

YIAGA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Harvest Home Primary Year 6 Community.



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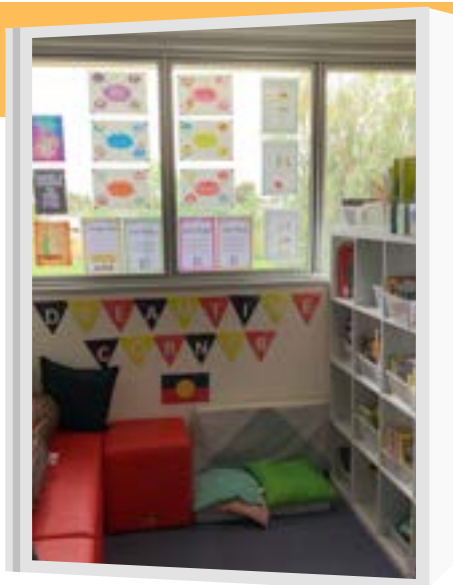
EVENTS & REMINDERS

Welcome to Term 1 in the Yiaga Community. This year the Yiaga teaching team includes Alex Kennedy, Taylah Hancock and Jae Dickinson. We are all very eager and excited to work with the wonderful Year 6 students in our community.

To help set up the Community and learn how to work collaboratively, the students have been investigating the expected school behaviours of Being Respectful, Being Safe and Being Your Best. In our community, students have been earning 'Hero points' for showing these behaviours. We have also been revisiting our school values and principles and what they look like in Year 6.



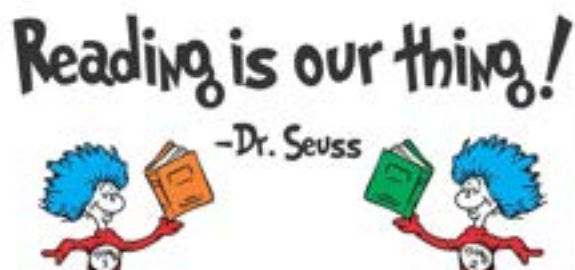
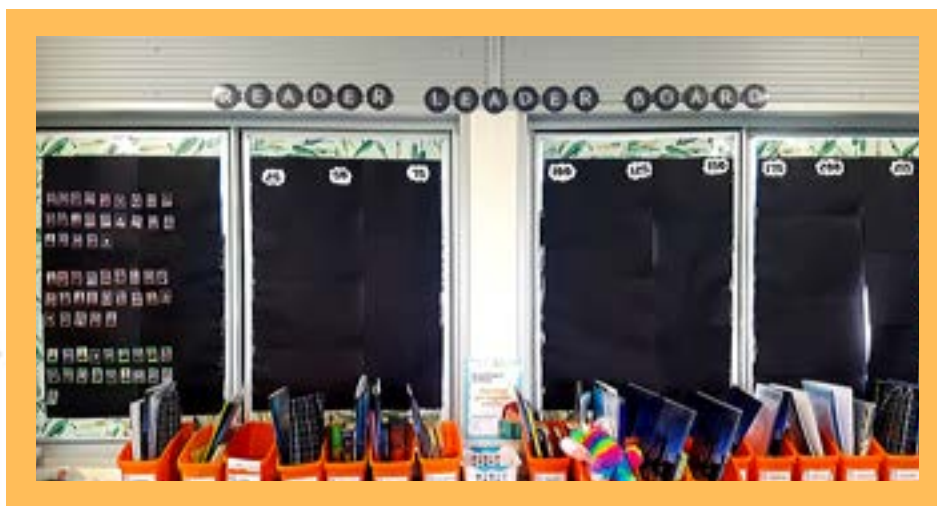
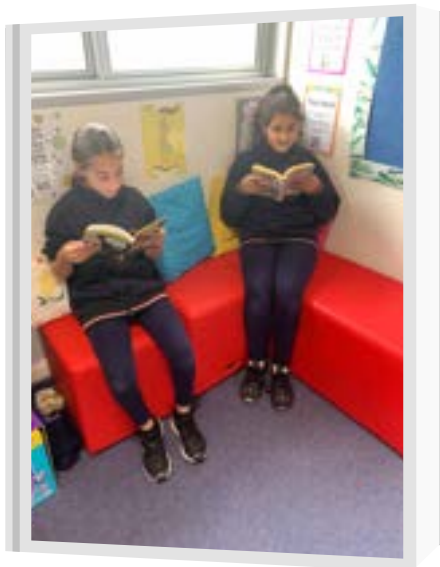
READING



It has been great to hear the level of engagement students have had towards their reading throughout the community at the start of the year. Many students are bringing reading material that they love from home which is outstanding.

