

# Yenda Agenda

## Yenda Public School

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Term 3 Week 4

Friday, 24 August 2018

### Principal's Report

Welcome to this week's edition of the Yenda Agenda!

This week we celebrated Book Week with library lessons, a Book Week Parade and community picnic.

Mrs Chilvers and I encourage all families to make reading a visible and valued part of their lives. Read to your children. Read with your children. Read in front of your children, or talk about your love of reading!

Children learn from watching what we do, not just listening to what we say. If you want your children to be readers, they need to see that reading is enjoyable and important.

Any person who says, 'I don't like reading,' has not yet found the right book.



Bel Wallace - Principal

### Calendar

#### Week 6

Monday 27 August	Public Speaking Final – Isla Sergi Community Meeting re: Footpaths 7pm School Library
Thursday 30 August	Father's Day Stall
Friday 31 August	Riverina Athletics Assembly (2:15pm) Kindy

#### Week 7

Wednesday 5 September	P & C Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 7 September	Pioneer Park Mini Action Day – Year 4

#### Week 8

Wednesday 12 September	Proud and Deadly Awards at GHS
Friday 14 September	Assembly (2.15pm) Year 5/6

#### Week 9

Monday – Friday	Intensive Swimming Program
Wednesday 19 – Friday 21	Borambola Excursion Year 3/4/5



# Yenda Public School News

## Reading in the Early Years – Professional Learning

This week, Mrs Brown and Mrs Conlan attended a two day professional learning course focused on best practice for reading in the early years. All staff continue to engage in training, professional conversations and observations to ensure that all Yenda Public School students are receiving the best Literacy education available to them.

## Intensive Swimming Program

Notes have been sent home to all students to participate in an intensive swimming program. The program consists of daily swimming lessons, targeted at student's current ability over the course of two weeks.

The cost per student is dependent on the number of students who choose to participate. Final amounts will be given to parents ASAP.

Please ensure you return the note by the due date so that final arrangements can be made.

## Preschool Talk and Preschool Visits

On Monday evening, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Brown attended a meeting at the Yenda Preschool to discuss the benefits of enrolling in a local public school, getting ready for Kindergarten, and to answer any questions prospective Kindergarten parents may have had.

Starting Kindergarten can be a time of mixed emotion for both children and parents. Yenda Public School staff work in consultation with Yenda Preschool staff to ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible.

In Week 7 (3 September – 6 September), children from Yenda Preschool will be visiting Yenda Public School as an excursion to see what 'big school' is like. They will be visiting Mrs Brown and the Kindergarten classroom during this time. We look forward to meeting all of these little people!

## Kindergarten 2019 – Enrol Now!

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2019. Pop in to the school and pick up an enrolment pack, or give the school a call and we will post one out to you.

Enrolments are available in all other year groups also, so if you are new to town, feel free to pop in for a chat and a tour of the school.

## TAKING ENROLLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019



Kindergarten orientation will commence in Term 4 and runs for seven weeks, including a parent information session, and sessions increasing in length.

## Father's Day Stall

Father's Day is just around the corner, and to help students celebrate this special day, we will be once again running a gift stall.

Students are invited to bring in money on Thursday 30 August to purchase a gift. Gifts range in price from \$2 to \$5.

## Good Luck Isla

On Monday 27 August, Isla Sergi will be travelling to Wagga to compete in the final round of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

We wish Isla all the very best, and look forward to hearing how she went.





Welcome to the weekly 'Code Corner', where we will be looking at different elements of Literacy learning!

Colouring in doesn't sound like it could be all that useful in a Literacy classroom, but it turns out that there are a number of useful aspects to this fun past time!

- ✏ Improved stamina for writing. Do you find that you tire when writing for extended periods of time? Building strength through colouring in can help with these things!
- ✏ Controlled use of pencils. Do you find that your handwriting often gets messier the more you have to write? Colouring in with the aim of staying in the lines, and a consistent pressure and colour coverage can assist in maintaining clear and legible handwriting for many paragraphs
- ✏ Relaxing the brain. There is a great deal of evidence to suggest that colouring in can relax the brain. Through the rhythmic use of the pencil, to the play of colours together on the page, colouring in can be a relaxing and pleasurable activity for kids and adults alike! When we associate working with pencil and paper and fun/pleasure, it could help in enjoying writing also.
- ✏ Desire to complete work. Have you ever felt the satisfaction of completing a piece of colouring in or art, standing back and admiring your work? This feeling can then be applied to pieces of writing in the classroom. Students are encouraged to complete work to a high standard, of which they are proud.

