School routines and procedures have been established now and we are all well settled in our new classes. Last week we welcomed back Mrs Tamasin Borg who returned to work as our School Learning Support Officer.

We are very fortunate that our little school has such a positive and supportive school community. There are many ways that parents can be involved in school life here at Yeo Park. Parents who are available and wish to help with class programs can complete the parent participation note which will be given out at the Parent Information Night this evening. All parent helpers need to complete child protection training before assisting with school programs. (details on page 3). Parents of year 1 and year 2 children who have previously attended the training do not need to attend. If you have participated in child protection training through your own work you need to sign a form in the office. Please see Mrs Killorn if this applies to you.

A big thank you to all of the parents who came along to the AGM of our P&C last week. It was wonderful to have such a huge group of enthusiastic parents who were so willing to take up positions on the P&C. A list of the parents who volunteered to take up a position is included on page 4 of this newsletter.

Please be advised that students will be finishing school for term 1 on Thursday 11 April. On Friday 12 April, teachers will be attending training on the new National Curriculum. Students will return to school for term 2 on Tuesday 30 April (NOT WEDNESDAY 1 MAY, AS OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL BE). For those parents who were not at the P&C meeting last week, I will be explaining this change at our Parent Information Evening this evening.

Regards, Stacey Furner

From the Principal

Dates for your diary

February
20 - Parent Information Night—6.30pm
22 - Second hand Uniform Sale after school
22 - Welcome BBQ for Kindergarten families

March
25 - Child Protection training for parent helpers—2.45pm

Special points of interest:
There will be a second hand uniform sale this Friday 22 February in the school playground after school. Come along for some bargains if you need any extra uniform pieces.
Dear Parents/Carers,

The 7 week AASC (Active After School Communities) programs have commenced for term 1. On Tuesdays children will be participating in Martial Arts and Soccer on Thursdays 4-5pm. If you would like to make a permanent or casual booking on these afternoons, please contact staff. Parents are also advised to provide water bottles and appropriate active wear for their child participating in AASC activities.

For information regarding centre services, policies, procedures and daily routines, please refer to our notice boards. Feedback and suggestions are welcomed as we aim to improve the centre services.

Staff can be contacted via phone on 0425 323 079 or email yposhc@primaryoshcare.com.au or alternatively please visit the centre.

Many thanks
Hannah, Sharon & Kristin

School Bicycle Rack

We have a school bicycle rack situated on the side of the library building.

Before a student can use the school bicycle rack they must return the following notes:

- “Bicycle rider’s Agreement” (read and signed by the student); and
- “Bicycle rider permission note” (read and signed by a parent).

If you are interested in using the school bike rack please see Mrs Killorn for the notes and information. Please remember that for safety reasons the riding of bicycles and scooters in the school grounds is not permitted. This includes during after school “play”.

Kindergarten are having great fun playing and making new friends.
The issue of the increasing childhood obesity of Australian children is frequently reported in the media. Schools are mandated to provide 2 hours per week of timetabled physical activity each week. We are very active at Yeo Park, our students participate in a timetabled physical activity everyday.

Our program this term is:

Mondays: Whole school fitness - Power Walking for 20 minutes

Tuesdays: Whole school fitness - Fundamental Movement Skills Program for 20 minutes

Wednesdays: Whole school fitness - Dancing for 20 minutes

Thursdays: Whole school fitness - Games for 20 minutes

Fridays: Each class will participate in a 40 minute PE lesson. Kindergarten will participate in skills tabloids and year 1 and year 2 will participate in activities to develop skills in sports such as basketball, newcomeball and hockey.

Students also have access to a wide variety of sports equipment during the lunch break.

Students in all classes are participating in a Drug Education program this term.

Class programs currently being taught focus on:

Kindergarten - how to stay healthy and store medicines safely

Year 1 and Year 2 - how to use and store medicines safely

These class programs will also be complemented by a visit to the Life Education Van. Kindergarten students will bring home an activity booklet with follow up activities after the visit on 1 March. Year 1 and Year 2 will complete their life education booklets in class. The cost of Life Education covers both the visit to the van and the activity booklets. The Life Education Program focuses on the following areas:

Kindergarten - “HAROLD’S SURPRISE” - healthy food choices, importance of physical activity and safety

Year 1 - “HAROLD’S MYSTERY TOUR” - body workings, passive smoking, safety and decision making

Year 2 - “HAROLD’S HEROES” - environmental health issues, emergency procedures and individual needs.

Asthma

If your child suffers from Asthma, could you please complete and return the Asthma note which was attached to the last school newsletter.

Head Lice

We all need to assist each other and be vigilant about checking for head lice. There is a lot of information and also many myths about head lice. Many parents “swear by” the weekly “conditioner and comb method”. It seems to be a good idea to have a routine one night a week to follow this procedure. Some further information about this is attached to this newsletter.

Food at School

Please remember that nuts and foods containing nuts and whole egg are not permitted to be eaten at school.

Coming School Events

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.

Term 1 Special Activities

Term 1 special activities notes are due back at school by Monday 4 March.

Please remember that School Photograph envelopes must be returned to the school letterbox with the correct money before photo day, by 12 March.

School Community BBQ

There will be a special community get-together in the park after school this Friday 22 February.

We will welcome back year 3 (our year 2 2012) and welcome our new Kindy families.

BBQ sausages will be provided for children. Bring along a picnic rug and food/drinks for adults.

We hope to see you there!

Reminders
Dear Parents & Friends,

For those new to our 'little school in the park', an introduction: The Yeo Park Infants' School Parents & Citizens Association includes parents, our Principal and interested members of the school community. I am pleased to say that the P&C and the school have a strong and very positive relationship, working together to support our school through some wonderful fundraising and social events, the sourcing and selling of school uniforms, and through playing a consultative role in the development of school policy. You can join the P&C at any time (for a membership fee of only $1 a year). Come along to one of our meetings held in the school library at 7pm generally on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, during school term. You will find information about the P&C including meeting minutes, upcoming agendas, and a list of all the 'office bearers', on the noticeboard to your right as you come in through the gate.

Please note that next meeting will be held a week later than usual on Wednesday 20th March. We will be finalising this year's budget and planning to discuss and approve funding requests from the school. Please email me any suggestions to info@yeoparkpandc.org.au or place them in the P&C box in the school hall so they can be considered at the meeting. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered to fill P&C positions for 2013 at last week's AGM.

Welcome BBQ is this Friday (22nd Feb) after school. Sausages will be provided for the children. If you are in touch with any year 3 'old boys and girls' please invite them.

Uniform Orders: As our little school has grown, we have had to streamline orders. Orders will be fulfilled once a week on Thursdays this year. You can order online or find out more at www.yeoparkpandc.org.au.

If you have any feedback, suggestions, or matters to discuss, I'd love to hear from you - on the email below or when you see me in the park.

Warm Regards
Steve Clarke
P&C President

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P&C news

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K/1P: Alison Galloway
1/2F: Emily Qereqeretabua
1/2L: Jeni Mavraidis

Thank you to all of the parents who have vol- unteered to take up a position on our P&C Association. Your time and commitment is very much appreciated.

From time to time we also ask parents to assist with fundraising activities. Just being able to help out for an hour at these activities is of great assistance and very much appreciated.