

# NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 - NOVEMBER 2025

## "The Three Slimed Men: The Colour Run Edition"



### Important Dates

#### TERM 4

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - B5 Assembly
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 6  
Excursion at Woodman Point
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Volunteer Morning Tea
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - B1 Assembly
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
P & C Christmas Stall  
End of Year Concert
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 6  
Graduation Excursion
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 6  
Graduation ceremony
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Free Dress Day
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
last day of term for students

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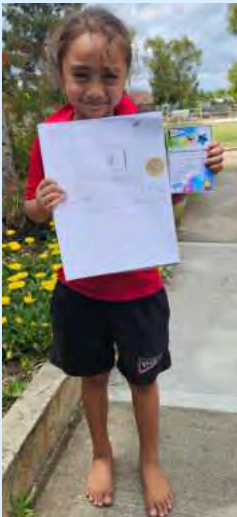
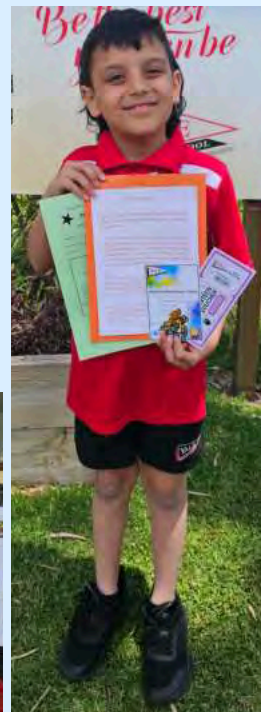
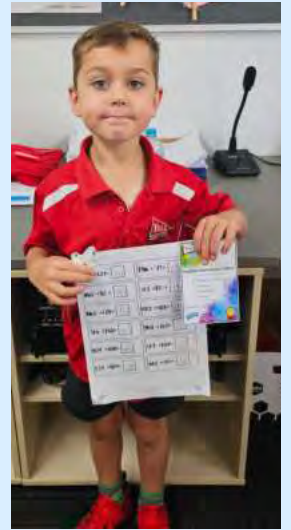
### Jokes & Riddles



Check out our new Jokes & Riddles throughout the newsletter.

# Office Superstars

We're thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements and the positive impact our Office Superstars bring to our school every day. Keep shining bright and thank you for all the hard work and dedication!



## From the Principal's desk

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter for 2026. So much has happened this term with so much yet to come in terms of fun and exciting opportunities for our students and families to end 2026 on a successful note. My thanks to Jen Groves and her P&C team for their efforts in putting on a fantastic Colour Run in Week 5. It was a great afternoon full of energy, laughter and very colourful children. Events like this not only bring our community together but also help raise funds that directly support school improvements and student opportunities. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered or took part. Special mention to Mr Carles, Mr Gandy and Mr Scotland for bravely signing up as the inaugural 'Teacher Slimees'. The students clearly enjoyed every second of it, even if the teachers may still have goo in their ears. A great way to build fun and spirit across the school.

Congratulations to our STEAM students and Ms Hardman and Mr Riley who worked so hard with them to compete in the First Lego League Robotics Competition. Our students came away with two awards and I was particularly impressed with a group winning the teamwork award which was fantastic. They are off to the Nationals next so keep an eye out on updates on how our teams go.

We now turn our attention to the many events ahead as we celebrate the end of the school year. These include:

- Volunteer Morning Tea Wednesday Week 8
- EOY Family Concert Tuesday Week 9
- Year 6 Graduation Excursion Week 9
- Year 6 Graduation Tuesday Week 10
- P&C Free Dress Day Wednesday Week 10
- Last day for students Thursday Week 10

A final note, work has started on refurbishing the basketball courts. We look forward to providing students additional shade over playground structures and improvements to our undercover area. These upgrades will make a real difference to our students' experience at Yale PS.

Jason Shapcott  
Principal

## Telethon Kids Institute Incursion

Students in A4, B1, B4 and B5 took part in the Telethon Kids Discovery Centre "Get a Lung of This" incursion. Students built a simple lung model to see how the diaphragm helps air move in and out, made "mucus" to test how congestion affects breathing, and learned about chronic respiratory illnesses such as asthma and cystic fibrosis, as well as how researchers study ways to keep children's lungs healthy. Activities linked to the Year 3-4 Science curriculum (Biological Sciences and Science Inquiry Skills), with a focus on asking questions, conducting hands-on investigations, recording results and explaining findings.



# Interschool Athletics

After weeks of dedication to extra training, our interschool athletics carnival had arrived, Thursday 30th of October. It was a wet start to the day but that didn't dampen the spirits of the students who were there, excitedly competing in jumps and sprints. The action was heating up, along with the weather with our leader ball and baton relay to close out the day. Well done to all students who were selected and competed, those who achieved ribbon places in their events, and a special congratulations to **Elvin** who finished **runner-up year 5 champion boy** and **Alexia** who was awarded **year 6 champion girl**. Yale finished an impressive 3rd place overall.

