



Y A A P E E T

RESPECT, HONESTY,

PERSISTENCE,

ACHIEVING PERSONAL BEST

Principal's Message

Another great two weeks with lots of high-quality learning going on across the school. We have come back from the long weekend with lots of stories to tell and settling in well back to our school life. Read more about our fabulous art room revamp and our wonderful learning that has gone and will go on this term.

The children continue to amaze all our staff with their enthusiasm for learning and commitment to all learning tasks. The students are happy to be back from remote learning and have helped our new students Chole and Charlie fit right in.

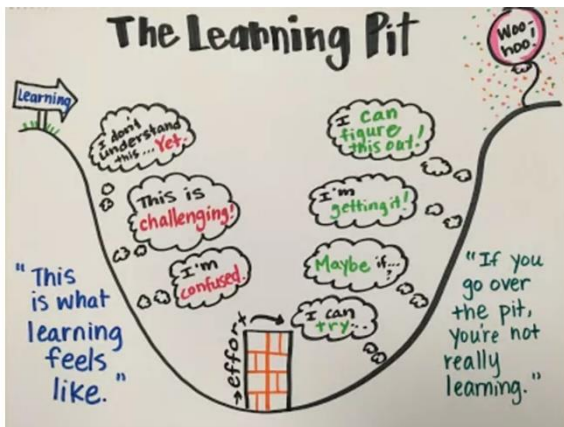
Zeke Pottage / Acting Principal

CODING

As part of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) work this term the students have been learning the basics of coding. They have been learning the fundamental concepts of coding and how robots 'think'.

We have been working on how to create codes that people can read and understanding that robots and computers think without context. As part of our introduction to the unit the students had to program Mr. Pottage to get a glass of water. Students needed to understand that a robot can't understand 'walk over there' but needed instructions such as 'turn left' and 'extend right hand 30cm'. It has been a fun unit with more work and complex thinking to come!





THE LEARNING PIT

Over the past few weeks, we have been learning about how we learn (metacognition). Students are beginning to identify what deep learning feels like and believe me, it is at times pretty sticky! The **learning pit** is where we do our best learning, when we fall in the learning pit, at first things are really tricky, but slowly and with a

little 'rope' (support) we find ways to approach these problems. It is okay to feel a little bit confused at first but the best thing we can do as a learner is to keep looking for ways out of the learning pit. We have also been learning the power of a magic word **...YET**

It is OK to recognise that we can't do something at first but when we change 'I can't do it' to 'I can't do it yet!' we open up a world of possibilities and give ourselves a growth mindset. Mr. Pottage knows all about the learning pit as he is starting a brand new job in a brand new town but when things seem overwhelming he just says "I can't do this yet... but where can I get some rope!".

USING MENTOR TEXTS

Building on the incredible work of Ms Barnes' instructional model we have incorporated the use of mentor texts into the instructional model for writing. A mentor text is a book that can be used to help the students understand a topic. In writing, it provides the students with an example of what is expected and allows them exposure to a model of effective language use. Mrs Allan has purchased some fantastic stories and non-fiction texts from Australian and international authors that we will continue to use this term.



MISSION STATEMENT

At school council last week YPS worked hard to define a mission statement that tells us and others what our purpose at the school is. After much robust conversation and reflection on what makes us 'tick' as a school. The mission statement will help the school to refine who we are and what we do for years to come. Our final mission statement that we have chosen is:

Yaapeet Primary School's mission is to prepare each learner for their best future.

We hope to have captured a statement that drives excellent education for every learning style and aspiration. Thanks to all the parents for their input on this topic.

THE ARTROOM RENOVATION

We have been extremely lucky to receive a new refurbishment of our art room. The Victorian School Board Authority (VSBA) has generously reclad our old art room and painted the interior giving it a fresh new look. The art room was looking a bit tired and the spruce up makes it look 50 years younger! We look forward to getting back in there and doing some art soon.



