



Pelican's Progress

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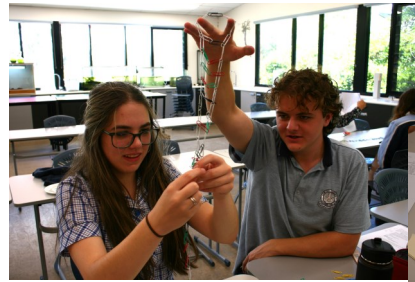
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WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Welcome to Country



Science



Theatre Studies



Keep Informed -Important Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

- 26th School Photos
- 29th Interhouse Swimming Sports

MARCH

- 1st Wellington Swimming
- 4th Yr 8 Sci/SOSE Walkerville excursion
- 8th Parks Week event & color week
- 11th Labour Day
- 12th/13th Dental Van visit (prior appoints)
- 13th-20th NAPLAN
- 14th Gippsland swimming

UNIFORM SHOP—is open on Wednesday's from 12.30 –2.00pm

BEAT MATHS – after school Mondays in the library

"80% of success is showing up"

**Failure to notify the school by 9.30am of
your child being away, will result in a text
being sent home**

Please call the Hotline 51825522-press 1

PRINCIPALS REPORT

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” **Audrey Hepburn**



In skiing we call them bluebird days. The day after a storm, when the air is crisp and clean, the snow on the slopes is powdery and soft, while above the skies are an incredible, surreally perfect blue. These days are rare and treasured. The optimism I feel at the start of each school year reminds me of blue bird days; everything and anything feels possible. My challenge is to keep this optimistic outlook even during the storms that we know will come.

No one could have predicted, that Yarram would be hit with a mini cyclonic storm two days after my return from long service leave. In 30min the storm ripped through our community, uprooting trees, downing powerlines and damaging vital telecommunications towers. Staff, busy preparing for a Year 7 parent information evening, were glued to windows watching mother nature in awe. We just managed to get out a message to parents to let them know the evening was cancelled before we lost all power to communicate.

Waking the next day with no power or phones felt apocalyptic and while our school remained open we were unable to function as usual. I am so grateful to the incredible staff at YSC who pitched in and helped sort students and families with resources and books, who got out vital communication and who put our grounds back together. Indeed, two ex-students Leo Cashmore and Jarian Long both arrived with their chainsaws on Wednesday morning, happy to pitch in and clean up the school. It is times like this that our community shines.

In small towns like Yarram, our volunteer workforce helps to keep our community safe. To honour the work of first responders one of our senior teachers, Andrea Blunden, and Year 12 student, Zoe Macdonald shaved their heads to raise funds and awareness of a range of essential services including the SES, CFA and the Red

Cross. As part of the session Ms Blunden spoke about the trauma first responders faced and the impact that it had on mental health. She also referenced the recent extreme weather event and how quickly volunteers arrived to move trees that were blocking vulnerable people in their homes. While Zoe and her teacher were the focus of the day, other students got on board and supported the cause by shaving their heads as well.



Last week the music staff from Yarram Secondary College went to Yarram Primary School to play a few songs and answer questions about our amazing music program. A core goal for our music coordinator Lachlan Bowden and his team is to reinvigorate the Primary Instrumental Program (PIP), which was put on hold over COVID.

The PIP program offers interested students in Grade 5 and 6 the opportunity to visit the secondary college each week to partake in music lessons with sessional music staff. Currently, we have 5 instrumental music teachers, each with their own unique set of skills and specialisations. Lachlan is keen to maintain connections with the primary schools and expand our music program. So, if you have put your musical talent on hold, now is the time to contact our front office staff. You are never too old to learn an instrument. I would encourage all our students to consider the joy that music brings to our lives.

Hot topics for education continue to centre on teacher shortages, reconnecting families to schools and the mental health of both students and staff. A core focus of our AIP for 2024 reflects these concerns. The AIP was shared with our school council members on Tuesday night and I look forward to working with staff to realise our goals and targets.

At the moment we are calling for parent volunteers who might be interested in sitting on school council. School council meet twice a term and offer advice on school governance and projects. It is a wonderful opportunity to see behind the scenes. If you are interested can you please reach out to Michelle Taylor-Reid and pick up a nomination form.

Lyn Kerrison
Principal



Promoting Safety Around Our School

As we continue to prioritise the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community, it is imperative that we address certain concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety around our school premises.

