#### YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

30.10.2025

## World Teachers' Day

# A Big Thank You to Our Amazing Teachers!

Tomorrow is World Teachers' Day, and it's the perfect chance to give a big shout-out to all the incredible teachers who make a difference every single day.

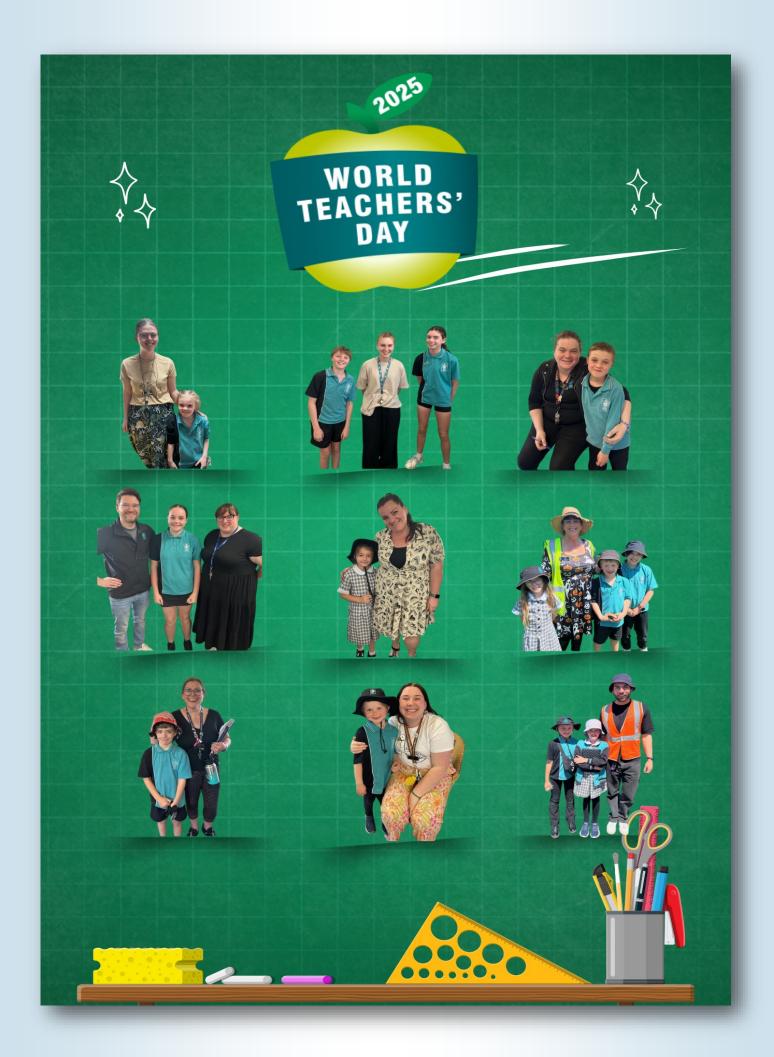
Teachers do so much more than teach, they support, encourage, listen, and help students grow in ways that go far beyond the classroom. Whether it's a kind word, a creative lesson, or just being there when someone needs a bit of extra help, teachers are the heart of our schools.

So to all our teachers: thank you. Thank you for your energy, your care, your patience, and your passion. You're appreciated more than you know, and we're lucky to have you.

Let's all take a moment tomorrow to say thanks, maybe with a smile, a note, or just a quick "you're awesome!"

Happy World Teachers' Day!









THIS IS NOT A FULL DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER GOLD COIN DONATION

EVERY
WEDNESDAY
(WEEKS 1-10)

\$1 EACH

OPTION TO PAY
FOR THE REST OF
TERM



## 2026 SCHOOL ORGANISATION

It's that important time of the year when student grade placement for 2026 must be carefully considered. Our staff will be thoughtfully working on this for a number of weeks.

Our students will have the opportunity to provide the name of friends and peers they would be happy to be placed with next year as well.

Student placement requests from families <u>must</u> be based on educational, social or family circumstances.

Requests based on "I like this teacher" are not accepted.

Leadership have excellent knowledge of each teacher's strengths and will endeavour to place students with teachers who are best placed to suit their needs.

Transition is a really important time in students learning journey and our goal is to make this process as safe and supported as possible for everyone.

We look forward to sharing our Whole School Transition Program with families in the future. Like previous years, students will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and classmates for a week of learning and fun in early December.

If your child will NOT be returning to Yarragon Primary School in 2026, please let us know so we can take this into account when looking at grade numbers and structures.