Colouring in has many benefits that relate to writing. What are you waiting for? Colour something and watch the magic!

### Year 1 Need SNAILS!!!

Year 1 are currently studying Minibeasts, and would like to look at snails.

If you have any snails in your garden that might like to be relocated to a snail shack for Year 1, could you please bring them in to school to Miss Ryan? Many thanks!!!

### Community Meeting

Griffith City Council has received funding for the construction of paths in the villages during the 2018/19 financial year and is in the process of finalising the designs for these projects. Council will be holding a forum to discuss the areas identified for construction with an opportunity for the residents of Yenda to highlight any issues they may have with the proposals.

**This meeting will be held in the Yenda Public School Library from 7pm – 8pm on Monday 27 August.**

## P and C News

### P and C Meeting

The next P and C meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 September at 6.30pm. Mr Peter King has had to postpone his visit to the Yenda P and C meeting, but will reschedule to a date in Term 4. All community members are still encouraged to attend the meeting on 5 September.

We will also be discussing the next stages of establishing before and after school care at Yenda Public School. If this impacts you, please come along.

### Reverse Draw

Congratulations to the P and C for a successful Reverse Draw, and to Tanya Cavanagh who won the draw.

The P and C raised \$1200 to support Yenda Public School.

Thanks to Jiakomo Thief who provided entertainment on the night, and to the Yenda Hotel for hosting the event.



**BDNA**  
BARELLAN & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**2019 Representative Trials**  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
Barellan Sportsground

**10am – 11's** (Born 2008 and 2009)  
**12's** (Born 2007)

**11:30am – 13's** (Born 2006)  
**14's** (Born 2005)

**1pm – 15's** (Born 2004)  
**17's** (Born 2003 and 2002)

We will also be selecting a 17's Development Team who will attend State Champs

**ARRIVE 15 MINS PRIOR TO SIGN IN**

**HEAD TO FACEBOOK.COM/BDNAREP FOR MORE INFO AND TO DOWNLOAD A NOMINATION FORM - Enquiries to Carolyn 0404 472 537**

**Griffith Rep Netball Selections**

**Sunday 9th September 2018**

**Jubilee Courts**

**9am- 11yrs squad (born 2008)**  
**9:30 am - 12yrs (born 2007)**  
**10:30 am -13yrs (born 2006)**  
**11:30am - 14yrs (born 2005)**  
**12:30pm - 15yrs (born 2004)**  
**1:30pm - 17's (born 2002 or 2003)**

**No representative clothing to be worn for tryouts.**

**Selections will be held for the following:**  
**11's Development Squad**  
**12's, 13's, 14's, 15's & 17's**

<http://griffithna.nsw.netball.com.au/>

**FOR AGES 4.5-18 YEARS**

**Griffith Golf Club Presents**

**ACTIVE KIDS**

**FREE JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS**

THE GRIFFITH GOLF CLUB IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE PROUD PROVIDERS OF THE ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM!!! THIS MEANS THAT ALL JUNIORS GET FREE GOLF MEMBERSHIP AT THE GRIFFITH GOLF CLUB, PLUS FREE MEMBERSHIP TO THE JACK NEWTON JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS FREE GREEN FEES, FREE GOLF CLUB HIRE, AND FREE GOLF COACHING CLINICS AT THE CLUB FROM TIME TO TIME.

Contact our pro shop:  
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Or visit:  
[www.griffithgolfclub.com](http://www.griffithgolfclub.com)



An Evening with

## Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

One of Australia's highest profile adolescent and child psychologists.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is a well known and respected psychologist, author of 11 books, broadcaster and specialist on parenting, children, adolescents and the use of technology. He is a columnist for a number of publications and he is the resident parenting expert on Channel 7's Sunrise, psychologist for Channel 9's morning extra program and the morning show with Neil Mitchell on Radio 3AW.