The Yiaga community have been focusing on the following topics in reading over the first term of 2020:

- Picking Just Right books and using the 5 Finger Rule
- Building up stamina during Independent Reading
- Building our comprehension skills
 - Within the text, About the text and Beyond the text
- Understanding the expectations of a reading classroom
- How to track our thinking using a Reader's Notebook
- Developing our reading goals
- Setting up and organising our classroom libraries



Reading Challenge

Commencing Week 4 of Term 1, the Yiaga community is hosting a home reading competition to see which students in the community have read at home the most amount of nights. A 'Reader Leaderboard' has been set up in the community to track the amount of nights each student is reading. It is expected that students are reading at home for 30 minutes every night. Home reading is critical to each student's reading progress and is a great way to share individual interests at home.

WRITING



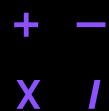
The teachers in the Yiaga community have been excited to start our Writing unit this term, with a focus on narrative writing. Students have brought in recycled materials from home to create a setting that will be the center of their first piece of writing.

The Yiaga community are focusing on the following topics this term:

- Text type: Narrative
 - Understanding the structure of narrative writing: Orientation, Problem, Series of Events and Solution.
- Using punctuation: capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks and talking marks.
- Grammar: Adjectives, verbs, nouns and tense words
- Spelling; Prefixes, suffixes, plurals and homophones



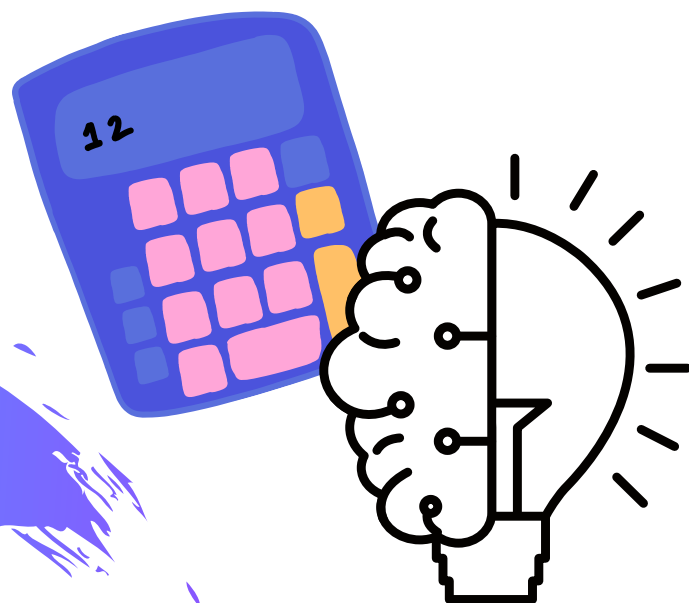
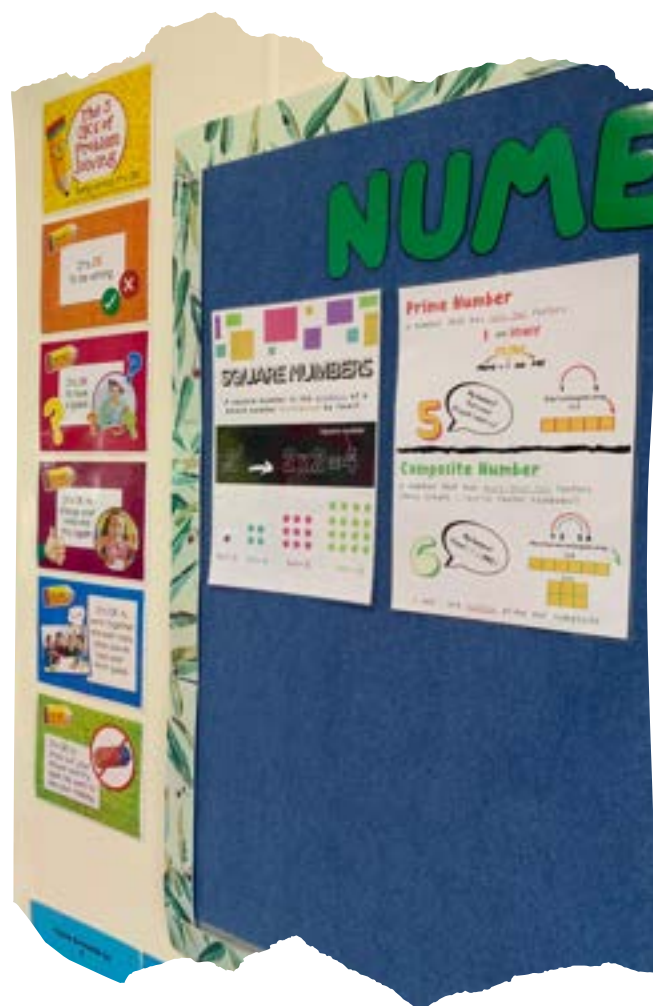
NUMERACY



