20-2-15 Milo Cricket Program begins
23-2-15 Learn to Swim Program commences
27-2-15 School’s Clean Up Australia Day
2-3-15 Responsible Pet Program

Thank you to parents and families who were able to attend our welcome afternoon tea. It was nice for teachers to be able to chat to parents in a relaxed manner and allow parents the opportunity to ask questions.

Please note that from Monday 23rd February until the end of term Mrs Eccleston will be on leave. Miss Jodie will work in the office three days a week and Mrs Hayes will be available on the other days. I am sure like me you will miss seeing Mrs Eccleston and will look forward to her return in Term 2.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the School Swimming Carnival. All swimmers tried their best in their chosen event. As a result of the carnival Victoria, Ryan and Daniel qualified for the Razorback District Carnival to be held at Picton Pool on Thursday 26th February and Friday 27th February. At our Assembly last Friday ribbons were presented to:

- Daniel
  1st 100m Open Freestyle, 1st 10yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st Junior Backstroke
- Ryan
  2nd 100m Open Freestyle, 2nd 10yrs 50m Freestyle
- Kallen
  3rd 100m Open Freestyle, 3rd 10yrs 50m Freestyle
- Victoria
  1st 11yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st 11yrs Backstroke
- Riley
  1st 12yrs 50m Freestyle
- Thomas
  2nd 12yrs 50m Freestyle
- Maria
  1st 12yrs 50m Freestyle
- Gabrielle
  1st Junior Breaststroke, 2nd Junior Backstroke
- Kaylee
  1st Junior Backstroke
Our involvement in Early Action for Success will begin shortly. Both Mrs Frank and Mrs Carlyon will be involved in professional development and the implementation of the initiative within their classroom learning environment. They will be supported by an Instructional Leader and Trainer. Early Action for Success will focus on both reading and writing outcomes of students.

Student Welfare
Developing respectful behaviour is our school focus. Each day students demonstrating respect by wearing their school uniform, speaking politely, listening to instructions, playing fairly and safely, caring for their environment and accepting others are chosen to receive a raffle ticket which is drawn at our School Assembly. Each week the winner receives a trophy to keep on their table for one week and a chocolate. Our Respectful students for Weeks 2 and 3 have been Mikayla C and Tristan.
Could I also ask parents to talk to their children about not sharing food at school? With so many children allergic to certain foods it is important that children only eat what is intended for them.

Milo Cricket
Our Milo Cricket program commences tomorrow with students participating in skills lessons across four consecutive weeks. This program will be our sport over this time and it is expected that all students participate. Please make sure your child has returned their note and money for this program. If you require financial assistance please contact the office. Thank you to families who have returned notes and money.

Special Swimming School
Thank you to families who have returned notes and payment for our special swimming scheme. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn to swim and improve their stroke in small groups with qualified swim teachers. A separate note explaining what each swimmer will require has been handed out. Please make sure your child is ready for Monday.
School Photographs
The School Photographer will be taking our school photographs on Wednesday 18th March. Information related to packages available has gone home with students today. Please read the information carefully particularly the payment methods. It is expected that students will be in their full summer uniform for photographs.

Canteen News
Our canteen opens each Monday and Friday with the support of a small group of parents and grandparents. If you can help on any canteen day please add your name to the roster. Children love to have someone from their family serving in the canteen. An updated canteen menu is attached to this newsletter. Any suggestions for the menu or for meal days are most welcome.

Community News
Thank you to parents who were able to come to our last meeting. It would be great to see more faces at the meeting. It was suggested that we approach Bargo Pub to organize the meat raffle nights for the school and hold an end of term barbecue to support the Cross Country event. We would also like to have an Easter Raffle and ask that families donate an Easter gift for the raffle. Donations can be left at the office. If you have any other suggestions for fund raising or changes to the school please come to our next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you.

2015 International Women’s Day Celebrations
Our Theme: Inspiring Change!

7:30am to 9:00am FREE BBQ Breakfast
with Fresh Yogurt a lighter option
Guest Speaker: Rebecca Ho, Executive Officer
Tea by Olivia Foundation
9:00am to 11:30am Pampering Activities & Morning Tea

Our Favourites:
- Hand Massages
- Facials with Mary Kay consultation
- Craft Activities
- Psychic & Numerology Readings: 15 minutes sessions
  Due to the popularity of this activity we will draw from a raffle 16 names at 8:30am
  and 16 names at 9:30am. Names drawn will then pick a number and time available.

New this year:
- Neck & Shoulder Massages
- Reflexology
- Jewellery Making with Polymer products

11:30am to 12noon Discussion Forum: Inspiring Change!
Who Inspires you? What would you change?

**Small lavender bag with every evaluation filled in**
2015
Assembly Awards Term 1

Week 2
K/1
Achievement Awards: Katie
Encouragement Awards
Tristan
2/3
Achievement Awards: Gabrielle
Encouragement Awards
Tuniaya
4/5/6
Achievement Awards: Liam
Encouragement Awards
Amarli
Library
Mikayla C. Cody, Paige

Week 3
K/1
Achievement Awards: Lilly
2/3
Achievement Awards: Kallen J.
4/5/6
Achievement Awards: Jeanvie
Library
Lilly, Patrizia, Zoe, Kooper

Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?
Library News

It is week 4 of our new school year…2015…and we have been busy in our library lessons. It has been exciting getting to know our new kindergarten students as well as those who have joined Yanderra in other years…WELCOME!

Just a reminder that library is on Thursday for every class and they will need to bring a library bag (to keep books safe in) as well as their book/s they have borrowed from the previous week. It is important they bring these books back even if they haven’t finished reading them. They can be re borrowed for another week.

In K/1/2 we have been looking at a number of Picture books like ‘Where the wild things are’ by Maurice Sendak, ‘Mr Chicken goes to Paris’ by Leigh Hobbs, and ‘Maudie and Bear” by Jan Omerod. These are all great stories! We have also been learning about the different sections of our library, how to borrow and choose books and on what fiction stories are.

In 2/3/4 we are also looking at how to become better at choosing books that we might like to read from the different sections of our library. We have looked at a number of different stories and are also beginning to look at our country…Australia. We have looked at and taken notes from a youtube clip from Gordy Gibbons and are about to start reading ‘Are we there yet’ by Alison Lester over the next few weeks. We are also beginning our premier reading Challenge reading already.

In 5/6 we have read a Paul Jennings book called ‘Sucked In’. He is a very well-known and popular author. We also looked at his biography and some writing tips he gives to children. The students have also had a go at beginning to write their own creative stories using their own experiences and exaggerating them…this was one of Paul Jennings tips.

Please feel free to come and see me after school on a Thursday afternoon if you have any questions or anything you would like to see me about or send me a note or email and I will get back to you.

Michelle Ainsworth
Teacher/ librarian
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