Join Dr Carr-Gregg for an informative and practical session suited to Parents, Teachers and Care-Givers on

**Raising Happy and Resilient Children and What they are doing online and How to keep them safe**

Monday 10th September - Griffith Ex-Serviceman Club - Yambil Street - Griffith

6:30 for a 7pm start - 90 minutes inc Q&A

Tickets: \$20 each or Group Bookings of 3 or more \$18 each  
available on line <https://www.trybooking.com/XCAI>

\*\*30c Booking Fee applies.

and at the Hanwood Public School Office - Cash Only

This event is open to all community members and is proudly supported by



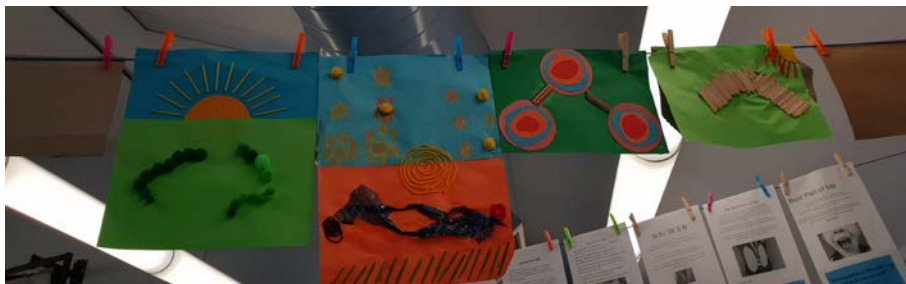
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# Indigenous Australian

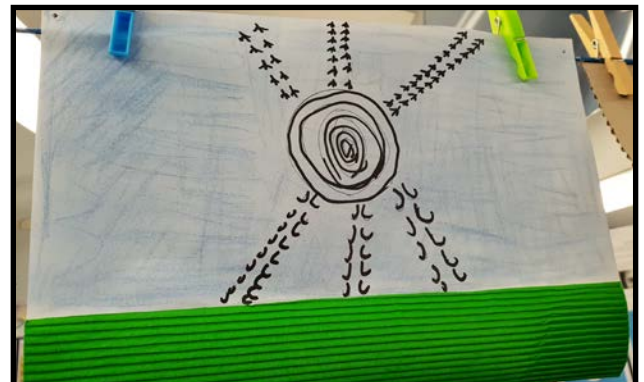
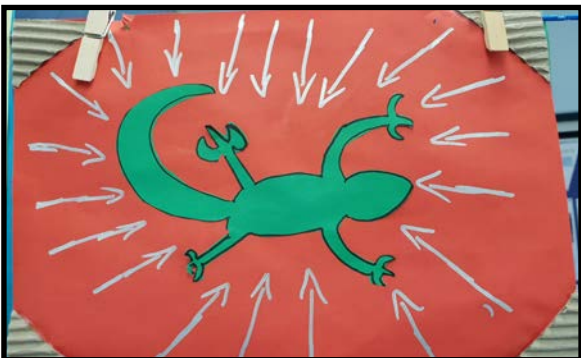
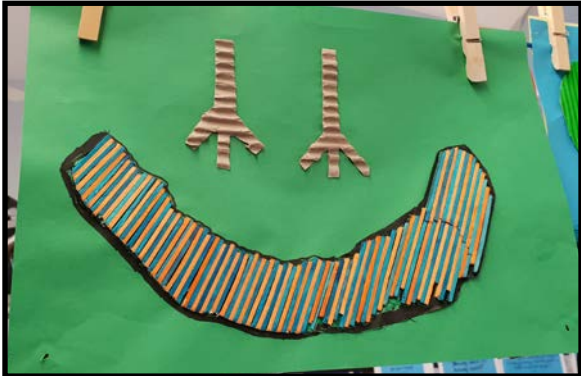
## Textual Art

With Mrs Zirilli, 5/6 created artworks that utilised Indigenous symbols to tell a story.

They first designed a draft and added textual elements to create a 3D effect of their final product.









