



YEA HIGH SCHOOL

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Community Connections—RED CROSS CALLING

On Friday the 10th of March, year 9 students spent the afternoon door knocking the streets of Yea to participate in Red Cross Calling Month. The students managed to raise an outstanding \$771.80 and should be very proud of their efforts!

BIKE SAFETY

A reminder to all students riding bikes to and from school, that the law requires you wear a helmet whilst riding. So please make sure that you or your child has a correctly fitted helmet. For more information please visit <https://www.victorialawfoundation.org.au/publication/bike-law/read>

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 1:

27th— Time & Space 2017 Yr 8 Mother/Daughter

28th — Year 9 Com Con Healesville Excursion

30th - 31st — Parent Teacher Interviews

31st — Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

18th April—First day of Term 2

MATHS PATHWAYS

Maths Pathways is beginning in all year 7-9 classes over the next few weeks. This program caters to all mathematical abilities. In order to ensure your student can get the most out of the program please remind them to bring a **charged laptop** to every Maths lesson. For more info, see <http://tinyurl.com/parents-mp> or contact Ms. Fiona Boyle. boyle.fiona.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

PRINCIPAL'S TEAM REPORT

End-of-Term

Term 1 has been actioned packed and busy. We wish to thank students, staff and the school community in general for their work and support over the last eight weeks. Well organised and enjoyable sport days (Term 1 district round robin, house swimming and athletics sports), Year 7 and Year 8 camps, information evenings, Year 9 advisory learning plan meetings, Time and Space programs, a new school council, an impending start to the technology/art building program were some of the events and programs that have been a focus for the school during the term.

Term 2 and School Review

2017 is year of review for Yea High School. Term 2 will focus on school data collection to help analyse the school performance over the past three years. This is part of the four year cycle of the development of school strategic plan, implementation and review. The review type is a Priority Review which aims to analyse, a little deeper, the performance of the school than the previous reviews which have been Peer Reviews. The review will continue into Term 3.

Term 2 commences on Tuesday 18th April after a well-earned break. We wish you a safe and happy Easter break.

School Council

The first meeting of the 2017 school council was held on Tuesday 14th March. Judy Watts was appointed to the position of School Council President, the position she held in the last council. Kim Slavin was again elected Vice President. We thank them for taking on those import roles in the school. At the next meeting, Tuesday April 18th, the annual report for 2016 will be presented. Members of the school community are welcome to attend that meeting. An update on the school review and building program will be provided.

Yea HS Annual Implementation Plan

The 2016 annual implementation plan is being finalised. The plan for 2017 provides a framework for improving teacher practice, implementation of literacy strategies, curriculum planning and improving student attendance and motivation. Elements of the plan include;

Building practice excellence

- Initiate a Teaching Practice Coach and Trial
- Professional Development on Agreed Instructional Model
- Revise the collegiate visit process to incorporate walk throughs, SIT Team observations, classroom critiques to unsure a range of feedback strategies are in process to support teacher development
- * Embedded use of key Literacy/Numeracy strategies in all Curriculum Learning Areas

Curriculum planning and assessment

- Scope and Sequence documents fully developed and published
- Common assessment tasks and rubrics fully developed at all year levels
- Year 7 and 8 Implicit Reading programme
- VCE data literacy developed across VCE teachers

Empowering students and building school pride

- Regular reporting of attendance to parents through improved communication (Compass)
- Immediate school follow up on student absence (SMS, Email, Phone)
- Monitoring of student attendance records focusing on teacher accuracy
- Improved coordination with local support services
- Implementation of the Resilience Action Plan

School Attendance

Families will now be receiving follow up messages if students are not in class. Attendance is obviously a priority for students and the school in general. In some circumstances notification might be made if your child is absent from a class but still involved in a school a program. We are working with the technology to ensure our notifications are accurate.

Families/Parents should always give notification of student absence. There are times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference. Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy; the best way to address this is for the schools and family to work together. Please talk to the student's advisor or a coordinator for advice.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with falling behind in subject topics and assessment tasks, and leads to fewer subject choices and may impact on achievement in Years 11 and 12.

It's never too late to improve attendance. Every day counts.

School Facilities Improvement

The builders are about to commence work on the wood and metal technology/art building. Security fencing will define the work area. Access to the West car park/bus circle in Lawrences Rd will be restricted. We ask that, once the building site has been established, pick up and drop off for students be made from the front of the school in Racecourse Rd. Parking immediately to the West of the Metal work room in Lawrences Rd will be available only to the construction company.



Mr. Bruce Skewes and Mr Brian D'Arcy



YHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Well done to all students who competed at the Athletics Carnival today!

Fantastic to see so many students involved.

Thank you to the parents that attended. Your support of these events is important to the community.

ROUND ROBIN

Congratulations to all those who participated in last weeks round robin. Fun was had by all those involved and a special mention to the 4 Volleyball teams that won on the day; Senior Boys, Senior Girls, Year 8 Boys and Year 8 Girls . These teams will be off Albury/Wodonga later this year to compete in the Hume Region Finals.



HUME RANGES SWIMMING

Well done to Benjamin Charles, Jordy and Zach Harry & Max Hargreaves, who competed at Hume Region Swimming.

Big thank you to Jill Hargreaves for driving students to Southern Ranges and Hume Region swimming competitions. It's been great to seeing parents getting involved in the high school community.