



School Spec Girls

The complete results of school surveys this year involving **Learning and Music** will be published in our Annual School Report and printed in March. The following conclusions are a snapshot of our evaluations in 2011.

Conclusions from the Learning survey:

Parents:

A small percentage (>5%) of parents indicated that only **sometimes** their child talks about school.

A small percentage (>10%) of parents responded that students do not take pride in their learning and that they only **sometimes** help their child at home.

Teachers:

Teachers thought (100%) that **almost always** the school community has high expectations of student's academic growth.

The school will review student attitudes towards learning and encourage / mentor students about ways to be responsible for their learning and reflect on their work.

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The school needs to encourage parents to meet with teachers and communicate about their child's learning. This has been addressed to the point of having scheduled parent / teacher interviews over two evenings in 2011. Special appointments outside these times were also encouraged. Individual Learning Support Team meetings with parents are arranged so that information about a student's education can be discussed.

Students:

Students indicated that they would like people other than their teachers to share in their learning. Strategies to have consultants and guest speakers come to the school will be discussed at staff meetings. Secondary students indicated that their classroom was only an interesting place **sometimes**.

Our Green light classroom initiative will be reviewed.

Parent responses from the Music survey:

50% indicated that they are aware of music lessons being taught as part of the school curriculum.

40% indicated that music was discussed at home.

Less than 50% of parents know that their child enjoys aspects of music (playing instruments, singing, dance, listening learning interaction).

Parents indicated that it would be beneficial to see students dance, learn to read music, play different instruments, use drums and percussion and go on musical excursions.

Parents felt that areas to be developed in the school included: - stage band, performances at school events, instrumental and choir groups, and singing.

100% of parents who replied to the survey said that they would support renting instruments, and private tuition.

Conclusions:

Over 95% of primary students enjoyed music as a subject. A high percentage of students liked singing, moving to music, UN-tuned activities and listening to music. All students indicated that they understood musical terms.

65% of secondary students enjoyed music lessons. They liked participating in a variety of musical activities. A number of students would like to be part of a school band. All students have an understanding of musical terms.

From the findings of the survey the school will timetable music lessons for all students and calendar events that involve students in musical activities. Comments by students in each class will be used to ascertain strategies that lead to productive lessons and student engagement.

Parents have indicated that they support the hiring / buying musical equipment to assist their child's musical ability.

There were **two excursions** that left the school last week:

The K/2 excursion to Orange was enjoyed by all students. Thanks to Miss Dodt and Ms Crain, for organising the event and Mrs Kerry Ward and Mr Kincher for helping supervise the students. We appreciate the parents who assisted on the excursion.

Our secondary students participated in "league tag" last Thursday in Dubbo. Mr Olsson was delighted with student participation and enthusiasm. Thanks Mr Olsson for organising our school teams and entry and Miss Reinhold and Mr Rogers for supporting and supervising students.

Last Friday the school was invited to a **Christmas Pageant** for students in Yeoval. Our scripture teachers did a great job presenting a vibrant pageant that included

singing carols in the main street, involving all students in the Christmas Story and celebrating the birth of Jesus with a piece of birthday cake for everyone. We appreciate the work done by our scripture teachers and recognise the need for religious education.

Did you hear the good news **The FISH won.** Thanks to Amanda and Donald Cameron who designed and produced a fine - "**Look no hands**" fish on a bike sculpture as a Yeoval Central School P&C entry for the competition, "Animals on Bikes". The sculpture won first prize of \$1000 for The Best Sculpture made by a Community Group. The money was donated to the P&C. **Thanks and appreciation to David and Michele Kerin** for helping with materials and the use of the workshop to produce a fine sculpture. We recognise the efforts of **David Lowe** who donated material for the sculpture and the area of land on David's property where it is displayed.

You can view the sculptures at:
<http://www.animalsonbikes.com.au/2011-winners.html>

Mr McLaurin and his Year 7/8 students have worked hard to have the pergola nearly ready for our **new BBQ area** where the old basketball court used to be. Parents are invited to come and view their work. Next year we hope to have the resources to complete the whole project and have a grassed student learning and recreation area with seats, tables and playing provisions. Outside lighting has been installed.

Intensive Swimming classes for primary students commenced today and will operate for two weeks. Students are reminded to bring their swimmers/towel, sunscreen and hat. Mrs Sargent and teachers have done a great job organising testing and placing students in groups. Students who are able to swim proficiently will have lessons with secondary teachers at school.

Reminders

School presentation Night will be held on 15th December at the memorial hall commencing at 7:30 pm.

PLATINUM students Big Day OUT is on 14th December. Notes and payment needed this week.

