



04.09.2025

## Happy Early Childhood Educators Day! Wednesday, 3rd September 2025

Yesterday was Early Childhood Educators Day so today we're giving a big shout-out to the amazing team at our Early Learning Centre, the people who make magic happen every day.

Whether they're helping little ones to play and learn, calming tears, sparking curiosity, or just being that safe and a loving presence, they are making a huge difference in their lives, and in ours too.

We see the care, the creativity, the patience, and the love they pour into their work.

And we just want to say **thank you**.

Thank you for showing up, for giving your all, and for being the heart of our ELC.

You're appreciated more than words can say, today and every day.



*Thank You...*

## Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey



**As of 2nd September, only 13 school families have completed the survey.**

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

[An invitation was sent out via Compass to all School Families.](#)

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey opened online on **Monday 18 August** and will close on **Friday 19 September 2025**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

SRC Zooper Dooper days will be returning in Term 4. Each **Wednesday** students will have an opportunity to purchase a Zooper Dooper with the SRC deciding the money will go towards the purchase of a new speaker for Zone 2 so the students can hear the music and bells clearer while playing.

Zooper Doopers will be **\$1 each** or we have to option to pay **\$10 upfront and this will cover the term** (this will run from weeks 1-10)

This can be paid at the office or cash sent in with your child in a labelled envelope.

We will be accepting payments now so you can have it sorted and be ready for term 4.



# VOLUNTEER INDUCTION AT YPS

At Yarragon Primary School, we truly value the time and support our volunteers give.

To help everyone feel confident and prepared, we ask **all volunteers** to complete an online induction before getting started.

This induction is designed to introduce you to our school's policies, procedures, and expectations, especially those related to child safety and wellbeing.

It's an important step in making sure our school remains a safe and supportive place for all students and volunteers.

Whether you're helping out in the classroom, on excursions, Parent Club activities or at school camps, completing the [Volunteer Induction](#) is a must.

It's more than just providing a copy of your Working With Children Check, it's about understanding how we work together to keep children safe and make volunteering a positive experience for everyone.

## Getting Started

*This link will take you directly to our Volunteer Induction page on our school website.*

*Having this online allows families to do it in their own time when it suits you.*

*In 2026, we will look at Onsite Volunteer Induction Sessions.*

[VOLUNTEER INDUCTION - Link](#)



By reading through the policies and completing the Volunteer Induction Checklist, you're letting us know that you understand your responsibilities when it comes to keeping children safe while volunteering at Yarragon Primary School & Early Learning Centre.

## Examples of volunteers:

- Parent / Carers / Guardians
- Family Members
- Community Members

## Examples of volunteer work includes:

- Parents Club members / activities
- Assisting in a classroom
- Gardening/ Grounds Clean Up
- School Fetes / Activities
- School Concerts, Graduation, Sports Days
- School Excursions / Incursions / Swimming Program

Thank you to  
those **31** who have  
already completed  
the Volunteer  
Induction



Now that we have entered Spring and the UV is beginning to rise school hats are required to be worn by students at all times while outside



If students do not have a hat at school they will be required to stay undercover during recess and lunch.



Hats are available here at the office for \$15.

TheirCare

The place to be these holidays!

# Secret Garden

SPRING 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Pass the popcorn!



Find hidden gems



Enjoy animal incursions



Visit the Silent Adventure Zone!

Book now at [TheirCare.com.au](https://theircare.com.au)  
Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

Scan to find your nearest holiday program location



Yarragon PS TheirCare

Times 7:00am - 6:00pm  
Location 65 Loch Street, YARRAGON VIC 3823  
Call 0461 264 478

## Holiday Program Important Information!

### What to bring

- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- A labelled drink bottle for water
- Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

### Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

### Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

### TheirCare provides

- Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles

### Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

Generally daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.

### Serious stuff!

#### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

### Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

#### Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/> for further information and example.

### Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

### Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

\*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



\*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. \*\*Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 8:00 am. Pick-up after 3:30 pm - please note this is an indicative time only, check with service coordinator to confirm pick-up times. Wear runners & socks.

## There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

### 1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to 90% of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!

### 2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

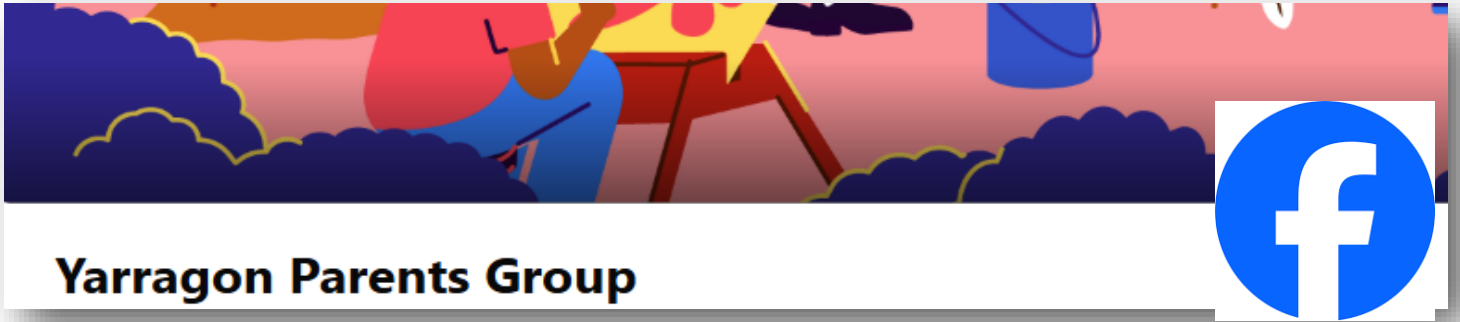
- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via myGov



For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>22 SEP</b></p> <p><b>Spring Break</b></p> <p>Today is going to be jam packed Spring Break FUN right at service! Unleash your inner superstar in a lip sync battle, sculpt with colour in Disney-inspired playdough creations, create vibrant works of art with air explosion, and bring the energy in the floor is level! Plus, guess who who, in a Life Sized game of "Guess Who?"</p> <p>From as low as \$8.50* Full Fee \$85.00**</p>	<p><b>23 SEP</b></p> <p><b>Hidden Gems</b></p> <p>Get ready to dig deep and discover the sparkling surprises in Hidden Gems! Search high and low in a hands-on game hunt that is part mystery, part adventure! Then, fizz things up with a lemon volcanoes science experiment, and then lets create swirling masterpieces as we create marbled paper art!</p> <p>From as low as \$8.00* Full Fee \$80.00**</p>	<p><b>24 SEP</b></p> <p><b>Pass the Popcorn!</b></p> <p>Lets head to the movies to see the latest flick from Dreamworks - The Bad Guys 2! The Bad Guys are struggling to find trust and acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do one last job by an all-female squad of criminals. Rated PG.</p> <p>From as low as \$10.00* Full Fee \$100.00**</p>	<p><b>25 SEP</b></p> <p><b>Mad Hatter's Tea Party</b></p> <p>Tumble down the rabbit hole and join us for a whimsical Mad Hatter's Tea Party! We'll get to craft our own quirky top hats, turn the white roses red with science, try your hand in a round of wonderful croquet, brew up a bubbling tea sensory activity, and find chocolate cats with pin the girl!</p> <p>From as low as \$6.50* Full Fee \$65.00**</p>	<p><b>26 SEP</b></p> <p><b>Service closed!</b></p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>29 SEP</b></p> <p><b>Butter-Flying By!</b></p> <p>Housed in a magical mobile enclosure, children are offered the unique opportunity to engage and interact with these beautiful and vibrant flying friends! Afterwards, lets continue the fun with colourful salt painting flowers, create your own chatterbox animals, and sneak into action with a playful round of cat and mouse!</p> <p>From as low as \$8.80* Full Fee \$88.00**</p>	<p><b>30 SEP</b></p> <p><b>Super Silent Disco</b></p> <p>Today our TheirCare services come together for our Super Silent Disco! Bring your friends, put on your headphones as we groove on the beats and show off our dance moves! Back at service, keep the excitement going with a game of gaga ball, make bold art with fizzy sidewalk chalk, and create a whacky Picasso-style portrait!</p> <p>From as low as \$12.00* Full Fee \$120.00**</p>	<p><b>1 OCT</b></p> <p><b>Animal Antics</b></p> <p>Explore the animal kingdom through sensory, art, and play! Splash into science fun with a bubbly puffer fish experiment, create colourful and vibrant 3D doodle bags, and craft wiggly dancing snakes! Then get moving with animal freeze tag and show off your drawing skills in a wild round of animal picti-ony!</p> <p>From as low as \$6.50* Full Fee \$65.00**</p>	<p><b>2 OCT</b></p> <p><b>My Tic Tac Toe</b></p> <p>Game of Design and sculpt your very own clay game pieces, then show your strategy skills to the test in a round of classic tic-tac-toe. The fun gets bigger with a life-sized tic-tac-toe challenge full of movement, teamwork and excitement! Then, take science outdoors with a 3D summer bubbles experiment!</p> <p>From as low as \$8.00* Full Fee \$80.00**</p>	<p><b>3 OCT</b></p> <p><b>Secret Garden</b></p> <p>Step into a world of wonder with Secret Garden! Enjoy a picnic and play session, then grow your curiosity with a magical walking rainbow STEAM experiment. Bring like caterpillar friends to life with pipe cleaner caterpillar craft, crack mysteries with secret codes, and bring the energy in the action-packed fly group game!</p> <p>From as low as \$6.50* Full Fee \$65.00**</p>