A big focus for our Numeracy classes in the first few weeks was to look at having a growth mindset when faced with challenging problems. Every Monday students will be exposed to a 'Challenging Question' that will be aimed at stretching the student's way of thinking and intentionally be just too difficult. To be a good learner you have to be comfortable with being wrong and be able to learn from those mistakes, creating a healthy community culture is key to this.

Some of the other topics that will be covered over this term are:

- **Place Value** - Identify and describe prime, multiples, factors, composite, square and triangular numbers. Locate and represent these numbers on a number line.
- **Transformation** - Investigate combinations of translations, reflections and rotations.
- **Operations** - Use written and mental strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.





In Challenged Based Learning (CBL) this term we are focusing on:

- Exploring how we learn best working collaboratively in a range of teams to achieve a common goal
- Exploring a 'fixed vs growth' mindset
- Being Safe and Respectful with the use of digital technologies



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool sport is played by all Year 6 students on Friday morning starting at 9am and concluding at approximately 10.45am. All students have been allocated to either **Handball**, **Cricket** or **Soccer** for term one. Games are played at home (Harvest Home Primary School grounds) or away at other schools. If you have not completed payment for this program, please ensure this is made promptly. Please ensure your child arrives on time to ensure we can begin our games promptly. We welcome families to attend our games throughout the term.



Cricket



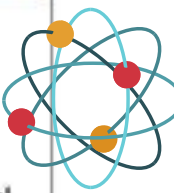



Handball



Soccer

Specialist Timetable

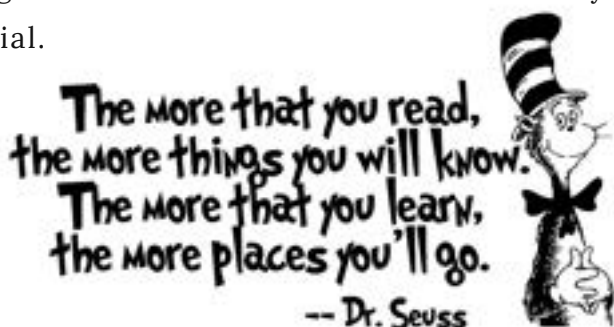





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Session 3: 6A - Science 6B - Spanish 6C - Art	Session 5: 6A - Spanish 6B - Pe 6C - Science		Interschool Sport Sessions 1-3
	Session 4: 6A - PE 6B - Art 6C - Spanish	Session 6: 6A - Art 6B - Science 6C - PE		

Home Learning Expectations

It is recommended that students in Year 6 participate in a minimum of **30 minutes of home reading per day**. Students are expected to read their take home book on a daily basis (or a Just Right Book agreed upon with their teacher) and return it every day.

Please record the book read each night in their diary. After reading, parents are encouraged to discuss the meaning of the text with their child to develop a deeper, richer understanding of what has been read. Asking students to make some inferences on the text, to accompany our learning focus for the term would also be very beneficial.



Being a 21st century learning school we have school and home access to some exciting online programs to support the curriculum. In your child's orange home reader book you will find the login details to the following websites:

- **Reading Eggs:** www.readingeggs.com.au
- **Wushka:** www.wushka.com.au
- **Mathletics:** www.mathletics.com.au
- **Spellodrome:** www.spellodrome.com.au

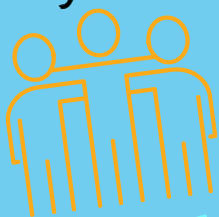


There may be certain instances where unfinished class work will be sent home to be completed. Projects or oral presentations may need to be worked on at home but we will provide more information if this is the case.

Events



Community BBQ
Thursday March 5th



Ride 2 school
Friday March 13th



School Photos
Tuesday March 10th



Harmony Day
Friday 20th March



Reminders



Alex



Taylah



Jae

If for some reason your child is absent from school, you can explain the absence on Compass or make contact with the school on 8468 9000. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email one of us via Compass, or call the office to arrange a time to pop in for a chat.

We look forward to working closely with the Yiaga Community to provide our students with the best learning opportunities and environment during Term 1!

Kind Regards, Alex, Taylah and Jae
(Year 6 Community Teachers)