Thank you morning tea for all parent and community helpers will be held at 10:30 am on 8th December.

COMING EVENTS:

TERM 4

- 5th December: Year 10 work experience continues
Primary Intensive swimming starts (two weeks)
- 7th December: GOLD award lunch for students
Year 9 Leader's Day
- 8th December: Yr. 7 Orientation excursion
Thank you morning tea for parent helpers
- 9th December: Year 6 Farewell
- 12th December: Year 10 morning tea and presentation
- 13th December: Secondary Sport Challenge Day
P&C Christmas lunch and treat for students
- 14th December: PLATINUM Big Day Out
- 15th December: **YCS Presentation Night**
Class parties and pool activities
- 16th December: **Last day of school 2011 – Merry Christmas**

STUDENT SAFETY

For the safety of all students, we would appreciate it if all visitors to the school could please report to the school office.

School hats must be worn at school this term

Chewing gum is banned

No aerosol cans

No cans of drink at school

YCS is a nut free school

VALUES FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS

Students at our school have regard for themselves and others (Respect).

KIDZ QUIZ

The Quiz is for students to test their general knowledge. All students are invited to complete the quiz and hand it in at the office by Thursday each week by 3.20 pm.



To win a treat all answers must be correct (including spelling).

1. What is the answer? $382 + 49 - 4 = ?$
2. Which word comes first alphabetically: arrange, argue, arm, arrest?
3. In the nursery rhyme, who jumped over the candlestick?
4. Which organ in the human body do you use to breath?
5. I am a 3D shape. My base is a hexagon. All my other faces are triangles and they meet at a single point. What shape am I?

MATHLETICS:

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

Bronze: Douglas Philipson, Boudicea Blatch, Grace Monk, Daniel McClure, Liam Ward, Ruben Hudson, Jamie Jerrard, Kimberley Quince, Jacob Stubbs, Emma Becker, Alison Brown, Dean Burgess, Aden Charnock, Symone Hudson, Ethan Monk, Hannah Vickers, Travis Parkes.

Silver: Lachlan Blatch, Shanai Butler, Tyrone Bateman.

READING AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students who have received Reading Awards this week:

150 Nights: Tarran Cronin

ICE BLOCKS

The SRC is selling ice blocks at lunch time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 50 cents each.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DISCO

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER 2011

WJFO: Students in Year 3—Year 6

WJERE: YCS School Hall

TIME: 7.30 pm—9.00 pm

K/1 AND 1/2 ORANGE EXCURSION

On Wednesday K/1 and 1/2 braved the weather and went on an exciting expedition to the Orange Adventure Playground. We had an amazing day, full of laughter and happiness. The weather was pretty good, only a few rain drops...but that didn't stop the kids, parents and teachers from having the best time!!!

We would like to thank the wonderful Mums who came along and supported us on the day. Belinda Lorimer, Linda Van Kemenade and Renee McClure. Also a big thanks to Belinda for the yummy sausages. A huge thanks to Mrs Ward and Mr Kincher for their support also.

Amanda Crain and Kendall Dodt.



OZ TAG

I would like to congratulate all the teams that participated in the League Tag gala day. The way in which the students participated and supported each other was fantastic. It was an enjoyable day in which the focus was to expose everyone to a new sport in which we have not competed in before.

Results included:

U/14's V Narromine Lost 5 - 4
 Open Boys V Peak Hill Lost 2 - 0
 Open Girls V Dubbo Senior College Lost 4 - 0
 U/14's V Delroy Lost 8 - 2
 Open Boys V Narromine 3 - 3 Draw
 Open Girls V Delroy Won 5 - 3
 Open Girls V Merriwa Lost 6 - 4
 Open Boys V Grenfell Lost 9 - 6
 U/14's V Grenfell Lost 8 - 4
 Open Boys V Merriwa Won 6 - 5



It was a pleasure to take the students away, who always represent themselves, school and community with pride. I would also like to thank Mr Rogers, Miss Reinhold and Mrs Miller for their efforts in my absence and supporting their teams so that an enjoyable day was had by all.

I would also like to thank the school/principal for funding assistance which reduced the cost of the sporting excursion.

Scott Olsson

PERGOLA - a beaut place for an Aussie BBQ

During this semester Year 7 and 8 Technology have been involved in the design and construction of a pergola. This project utilises skills from the Building and Construction trade and fits into a unit of work to do with landscaping. Such a project would make a great addition to any home, skills developed through the project are easily transferable to many different applications including building an extension to an existing dwelling or building a shed.



