

EDITION 4  
23RD MARCH,  
2020  
TERM 1  
WEEK 7/8/9



# Y A A P E E T

RESPECT, HONESTY,

PERSISTENCE,

ACHIEVING PERSONAL BEST

## Important events:

### 2020 DATES:

Please note these dates and events may change if further advice is received from the Government/Health Department and Education Department.

### TERM 2 COMMENCES:

#### Staff:

**Tuesday 14th April, 2020**

#### STUDENTS:

**WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL, 2020.**

### **Term 2 Week 1—15-17th April, 2020**

Tuesday 14/3/20: Staff return to work

Wednesday 15/3/20: Welcome back to students, Yolande and Chris I.T.

Thursday 16/3/20: MARC VAN

### **Term 2 Week 2: 20—24th April, 2020**

Monday 20.3.20: MA in / KB out at Beulah PS for Review Panel Meeting Day 1 of 2

### **Term 2 Week 3: 27th April—1st May, 2020**

Monday 27.3.20: MA in / KB out at Beulah PS for Review Panel Meeting Day 2 of 2

**\*\*School Council Meeting 7pm**

Thursday 30.3.20: MARC VAN

## Principal's Message

I would like to congratulate the students of Yaapeet Primary School for being resilient and flexible in the way they have accepted the current health crisis and the changes and cancellation of school events. When I arrived at Yaapeet I knew these students were amazing, seeing them adapt so easily, place their trust in the staff and school system has been inspiring and a credit to all families.

I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic team we have working at Yaapeet Primary School, this also includes our CRT staff.

We have been very busy reading our influx of emails and DET updates and an important part of my job is to ensure communication channels are open and transparent for all staff members especially in the situation we find ourselves in at the present time. In my last email to staff I acknowledged their dedication to the students and school. I have been able to rely on all staff to make all necessary adjustments to our learning environment. Mrs Allan and Mrs Phelan have been very positive in all interactions with students and it is evident that their commitment to the wellbeing of students has been their number one priority. We have continued to run a normal learning environment to support and improve student outcomes during this term as well as the additional support for students social and emotional development.

I have also acknowledged our wonderful Business Manager, Yolande Hutson for her dedication to our students and school as well as Chris Watts our I.T. specialist. We are a wonderful team and all of us have a shared goal which is for students to be happy, safe and lifelong learners.

I understand the school holidays being brought forward by four days could put strain on families. We are happy to support you in any way. We will be ensuring all important information will be available to families when we receive updates and action requests.

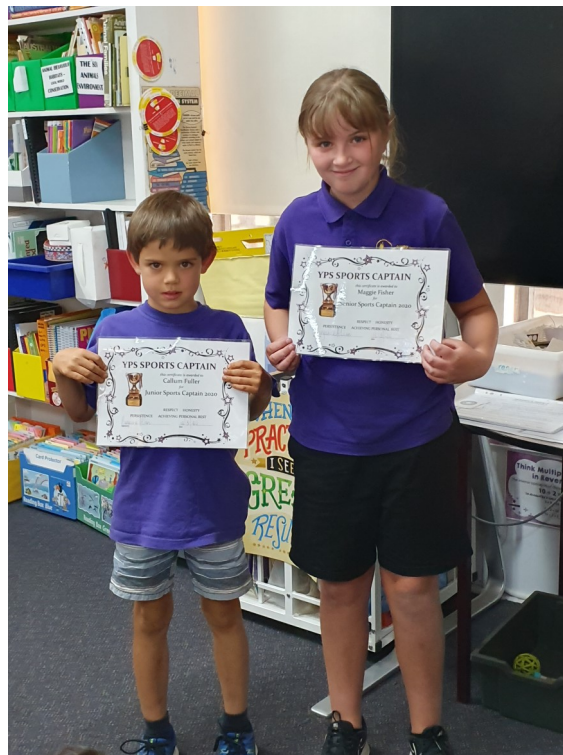
Communication during the holiday period will be via these means:

Phone calls, text messages and emails / letters (please check emails regularly), also our website: [www.yaapeetps.vic.edu.au](http://www.yaapeetps.vic.edu.au).

I send my best wishes to all community members, stay well, take care, be kind and follow directives. I am looking forward to being back in Term 2 with you all again. The next newsletter will be on Friday 17th April, 2020.

*Krista Barnes / Acting Principal*

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS & YAAPEET PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAINS



## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS: COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

**World Health Organization** Helping children cope with stress during the 2019-nCoV outbreak

Children may respond to stress in different ways such as being more clingy, anxious, withdrawing, angry or agitated, bedwetting etc.

Respond to your child's reactions in a supportive way, listen to their concerns and give them extra love and attention.

Children need adults' love and attention during difficult times. Give them extra time and attention. Remember to listen to your children, speak kindly and reassure them.

If possible, make opportunities for the child to play and relax.

Try and keep children close to their parents and family and avoid separating children and their caregivers to the extent possible. If separation occurs (e.g. hospitalization) ensure regular contact (e.g. via phone) and re-assurance.

Keep to regular routines and schedules as much as possible, or help create new ones in a new environment, including school/learning as well as time for safely playing and relaxing.

Provide facts about what has happened, explain what is going on now and give them clear information about how to reduce their risk of being infected by the disease in words that they can understand depending on their age.

This also includes providing information about what could happen in a re-assuring way (e.g. a family member and/or the child may start not feeling well and may have to go to the hospital for some time so doctors can help them feel better).

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Important Websites for all updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/>

Please do not hesitate to make contact with the school if you are in need for support, we will do our best to support you and connect you to external agencies within our community.



**SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY  
EASTER  
FROM YAAPEET PRIMARY SCHOOL  
STUDENTS AND STAFF**



A little bit of happiness to share  
with our community.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs  
Welch-Rose.

Ex Yaapect and Rainbow stu-  
dents getting married in beauti-  
ful Ballarat on 22nd March,  
2020.