1. Speeding is Not Acceptable Near a School:

Speeding vehicles pose a significant threat to the safety of our students and pedestrians. We urge all drivers to adhere to the posted speed limits, especially in school zones. Excessive speed reduces reaction time and increases the likelihood of accidents, particularly in areas where children are present. Please be mindful of your speed and drive cautiously, especially during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

2. Correct Use of School Crossings at All Times:

Our designated school crossings are in place to provide a safe passage for students and pedestrians. It is crucial for everyone to use these crossings correctly and responsibly. Students should be instructed to cross only at designated areas and to wait for the crossing guard's signal before proceeding. Drivers must also be vigilant and yield to pedestrians at all marked crossings.

3. Crossing the Street Safely: Teaching children proper pedestrian safety is essential for their well-being. Parents and or guardians, please take the time to educate your children on safe pedestrian practices, including looking both ways before crossing the street, using crosswalks whenever possible, and making eye contact with drivers before stepping onto the road. Additionally, encourage older students to serve as role models by following these safety guidelines themselves.

By working together as a community and prioritising safety, we can create a secure environment for everyone.

Let us all remain vigilant and committed to ensuring the well-being of our students both in and around the school premises.



ROADIES ALL SITES
URBAN CAMP MELBOURNE



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This autumn ICG ROADIES are heading to Urban Camp in the city of Melbourne. The ROADIES team support 13-17 year old people with a disability to meet new friends, have fun and experience new activities.

Wednesday 10 - Friday 12 April 2024

To book your spot call 1300 736 765 or simply scan this QR code, enter your details and we will be in touch!

1300 736 765

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Interchange Gippsland are a not for profit, registered NDIS organisation who are committed to providing quality, meaningful opportunities for people of all ages living with disability

ROADIES Camp offers the opportunity for teens 13-17 years with a disability to experience new things, meet new people, form friendships, develop life and living skills all while having fun in a supported group environment!

We are also seeking young volunteers (under 17 years) who would like to assist on our programs for our young participants 10-17 years! The role of young volunteers is to offer peer support, model good behaviours and encourage participation in activities. The friendships developed between volunteer and participant is an amazing thing for all.



SALE BASEBALL CLUB



COME AND TRY

Baseball at Stephenson Park, Guthridge Parade, Sale.

When?
Wednesday March 6th.

Juniors (16 and under): 4.30pm

Seniors: 6pm

BBQ dinner provided





Sign up today to get “free” money for YSC, just by shopping in Yarram and surrounds.

Download the In Tarra App on you phone, as above, shop at one of the below stores, and sign your points to YSC. Each month, depending on the points scored, we receive money which is donated by local businesses. Get behind your local businesses

Shops involved are:

196 Fish and Chips, Yarram Coffee Palace, Artichoke Books, Yarram Foodworks, Yarram Automotive, Commercial Hotel, Yarram Bakery Café, Yarram Betta Electrical, Yarram Bargain Centre, Yarram Plaza Hot bread, Jack River Produce, Yarram Fresh flowers, Victoria Hotel, Alberton, Café Aga, Port Albert General Store, Wildfish

When you sign in you go to Points it will bring up a QR code when you pick YSC and scan your phone at the counter of the shop. Easy and it doesn't cost you anything (apart from what you've purchased!!)

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

ON BOARD TALL SHIP *YOUNG ENDEAVOUR*

16-23
YEAR OLDS

LEARN NEW
SKILLS

MAKE NEW
FRIENDS

EXPLORE
THE AUSSIE COAST

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
youngendeavour.gov.au

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR YOUTH SCHEME
EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

I CARE

Are you a young person aged 12-25 involved in emergency services?

GET PAID TO TELL YOUR STORY!

We're looking for young people who are actively involved in their community.

Scan here for more information!

