



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

Next week we are excited to implement our Whole School Transition Program for students. From Monday to Wednesday students will meet their 2025 classroom teacher and peers. We have been planning these three days very thoughtfully for the previous month, with a Transition Team leading the way. Classroom teachers have also had additional planning time to help organise the three days.

Our 2025 Foundation students will also join us for a longer transition visit on Tuesday, while our Grade 6 students will venture off to their secondary school destinations. It's a very exciting time for our new Foundation students and our Grade 6 students as they finish up their schooling at YPS and journey onto secondary schooling.

Mr. James Shields will be able to join his 3/4 class on Tuesday the 10th of December. We thank his current school for his release to enable him to meet our students and staff.

The purpose of our transition program is to ensure all students feel safe and supported in their new classroom environment and that any student with additional learning needs are organised and prepared to start the school year. Our transition program involves collaborative planning between teachers and Specialists, students and families.

Classrooms will spend time getting to know each other building relationships, classroom routines based on our school values, teamwork activities and games and establishment of learning investigations for next year. It's a really important time to spend together. Students will also spend time in our four Specialist classes including PE, STEM, Visual Arts and Auslan.

We are confident our transition program will provide just the right level of support for all our students.

Kind regards
Melissa Rock



A new year of learning

Information and resources for parents and carers to help their children unlock their potential for a new year of learning in 2025.



New webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep or moving to secondary school.

The Department of Education has published a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year.

During the school holidays, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition between kinder and Prep and primary to secondary school
- what to expect at school
- help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health.

Please refer to the New year of learning webpage.

[A new year of learning | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/a-new-year-of-learning)



As we close in on the end of the year we ask that families please explain all your child's absences on compass.

If your child is away you can either jump on compass yourself or call the absence line and that way we can explain the absence on compass for you.

Reminder messages are automatically sent out each morning regarding student absences and these will be followed by letters home and phone calls.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

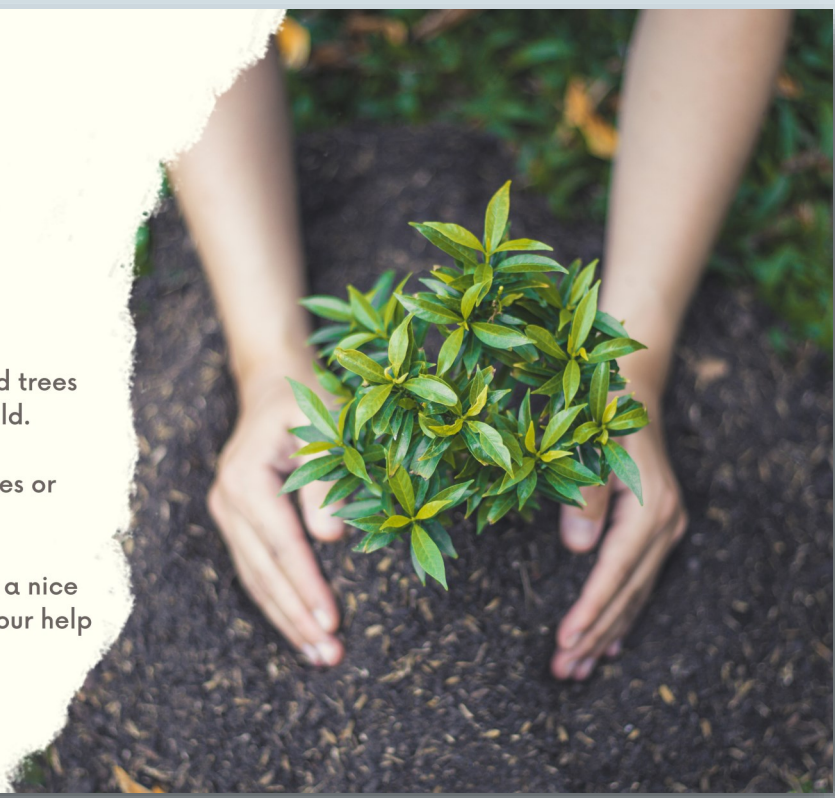
Please Look After Our Gardens

We have noticed over the past few weeks our gardens and trees around our school not being treated the way they should.