Thank you to Mr Scotland and all the staff who helped with the running of the school carnival, interschool carnival and with extra practise throughout the year. Regards, Mr. Gandy



What type of chocolate do Aliens eat?



# Important Information for Parents

## Information for Families – 2026 Student Attendance Dates

The Yale Primary School Board wishes to advise families of the key student attendance dates for the 2026 school year that were approved by the Board. These dates support staff participation in important professional learning that is only available on specific days due to high demand. This information is provided early to help parents and carers plan ahead for family holidays and childcare arrangements.

### Student Commencement

Students will commence Term 1 on **Monday 2 February 2026**.

**Term 1** – Labour Day Long Weekend and School Development Day

Please note that students **do not** attend school on **Tuesday 3 March (Week 5)**, as this is a School Development Day following the **Labour Day** public holiday on **Monday 2 March**.

Students return to school on **Wednesday 4 March**. This provides families with an extended long weekend opportunity at the beginning of March.

### **Term 2 Commencement**

Students return on **Monday 20 April**.

### **Term 3 Commencement**

Students return on **Monday 20 July**.

Please note that students do not attend school on **Monday 27 July (Week 2)**, as this is a School Development Day. Students return to school on **Tuesday 28 July**.

### **Term 4 Commencement**

Students return on **Tuesday 13 October 2026**, following a School Development Day on Monday 12 October when students do not attend.

### **End of Year**

The final day for students in 2026 will be **Thursday 17 December 2026**.

The School Board thanks families for their continued support and hopes this information assists with your 2026 planning.

## School Contributions and Charges for 2026

We value the support of our parents in helping provide the best possible learning experience for our students.

**2026 Charges and Voluntary Contributions** information for Kindergarten to Year 6 has been published on Compass and hard copies are available at reception.

Your contributions play a vital role in enhancing resources and programs that enrich student learning. These funds help us deliver a well-rounded education and are an important part of our school's financial planning.

Payments are **not required immediately** and will only be requested as events arise.

If these charges create financial difficulties, please contact our **Manager Corporate Services** to discuss flexible options.

Your support ensures we can continue offering high-quality educational opportunities for all students.

Thank you for partnering with us to make Yale Primary a great place to learn!



# P & C Association

In Week 4 we celebrated **Canteen Day!** We feel incredibly grateful to be one of the schools in the area to still have a canteen. The P&C would like to say a very special thank you to Jenall, our Canteen Manager, for bringing sunshine and warmth every day to our canteen, and of course for the yummy and nutritional food she serves.

We are also very grateful to the amazing group of volunteers who dedicate their time to help in the canteen. Huge thanks to Sue, Jean, Kate & Jocelyn... we couldn't do it without you!!

**Crazy Camel** are busy creating our order which we will receive before the end of term. We received 52 orders totalling \$1077 - we will receive a profit portion once orders have been delivered. Once orders are received, they will be distributed to students and their original artwork will be returned to them. A huge thank you to everyone who placed an order.

## Colour Run

What an eventful and colourful day we had last Friday! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Monty's Colour Fun Run. A great time was had by all and we are sure some special memories were made. Thank you to all our volunteers and staff who helped make this day happen. Thank you to Mr Riley and Mr McNess for the awesome tunes for the colour run. We were impressed with the original songs Mr Riley created for our event – your dedication to events at our school is much appreciated!!! A very special thank you to **Mr Carle, Mr Scotland and Mr Gandy** for volunteering to be slimed! What a fun and exciting way to end the colour run!

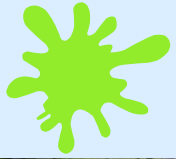
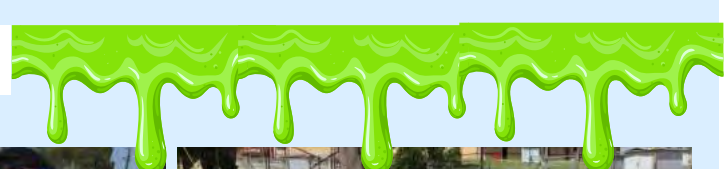
A massive congratulations to **C1** who are our top fundraising class and also had our highest fundraising student Carter. For those who raised donations now is the time to choose your prizes. Options for this close on Thursday 20/11/2025 at 10pm WST. You are required to log back in during this time to [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and order prizes to the value of the donations. If you are not wanting to order prizes, you can send the donations to one of the great causes on offer! Or you can choose prizes and donate them to the P&C to add to our fundraiser events (if choosing this option please let us know via [yalepandc@hotmail.com](mailto:yalepandc@hotmail.com)). Prizes will be delivered to school before the end of term. Once they arrive, they will be delivered to classrooms.

