruptive to our assembly. Parents are free to use one of the hall chairs but we ask that no tables are moved. Pre-schoolers are to sit quietly with their parents and are not to move around or get out any toys.

Thanks for your support and assistance!

Food at School

NO nuts...NO egg PLEASE

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This includes spreads such as peanut butter and nutella.

Students are able to bring food which is labelled as

Teachers are always impressed by the quality of healthy lunches and 'crunch and sip' snacks that our students bring to school each day. We remind you that "crunch and sip break" is an afternoon tea break so please pack foods that will remain fresh until 2pm. Don't forget to pack a spoon if required.

At "crunch and sip break" students are encouraged to bring fresh (rather than dried or processed) fruit and vegetables to 'crunch' on. They are also encouraged to have 'sips' of water from the bubblers. We also encourage the children to "eat a rainbow", which means that they eat fruit and vegetables of different colours so that they have a healthy range of different nutrients. We have an "Eat a Rainbow" mural which is displayed in our eating shed.

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After school programs will continue with our cooking and eco warriors club. We will be commencing our Active After School Communities (AASC) programs in week 2 with Martial Arts on Tuesdays and Soccer on Thursdays.

If you would like to change or make a causal/permanent booking, please contact staff via phone on 0425 323 079 or email yposhc@primaryoshcare.com.au or alternatively visit us in the centre.

Many thanks

Hannah, Sharon & Kristin.

The beginning of the school year is the time when we should all be ensuring that children develop good habits which can be carried through for the remainder of the year. Please encourage the following routines/habits with your child.

- Do not arrive at school before 9am unless your child is booked into Before School Care. From 9am, students can play on the blue mat only if their parents are not staying for morning lines.
- Encourage your child to be punctual for school each morning. Parents have a legal obligation to ensure that their child arrives at school on time.
- Encourage your child to unpack crunch and sip bags, home readers etc independently in the mornings.
- Encourage your child to leave home each day wearing his/her school hat.

Parents should also:

- be vigilant about asking your child for school notes each day. Please read all school notes and newsletters carefully. This is the main form of communication between school and home;
- complete and return school notes to the school letterbox promptly;
- check the noticeboards in the school foyer regularly;
- “kiss and drop” your child at the school gate on wet mornings to avoid congestion and disruption in the foyer and school hall area; &
- supervise their children carefully if they are playing in the park after school.

Primary OHSCare

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School Times

Our school times are as follows:

- 9.25am-11.30am: Morning session
- 11.30am-12.25am: Lunch break
- 12.25pm - 2pm: Middle session

These times enable a good solid learning session in the mornings when students are fresh and at their best! It also means that students have their long break earlier in the day which is a safer time, especially during the hotter months.
Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome to Yeo Park’s P&C for 2013. I extend a special welcome to our new kindy children and their families. I hope you have enjoyed your first few days at our little school in the park.

Welcome BBQ

We will soon be having a school community BBQ to welcome our new Kindy families. The date for this will be advertised after our P&C meeting next week. We hope you can come along and meet the other families in our school community. Sausages will be provided for the children by the P&C. Please bring a picnic for yourselves and enjoy our first social get together for the year.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C meets the second Wednesday of each month. Come along and enjoy some nibbles and a glass of wine... Our next P&C meeting is our AGM – 7pm Wed 13 February in the school library. The 2013 Office bearer positions are displayed on a mobile noticeboard in the school hall. This will be taken outside each day for morning lines (weather permitting). We are very aware of people’s time commitments and every little bit helps! There are a range of positions on offer so please take a look. I look forward to catching up with you at the meeting next week.

Andrew Ward (P&C President)

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Ziah and her family on the arrival of their beautiful baby Cherokee.

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Congratulations to some of our ex-Yeo Park students:-

Rory - 2013 captain of Summer Hill Public School

Gianluca - 2013 captain of Ashbury Public School

Kai - 2013 captain of Canterbury Public School

Scripture Classes

Scripture classes will start next Tuesday 19 February. All scripture classes are taught by local clergy or approved personnel from local religious groups. Parents have already indicated their family religion on their child’s enrolment form and their choice of scripture group when their child started Kindergarten. If you wish to change your child’s scripture class, you need to inform the school of this in writing as soon as possible. Parents should also be aware that frequent changes of scripture classes are often disruptive and very confusing for children.

This year we have the following scripture classes.

- Roman Catholic: K-2
- Non-denominational Protestant: Kindergarten
- Non-denominational Protestant: Year 1 & 2 combined
- Bahai: K-2

Students who are not nominated for one of these scripture classes will attend a “Non-scripture” group which will be supervised by one of the YPIS teachers.

Ethics classes which have been widely reported and debated in the media are currently only offered to year 3 - 6 students.