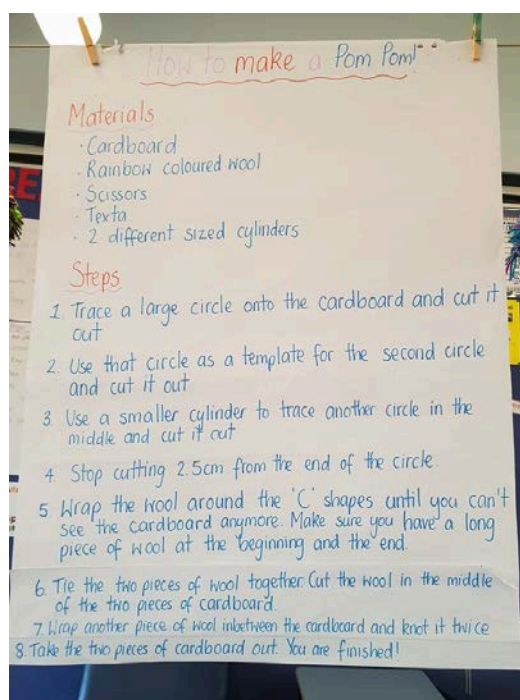
In 2/K this term we have been writing and following procedures!

We have linked this English writing technique with our Creative Arts focus and are now creating fabulous, colourful Pom Poms!

Our aim is to make a floor rug full of Pom Poms and we are hoping to donate it to the Children's Ward at Griffith Base Hospital!

It is a massive job but we are putting in 100% effort...some students have even given up lunchtime play to continue making their Pom Poms!

Wish us luck with this massive endeavour!





# MURRUMBIDGEE

## Regional High School Excellence and Innovation

Update 15 August 2018

The school plan strategic directions 2018-2020

### Learning Culture

- i. *Future Focussed Learning*
- ii. *Inquiry Focussed Learning*
- iii. *Positive Behaviour For Learning*

### Effective Classroom Practice

- i. *Professional Development Framework*
- ii. *Collaborative Practice*

### Community Partnerships and Pathways

- i. *Community Partnerships*
- ii. *Post School Pathways and Partnerships*

### Leadership and Governance

- The new school logo has been decided. The shapes reflect the landscapes of the district and the river. The design reflects the connectedness of the two campuses in a modern arrangement. The colours are taken from the uniform. The shades of the colours represent the many facets of each of the schools to create one organisation.
- The new school motto is "Excellence and Innovation".
- Rebecca Eldridge, Business Manager, was successful in gaining an \$18K grant for community engagement. Some of the key aims for this project are to;
  - Coordinate the marketing and branding of the new school
  - Provide promotional material to the parents and the community
  - Engage with specific cultural groups in the community
  - Identify current community perceptions of our schools
- Julie Wickham from Lowes provided us with samples of the new uniform. We have sent the logo and motto for inclusion in the uniform. Lowes will provide us with final samples for final approval. We expect the uniforms to be available for sale to students in October 2018.
- We held meetings with Sonya Allington, Schools Finance, in relation to finance and staffing amalgamation on both sites in 2019.



Staff and Student Wellbeing

- The Positive Behaviour for Learning has agreed on the school values – Respect, Responsibility, Resilient, Learners.
- An independent evaluation of the provision of special education, learning support and the reengagement centre has been completed. The evaluation was led by the Student Services leader from the Griffith Education Office. The report ...
- Youth Mental Health First Aid professional learning for Year Advisors and key student welfare staff is planned for term 3.
- There will be two Year Advisors for each year on both sites in 2019.
- School Captains and student leadership elections on both sites have been standardised. The combined SRC's have developed a single constitution. Both sites can now elect a single SRC to be in place by the start of term 4.
- All staff at both sites are being offered wellbeing support through health and safety visits each term.