**Yarragon Parents Group**

## **Did you know there's a Yarragon Parents Facebook Group?**

This group is open to all **parents/carers** who have a current child enrolled at YPS/ELC to share relevant school and community information, collaborate and have friendly conversations.

*Oh, and to answer those all important questions like, "can someone remind me when book week is again??"*

We encourage families to join the group!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/321801406144066/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT>

**Please ensure you are answering the questions as you may be denied if you skip this part.**

Please note, this page does not replace the other formal school communication channels.

There are clear guidelines for appropriate behaviour when discussing or sharing information.

*Jacinta Saxton*  
*SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT*

# PARENT CLUB NEWS

## WHAT'S COMING UP

We are opening the **PICTURE PRODUCTS** to both School and Early Learning Centre families, so everyone can get involved for that perfect keepsake or gift!

Both decorative and useful, Pictureplates are beautiful.

Children love eating off their very own

Pictureplates, and as the years go by and they grow up and have their own families, their Pictureplates will bring back memories of those happy childhood years.

Pay for your order online at

<https://pay.pictureproducts.com/YARCSC/100433/> or at the school office.

Templates and order forms can also be downloaded at

<https://www.yarragonps.com/parentsclub> or collected ELC/School



Registrations are now open for the 2025 **Spring Clean Garage Sale Day**.

Registrations can be done online or by completing a registration form at the school office.

We are again offering Garage Sale Registrations and Car Boot Stalls.

Car Boot Stalls are a fabulous idea if you don't have quite enough for a full garage sale.

Register or download form [here](#)

All registrations go into the draw to win a voucher for Neeri Nuff Wine Bar and Kitchen.





# Yarragon's Spring Clean Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

8.00am - 1.00pm

Garage Sales  
Car Boots Stalls  
& Plants Sale

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration Forms Due Tuesday 7th October

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# PLANTS WANTED FOR OUR PLANT SALE

[yarragon.pc@gmail.com](mailto:yarragon.pc@gmail.com)

Our Parents Club is busy preparing for our upcoming **Spring Clean & Plant Sale Day** on **Sunday 19th October** and we need your help to make it a huge success!