Please do not let your children climb in our garden spaces or destroy our trees.

Lots of hard work has gone into our yard space to make it a nice environment for our students and families, we appreciate your help in keeping it this way.

Thank you.



PARENT CLUB NEWS

yarragonpc@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are still seeking
donations for the raffle.

Raffle tickets due back
Wednesday 11th December.

Drawn at final assembly
Friday 13th December.

Thank you to those families who have already donated
something for the raffle.

We appreciate you :)



YPS CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

- 1.15PM** **BYO FAMILY PICNIC**
- 2.00PM** **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
- 3.00PM** **FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2024
& CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN**

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR OR RUG TO SIT ON AND
DON'T FORGET TO WEAR SOMETHING FESTIVE



PLEASE ENSURE YOUNGER SIBLINGS /FAMILY MEMBERS
REMAIN TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE PICNIC,
CONCERT AND FINAL ASSEMBLY.

DURING THE CONCERT AND ASSEMBLY, THE PLAYGROUND, BASKETBALL
COURTS AND PIRATE SHIP AREA WILL BE **OUT OF BOUNDS**.

THIS IS TO ENSURE OUR STUDENTS CAN PERFORM WITHOUT
DISTRACTIONS AND OUR FAMILIES CAN ENJOY THE PERFORMANCES.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

Yarragon Primary School



GRADUATION

Class of 2024

Our 2024 Grade 6 Graduation will be held at the Yarragon Hall.

The ceremony will begin at 6pm with students required to be there by 5:45pm.

The ceremony will go for approximately 1 hour and will be followed by dinner at the Yarragon Pub at 7pm.

(This dinner is for students and Grade 5/6 staff only).

Formal invitations will come home to families in the coming weeks.

(Due to capacity of the hall this event is for immediate family only).

Thursday 12th December

Yarragon Hall

STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
COUNCIL
FUNDRAISER



ZOOPER DOOPER DAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

50 CENTS -
ONE PER STUDENT



PLEASE TRY AND BRING
CORRECT MONEY ON THE DAY

**SRC will have Zooper Doopers for sale on
Wednesdays until the end of the term.**

**The Zooper Doopers will cost 50c each. One per person.
Students can not purchase icy poles for other students.**

**You must hand your 50c in on a Wednesday morning to your
classroom teacher so they can mark you off on the list.**

*~ Jackson Drysdale & Clancy Moyes
Student Representative Council*

Tidy Tuesdays

@ Yarragon Primary School

2.30pm - 3.30pm



We extend an invitation to parents/carers grandparents to come along each Tuesday between 2.30pm—3.30pm to assist in maintaining our school garden beds.

Please feel free to drop in with your gardening gloves and small garden tools to contribute to our beautiful school grounds.

Whether you can attend every Tuesday or just one, your contribution is valued.

Please sign in at the office when you arrive at school.

Focus Area:

As we are holding our Christmas on the Green Concert near our stage area, we would love for this to be a focus point for some tidying up :)

We do ask that volunteers are courteous of student learning and PE that is happening outside during this allocated time.

School Saving Bonus

How Do I Access the Funds?

You should have already received an email for each of your children with an access code to log in to the SSB Portal. The email was sent from **Department of Education Victoria** <noreply@comms-mc.education.vic.gov.au> - it did not come directly from Yarragon Primary School.

The emails were only sent to the first parent in the family ("Parent A"). They were not sent to both parents. Please check your spam/junk folders if you have not received it.

If you have not received the email you will need to contact the SSB Team directly, the school is unable to assist: 1800 338 663 school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au

What Children Are Eligible?

Eligibility is defined by the Department, see the [SSB website for more information](#).

How do I use the SSB funds to purchase uniform?

You will need your login code from the email (see above) you cannot use the SSB without it. In [the SSB Portal](#) you can generate a code that you can use to make a purchase at our uniform shop (BELEZA -Warragul) You can only purchase items available from the uniform shop, you cannot use the funds at other stores. The code you received by email is your login code to the SSB Portal, you can use it to generate purchasing codes.

How can I use the SSB funds to pay for school activities (camps & excursions)?