We are still in the process of working out the profit from this event so this will be included in the next newsletter.

Our final meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday 4th December** in the Library at 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As always, the P&C thanks you for your support!





# Robotics Competition

## First Lego League Robotics Competition

On Saturday 15 November, 20 excited Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Southern River College for a full day of fun, coding, robot games, and sharing their amazing ideas. The students formed two teams - the Miner Minors and the Unearthed Engineers. For the past four months, both teams have been working hard on a real-world problem connected to archaeology.

The Miner Minors designed a special liquid (a bit like sunscreen!) to help protect artifacts as soon as they are taken out of the ground. The Unearthed Engineers created strong, safe containers to transport artifacts once they are discovered.

All their hard work paid off! Both teams won awards and received an invitation to the National Championship West on 13 December at Curtin University.

The Miner Minors won the Innovation Project Award for their clever preservation idea. The Unearthed Engineers were recognised for showing all FIRST LEGO League Core Values – Impact, Fun, Inclusion, Discovery, Innovation, and Teamwork – throughout the whole day.

A big thank you to Dr Kari Pitts, who helped the teams connect with two experts from UWA: Dr Zuzana Obertova (Forensic Anthropologist) and Dr Sam Harper (Archaeologist). Their support and guidance were a huge help in preparing for the competition.

We are very proud of our young engineers and wish them the best of luck at the Nationals!



# Other News from around the school

## Cake Stall Success!

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and supported our Cake Stall! With your help, we raised \$957.65 for the Year 6 Graduation Excursion. The treats were amazing, the turnout was fantastic, and we're so grateful for the school spirit on the day.

Thanks for making it such a sweet success!



## Exciting News: Our Basketball Court Is Getting a Makeover!

We're thrilled to announce that our school basketball court is getting a much-deserved revamp! Over the coming weeks, the court will be refreshed with new line markings and a bright new surface designed to make playtime safer, more fun, and even more exciting.



The upgrade means smoother games at recess, better practice sessions for our budding athletes, and a welcoming space for everyone to enjoy team sports.

We can't wait to see our students shooting hoops, playing matches, and staying active on a court that's built to last. Stay tuned for updates as the transformation unfolds!



## Community Police Incursion


Our Year 5 and 6 students thoroughly enjoyed the Think U Know presentation with Sgt Filter from Community Police. They learned important lessons about staying safe online and being positive members of the community.



Why was the basketball court always wet?

Because the players dribbled all over it!

**School Hours**  
**Start: 8.40am**  
 (classrooms open)  
**8.50am roll is called** (students must not arrive to school before 8.30am. Any arrivals after 8.50am must get a late note from front office).  
**Recess: 10.30am - 10.55am**  
**Lunch: 12.35pm - 1.10pm**  
**Finish: 3.00pm**  
 Students must be collected at 3pm when the bell has rung for the end of the day. Any student still at school after this time will remain in the front office until collected. Parents/Carers must sign their child out after 3.15pm.



Click the logo and head on over to our P&C Facebook page for updates, events and more.

**Compass Communication**  
 Wouldn't it be great if all of your child's information was available in one place? If communication was as simple as the click of a few buttons? If payment and consent for events could be made from your phone? We thought so, too. Download the free **Compass app** now! If you have any issues, please contact the front office.



**Helping Hands**  
 Before and after school care located at Yale Primary  
 Phone: 0452 275 110

**Breakfast Club**  
 Breakfast will be served on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** from **8:00am to 8:30am** at the Chaplains office located in the new building.

**Canteen**  
 Open Wednesday - Friday in the undercover assembly area. Orders can be placed at the canteen with cash or online using the **QKR app** before 9am. Please note opening days and menu is subject to change.

**Uniform Shop**  
 Our uniforms are supplied and sold by **Lowes in Maddington**.  
 Maddington Shopping Center  
 Crn Attfield St/ Burslem Drv  
 Maddington, 6109  
 Phone: 9452 0380

Western Australian law requires all school-aged children go to and attend school every day. If your child is absent, please notify the school via: telephone, the website absence button, email, in person or via the Compass app. If your child is late to school for any reason, please bring them to the office to collect an arrival note before they go to class.

## Leaving Yale in 2026?

If your child is currently enrolled and **will not** be attending Yale Primary School in **2026**, please complete and sign the below section and return it to the front office at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact the school office on 9232 3500.

Thank you for your co-operation.

----- Please detach and return if leaving -----  
**YALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We wish to inform and confirm that my child will not be attending Yale Primary School in 2026.

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

School my child will be attending in 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_