This event not only raises valuable funds for our school but also brings our community together in a fun and sustainable way. To make it happen, we're asking families to get involved by:

**Donating plants** – seedlings, cuttings, herbs, flowers, succulents, indoor plants, or even spare pots and garden items. Every little contribution adds up!

**Using your contacts** – do you know someone who works at a nursery, garden centre, or hardware store? Or perhaps a neighbour with an overflowing garden bed? A small donation from them could make a big difference to our sale.

**Spreading the word** – tell family and friends about our sale and encourage them to donate or come along on the day.

**Donations can be dropped off at Yarragon Primary School ( Colourful Cow) in the week leading up to the day.**

Together, we can create a wonderful community event that's full of life, colour, and plenty of bargains—all while raising funds that go directly back into supporting our students.

Thank you for your generosity and support—we can't wait to see our Plant Sale overflowing with plants!



YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Important Dates



Is your child starting Foundation at Yarragon PS in 2026?

OCT 29	Parent / Carer Information Night 6.00pm - 7.00pm      Yarragon Primary School - Enter Front Office
NOV 11	Transition Session 1 2.30pm - 3.30pm
NOV 18	Transition Session 2 2.30pm - 3.30pm
NOV 25	Transition Session 3 2.30pm - 3.30pm
DEC 2	Transition Session 4 2.30pm - 3.30pm
DEC 9	Transition Session 5 9.00am - 12.30pm

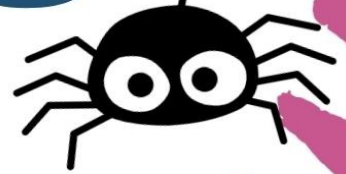
ELC staff won't be able to bring children over to the school.

*ALL ELC staff need to stay at the ELC to supervise the children who are not attending.*

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

# UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4



**W E D N E S D A Y**

IS ZOOPEP DOOPER  
DAY AT YPS

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**FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**OCTOBER**



