

Yenda Agenda

Yenda Public School

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Term 4 Week 3

Friday, 1 November 2019

Principal's Report

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

And so ends another busy week at Yenda Public School! Our students have now completed three weeks of the Intensive Swimming program. It is great to see so many of them making great progress with their swimming. Week 2 of Kindergarten orientation program saw many smiling faces in Mrs Brown's classroom this morning participating in art and craft time.

Our Year 6 students are enjoying their Transition Program with Murrumbidgee Regional High School – Wade Site and are becoming more familiar with the school at each visit. They are meeting many students from different schools and making new friends while building relationships with their future teachers.

We would like to encourage all of our students, families and friends to take extra care to protect themselves from mosquito bites. This year alone we have had 2 staff members require substantial time off work to recover from contracting Ross River Fever from mosquito bites, as well as a number of school community members reporting being infected this year also. Mosquitos are prevalent at this time of year, and strategies such as insect repellent, wearing light long sleeved clothing, and minimising water around the home can all help prevent mosquito bites and infection. A fact sheet is attached to this newsletter for your information.

Bel Wallace
Principal

CALENDAR - Term 4

Week 4

Monday 4 November	Intensive Swimming
	Presentation Day – tickets available to purchase
Tuesday 5 November	NO SWIMMING – Pool closed for Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 8 November	Kindergarten Orientation 9am – 11am
	Assembly – Year 1

Week 5

Monday 11 November	Remembrance Day 10:45am
Monday 11 November & Tuesday 12 November	Intensive Swimming
Thursday 14 November	Year 6 Transition – MRHS Wade Site
Friday 15 November	Kindergarten Orientation 9am – 11.30am

Week 6

Tuesday 19 November	Intensive Swimming
Friday 1 November	Kindergarten Orientation 9am – 12pm
	Assembly – Year 2

Yenda Public Cooking Challenge

Robert Nehme was the winner of the Yenda Public School Cooking Challenge. Robert had many entries in the competition and cooked up some beautiful treats during the holidays.



P & C Movie Premier Fundraiser

The P & C Movie Premier Fundraiser, Frozen 2, will be held on Thursday 28 November. Tickets are \$16 and will be on sale Monday 4th November at the school office.



2019 Presentation Night – Ticket Sales

The 2019 Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 5 December at the Griffith Regional Theatre. **Tickets will go on sale to families at the school on Monday 4 November. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 per person by coming in to the school office between 8.30am and 3.15pm. Remaining tickets will be on sale to the public from Monday 18 November.**

PACER Funding

At this stage we are pending approval of the PACER grant for our Year 5/6 excursion.



Melbourne Cup Day?

Melbourne Cup Fundraiser

Next Tuesday is Melbourne Cup Day. This year we will be raising funds for Riding for the Disabled. Come dressed in your jockey gear, "Fashions on the Field" clothes or neat casual. Please bring a gold coin donation.



Book Club orders and money are due back to the school office by Friday 22 November 2019. Instructions to place orders directly using LOOP are on the last page of the student brochures.

Yenda Tigers Soccer Club – Thank you

We wish to thank Yenda Tigers Soccer Club for their kind donations of soccer balls and soccer uniforms to our school. Our sporting teams will look the part in their team uniforms.

School Uniform

The warm weather is really here. Dresses, skorts and hats are available to purchase from the school office. We are currently waiting on a delivery of Size 6 dresses. We also have lots of second-hand items available for sale including blue summer shirts for the boys.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Today was Week 2 of our Kindergarten orientation program. Mrs Brown had everyone busy with craft activities, puzzles and Mr Potato Head. It is great to see those smiling faces. We look forward to seeing them again next Friday.





The Book Fair is here!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair has arrived, and will be open for business next week!

We have a wonderful selection of books available as well as lots of products such as pencils, erasers, sharpeners etc in the collection that have been sent to us.

I would like to invite everyone to come in and support our school library by making a purchase. Remember the commission from sales goes to selecting new books for our library.

Hours of opening:

Tuesday 5th November: 11.30am - 11.55am & 3.10pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 6th November: 8.30am - 8.55am & 11.30am - 11.55am

Thursday 7th November: 3.10pm - 4.30pm

Friday 8th November: After Assembly

We look forward to your support!

***Mrs Chilvers* Teacher-Librarian**



Health

Communicable Diseases Factsheet

Ross River fever is caused by a viral infection, transmitted through mosquito bites. Symptoms include fever, rash and joint pains. Prevention relies on avoiding mosquito bites.

Ross River Fever

Last updated: 1 May 2016

What is Ross River fever?

Ross River virus is one of a group of viruses called arboviruses (or arthropod-borne viruses), which are spread by the bite of infected mosquitoes.

What are the symptoms?

Many people who are infected with the virus will never develop symptoms.

- Some people will have flu-like symptoms that include fever, chills, headache and aches and pains in the muscles and joints
- Some joints can become swollen, and joint stiffness may be particularly noticeable in the morning
- Sometimes a rash occurs on the body, arms or legs. The rash usually disappears after 7 to 10 days
- A general feeling of being unwell, tired or weak may also occur at times during the illness
- Symptoms usually develop about 7-10 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito
- The majority of people recover completely in a few weeks. Others may experience symptoms such as joint pain and tiredness for many months.

