Welcome Preps
Last Thursday we welcomed our new Prep students to our school. The entire cohort have settled in beautifully and are already working hard and trying their best. The ability of this cohort to settle in so well is testament to the Early Childhood education programs they participated in, their family upbringing and our in depth transition program. I thank all those involved.

1:1 Senior Learning Unit iPad Program
We are busily preparing for our big step in the digital revolution. Our server has been updated and we are soon installing the operating system to cope with the influx of iDevices for our grade 5 and 6 students. SLU students have been preparing their Digital passports which are part of the Cyber safety program and a necessary tool for them to participate in the program. We are sure that with support at home and at school they will become discerning and capable digital citizens making good choices as they grow older. Parents of SLU students are encouraged to ensure that the Agreed User Policies (AUP) and intention forms are returned as soon as possible to help with our preparation.

Car Parking
As you are no doubt well aware car parking space at morning drop off and afternoon pick up is limited. It is for this reason the area at the front of the school is a drop off and pick up zone only. We request that parents do not exit their cars in this location.
For those who are parking for a longer period, please be respectful of our neighbours and do not drive across or park on their front lawns.

Riding to School
Many of our students are very keen to ride to school and we encourage each of them to do so as it is a great way of getting some exercise and is good for the environment as well. We ask that parents of students in grades P-4 accompany their children when they are riding as they lack the peripheral vision and awareness to be completely safe.
Those of students in Grade 5 and 6 should ensure that they have coached their children appropriately to be safe whilst riding to school. All students are required to wear helmets and walk their bikes in the school grounds.
We ask all students to supply bike locks to ensure that the bikes are protected from theft.

Duty of Care Before School
Please ensure that you do not drop your children off at school prior to 8.45 am unless they are attending OSHC. Students dropped off before this time will be instructed to attend the BSC program at the expense of the parents. Teachers are not on duty prior to 8.45 am.

After School Bus
Once again our teachers are on duty after school and supervising those students who catch the bus after school. The only suitable bus is the 3.45 pm bus heading up to Mount Dandenong and beyond. Unfortunately the bus heading down the hill arrives too late. Students requiring that bus will have to organise other transport or make use of the OSHC program. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Bayswater Bucks—Good Guys
Please remember to ask for ‘Bayswater Bucks’ if you purchase items at the Good Guys in Bayswater. We have collected these for a few years now and in the past have purchased equipment at no cost to the school!

Thumbs up … 🌟 to all the new Prep students
This week in OSH we welcomed back some familiar faces and some new faces from the local community. It was great to see new students come along and enjoy our activities.
Upon reflection of student and parent suggestions, we implemented the new electronics half an hour to the program. Students are allowed to bring an electronic of their choice, with parents permission and have half an hour to immerse themselves in educational games and activities, allowing them to express ideas and make meaning from different media outlets.

This week we also celebrated Australian culture following Australia day. We created Australian paintings, musical instruments and classic participated in Australian sports.
Simultaneously we ran our homework club, cooking club, chess club and active outdoors program.
So come along have some fun and join the club!

### This Week’s Activities - Term 1, Week 2

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### Parent Information

Make sure your child/ren bring their hat as: No Hat = No outside play.
Ensure all enrolments are to be signed in and out when your child arrives and is collected at the end of the day.

OSH program phone: 0419915649
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Coordinator: Samantha Clarke
Assistant: Jess Briant

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Student Requisite Fees

We would appreciate settlement of the student fee invoice received by each family. These fees cover the initial supplies purchased for student use by the school at the beginning of each year and also, costs incurred to operate and maintain curriculum programs throughout the year.

For convenience, the whole amount may be paid at the office, by bank deposit or BPAY or an instalment plan may be set up by completing the appropriate form.

Assistance is available to parents who hold a pension or health care card by way of the Education Maintenance Allowance.

To claim this allowance of $200 per prep child and $150 for students in years 1 -6, an EMA form must be completed by the 28th February. These are available at the office.
Help your child shine at school this year
Submitted by: MICHAEL GROSE

The single most important step you can take to help your child learn is to be an active participant in your child’s education.

Active participation includes: talking to your child about their day, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

The second step is to become involved in your child’s school. This is harder than ever due to work and other commitments, but you can still be positively engaged in the life of your child’s school even when you work. Here’s how

1. **Find out** what your child’s school is trying to **achieve** and show your support for its aims.

What is your school focusing on over the following three years? What are its specific values? Answer these two questions and you’ll be streets ahead of most parents I know.

2. **Support** a broad, **balanced curriculum** that offers a variety of experiences rather than a program that narrowly focuses on the 3 Rs.

3. **Direct** conversations through the **correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Thoughtless gossip and car park committees merely tarnish a school’s reputation.

4. **Get** the school diary and place open days, interview days and other important days in your own diary so you can plan ahead.

5. **Meet** with your child’s teacher at the start of the year and ask for practical ways you can help at home. Every teacher has their own style and way of doing things. Make sure your child’s homework routine fits that of your child’s teacher.

6. **Encourage** your child to take **pride** in their school, and don’t ‘bag’ it yourself. Your positive advocacy of your child’s school will send a powerful message about school and learning.

7. **Model** learning and reading. Your kids need to see you **learning new things** and **reading** so they become normalised. In particular, boys are more likely to latch on to reading when their dads read to them and also read at home themselves.

There are lots of ways you can support your child’s learning. However you can’t go too far wrong if start with these basics; take a real interest in what kids do at school and be an active, risk-taking learner yourself.

*For heaps more information to help kids start school, successfully start their secondary school life and settle back into school check out the videos and written tips on the new Parentingideas Club.*
DINNER & DRINKS
SATURDAY 15TH MARCH

BARN DANCE

BAR PROVIDED BY KELLYS
ROAST SPIT, SALADS & PAVLOVA
(VEGE OPTION AVAILABLE)

TICKETS BOOKED IN ADVANCE AT THE OFFICE OR BY CALLING 9751 1136

EXPECT LIVELY DANCING
WITH CALLER

FEATURING EAT YA GREENS
BUSHBAND

FRIENDS & EXTENDED FAMILY WELCOME

DANCING KICKS OFF AT 6.00PM
DINNER AVAILABLE FROM 6.45PM
DANCING CONCLUDES 9:30
Are you passionate about early childhood, child care and education, and enjoy working with families and connecting with your community? The Yarra Ranges Council Family Day Care Co-ordination Unit is recruiting Family Day Care Educators to join their team of dedicated early childhood professionals to work in partnership with trained council staff who support and monitor Family Day Care placements throughout the Shire.

Family Day Care Educators operate a quality home-based childcare and education service for a small group of children aged birth to 12 years. Children are nurtured in a small group setting that focuses on everyday life experiences and provides individualised care in a cosy home environment. Educators offer a safe, secure and stimulating home environment and create individualised programming to encourage children to further develop their skills and knowledge.

If you would like further information in relation to becoming a Family Day Care Educator for the Yarra Ranges Council please contact the Co-ordination Unit on: 9754 4432