

YARRA RANGERS SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL

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From Helen's Desk

Welcome back to the school year. It was lovely to see the students and staff return to school with such enthusiasm. We extend a special welcome to the new families joining our school community for the first time this year.

We are pleased to have our Occupational Therapist, Rhonda Kimberley return from extended leave and we also have a new Speech Pathologist, Briony Fowler. Matt Stephen takes up his new position as a classroom teacher and Athena Warren will be teaching in the Senior section of the school.

Staff spent the first day preparing for students and undertaking anaphylaxis and manual handling training. We also took this opportunity to look at the School's Strategic Plan and the plan for the year ahead: School Annual Implementation Plan for 2015.

Finally, we will have a new term of office for the School Council. If any parents are interested in participating in the School Council please contact the office for a nomination form. Nominations close at 4:00pm Friday the 13th of February. The School Council meets once a month on the third Wednesday at 7.30 pm at the school. The Council is made up of parent, community and staff representatives. Anyone wishing to discuss the possibility of joining the Council is welcome to call in or telephone me at the school.

Janet Acting Principal.

Bushfire Preparation

The school will be closed on a **Code Red** day. If a code red day is declared parents will receive a sms message saying *Tomorrow, day and date, YRSDS is closed due to the Code Red fire rating, please respond immediately with your childs full name (our student/s name) and "OK".*

No staff or students will attend on this day.

Diary Dates

Thursday Feb 12th	Senior School Information Night 7.00pm
Thursday Feb 19th	Middle School Information Night 7.00pm



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School News

Banking

The School is now banking with The Bendigo Bank in Mt Evelyn.
If you wish to pay for school fees, swimming etc by direct deposit, the new account is

YARRA RANGES SDS OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

Bendigo Bank, Mount Evelyn

BSB: 633-000

ACCOUNT: 153524541



Eftpos is Here



Well nearly here..... we have the machine we are just waiting on being able to use a phone line which will be connected by Monday the 2nd of February. From then we will be up and running for your convenience to make school fee payments etc easier.

Invoices have been sent home this week via your child for school fees and swim charges due at this time. Please check your child's school bag.

Many thanks for your support of our school. All fee money goes directly to classrooms to pay for the students' work materials and swim payments contribute to the cost of running our pool, or entry cost to a community pool.

Many thanks – Teresa

Information for school

Student Absences

If your child will be late to school for any reason, please let us know.

A phone call before school starts on the day of the late attendance would be very much appreciated, so we can inform classroom staff.

Signing In/Out

When bringing your child at school, it is very important that all parents/carers enter via the school office and please remember to sign in and out in the visitors' diary.

Parents/Carers who are collecting students from school should also enter via the office and inform our office staff, who will contact the classroom.

Family Contact information

It is very important that families/carers let us know if any of your contact details change – eg. phone, address, mobile numbers, emergency contacts etc. Please ring the office or put a note in the communication book to advise us of changes.

Many of our new families have recorded their preferred method of contact on the student enrolment form as email. Unfortunately we are not able at this time to use email as the main method of contact with families. We will either ring you or post information.

JANUARY 2015

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