

# Yenda Agenda

## Yenda Public School

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Term 4 Week 9

Friday, 14 December 2018

### Principal's Report

Welcome to our Week 9 edition of the Yenda Agenda!

Another year has just about come to an end, with another wonderful group of students saying farewell to their time at Primary School. The Year 6 Farewell celebrations are a fitting way to end the school year, with a celebration of the journey from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students and families reflected on the wonderful staff, students and friends who have touched their lives throughout their time at Yenda Public School, and this is reciprocated by all staff members. It doesn't matter how long you have been associated with this school, either as a student, parent, or teacher, every individual who walks through our gate shapes our lives forever.

I would like to wish all of our outgoing Year 6 students and their families every success in the following years. If your family has 'graduated' from Yenda Public School, please do not be a stranger! Nothing thrills us more than hearing of former student's success!

For all of our returning students and families, I want to thank you for a wonderful year of learning, laughing and fun. Looking back at all of the challenges that have been overcome, all of the success that has been experienced, and all of the friendships that have been formed, it is clear to see that Yenda is a wonderful place to live and learn.

This is the final newsletter of the year. We hope that you will continue to engage with our school Facebook Page over the holiday period.

On behalf of all of the staff at Yenda Public School, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and spectacular New Year. Have a happy and safe break, and we will see you in 2019!

Bel Wallace - Principal

### Week 10

Tuesday 18 December	Talent Quest
Wednesday 19 December	Whole School Barellan Pool
	Last day of school for 2018.

### Key Dates for Term 1 2019

Tuesday 29 January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 30 January	First Day back for 2019
Thursday 14 February	2019 Swimming Carnival





# Yenda Public School News

## School Band Program – Expression of Interest

YPS is excited to announce that in 2019 students will have the opportunity to participate in a School Band Program. The program will focus on teaching students to play a variety of instruments (clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, percussion, bass guitar and more!) with the intention to perform as a band! This would not be possible without the support from the Griffith City Band, who are currently servicing our instruments and assisting with the teaching program.

The program will be open to students in year 4, 5 and 6 in 2019, and will involve weekly lessons and practice. A parent information session will run early next year, but for now, we are seeking an expression of interest from students who may like to try out their musical skills! No prior experience is necessary. There will be an instrument hire fee involved for participants.

Please complete the expression of interest form attached, or online. The link can be found on Facebook or the Skoolbag app.



## 2019 Lunch/Recess Trial

Following collaboration and consultation with YPS staff and the P and C, the school will be trialling new lunch and recess times during Term 1.

The proposed times will be:

Morning session	9am – 11am
Eating Time	11am – 11.10am
Lunch Break	11.10am – 11.55am
Middle Session	11.55am – 1.30pm
Recess	1.30pm – 1.55pm
Afternoon Session	1.55pm – 3.00pm

The anticipated benefits of the changes are:

- ✓ Longer break times between literacy and numeracy sessions, allowing students greater opportunity to focus following longer play time
- ✓ Cooler play time in the summer months with lower sun exposure
- ✓ SLSO staff are employed at this time of the day, allowing social and interest groups to be run at lunch times
- ✓ Staff preparation time between literacy and numeracy sessions are longer
- ✓ Lunch foods are not sitting in student bags as long
- ✓ Eating time remains with the class teachers to monitor food consumption
- ✓ Students who have had to leave home early in the morning to catch buses have a larger meal, fuelling them for the second session of learning.

Some identified challenges are:

- ? Canteen considerations of getting lunches ready by 11am
- ? Students who catch a bus home and have a long trip have eaten their larger meal early in the day
- ? Colder play time in the winter months
- ? Community resistance to change






We would like to invite parents/carers who have any further questions, comments or concerns regarding this trial to phone or email the school (6968 1236 or [yenda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yenda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)).

### Student Reports and Classes for 2019

On Wednesday each student received their academic achievement report. We couldn't be prouder of the achievement of our students, and hope that you celebrated their successes with them when you read their report.

With the reports was a letter notifying families of class teachers for 2019. Please note that this is subject to change before the commencement of 2019.

If you would like to discuss either your child's report, or their class placement for 2019, please phone the school to make an appointment.

REPORT GRADES AND WHAT THEY MEAN		
A	Grand Prix Racer!	
B	Advanced driver training with extra skills.	
C	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	
D	A person on "P" plates drives independently but is still learning.	
E	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.	

### Farewell and Thankyou!

We bid farewell to Miss Kaitlan Rizzeri and Mrs Alison Hughes in 2019 to take on new endeavours. We thank them both for all of their expertise and help during their time at Yenda Public School.