During project construction, students carried out site set out, excavation, form work, basic levelling and concreting to simple form for a concrete slab. Students also used a variety of hand tools to carry out carpentry tasks in preparing rebated posts, constructing balustrades, and cutting decorative ends on beams and rafters.

Future plans for the site include employing a bricklayer and an electrician for a day each to teach students bricklaying and electrical work so they develop links with real tradesmen in the industry and have experience working alongside them.

A big thank you goes to Dan Cusack who assisted by lending us concreting tools. The quality of their work and their enthusiasm has been fantastic to see. Make sure you check it out next time you visit the school. Nearing Completion, with just the roof cladding to go.

Mr McLaurin and Year 7/ 8 Technology Class.

School Spectacular 2011 – IMAGINE

Our School Spectacular journey began back in March of this year, when we filmed a very short DVD showcasing our high school choir. We were fortunate to be asked to join the Arena choir, one of the few high schools to be chosen from over 300 auditioning schools. After many weeks of fundraising, and practicing we began the last leg of our adventure last week.

Wednesday 22nd November saw 13 nervous yet enthusiastic students, accompanied by 2 very excited teachers, leave Yeoval for the trip of the year to Sydney for the NSW Public School's Schools Spectacular 2011. We caught the bus from Molong, and had a quiet trip to Lithgow. From there, after a short and very cold toilet stop, we boarded the train to Central Station. What should have been a very uneventful train trip became a little more exciting as the girls experienced all that city train travel had to offer, complete with drunks, homeless people, noisy school kids and a wanna-be bag snatcher. Arriving at our hostel in one piece, we dressed for dinner and prepared ourselves for a wonderful surprise. A first for many of the girls was a divine Thai dinner, and a walk through China Town. And then we arrived at the Capitol Theatre for a brilliant performance of the stage show Mary Poppins. The surprise was truly huge as the girls squealed in delight and mentioned how jealous other family members would be.

Thursday morning saw us wake up very early to attack a huge hot breakfast at our hostel that helped sustain us for the day. Feeling nervous we headed to the Entertainment Centre to begin a choir rehearsal with the other secondary students. We quickly ran through the programme as we struggled to remember how to sing our harmonies and learn choralography to accompany each song. We were shown once how to perform the songs, and then were expected to know the routines. It was a challenge to live up to such high expectations, but we did it!

After a full day of rehearsing, with just the secondary choir, we left the Entertainment Centre feeling as nervous as we arrived. To help clear our heads and relax a little, we boarded a shuttle bus to the Quay. Unfortunately only half of us could fit on the bus and the other half were left stranded on the side of the busy city street. Eventually this group managed to get on another bus and joined the main group. We all headed out to the Opera House for a few promotional shots wearing our green 'I love Yeoval' T-Shirts. We attracted attention from all sorts, including a touring group of Cambodian Buddhist monks and a silver mime artist.

We then headed to the ferry for a rocky and wet ride to Manly, to do some window shopping and enjoy Wood-fired Pizzas. No trip to Manly would be complete without a dip in the ocean, so despite sub-arctic temperatures, the girls stripped off their shoes and all had a paddle in the surf. To warm up we enjoyed an ice-cream treat at Ben and Jerry's ice-creamery, before heading back to our hostel via the ferry and a train ride.

Friday was another very early start, with a 6.00am rise, 7.00am breakfast and 7.30am start to rehearsals. This was our one and only chance to rehearse with all the other 55 featured performers, 80 orchestra members, 2000 dancers and 1400 choir members, making this show the biggest spectacular show ever. With a short break of just 20 minutes, we then launched into our very first performance with a real live audience comprising of mainly 8,000 screaming school children and a few pensioners. After the matinee, we headed back to our hostel for a much needed rest, and a feed of Lebanese food. Back to the Entertainment Centre, we again performed to an even larger audience; almost 10,000 people all screaming and clapping for us! After a three and a half hour performance, we wearily headed for bed at 11.30pm, through thousands of parents, fans, school children and drunken back-packers. Saturday saw us enjoy a very small sleep-in, and after breakfast we headed to Paddy's Markets for a little retail therapy. This pleasurable experience saw us cope with hundreds of other shoppers and a

full evacuation, complete with fire-men and sirens. Thank goodness for mobile phones! We then sang our hearts out for another matinee performance, followed by our last 3 ½ hour performance that night. Many of us were very tired and no amount of coke, skittles, chocolate and red frogs could keep us awake for the whole performance. It was fantastic to see some familiar faces in the audience on the Saturday night.

Again the crush to get back to our hostel meant we encountered some very interesting people from all walks of life, however, we safely reached our rooms and began to settle down for the evening.

