From the Principal

I would like to thank our parent community for your thoughtfulness on World Teachers Day. The cake was delicious and the plant has brightened up our staffroom.

It’s hard to believe but the 2012 school year is coming to an end. There are many people that I would like to thank. Thank you to our school community for supporting the school in so many ways throughout the year. It is such a pleasure to work in a school which is supported so strongly by its school community. Our P&c lead by Andrew Ward has again been very active throughout the year. There has been so much happening with a number of fundraising initiatives and the school has benefited from this in so many ways. There is a flyer about the funds raised by our P&C this year, attached to this newsletter.

Please remember to keep the evening of 3 December free for our annual Presentation Night. Parents have received an invitation and there is also information about presentation night on page 4 of this newsletter. Our year 2 students will be formally farewelled at Presentation Night.

After Presentation Night teachers will be providing some fun end of year Christmas activities in each class. These activities will not involve any religious based teaching. Please let me know if you do not wish your child to participate.

It is very likely that we will maintain 4 classes in 2013. Although this cannot be confirmed until students return next year, at this point it seems likely that our class structures will be:

- Kindergarten
- K/1
- 1/2
- 1/2

Changes in enrolments may result in a reorganisation of these class structures next year.

Regards,

Stacey Furner

Dates for your diary

December

3 - PRESENTATION NIGHT
4 - Kindy Transition
6 - Responsible Pet Education Sessions for all classes
10 - Thank you morning tea for volunteers
11 - Digi-Ed Workshops
13 - Talent Assembly
14 - Special Lunch Day
17 - Santa visiting
18 - End of year outing to Balmoral Beach
19 - Students last day of school for 2012

- Year 2 will be clapped out of the school gate at 3.25pm

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Special points of interest:

In 2013, current Kindergarten and Year 1 students will return to school on Wednesday 30 January.
Snapshots of Musica Viva

Snapshots of Pizza and Pyjama Night

Dear Parents & Carers

The holidays are fast approaching and it’s that time of the year when we also need to get ready for Vacation Care. Unfortunately Yeo Park OSHC will be closed during this time, however neighbouring centres Campsie, Orange Grove and Taverners Hill will be offering Vacation Care programs. Copies of the program can be accessed via our website www.primaryoshcare.com.au or hard copies available in the centre. The early bird discount of $5 applies to bookings and payments made before the closure date of Friday 7th December.

Families are also reminded to complete the re-enrolment form for next year. Please note it is a requirement for all Primary OSHCare centres to sight children’s immunisation record. Unfortunately, bookings can not be accepted until these have been sighted.

If you have any enquiries or feedback regarding our service please contact staff via email on yposhc@primaryoshcare.com.au or phone 0425 323 079, alternatively pop in and visit staff in the centre.

Many thanks

Hannah, Sharon, Lila & Kristin
**Coming Events**

**Digi-Ed Workshops**
On Tuesday 11/12, we have a very special day at our school. We have a company called “Digi Ed” coming into the school to run workshops with all students. Kindy and year 1 students will participate in a visual arts workshop. Year 2 will be making a claymation movie. We thank our P&C for funding the cost of this special event.

**Talent Assembly**
We will be having a Talent assembly on Thursday 13 December at 2.30pm. Parents are most welcome to join us for an afternoon of unique and special performances.

**Special Lunch Day**
Don’t forget that Friday 14/12 is special lunch day.
Students are still required to bring their crunch and sip snack.

**Our annual Presentation Night is on Monday 3 December at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club.**
This is a formal event to celebrate the success and achievements of all of our students this year and to farewell year 2 students.

Students need to arrive by 6.45pm.
We look forward to seeing you there!

**Assembly Awards**

**Week 6:**
Assembly Leaders: Ruby and Holly
Student of the week presenter: Sophia

**Class Awards**
KS: Alice (Learning), Jon (Code of Conduct), Stella (Values).
KC: Quentin (Learning), Emma (Code of Conduct), Alice (Values).
1P: Benji (Learning), Jesse (Code of Conduct), Pascale (Values).
1/2F: Sebastian (Learning), Ruby (Code of Conduct), Anneke (Values).

Students of the week: Ziah, Louis and Daphne

**Bits and pieces**

We have just been notified of the winners of the Ashfield Library Bookweek Competition from our school. Last term students participated in the competition during library lessons. Prizes were awarded to the following students earlier this week. Congratulations to Anaseini, Jasper, Maia, Dechen, Chloe, Poppy M and Ruby.

“Over the rainbow to healthy living”
As a result of our “over the rainbow to healthy living” initiative earlier this term we had 51 students receive a gold certificate, 18 students receive a silver certificate and 6 students receive a bronze certificate. Mrs Thompson did a wonderful job organising this initiative. Teachers have received some feedback from parents and Mrs Thompson is happy to hear from anyone else who may like to provide some feedback.
Dear Parents & Friends,

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to all of the dedicated parents who have made this another very successful year. I would like to extend a special thank you to our fundraising coordinator Fiona Day, our treasurer John Chudleigh and secretary Isabelle Le Calvez for making my year as P&C president so easy. Isabelle’s time at Yeo Park is almost over and we should all be very thankful of her 6 years of dedicated service to the P&C.

P&C has raised over $20,000 dollars through fundraising initiatives this year which will be directly invested back into Yeo Park Infants school to help enrich your children’s educational experiences in the years to come. Well done team!

I encourage all parents to consider being active P&C members next year. All office bearers and other roles will be vacated next year. Elections will occur at the AGM on the second Wednesday of next February.

Summer Fiesta

On Sunday 9th December the P&C are hosting an afternoon of fun and festivities in Yeo Park to celebrate the end of the year. There will be live music, sausage sizzle, games and activities. All family and friends are welcome. Please assist by returning your RSVP forms by the due date (which is tomorrow).

Tea Towels

I have had a sneak peak at this year’s tea towel design and can report that they look fantastic and will be a great memento. They are due to be delivered in first week of December.

I wish all families a safe and happy festive season and prosperous new year.

Warm Regards

Andrew Ward
P&C President

Christmas Toy and Book Drive

This Christmas, the children will have the chance to experience the joy of giving as well as receiving, by bringing a preloved toy or book for Santa at the Festive Fruity Fiesta. Santa will deliver the gifts to children in need via 2 charities - Second Chance Toys and the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation. Here are a few simple guidelines:

- Choose a gift that your children would be happy to receive
- If toy is battery operated, please include new batteries
- If plastic, please clean toy with antiseptic wipes, removing dirt/ grime etc.
- Please no stuffed animals!

For further information, you can contact Steve Clarke on mail@steve-clarke.net