Australian Government
Future Proof
RURAL
WELLINGTON

Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

laptops & tablets	uniforms & shoes	books & supplies
sports fees & gear	lessons & activities	camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Jade or Sharon
enquiries@berrystreet.org.au
1300 610 355

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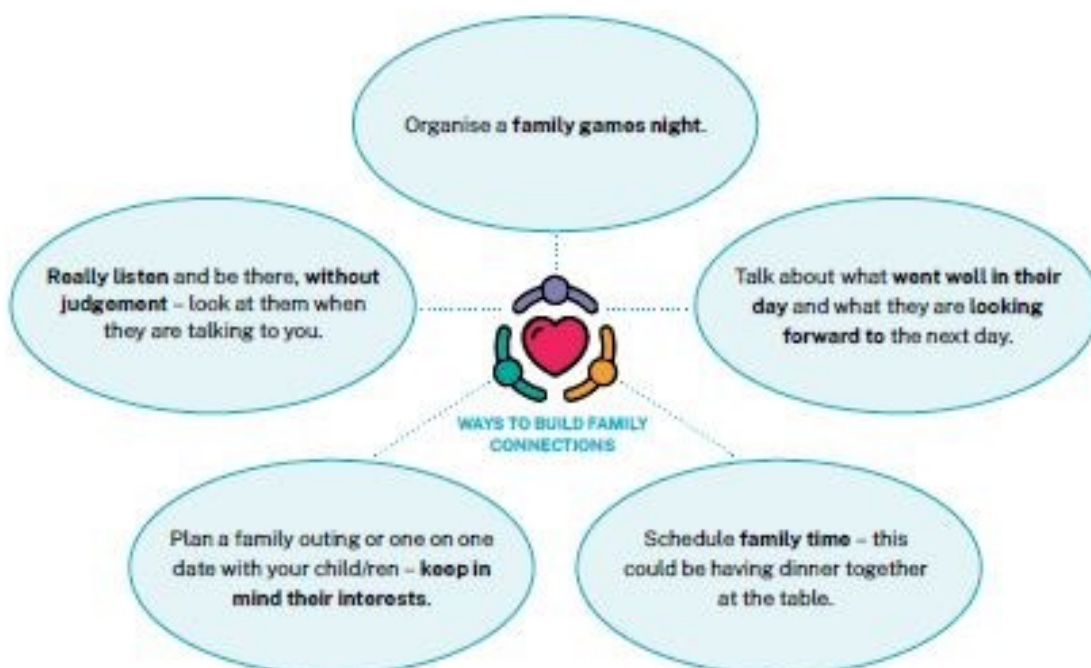
Find out more at saverplus.org.au





Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

MAKING CONNECTIONS & SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN

Building your relationships and connections with your children is key to helping them **feel loved, safe and secure**. Feeling genuine connection also has many positive impacts on our mental health, some benefits include:

- HELP DECREASE CHANCES OF ANXIETY & DEPRESSION
- GIVES US PURPOSE
- HELPS DEVELOP GREATER EMPATHY
- SENSE OF BELONGING
- FEELING SUPPORTED
- BUILDS TEAMWORK AND COOPERATION
- ENHANCES HAPPINESS
- INCREASES SELF ESTEEM



 <p>CONNECT</p> <p>TALK & LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED</p>	 <p>BE ACTIVE</p> <p>DO WHAT YOU CAN, ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, MOVE YOUR MOOD</p>	 <p>KEEP LEARNING</p> <p>EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF</p>	 <p>Give</p> <p>Your time, your words, your presence</p>	 <p>TAKE NOTICE</p> <p>REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY</p>
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to someone – and really listen • Organise a shared lunch (even if it has to be a “virtual lunch”) • Reconnect with an old friend • Eat lunch with colleagues (virtually whilst working remotely) • Find ways to collaborate • Plan a social event with work colleagues • Play with your kids • Talk or phone instead of emailing • Join a team or club 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go for a gentle stroll at lunchtime • Join a sports team • Break up long periods of sitting • Have walking meetings • Take a yoga, Pilates or Tai Chi class • Use the stairs instead of the lift • Do some gardening • Try some stretches 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a course • Learn an instrument or language • Visit a public art space • Add to your work knowledge • Organise lunchtime workshops • Set a goal and work towards achieving it • Take on a new task or help someone • Get to know your colleagues more • Join a book club • Listen to a podcast or read a journal article 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliment someone • Help a colleague with their work • Share your ideas or feedback • Get involved with a charity • Express gratitude - thank someone • Make someone a cup of tea • Support a friend or whānau member • Do the dishes for someone • Perform a random act of kindness for a colleague, friend or even a stranger 	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a beautiful object near your desk • Plan to look up at the night sky • Notice signs of the season changing • Practise gratitude • Try mindfulness meditation • Sit quietly in a garden or park • Listen to your favourite music • Take a break from digital devices • Single-task – do one thing at a time