#### **Parent Requests**

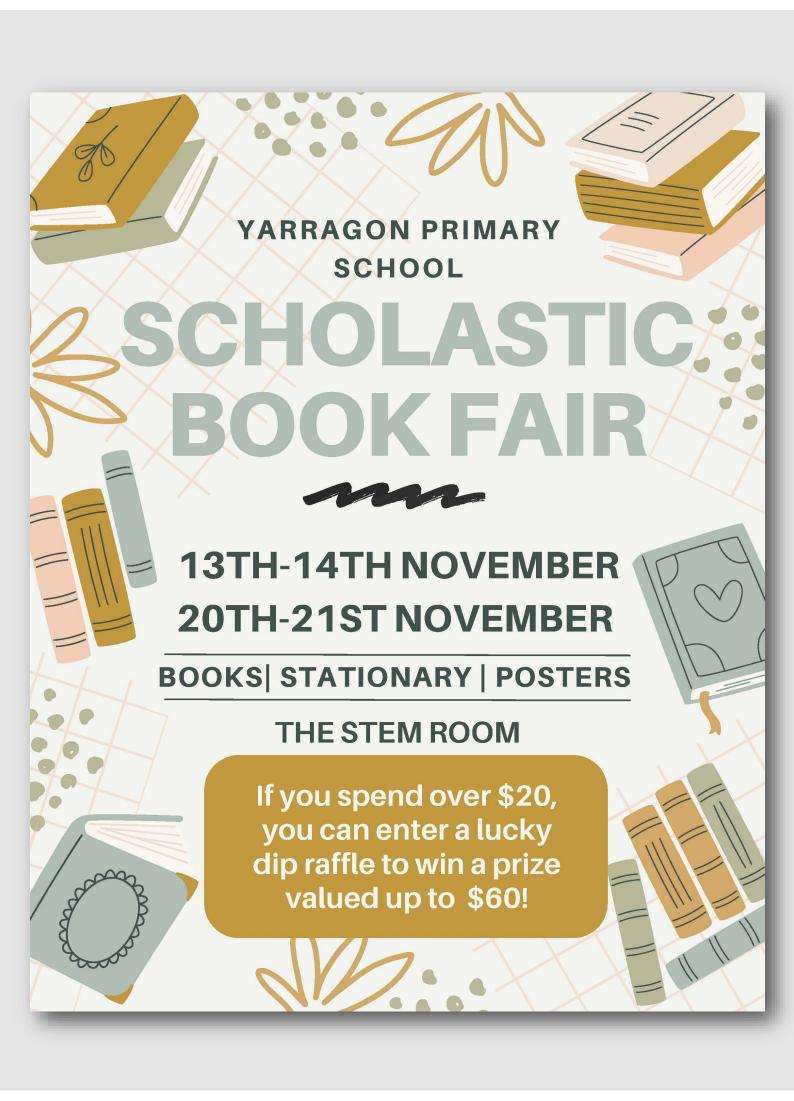
Parents / carers are able to provide written requests that are educationally based.

Any written requests <u>must</u> be addressed to the **Principal** and emailed to the **school** email address only **by Monday 3rd November to** <u>yarragon.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u>

Written requests <u>are not</u> to be sent to the Principal or teachers via COMPASS or personal work email accounts.

All requests will be considered. A confirmation email will be sent to families / carers who send in a written request by the Principal.

If required, a meeting will be arranged to provide further information.







Tell us now at srcentre.com.au/parentsurvey or scan the QR code below

The Department of Education invites you to complete a short survey about your child's kindergarten program. It's your chance to tell us what's going well in your kindergarten, as well any areas for improvement.

The survey is anonymous and will help your service to provide the best possible kindergarten experience for children and families.

The survey is open until **Friday 7 November 2025**.

If you have any questions please call **1800 023 040** or email <u>parentsurvey@srcentre.com.au</u>.









# **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.

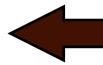
Whether you're helping out in the classroom, on excursions, Parent Club activities or at school camps, completing the **Volunteer Induction** is a must.

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



# The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

Get in quick as applications will close 13 November or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

#### **Important Dates:**

**Round 9 open to apply for a voucher or reimbursement:** 10:00 am Wednesday, 15 October 2025 and will close 13 November or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 1 July 2025 to submission of application

Vouchers expiry date: Wednesday, 31 December 2025.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees.

Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit <a href="www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers">www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers</a>





## YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Important Dates



# Is your child starting Foundation at Yarragon PS in 2026?

ост <b>29</b>	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
25	Transition Session 3 2.30pm - 3.30pm

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.

**DONE** ✓

# **October**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27	28	29	30	31
		Zooper Dooper Day		SRC Crazy Hair Dair
		2026 Foundation Parent / Carer		Gold Coin Donation
		Information Night 6-7pm		World Teachers Day
				Lunch Orders Due

# November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 ELC & School Closure Day	4 Public Holiday	5 Zooper Dooper Day	6	7 Lunch Order Day
10	11 2026 Foundation Transition	12 Zooper Dooper Day	13 Book Fair	14 Book Fair
17	18 2026 Foundation Transition	19 Zooper Dooper Day	20 Book Fair	21 Book Fair
24	25 2026 Foundation Transition	26 Zooper Dooper Day	27	28

# **December**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2 2026 Foundation Transition	3 Zooper Dooper Day	4	5
8	9 2026 Foundation Transition	10 Zooper Dooper Day	11 Grade 6 Graduation	12
15	16	17	18	19 Last Day 1.30pm dismissal