YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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Thank You to Our Incredible Bayview Camp Team!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the amazing staff and helpers who made our Grade 3/4 camp at Bayview such a memorable and successful experience.

From the early planning stages to the final bus ride home, your dedication, enthusiasm, and care ensured that every student had the opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun in a safe and supportive environment. Whether you were organising activities, supervising cabins, or simply offering a helping hand, your contributions were invaluable.

The camp was a huge success, filled with laughter, teamwork, and unforgettable moments. Our students came back buzzing with excitement and stories, and that's all thanks to the incredible effort and energy you put in.

We are so grateful for your time, commitment, and the positive impact you've had on our students. Thank you for helping create such a special experience!





R U OK? Day – A Bright Splash of Yellow and a Powerful Message

Today, our school community came together in a vibrant sea of yellow to mark **R U OK? Day**, a national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone to check in with those around them and start meaningful conversations.

Students and staff proudly wore yellow, a colour symbolising hope, positivity, and connection to show their support for mental health awareness and the importance of asking, "Are you OK?" It was heartwarming to see our classrooms and playgrounds filled with bright smiles and even brighter outfits, all united by a shared message: you don't have to be an expert to reach out just a good friend and a great listener.

R U OK? Day is more than just one day, it's a reminder that every day is a good day to ask someone how they're really going.

Let's keep the conversations going and continue to support one another with compassion and care.

Because a conversation could change a life.



Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

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



An invitation was sent out via Compass Newsfeed 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**.

ARE YOUR FAMILY DETAILS UP TO DATE? HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED?

It is important that you update your family information to ensure that our records are correct and up to date at all times.

- •Parent Phone~ Mobile and Work
- Residential and Postal Address
- Emergency Contacts*
- Employment Details
- Medical Information









*Emergency Contacts:

Every effort is made to contact parents/carers when your child is unwell and or injured and needs to be collected from school.

Compass entries, phone calls and SMS messages are sent. In the event that parents can not be contacted, or do not respond, we will be calling your listed emergency contacts.

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.

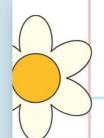
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- •Parent / Carers / Guardians
- •Family Members
- •Community Members

Examples of volunteer work includes:

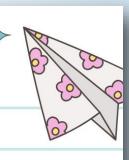
- Parents Club members / activities
- Assisting in a classroom
- •Gardening/ Grounds Clean Up
- •School Fetes / Activities
- •School Concerts, Graduation, Sports Days
- School Excursions / Incursions / Swimming Program













Term 4 is fast approaching and it's always a busy one especially with school transitions starting for all children heading off to school in 2026. Below are some of the key dates for the term, I am sending them out early, so all families have time to prepare and pop them into diaries etc.





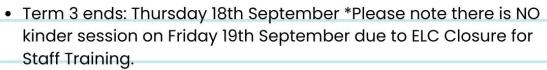


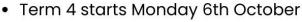
YPS Transition Dates

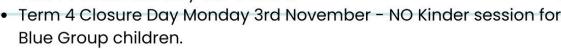
- Information Night Oct 29th 6-7pm
- Transition dates: November 11th, 18th, 25th and December 2nd 2.30-3.30pm (Parents are responsible for drop off and pick up)
- December 9th 9am-12.30pm (NO KINDER SESSION for Blue group on this day as new 4 yr old kindergarten children at ELC for Orientation sessions)



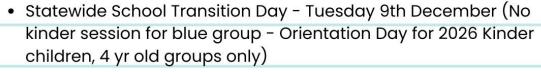








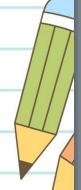


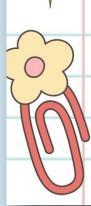


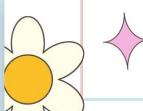




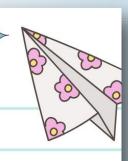














Final Kinder Sessions



- Blue Group: Monday 8th December Blue Group party for lunch and parents invited back at 3pm for presentations (More information will be provided closer to date) Blue Group last sessions Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December.
- Red Group: Friday 12th December Red Group party for lunch and parents invited back at 3pm for presentations (More information will be provided closer to date) Red Group last session Thursday 18th December
- 3 yr old session: Wednesday 10th December party for lunch and parents invited back at 3pm for presentations (More information will be provided closer to date) Final session for 3 yr olds Wednesday 17th December



Please Note

- The week of the 15th December is the final week of all kinder sessions for 2025. Normal session times will apply for this week however an alternative program will run as we will be cleaning toys and equipment ready for the new year. There is NO session on Friday December 19th as this is a clean-up day for all ELC Educators.
- We hope the information above helps all families in planning for a busy term 4. Please reach out to any of the ELC team with any questions anytime.

