Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to term four and we hope you all had a relaxing holiday. This week we welcomed a new student, Adelyn Ostojic to our school. Have fun Addy!

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT (TERM 4):
Attached to this newsletter is the new flyer for the term four programs. As mentioned last term, this is the final AASS so please make the most of this wonderful, free program. See Chris if you have any questions.

SUNSMART & HATS:
Please note that children need to wear a wide brim or ‘bucket style’ hat throughout terms four and one. (Baseball caps are not suitable). A good suggestion is to have a ‘spare’ hat in their bag as well in case they forget. All hats should have a distinctive badge or be clearly named. Any brand or colour is fine, providing they are of the correct sun smart style as above. Children without hats will be restricted to shaded/ covered areas of the school ground.

WANTED:
Any old lengths or off cuts of pvc conduit (20-25mm) to use in an art activity. We can cut the pieces we need. See Chris or Rhonda if you can assist. Also, our handyman, Bruce is building some new billycarts for the students. We need wheels, axles or spare timber if you have any lying around!

TERM FOUR INFORMATION:
There are a number of events and important dates during term four. Please check our calendar in the weekly newsletter. Over the coming weeks you will receive information about things like the P-3 swimming program, prep orientation, Bandanna day and Writer’s Café. If you have any enquiries, please contact the staff or office.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS:
As we are now in the final term of 2014, we require parents to settle all outstanding accounts as soon as possible. (You will receive and account for any outstanding monies, such as camps, material levy, after-school care, etc.) Outstanding camp and excursions accounts must be paid prior to your children attending any future similar activities thank you. See Sharyn in the office for all payment enquiries.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:
The next S.C, meeting is on Tuesday 21st Oct at 7.30pm

Regards Chris & Staff

More news over the page>>>>
Hello Everyone!
The School Captains are trying really hard to raise money for Canteen (supporting kids and their families who are affected by cancer) by selling Bandannas and Pens. The Bandannas are $4. Some of the patterns are running so be quick! They’re SUPERCOOL!. Pens are $3. Bandanna Day is Friday 31st October and we encourage everyone to wear their Bandannas on that day.

Yarragon Cricket Club are holding a registration day for Under 12s and MILO cricket (5-9 year olds) on Thursday October 16th at 4.30pm at the cricket ground.
UNDER 12s
Games are played Wednesday nights from 5.00pm
MILO cricket
Runs every Thursday afternoon from 4.30 till 5.30 until Christmas.
All boys and girls are welcome.
Any queries Paula Borsato 0427 935 009.

DRIVE IN MOVIE

Logan Park, Warragul
Sat 11 Oct
Movie will screen at dusk
Gates open 6pm
$25 per vehicle

For details: contact Oscar Correa on 0425 832 141
Dear Parents,

The AASC program will be again be running in Term 4. **This is the last time** this government funded program will operate in the current form and offers families the opportunity to have children involved in seven structured sport sessions for **FREE** from 3.45pm until 4.45pm. Please put thought into deciding whether your child will be prepared to commit to the activity for the entire program. Children also receive a **FREE** healthy and nutritious snack.

In term 4 AASC will offer **VOLLEYBALL** for 3-6 on **TUESDAYS** and **NETBALL** (for grades P-2) on **Wednesdays**. Sessions begin in week 3 of the term. **Both sports will be run AT THE SCHOOL so students would remain at school after the bell and be collected from the school at 4.45pm**

**TUESDAYS**

Dates: Oct 21, 28, November 11, 18, 25
December 2nd, 9th

**Note:** There is NO Volleyball on Melb Cup holiday, Nov 4th

**GRADE LEVELS:** 3-6

Venue: SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAYS**

Dates: Oct 22, 29

**NETBALL**

Nov 5, 12, 19, 26
December 3rd

Grade P-2

Number of students: 20

Venue: SCHOOL

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER.** There are limited numbers for the groups and participants are generally chosen on a first-in basis.

**YOU WILL BE ADVISED IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR CHOICE.**

**TERM 4 AASC**

**TUESDAYS**

**VOLLEYBALL**

Years: 3-6

**CHILD’S NAME:** . . . . . . . . .

**CHILD’S GRADE:** . . . . . . . . .

**TERM 4 AASC**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**NETBALL**

Years: P-2

**CHILD’S NAME:** . . . . . . . . .

**CHILD’S GRADE:** . . . . . . . . .
In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

**Why it's important**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

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 progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**Getting in early**

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

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**What we can do**

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always 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.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This 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 schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what your child needs to do to keep up.

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* Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)
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