



Yarrunga Yaps!



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It was a pleasure to present all our School Leaders to the Yarrunga Community at Assembly on Monday.



From the Principal:

This year at Yarrunga Primary School, we have introduced a new Languages Program, teaching the Indigenous Language of Bpangerang (pronounced either Bangerang or Pangerang). This is the culmination of much work and consultation since our Japanese Program ended in 2018.

Did you know that 'Yarrunga' is an indigenous word? In Bpangerang, it means 'Giant Red Gum', just like the big trees down at the creek and near our Big Equipment Playground.

We sought permission to teach Bpangerang as the land on which Wangaratta is located is the traditional land of the Bpangerang people. In this way, we are teaching the language of the land of the traditional owners.

Our Bpangerang Program is taught by Mr Michael Jenkins, who has the permission of Uncle Freddie Dowling to teach his words and language. Mr J is delivering Bpangerang weekly to students in Foundation. As well as teaching language, Mr J is including lessons on respect and cultural understanding, Indigenous culture, and stories from a variety of Indigenous Peoples and Lands.

Bpangerang is being taught this year to our Prep Students, and will be rolled out to older Year Levels over the coming years.

In addition to our Indigenous Languages Program, we also run a Bindi Club. This is an educational opportunity for our Koorie students to celebrate Indigenous Cultures from many lands. If there are any Indigenous members of our school community, such as parents, carers and family members, who would like to come to Bindi Club to share from their culture and knowledge, this would be valued and appreciated—please speak to Mr J.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge that some of our students experience different degrees of stress and distress in their lives. At times, this can lead to some students lashing out or not being able to manage themselves as best they can. It is the responsibility of our staff to deal with these students, and the priority is always keeping all students at our school safe. If you have concerns about any students here at Yarrunga, please speak to a member of staff.

Have a wonderful weekend and take care — Ms Fran Waterman



What's On:

What's On for Week 6: March 2nd—6th:

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:
Assembly in The Hall. 5/6 Excursion to Richmond Football Super Clinic. Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Lunchtime Club: The Leg-breaks	Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Lunchtime Clubs: Gatherers	No Preps at School—Mrs Powell will ask some Preps to attend Testing Sessions Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Lunchtime Club: The Leg-breaks SAKG for 3/4 Campbell. Green Thumbs in the Afternoon	Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Lunchtime Clubs: Gatherers	Recess—Quiet Activities in Room 9 Lunchtime Clubs: Film Nation

SPORTS UPDATE:

Netball:

Wangaratta Netball Association is opening online registrations for players on the 1st March. If your child wishes to play could you please let Mrs Hines know and complete the online registration. Each team entered will also need a coach, team manager and umpire so if you are willing to fill one of these roles could you also contact Mrs Hines.

Jump Rope for Heart:

It is great to see so many students jumping in the yard at recess and lunch times. Students are also excited to show me new skills and tricks that they have learned which is fantastic. Remember to keep raising funds for the Heart Foundation, our school has set a goal of \$600 (the students came up with this target) which means that if each student raises just \$4 we will reach our target. Parents can register their children online at the following link <https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents>

And we will also gratefully receive any cash donations for those without access to the internet.

Ride to School Day:

National Ride to School day is on Friday 13th March and we are excited to share that it will be a spooky themed dress up day! All students are encouraged to ride, scoot or walk on this day and come in their spooky attire. Students will be able to ride on the basketball and netball courts during recess (for Prep, 1, 2 students) and Lunch (for 3, 4, 5, 6 students).