Welcome back to an exciting new school year. This year will see significant changes to the curriculum with the introduction of the NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum and the use of technology across the school with our new Ipads. With the return of all students along with the enrolment of our Kindergarten students and new families we are able to form three classes. This will allow us to have a Kindergarten, Year 1 class taught by Mrs Frank and Mrs Norton, a Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 class taught by Mrs Langbien and a Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 class taught by Miss Southwell. Miss Winter will continue in her role as Support Teacher and Mrs Ainsworth as Teacher Librarian. I welcome Mrs Maher to the school who will provide release for classroom teachers. Mrs Eccleston will continue in her role as Office Manager with support from Mrs Cook and Mr Baragry. Mrs Hayes and Mrs Davidson will continue to support student learning within classrooms.

I would like to congratulate our Kindergarten students who have settled very quickly into school routines. Their smiling faces and love of learning is a credit to their families.
Wearing our school uniform with pride is a feature of this school and it is certainly evident with all students in uniform looking very smart. The wearing of hats is very important so that everyone can play. School hats are available from the office for $12.00. Bucket style hats are preferred as they protect ears and necks. Sharing hats is not recommended as it spreads head lice.

For student safety please be reminded that there is no supervision in the playground before **9am**. If it is necessary for students to arrive before this time they must sit on the seats outside the office. If for any reason parents are late to collect students from school, students must wait in the foyer. Please contact the school if you know you are going to be late.

Attached to this newsletter are a number of important forms that need to be completed and returned to the school by 14.02.14. One form is an update of medical details and the other provides permission for your child to use internet technology and have photographs published. Another important aspect of the forms is in regard to the newsletter. We need you to inform us whether you would like the newsletter emailed to you or sent home. Please take the time to complete and return all forms.

Yesterday students participated in our Swimming Carnival at Picton Pool. Seventeen students attended the carnival entering in a range of events. All students swam their best and completed their races. Miss Southwell was pleased with both the behavior and attitude of all competitors. Thank you to parents who were able to transport students and attend the carnival. Special thanks to Oakdale Public School for inviting us to participate in their Swimming Carnival.

**Responsible Pet Education Program**

On Tuesday 18th February, the Responsible Pet Program will visit our school. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will learn how to behave around pets and how to recognize the behaviours of dogs. As part of the program Cricket the dog will visit the children with his owner Melanie.
School Photographs
Our School Photo Day will be Wednesday 26th February. All students will be part of class photos and have an individual photo taken. There is also the opportunity to have family photographs taken. Attached to this newsletter is a photograph envelope. Please choose the pack you would like to order and read the back of the envelope carefully. Cheque payment should be made to the School Photographer for the correct amount. The school does not handle any money on behalf of the photographer and is unable to provide change for envelopes. Family Photograph Envelopes are available from the office. All students will need to be in full summer school uniform and have their hair tied back neatly.

Learn to Swim
Each school year the Department of Education offers students the opportunity to participate in Learn to Swim Lessons for ten consecutive days taught by qualified swimming instructors. This year our allocated time is Monday 17th March to Friday 28th March. Priority for participation in the Learn to Swim Program goes to students in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 however students in Year 5 and 6 who are unable to confidently swim 25m are encouraged to participate. We are able to take 25 students. The cost of the program will be $110 which can be paid for in installments. A separate note for the Program will be provided to students.

Mathematics Text Books
To improve student learning outcomes and better differentiate the curriculum to meet individual student needs we have decided to develop our own resources for students to use. We will not be ordering Mathematics Text Books for student use however we need your support through a contribution of $10 per student to purchase paper and copying costs. An invoice will be issued to each family along with a receipt on payment. Class teachers will provide further details on our mathematics program.

Please visit the school’s website to view the latest photos from school events. A calendar is attached to the newsletter for your information.
Canteen News
Thank you to parents who have volunteered to work in the canteen during Term 1. Our Fridays are taken care of however we need more help on Mondays. If you can help by volunteering for a Monday please add your name to the roster.

P&C News
Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February at 7pm in the staffroom. I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to attend our meeting. You will have the opportunity to learn about the school, raise matters that concern you and have a say about fund raising ideas. We look forward to meeting you at the meeting.

School Banking
At Yanderra School, we participate in the Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite School Banking. We have included the 2014 School Banking program for your information. Students collect tokens which can be redeemed for prizes.
If interested in having your child/children participate in the Dollarmite banking system please collect an application form from the school office.

NEW DANCE & DRAMA NOW ENROLLING FOR 2014!!
* Jazz / Musical Theatre * HipHop / Urban
* Lyrical / Contemporary * Saturday Classes available
* Introducing - Tap, Beginner Jazz, Beginner Ballet

Come and meet our new teaching staff!!
From 4 years to adult we offer:
Drama – all facets of acting / being on and off stage.
STADS Singers – individual and group tuition.
Dance / Choreography – original movement and routines.
The Agency – With castings for The Great Gatsby, The Sapphires, A Place to Call Home and more!

All classes have unique and individual opportunities created in a caring environment, with professional and experienced tuition.
Class numbers are strictly limited!! Picton & Tahmoor
Come in and join the fun today!! For more information call Sarah on 0415 995 225 or 4683 0193

Communicating with your school
While it can be hard for busy parents, staying in contact with the school is important. Communication is one of the key parts of the relationship between the school and home.

Watch this video to find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school

Yerrinbool Bargo Soccer Club – 2014 Registration
Registration day is Sunday 9th February 2014
Bargo Sports Club Auditorium 10am to 2pm
Ages from Under 6 to Youth Grade, Ladies & Men’s
For more information please contact
Registrar – Paul Beech
Email Address: registrar@vbsc.com.au
Phone Number: 0404 048 783
Website: www.vbsc.com.au
Club Day 9th March 2014 check the website for details.
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General Permission to Publish and disclose information

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am seeking your permission to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing positive experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

The information may include your child's first name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the DECSites and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wiki;
- Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites;
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter;
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets.

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

I am also seeking your permission for your child's inclusion to engage in local walking excursions under the supervision of the teachers, including walking to local shops and/or surrounds.

Please complete the permission slip and return it to the school by Friday 14th February, 2014.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

Principal

PERMISSION SLIP

I have read this permission to publish and:

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I give permission for my child to have an internet account:

- YES
- NO

I require the school newsletter to be sent to me by:

- Email
- Paper copy

My email address is:

________________________________________

This signed permission remains effective until I rescind the school otherwise.

Child's name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________

Parent/Caregiver's name (please print): ___________________________________

Parent/Caregiver's signature: _____________________________________________

Date: ___________________________