A late rising, breakfast and a bus trip to the Queen Victoria building let us see all that glitters in fancy Christmas decorating and expensive shopping arcades, allowing us country girls to gaze longingly into the windows of Versace, Argyle Diamonds and D & G. We also conquered our fear of riding in rickety old lifts. By now the girls had all had their fill of Sydney and were eager to head for home. Grabbing our gear we checked in at the train station, and indulged in Crispy Cream Donuts, Hungry Jacks and Meat Pies. We also grabbed a few snacks for the trip home. So, at last, another train ride; this time, thankfully uneventful and a coach trip back to Molong where we were warmly greeted by family for the car trip home.

All the girls arrived back in Yeoval in one piece, with all their luggage and dignity intact.

Some quotes from the girls:

'My favourite bit was the last performance, but I also loved Mary Poppins, the great food and hanging out with all the girls. Oh, and also the eye-candy' Jo Blatch

'I loved the tap-dancing scene in Mary Poppins and our final performance.' Britty Smith

'My highlights of Sydney were the train ride up, Mary Poppins, Ben And Jerry's, shopping, being able to watch the whole performance and walking around Sydney with our 'I love Yeoval' shirts on' Natasha Austin.

'My favourite part was Mary Poppins and Manly, but especially the singing and joining with others who have a passion for singing.' Alicia McConnell and Morgan Mobbs

'My favourite part was ummm, the boys, and the last performance, and shopping, Mary Poppins and Ben and Jerry's' Laura Johnson

'Shopping, School Spec show, Mary Poppins and going on the Manly Ferry' Madaline Harvey

'Mary Poppins was heaps good, I like the beach and the ferry trip, I loved the city all together, I had so much fun. I loved going on the train, but the ferry more, I loved watching school spec, shopping, the elevator rides – there is a never ending list and I don't really have a favourite part because I liked it all' Leticia Quince

'Mary Poppins. Meeting people from around where I used to live. Meeting new people. Getting to be a part of School Spectacular.' Caley Becker

'Our last night performing, going to the beach and spending time with all the girls.' Tamara Lees

'The last performance cause it was really fun and shopping and Manly' Paige Murphy

'Experiencing the different cultural foods and hugging Tom Jordan and getting the photo with him' Marissa Smith

Thank you to each of our wonderful students who made our time away so exciting and enjoyable. Each of the girls conducted themselves with exceptional behaviour, enthusiasm and impeccable manners and were a delight to share the whole 'Spectacular Experience' with. We especially want to thank the parents and community members who supported our girls with donations. Without your support we would not have been able to experience as much as we did, so easily. Thanks too, to all the staff at Yeoval Central School for their support and encouragement in seeing this exciting project come to its completion. We look forward to auditioning again in the new year.

Helen Johnson

ASSEMBLIES

At the primary and secondary assembly I congratulated secondary students on the "League Tag" day. I also encouraged students to consider being part of the school choir and have the opportunity to go to Schools' Spectacular in 2012.

Primary Class of the Week: Years 3/4 for their continued concentration in class.

Secondary Class of the Week: Year 9 English for their outstanding work in class.

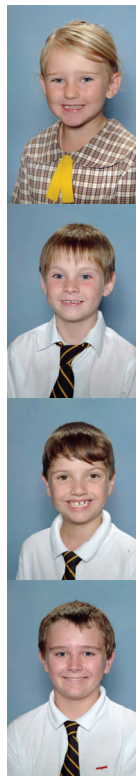
Students of the Week:

Years K/1: Carleigh Baker
For always producing high quality work.

Years 1/2: Paul McClure
For consistent effort in all areas.

Years 3/4: Jeremy Markcrow
For being a quiet achiever.

Years 5/6: Dean Burgess
For consistently giving his best effort and showing excellent maturity.



Year 7: Hin Yin Foster

Year 7: Luke Furminger

Year 9: Josh Berney

For their outstanding display of skill at Oz Tag.



Primary Merits:



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Primary assembly this week will be on Friday 9 December at 12.45 pm. All welcome.

Have you met: **ALISON BROWN**

Alison's favourite things:

Food: Lollies

Colour: Purple

Music: Sway Sway Baby

Movie: What is your number

- Interests: *Horses
*Motor bikes
*Car driving
*Skate parks

Dream: To join the Army



Have you met: **ADEN CHARNOCK**

Aden's favourite things:

Food: Popcorn

Colour: Hot Pink

Music: Imfao

Movie: I am Legend

- Interests: *Footy
*Cricket
*Motor bikes
*Piggin'

Dream: To be a chef