How is it spread?

The virus is spread by certain types of female mosquitoes.

- Female mosquitoes feed on animals and people. If they feed on the blood of an infected animal, the mosquito may become infected. The virus then multiplies within the mosquito and is passed to other animals or people when the mosquito feeds again
- The number of infections tends to peak in the summer and autumn months
- The virus is not spread directly from one person to another.

Who is at risk?

People who are in contact with known mosquito habitats and who live in warm, humid climates near bodies of water will be most at risk of infection. Ross River virus infections are the most common mosquito-borne infection in Australia, and infections occur in many rural areas in NSW. Infections are uncommon in major cities and towns. Outbreaks can occur when local conditions of rainfall, tides and temperature promote mosquito breeding.

How is it prevented?

There is currently no vaccine against Ross River Fever.

To protect against mosquitoes and reduce the risk of diseases they transmit:

- Cover-up with a loose-fitting long sleeved shirt and long pants when outside
- Apply mosquito repellent to exposed skin

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- Take special care during peak mosquito biting hours, especially around dawn and dusk
- Remove potential mosquito breeding sites from around the home and screen windows and doors
- Take extra precautions when travelling or camping in areas with a higher risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

For more detailed information on reducing the risk of mosquito bites at home and while travelling see the [Mosquitoes are a Health Hazard](#) factsheet. This also includes more information on mosquito repellents.

How is it diagnosed?

Ross River infection is diagnosed by detection of antibodies against the virus in the blood. It usually requires comparison of a blood test taken early in the illness with another sample taken two weeks later to confirm the infection.

How is it treated?

There is no specific treatment for Ross River virus infection. Your doctor will be able to advise you on medications that will help ease the discomfort of the symptoms.

What is the public health response?

Laboratories are required to notify cases of Ross River, and other mosquito-borne disease to the public health unit. Public health staff monitor the geographic spread of Ross River virus infections and provide information about avoiding mosquito-borne diseases.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au

Kindergarten Kapers

KB have been enjoying our swimming lessons this term. We are learning lots and lots and having loads of fun!

We practise diving, swimming and going under the water. Swimming is fun.
Lewis



We did bubbles and we did diving. At swimming lessons we floated. We did rockets.
Leo



We do the noodle in the pool and the rings. We do big arms. We do legs.
Zacariah



Swimming is fun and we do kicking and diving. Also we did rings. We swam in the pool. We did big arms to swim and we did floating. We practised front rockets.
Noah

When I go swimming I practise diving down and getting the sinkies. Also I blow bubbles. Once I went to the deep end with my swimming lesson teacher and her name is Pam. Swimming is fun and the best.
Chandre



We do back stroke with our teacher. We do the rings.
Willow



Swimming is fun. We did back stroking, it was sooooo, sooooo, sooooo fun!! When I go swimming I see four pools. I love swimming.
Sienna



I practised floating at swimming lessons and did bubbles. I did rocket arms.
Amelia



We did diving at swimming and we did back rockets and it was fun. I love swimming to the end and it was soo, soo deep!! I couldn't touch the ground.

Emme



At swimming you can learn to kick your legs. We can learn to dive and blow bubbles. They teach us big arms. We swam to the deep end and I love swimming. Rings are fun to do. We do back rockets and back stroke.

Stella



We did back floating and belly floating. We did big arms. We did rockets. I see four pools.

Jed

We practised back rockets and we swim to the end of the pool. We swim to the rings.

Phoebe

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Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
4	4 Nov Intensive Swimming Presentation Night tickets on sale	5 Nov NO SWIMMING SRC Melbourne Cup Fundraiser	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov Kindergarten Orientation 9am - 11:00am Assembly – Year 1	9 / 10 Nov
5	11 Nov Intensive Swimming Remembrance Day	12 Nov Intensive Swimming Yr 5/6 STEM Day Regional theatre	13 Nov	14 Nov MRHS Middle School	15 Nov Kindergarten Orientation 9am - 11:30am	16 / 17 Nov
6	18 Nov NO SWIMMING Remaining Presentation Night tickets on sale	19 Nov Intensive Swimming	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov Kindergarten Orientation 9am – 12.30pm Assembly – Year 2	23 / 24 Nov
7	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov MRHS Full Day Orientation Day	29 Nov Kindergarten Orientation 9am - 1:50pm	30 / 1 Dec
8	2 Dec Captain Speeches	3 Dec House Captain Speeches	4 Dec	5 Dec Presentation Night	6 Dec Kindergarten Orientation 9am - 3pm Assembly – Year 6	7 / 8 Dec
9	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec Year 5/6 Fete	12 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Dinner	13 Dec Year 6 Lake Talbot	14 / 15 Dec
10	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec Barellan Pool (K - Yr 6) LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	19 Dec	20 Dec	21 / 22 Dec
2020 Term 1 commences Wednesday 29 January 2020 for all students						