



Y A A P E E T

RESPECT, HONESTY,

PERSISTENCE,

ACHIEVING PERSONAL BEST

Principal's Message

We have had another two exciting weeks of teaching and learning with a big focus on our sport program and continuing our work in STEAM. On Saturday, many of our Yaapeet primary students got down to the pool for a social event and a free BBQ. It was a lovely day and the parents and students were very welcoming to the Pottage family - hopefully the first of many days at the pool! On Monday this week, students returned to the pool for swimming lessons and students showed their bravery and respect for others while out in the community.

Zeke Pottage / Acting Principal

STEAM Program

Students have been blowing off some more STEAM in the past few weeks. In our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) students have been understanding how to 'debug' a system. We have been working on writing codes, trialing those codes and then correcting or improving those codes. In the junior years students have been representing their own codes using pictures symbols and letters, for example if they want their robots to turn right they might choose to represent this with an R or an arrow.

The senior students have been using blocks of code that include real coding language but in chunks that allow them to put in codes without errors or typos that may cause lots of bugs. In terms of the Science, we have been looking at how as Scientists we only ever change one variable.



SPORTS PROGRAM



Last Monday, the 16th of November, we had a fantastic team building experience with Beulah. Our sports rotations involved the spiderweb, parachuting(!), off-ground tiggly and of course, tennis with Mrs. Allan! It was terrific to see the students engaging with the Beulah students and the relationships between the two schools are flourishing.

On Monday the 23rd, we took the bus down to the Rainbow swimming pool for a great day of water play and swimming races. Students were broken into groups based on their swimming level. The less experienced swimmers enjoyed developing their water confidence with some games such as Marco Polo and boat wars. The more experienced swimmer completed swimming races.



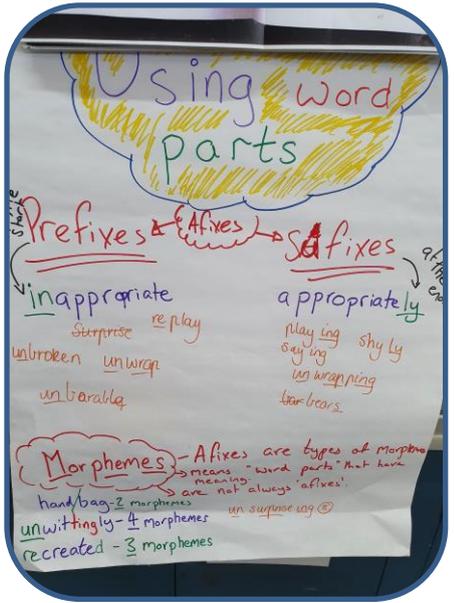
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READING GOALS

As part of our work in the CAFÉ program, all students have received their individual reading goals and parents should have received a 'parent pipeline' explaining how to support their student with their goal. If your parent pipeline got stuck in one of the pipes, please let Mr. Pottage or Mrs. Allan know and we will be able to



provide you with another one. We have spent a lot of time teaching the students the skills they need to improve their reading in the larger domains of Comprehension (C), Accuracy (A), Fluency (F), Expand Vocabulary (E). Students are showing growth in their goals and goals are regularly reviewed to keep students working in the learning pit!

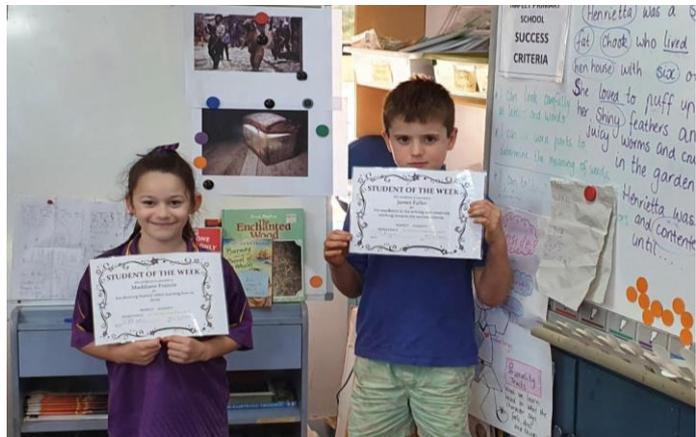


MILKSHAKE FRIDAY CONTINUES

Due to popular demand, milkshake Friday continues- don't forget to tip your waiter!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS (PICTURED ABOVE) FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN SHOWING THEIR BRAVERY IN LEARNING - WRITING (JAMES) AND SWIMMING (MADDI)

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.



2020 FIRE SEASON



School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.** Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter or phone. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. **Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.** For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, and completed maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, or speaking to staff.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

RIDE ON LAWNMOWER



Yaapeet has recently acquired a new lawnmower! We have chosen the Husqvarna TS138 from Horsham Lawnmower Centre. This will be fantastic for our school and allow us to keep the grass nice and low, especially important during bushfire season. I know everyone will be keen to give it a go, but Mr. Pottage is going to get the



first go! If you are interested in acquiring and fixing up our old lawnmower, please contact the school on 5395 7260.

BBQ -17th of DECEMBER

On the 17th of December we are hoping to have our farewell and end of the year BBQ (covid-19 restrictions permitting). The school would like to farewell Mary-Anne Allan who will be taking leave in 2021. Children are encouraged and welcome to participate. The BBQ cannot be held on school grounds, so we will be holding it at the Yaapeet Community Centre.

UPCOMING DATES

Maddi's Birthday, 28th of November

Parent Teacher Interview, 7th of December

Camp Cooriemungle, 14th, 15th and 16th of December

School Council Meeting (3:30pm), 17th of December

School Council Meeting (4:30pm onwards), 17th of December

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

Christmas Day / Maggie's Birthday, 25th of December

COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

School Phone Numbers:

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

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

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.

A reminder that all policies regarding the care, safety and welfare of students are up on our website or by request from the school principal