Curriculum and Organisation

- We have an agreed curriculum pattern for Yrs 7-10.
- We have agreed bell times for 2019.
- We have agreed HSC Trial examination dates for 2019.
- In 2019 every student will have a Learning Coach.
- In 2019 every Yr 7, 8 and 9 student will study passion electives on Tuesday afternoon.
- Eight combined Yr 12 courses (students from both sites) will be taught in 2019. They are Physics, English Extension, Maths Extension, Aboriginal Studies, Software Design and Development, Society and Culture, Photography and Music.
- All stage 6 classes will be running the same courses with same scope and sequence and same assessments. This work was completed by all combined faculties on the term 3 school development day. A single assessment task pro forma is being developed.
- We will hold a combined Yr 11 2019 subject information evening at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Thursday 16 August 2018.
- We will hold a combined Yr 7 2019 information evening to be held at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Thursday 23 August 2018.
- Term 3 internal validation procedures for all faculties on both sites will focus on teaching programs and registration.
- The combined executive is meeting four times a term to complete work on the Murrumbidgee Regional High School plan.
- The Sport committee has recommended that Yr 7 & 8 students will have an integrated sport model . Yr 9 & 10 will have traditional sport on a Thursday afternoon.
- A deputy principal from each site has agreed to create a dummy timetable to ensure the new curriculum options can be delivered. We expect this timetable to be created before the end of term 3.
- School voluntary contributions and subject fees have been standardised across both sites.
- We are partnering with Hands on Learning to provide an alternate pathway for students to learn two days per week. Hands on Learning made the 2017 Global list of inspiring education innovations by Finnish not-for-profit organization [HundrED](https://hundred.org/en/innovations/hands-on-learning-f7cae916-b393-474b-8eb7-bdad0f04e80f). Researchers investigated 1000 education innovations from around the world to identify 100 innovations from 41 different countries evaluated according to their innovativeness, impact and scalability. Hands on Learning is among six innovations from Australia.

<https://hundred.org/en/innovations/hands-on-learning-f7cae916-b393-474b-8eb7-bdad0f04e80f>

Staffing

- The recruitment of the Technology Support Officer clerk grade 5/6 has been completed. Mr Darren Roberts started work across both sites on 1 August 2018. Mr Roberts will establish a joint technology committee.
- We recruited a third deputy principal at Wade site. The successful applicant was Mr Michael Burke. We recruited a new teacher PDHPE at Griffith site. The successful applicant was Mr Matthew Ruming. The recruitment of the Head Teacher Special Education at Griffith site has commenced.
- The next three positions to be filled are Head Teacher Learning and Support , Head Teacher Administration and Head Teacher Teaching and Learning.

Technology and Communication

- In Term 1 both sites completed the purchase of \$120K worth of new technology including iPads, interactive whiteboards, iMac's, coding robots, drones, virtual reality glasses and digital book subscriptions. In Term 2 Wade site completed an additional \$60K worth of technology purchases including 3D printers, STEM kits, iPads, laptops, touch screen terminals, electronic microscopes with cameras. Griffith site completed an additional \$170K worth of technology purchases including Chromebooks, charging trolleys, STEM equipment and printers.
- The Department of Education has approved the purchase of a dedicated 4.3km site to site fibre link for the new schools. IT companies have been invited to tender for the project.
- MRHS has been allocated a place in round 5 of the Connecting Country schools program. We are liaising with ITD to ensure the work goes into buildings not designated for the building upgrade.
- The school will introduce a Bring Your Own Device Strategy (BYOD) for all Yr 7 and 11 students in 2019. All students will be required to bring a laptop to school every day to assist with their learning. If you would like to view the options for BYOD at MRHS in 2019 you can follow this link to the Hewlett Packard NSW education site.  
<http://h20386.www2.hp.com/AustraliaStore/Merch/Default.aspx>

Assets and Building

- The Project Reference Group has held five meetings to discuss potential asset builds on both sites. The educational principles that will guide the build are
  - 1) Improving outcomes for students
  - 2) Focus on Collaboration, Technology & Innovation
  - 3) Enabling staff to provide professional teaching
  - 4) Impact and improve classrooms
  - 5) Equity of amenity for students and teachers across both sites
  - 6) Project will offer a profound benefit to both sites

Progress on the building upgrade can be followed on the School Infrastructure NSW website

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/m/Murrumbidgee-Regional-High-School.html>

Other

- The Director Educational Leadership Mr David Lamb and the Principal Mr King are visiting the P & C meetings of all the Griffith schools who are zoned to MRHS.
- A graphic overview of MRHS features has been created for publicity purposes. School Infrastructure NSW also created a publicity document which has been distributed to parents.
- [The University of NSW has commenced its four year evaluation of the GSEP. Two academics from UNSW held focus group meetings with staff, students and parents in June. All students and staff were also surveyed. The UNSW will conduct its next survey on 26-27 November.](#)

Yours

Peter King

Executive Principal

Murrumbidgee Regional High School