### Staffing Arrangements for 2019

**Principal** Bel Wallace  
**Assistant Principal** Karen Conlan

**Kindergarten** Lisa Brown  
**Year 1** Natalie Ryan  
**Year 2** Natasha Long (Mondays)  
 Rachel Kirkman (Tues-Fri)  
**Year 3/4** Michelle Perez  
**Year 5/6** Erin McIntyre

**Learning Support/RFF** Karen Conlan  
 Natasha Long

**Library** Sue Chilvers

### School Learning Support Officers

Isabelle Gilbert Kellyanne Humphreys  
 Lisa Marando Vanessa Viselli-Young  
 Anna Melvin

### Administrative Staff

School Admin Manager Tanya Cornale  
 School Admin Officer Vicki Gooda  
 Louise Bennett

**GA** Neil Grant

In 2019, Karen Conlan will be working across the school in the innovative position of Assistant Principal – Curriculum Support. She will continue to support classes during literacy sessions, as well as some RFF classes. Mrs Conlan will also be working as a teacher mentor with all staff, ensuring quality teaching practices across the school.

Mrs Colleen DeSaxe will again be taking leave for the 2019 year.

*Please note that these positions are subject to change before the 2019 school year.*

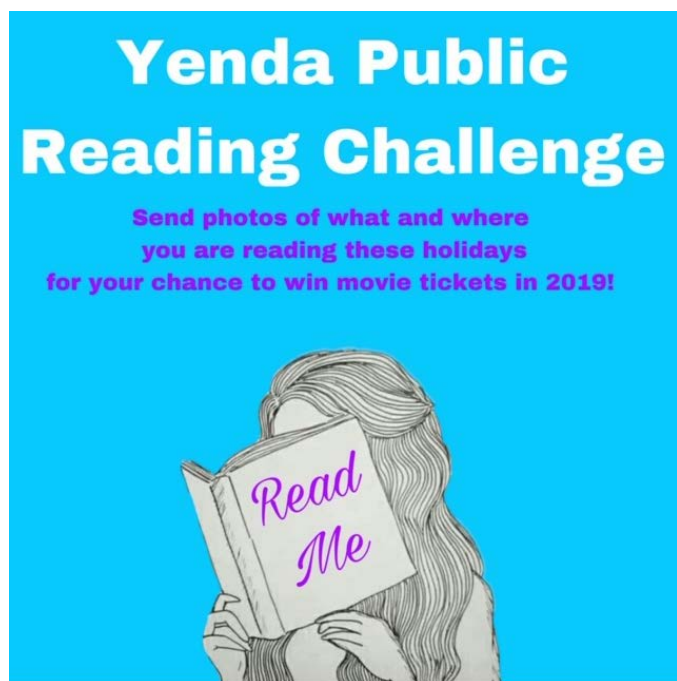
### Yenda Public Reading Challenge!!!

Mrs Wallace is at it again! Last holidays all students were challenged to be active. These holidays, all students, families and friends are being challenged to READ READ READ!!!

There is a concept of the 'summer set back' in reading, where children will have a small regression in reading skills due to not engaging in frequent reading practice over the summer break. To keep these literary minds busy, all children are encouraged to read every day! It doesn't matter what and where they are reading, every little bit helps!!!

Each photo sent to the school Facebook page will be an entry to win one of 4 movie tickets to see a movie with Mrs Wallace in term 1 2019.

Photos will be posted weekly through the holidays. What are you waiting for!? Pick up a book for the #yendapublicreadingchallenge



### Uniform - Summer Dresses

YPS and the Uniform Shop were recently notified that Lowes will no longer be stocking the girls summer uniform, which means that the Uniform Shop will need to order more. Currently the following sizes can be purchased from Lowes:

Size 4 (18 available)

Size 6 – (6 available)

Size 8 – (13 available)

Size 10 (17 available)

Size 12 (1 available)

There are currently no size 14 or 16 dresses available.

We urgently require any families requiring dresses not available at Lowes to fill in an order form online to indicate sizes needed. This information will be collected on Monday 17 December and an order submitted.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=muagBYpBwUecJZOHJhv5kReaAtmkRFBHg3nhD5VE4mxUN0o3MDhRUkU1NkxGMzM1UzINS1lzWUdGNi4u>

The School and Uniform Shop thank you for your assistance.

### Term 4, Week 9 Assembly Awards

Principal Award – Bodhi Brady

Echo Award – Imogen Stockton

### Kindergarten

Tansy King, Jaxon Café, Peyton Callinan, Eli Whytcross, Porsha Carusi

### Year 1

Michael Nehme, Jaimee-Lee Godfrey, Aiden Twigg, Rowdy Damini

### Year 2/3

Dean Preuss, Abbigeal Forrester-Duncan, Liam Callinan, Nate Wallace

### Year 3/4/5

Monte King, Matthew Baltieri-Geaney, Connor Ings, Kate Horley

### Year 5/6

Sahara Lawson, Taylah Green, Talitha Kelly, Juleesa Twigg, Sarah Bertollo, Clancy Male





# P & C NEWS

## Canteen News

There will be NO canteen operating on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## Uniform Shop

There is currently a shortage in some summer dress sizes at Lowes. More information will be given shortly regarding when there will be more stock available.