**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

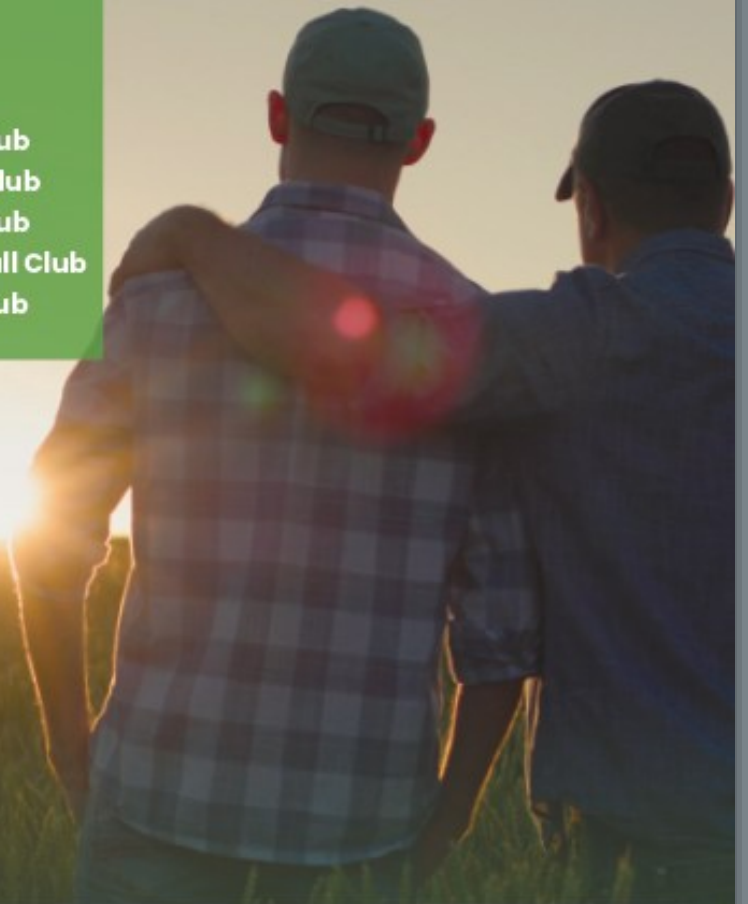


# LOOK OVER THE FARM GATE: HELP A MATE!

Farming families are invited to a series of free Community BBQ's, to support those in their community doing it tough in dry season conditions.

**11.00am to 2.00pm**

- Tue 23 Sep:** Buln Buln Football Netball Club
- Thu 25 Sep:** Longwarry Football Netball Club
- Wed 1 Oct:** Trafalgar Football Netball Club
- Wed 8 Oct:** Neerim South Football Netball Club
- Tue 14 Oct:** Ellinbank Football Netball Club



**ALSO ATTENDING:**

AgVic, NEX Business Farming Wellness, Head2Health, GippsDairy, Food & Fibre Gippsland.

**PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:**

Baw Baw Shire Council with funding from the National Centre for Farmer Health.



This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate



# Are you ready? Let's NET SET GO!

Join WDNA Woolworths NetSetGo, Australia's leading netball program for kids aged 5 to 7. It's where netball begins but the fun never ends!



## Join us!

- ★ 8 Rounds, October 13 to December 8, 2025
- ★ Mondays 4:10 - 5pm @ 71 Burke Street Warragul
- ★ Fees: \$135 (Inclusive of VNA) and \$36 for those with a current VNA
- ★ FREE Come and Play Day on 6 October, 4-5pm

## Why Join?

- ★ Learn new skills in a fun, supportive environment
- ★ Make friends and build confidence
- ★ Smaller groups means more learning and more laughing
- ★ Aged-based stages, which are welcoming of all experience levels - everyone can join!

Woolworths 

# NET SET GO!

Signup now at [https://bit.ly/NetSetGo\\_Summer25](https://bit.ly/NetSetGo_Summer25)

Find out more

Meaghan Romano, NSG Coordinator  
M 0409 990 867 or [wdna@hotmail.com.au](mailto:wdna@hotmail.com.au)

**3 X 3**

**COMPETITION**



**REGISTER NOW**



**TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER  
SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL  
HOLIDAYS**

**Under 11: 2016 & 2017**

**Under 13: 2014 & 2015**

**Under 15: 2012 & 2013**

**Under 17: 2010 & 2011**

**Under 19: 2008 & 2009**

**New  
season  
New  
Qualifier**



**THIS EVENT WILL ACT AS A STATE QUALIFIER EVENT**

## September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 SSG Meetings  School Hats	2	3 <b>3/4 Camp</b>  Raffle tickets due	4 <b>3/4 Camp</b>  SSG Meetings	5 <b>3/4 Camp</b> Return approx. <b>2.30pm</b>  Raffle Drawn  Book Club Orders Due in
8	9	10	11 <b>R U Okay Day</b> Picture Products Order/Payment Due	12
15 School Nurse Visit	16 School Nurse Visit	17	18 Picture Product Tem- plates Due	19 Parent Opinion Survey Closes <b>Last Day of Term</b> <b>2.30pm dismissal</b>

## October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6 Start Term 4	7 Garage Sale Registrations Due	8 Zooper Dooper Day	9	10
13 Donation of Plants to be dropped in	14	15 Zooper Dooper Day	16 First Aid in Schools Program	17 First Aid in Schools Program
20	21	22 Zooper Dooper Day	23	24
27	28	29 Zooper Dooper Day  2026 Foundation Parent Info Night	30	31 SRC Crazy Hair Dair