Kind Regards, Lee and the ELC Team.







YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Important Dates



Is your child starting Foundation at Yarragon PS in 2026?

ост 29	Parent / Carer Information Night 6.00pm - 7.00pm Yarragon Primary School - Enter Front Office
лоv 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

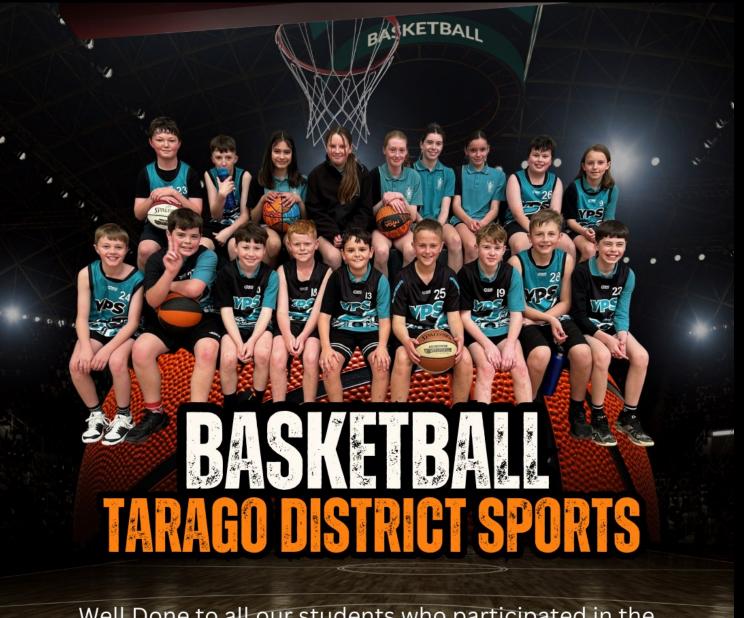


ELC staff won't be able to bring children over to the school.

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

To help with a smooth transition to Yarragon Primary School in 2026, YPS staff would like to familiarise themselves with our 2026 Foundation students.

Please send a photo of your child through via email to yarragon.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Well Done to all our students who participated in the Tarago District Sports Basketball competition yesterday. Everyone showed amazing determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day and we are super proud of them all!





Yarragon PS TheirCare

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

via **myGov**

Booking are still open!

The juggle is real!

For parents, we understand that the holidays can be a real juggle.

Let us take the pressure off and keep your children

entertained and engaged so the time you have with them is enjoyable and relaxed.

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments. Up to 1. Child Care Subsidy of Child Care costs can be covered The amount you can get depends on: by Child Care 1 your family's income 2 the type of childcare you use Subsidy! the age of your child the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do This is **extra support** for some families including: grandparents / great grandparents 2 families moving from an income support payment to work those experiencing temporary hardship

TheirCare Holiday Program Flyer

Book Here



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.

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

* Please ensure you are answering the questions as you may be denied.

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

REMINDER

School Holidays are coming up and we would like to remind families and the community that the TheirCare School Holiday Program will be running onsite between 7.00am-6.00pm.

TheirCare have a license agreement for full use of our school playgrounds, basketball courts and facilities after school hours and during the school holidays as part of their program.

We ask for parents and carers to please remind children not to intrude on the running of the school holiday program and to avoid the school grounds.

We want to ensure the staff and students involved in the program feel safe at all times.