## Yenda Public School Centenary Celebrations – 2020

Yenda Public School is approaching its 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2020. Celebrations such as this take a great deal of time, people and brain power.

Early next year, a committee will be formed to prepare for the centenary in 2020.

If you are interested in getting involved by being on the committee, please save the date of 21 February 2019. There will be a meeting at the Yenda Diggers Club at 7pm to get started.

Be sure to invite any family or friends that may have attended Yenda Public School, or who are passionate about the Yenda Community!

## 2019 Channels School Magazine

If you would like a copy of the Channels Magazine please fill in the order form below and return to the school office. This may also be paid online.

### SCHOOL MAGAZINE

**Our school magazine will be available soon.  
Please order your copy now.**

**The cost is \$7.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Supplies for 2019 - Years 3 – 6

As we come to the end of another year, we thought you might be interested in what supplies are required for next year. This may help with your shopping over the holiday period. The school provides a variety of materials for students to use at school; however, we would appreciate it if the students are able to provide the following items for personal use:

### PLEASE BRING

- ✓ Fine point blue/red ball point pen
- ✓ 30cm ruler marked in mm and cm (no metal rulers please)
- ✓ Set of coloured pencils
- ✓ Rubber
- ✓ Sharpener
- ✓ HB and 2B pencils x 6
- ✓ 2 glue sticks
- ✓ Medium size pencil case
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Textas
- ✓ A4 clipboard
- ✓ Whiteboard markers
- ✓ USB
- ✓ Headphones

### PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- ✗ Click pens or pencils
- ✗ Fluffy/overweight pens/pencils
- ✗ Novelty pens/pencils
- ✗ Liquid paper
- ✗ Gel pens
- ✗ Compasses (school will provide these)
- ✗ Felt tip pens
- ✗ Big pencil cases

### K-2 Students

These students are not required to provide classroom equipment.

Girls 1 pump hand sanitizer

Boys 2 boxes of tissues

### Christmas Mass for St. Therese Church Yenda

Mass for Christmas will be held on Christmas Eve, 24 December at 6pm.

Many thanks for all who supported our Church Street Stall.

Christmas Food Hamper was won by Neville Twigg.

Meat voucher donated by Taprell's Butchery was won by Maree Walker.

# 2019 PRESENTATION NIGHT













## War Memorial and Post Office Excursion



On Thursday, 13 December 2018, Year 1 and 2/3K went on a walking excursion around Yenda. Students firstly visited the Post Office and posted their letters off to the North Pole for Santa Claus.

We then set about trying to find the war memorials around town. We found one in the park and a very interesting one out the front of the Yenda Diggers' Club. Also, we noticed that the hall we held our presentation night in last week was in fact a type of memorial.



The Australian War Memorial (AWM) in Canberra recently launched their Places of Pride : National Register of War Memorials. The AWM is calling for photos of all kinds of local memorials from around Australia to be published on their website and shown in the soon to be renovated AWM. Isabelle was kindly gifted a copy of 'Yenda Centenary Celebrations Souvenir Booklet' by Darren at the Yenda Post Office. The booklet contained more information about the memorials, their dedications and important dates. A local historian will also be asked about the memorials, if you know a great deal of information about the design of the memorials, please email Miss Ryan at [natalie.ryan26@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:natalie.ryan26@det.nsw.edu.au)

All students enjoyed a quick play in the park before heading back to school for recess.

Prepared by Farrah, Samara, Flynn, Rowdy, Michael, Alex, Ollie, Aiden and Reilly





### Year 6 Farewell

Last night Yenda Public School said “farewell” to the Year 6 class of 2018. Celebrations included dinner, speeches and the presentation of graduation certificates.

Thank you to Mrs Conlan and Mrs Mac for your moving words sending these fine people off to high school. I am sure they will remember your words fondly throughout the years.



The evening was complete with a school disco, DJ Sutton, and an appearance by SANTA!!!

Thank you to the Year 5 crew of parents for your organisation and serving of the meals on the night. Thanks also to the P&C for arranging the glow products and for running the canteen. What an amazing community evening!



Farewell Year 6!!! We wish you all the very best for your futures!!



## Band Expression of Interest

*Yenda Public School is seeking expressions of interest to participate in the School Band Program in 2018.*

*Instruments available are flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, bass guitar and percussion.*

*Please complete the details below and stay tuned for the parent information session in term 1:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class in 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

*This opportunity is open for students in years 4, 5 and 6 in 2019.*

*We would like to acknowledge the Griffith City Band for their support.*

## Summer Dress Order

Please complete the following details if you would like to order a summer dress uniform for 2019. Please write the quantity required for each size.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Size 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Size 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Size 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Size 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Size 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Size 14 \_\_\_\_\_

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, some stock is still available at Lowes in limited sizes.

Please return this form on Monday 17 December.