The SSB Funds are intended for 2025 school activities. You will need to [log in to the SSB Portal](#) and transfer the funds to the school using the *School Activity* option. Please see the help guides on the SSB website for information on how to do this – we cannot do it for you or on your behalf at the school.

The funds do not expire, so you will not lose them.

My Child is in Year 6, how do I access the funds?

Funds for Year 6 students are only accessible through their high school. The SSB is intended for 2025 activities, so you will need to contact your child's high school to use the SSB funds.

I have more questions.

Please see the resources for families on the SSB website, including user guides and videos available in many languages.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-saving-bonus>

UNWANTED SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All uniform items on our second hand rack have been kindly donated back to our school by past and present families.

We have a number of families looking to make purchases from the second hand rack and it is a little low on stock.

If you have any unwanted Yarragon Primary School uniform items you would like to donate, we would love to have them.

Please ensure donated items are in clean and stain free condition.

We do not need any plain black items (track pants/ shorts/ leggings) donated at this stage.

Thank you in advance.

SAVING SCHOOL REPORTS

At the end of each Semester, we encourage families to save school reports to your own device or USB.

When your children move on from Yarragon Primary School, you will no longer have access to the school reports or Compass.

Grade 6 Families:

Please ensure **ALL** School reports have been saved before the end of the school year.

ARE YOUR FAMILY DETAILS UP TO DATE?

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.



December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3 Foundation Transition 2.30pm—3.30pm	4 Zooper Dooper Day Bike Ed Grade 3-6	5	6
9	10 Statewide Transition Day Foundation Transition 9.00am—12.30pm	11 Zooper Dooper Day Bike Ed Grade 3-6 Raffle tickets due back.	12 Grade 6 Graduation	13 Christmas on the Green Picnic & Concert 1.15pm—3.30pm
16	17	18 Zooper Dooper Day	19	20 Last Day 1.30pm Dismissal

January 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
20	21	22	23 Book Back Collection 10.00am—1.00pm	24 Book Back Collection 10.00am—1.00pm
27 Australia Day Public Holiday	28 Office Open	29 Grades 1 - 6 Commence Foundation Testing Day	30 Foundation First Day	31

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Summer Holiday Program Brochures with daily activities are available at the school office.

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- Learn to be safe around the water.
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- Enjoy summer to the fullest.
- Become confident with anything the water throws at you.
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Cnr Northways Rd & McDonald Way, Churchill
VIC 3842
P: (03) 5120 3888

Latrobe Leisure Moe/Newborough

Cnr Old Sale Rd & Southwell Ave,
Newborough
VIC 3825
P: (03) 5135 8580

Latrobe Leisure Morwell

45 McDonald St,
Morwell
VIC 3840
P: (03) 5128 6144

Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre

49 Breed St,
Traralgon
VIC 3844
P: 1300 444 722



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YARRAGON PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

VICTORIA CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME (CDS VIC)

Yarragon Primary School and Early Learning Centre has been officially approved as a donation partner for Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic).

We would love for you to support us by using our code when dropping off your cans and bottles at the depot. We are hoping to get an official collection bin here at YPS in the near future.

We have made keyrings with our Partner ID. Feel free to keep it for yourself or give to a neighbour, friend, relative or community group.

What can I return? Most aluminium, glass, plastic and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 150mL and 3 litres are eligible.

Look for the 10c mark on the drink container label. It is often located near the barcode. We recommend you don't crush containers.

We hope you can support us with our fundraising efforts.

Thank you in advance from everyone at Yarragon Primary School & Early Learning Centre

CDS VIC DEPOT

- 4/15 PHOENIX ST, WARRAGUL

MON 8:00AM - 5:00PM

TUE 8:00AM - 5:00PM

WED 8:00AM - 5:00PM

THU 8:00AM - 5:00PM

FRI 8:00AM - 5:00PM

SAT 8:00AM - 4:00PM

SUN 8:00AM - 4:00PM



WHAT ARE WE RAISING FUNDS FOR?

A NEW AND IMPROVED PLAY GROUND



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WE NOW HAVE A COLLECTION BIN AT SCHOOL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DROP THEM IN