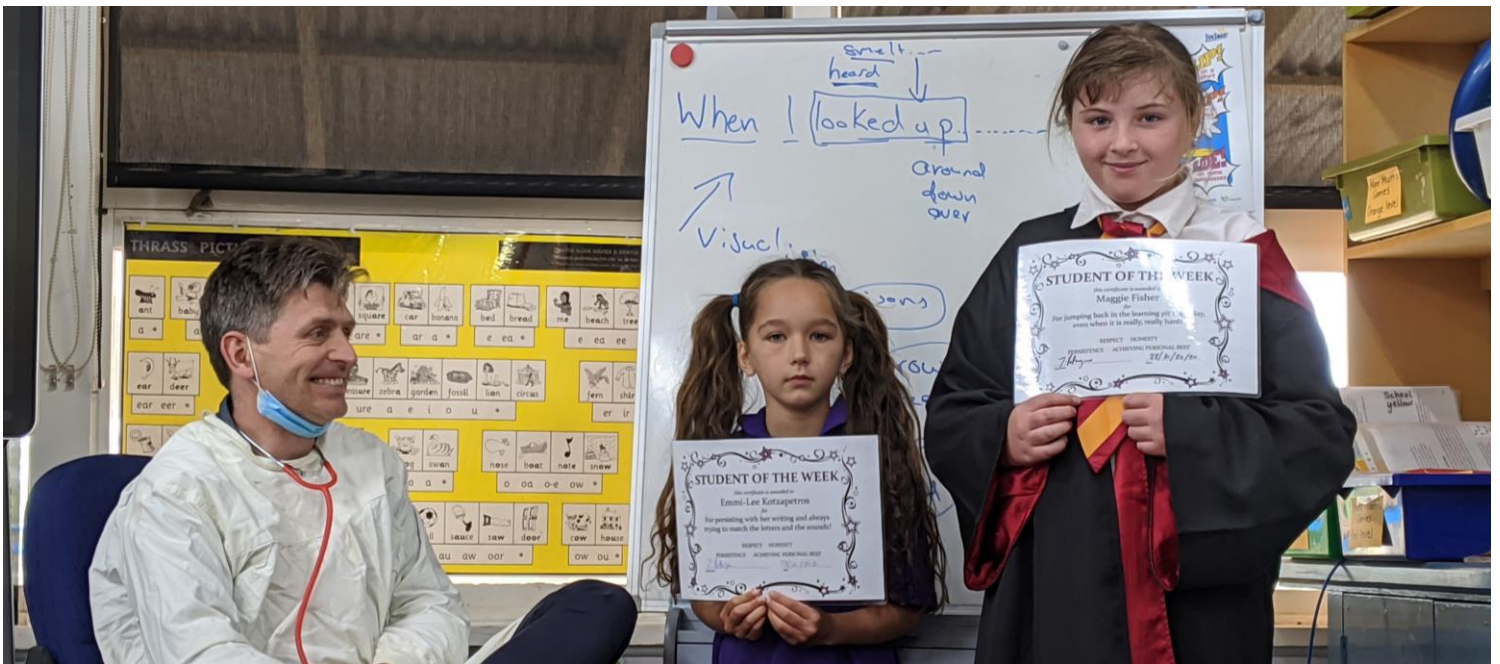
INTENSE - IN TENTS!!! (very punny Mr. Pottage!)

How many schools can say they all fit in one tent! After consultation with school council, in the last week of term YPS will be attending Camp Cooriemungle in the last week of term 4. The camp is set on

55 acres next to the state forest with nature bush walks. The students will experience the fun of bush walks and activities that enhance our biology unit in a new environment, we can't hardly wait!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS (PICTURED ABOVE) FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN THE DARKEST DEPTHS OF THE LEARNING PIT! WE ARE DRESSED FOR SUCCESS IN OUR HALLOWEEN OUTFITS TODAY.

Congratulations to all students of YPS for your effort and achievements over these past two weeks- I have consistently observed the school values throughout our lessons and play times.

YAAPEET PRIMARY ONLINE

If you missed it last newsletter, Yaapeet primary is online. Thanks to those people who have jumped on to say hello. Again, we are keen for the whole world to know how fantastic our school is, so if you love us leave a ★★★★★ review on Google or Facebook! You can visit our school website at: yaapeetps.vic.edu.au



UPCOMING DATES

Curriculum Day, 30th of October

Halloween, 31st of October

Curriculum Day, 2nd of November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, 3rd of November

Camp Cooriemungle, 14th and 15th of December

School Council BBQ, 17th of December

End of term (early finish), 18th of December

COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

School Phone Numbers:

Landline: (03) 53957260 / School Mobile - 0401 900 960

Website: <http://www.yaapeetps.vic.edu.au/>

Please note: If Yaapeet experiences a power outage our landline phone line is non-operational, please ring mobile.

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/or connect you to external agencies within our community.