Thank you



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER



CRAZY HAIR DAY

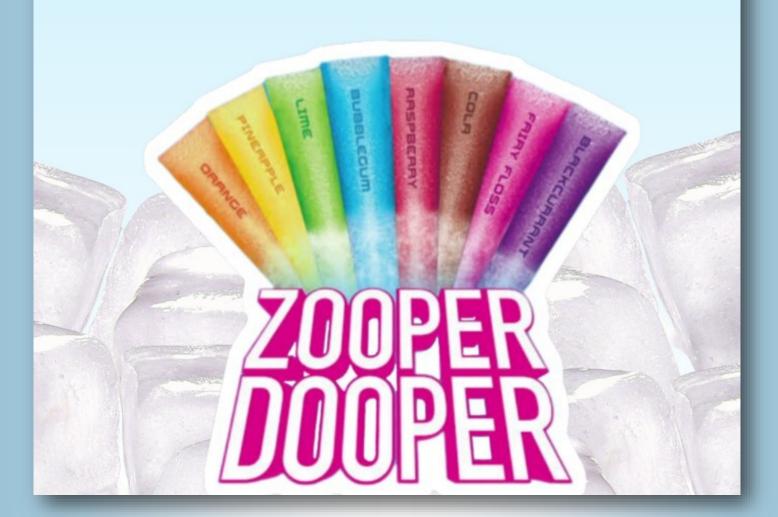
SRC Zooper Dooper days will be returning in Term 4.

Each <u>Wednesday</u> 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 <u>\$1 each</u> or we have to option to pay <u>\$10 upfront and this will cover the term</u> (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.





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.

SCHOOL HATS

We've recently noticed a number of students wearing hats that are not part of our official school uniform.

As part of our SunSmart policy and to promote a strong sense of school identity, we kindly ask that all students wear the correct school hat while at school.

Office Entry—Front Door Only

A friendly reminder to parents, carers to **please use the front door** of the main building to access the office or the external doors for classroom spaces.

Our students and staff use the open space for library borrowing, small group sessions, tutoring, staff briefings /meetings and teacher planning.

We kindly ask for everyone to please use the **front door only** and **not walk through the library space.**

Students who are late to school can walk themselves off to class or be accompanied staff member if they feel more comfortable.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.





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!

September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8	9	5/6 Summer Sports Basketball	R U Ok? Day Picture Products Order/Payment Due	12
15	16	17	18	19
School Nurse Visit	School Nurse Visit		Picture Product	Parent Opinion
		5/6 Summer	Templates Due	Survey Closes
		Sports		
		Softball / Volleyball	Last Day Kinder for	ELC Closure Day
		Permission on	Term 3	
		Compass		Last Day of Term
				2.30pm dismissal

October

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

November

3rd— No Kinder or School—Staff Professional Development

4th—Melbourne Cup Public Holiday



Wild Cats Basketball Club JOIN THE Basketball Club JOIN THE FUN

Hi Basketball Families,

Registration for the summer 2025-26 season is now open.

Don't miss out on the excitement and teamwork that basketball brings!

Season Details:

Start Date: Monday, 13th October with the finals series commencing on Monday 16th March
 Player registration closes: Sunday 27th September

Age Groups

Under 10 – Born 2018 / 2017 Under 12 – Born 2016 / 2015 Under 14 – Born 2014 / 2013

Contact: Yarragon Basketball Club - yarragonbasketball@gmail.com for further information.

Registration Link: https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/2090e6
Or follow the Yarragon Wildcats Basketball club on facebook



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,
- 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!



Signup now at https://bit.ly/NetSetGo_Summer25
Find out more

Meaghan Romano, NSG Coordinator M 0409 990 867 or wdna@hotmail.com.au



FOOTY HANDBALL COMPETITION

Monday 22 to Friday 26 September

11am - 2pm, located in the Kids Zone, near ALDI
Join in the AFL action with awesome footy prizes up for grabs!

*NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED, MOST SUITABLE FOR AGES 4 TO 13 YEARS, PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED.



Catch a movie at Village Cinemas this school holidays!

For more information visit: www.midvalleyshoppingcentre.com.au/whats-on/



SHOPPING CENTRE



MAD SCIENCE MAYHEM

Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October

Science Shows: 10am & 1pm daily

Discovery Zone: 11:30am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm

Located near Cotton On Mega

Join mad scientist Rich Royale for the wackiest science lesson ever! Explore science equipment and perform experiments in the Discovery Zone!

*NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED FOR SHOWS. DISCOVERY ZONE CAP OF 25 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION. SIGN-UP SHEET AT COUNTER.

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COMPETITION





REGISTER NOW

TUESDAY 30TH SPETEMBER 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