

# Yenda Agenda

## Yenda Public School

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Term 4 Week 5

Friday, 15 November 2019

### Principal's Report

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

Yenda Public School acknowledged Remembrance Day on Monday 11 November with a small ceremony at the school flagpole. We remembered those who fought and died in the war, and reflected on the efforts of our brave service women and men across the many battles in which Australia has been involved. Thank you to the School Captains who led the ceremony, and Hayden Ings for laying a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the base of the flag pole.



Our thoughts go out to the over 200 schools who have been impacted by fire and catastrophic fire conditions over the past few days. We urge our community to be fire wise this season and seek advice from the local fire brigade or fire communications centre before lighting fires.

**Bel Wallace**  
Principal

### CALENDAR - Term 4

#### Week 6

Monday 18 November	<b>NO SWIMMING</b>
Tuesday 19 November	Intensive Swimming
Friday 22 November	Kindergarten Orientation 9am – 12.30pm  Assembly – Year 2

#### Week 7

Thursday 28 November	MRHS Wade Site - Orientation 2020 Year 7 Full Day
Friday 29 November	Kindergarten Orientation 9am – 1.50pm

#### Week 8

Monday 2 December	School Captain Speeches
Tuesday 3 December	House Captain Speeches
Thursday 5 December	Presentation Night
Friday 6 December	Assembly - Year 5/6  Kindergarten Orientation 9am - 3pm

#### Week 9

Wednesday 11 December	Year 6 Mini Fete
Thursday 12 December	Year 6 Farewell

#### Week 10

Wednesday 18 December	Barellan Pool Day Final day for students
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## Communication

As we head into the silly season, we would like to take a moment to remind our community of the various ways that you can connect with our school:



### Phone

The office is staffed between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Staff are available to take calls, address any queries and direct calls to staff members during this time. The school phone number is 02 6968 1236.



### School Website

The Yenda Public School website is a great place to check calendar events, see school planning documents, policies and procedures, as well as view the gallery of what has been happening in the school. It is updated regularly, and is a wonderful source of information. The web address is

<http://www.yenda-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>



### School Newsletter

The Yenda Agenda is published weekly, and provides families with upcoming events, information relating to school programs, information relating to students and the community, as well as a showcase of learning. Eldest children receive the newsletter each Friday afternoon, and it is also available online via the school website. You can opt to receive the Yenda Agenda via email if you wish!



### Facebook

Yenda Public School has an active Facebook Page which aims to celebrate school achievement, and to communicate what is happening in the school. Please ensure you have read and understand the Yenda Public School Facebook Page Guidelines. All students who are published on Facebook have been given permission to be published by their parents. If you would like to discuss this, please contact the school. Please note: the messenger function on the Facebook page is not routinely monitored outside the hours of 9am – 4pm. Staff will not respond to messages through messenger outside of these times.

If you have a query about a time, date, excursion, uniform etc, we suggest you head to the website and check the newsletter for the information you require. Alternatively, you can call the school between 8.30am – 3.30pm.



### **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

To everyone who supported our Book Fair last week, I would like to extend a sincere thank you! It was very successful with over \$2100 worth of sales which will give us a commission of about \$600 which is fantastic! New books and resources will be added to our school as a result of this effort. Scholastic are very generous and allow us to select \$60 worth of gifts from the Fair that will be used for Lucky Draws. 10 lucky students received 'goodie bags' at Assembly this week after purchasing books at the Fair. Again, thank you to everyone who supported the Fair and a special 'thank you' to the families who purchased books to donate to our Library.

*Mrs Sue Chilvers - Teacher-Librarian.*

### Sports Houses 2020

Staff have begun the process of sorting students into their new sports houses. On Thursday in Week 6 (21 November) students will be given their new House and House Meetings will be held by teachers. This will give students a chance to get to know who is in each house for next year's carnivals. Lists will be sent home in next week's newsletter for parent information. In Week 8, Year 5 students who are running for the position of Sports Captain will deliver their speech to their new houses with voting to commence immediately after. There will be 2 Sports Captains per house.

In order to utilise the shelters that we already have, we are looking to cover the existing house names with a fabric patch with the new names. If you are crafty and have an idea of how this can be achieved, please contact the school!

### Morning Supervision

A reminder that playground supervision of students commences at 8.30am each morning. We can't guarantee supervision of students who arrive earlier than this.



Staff have been reflecting on teaching and learning practices over the past weeks. Here are a few of Yenda Public School's successes over the past year. We hope you are as proud of our achievements as we are!!!

### Attendance



Every student. Every day.

Following a review of school based attendance processes we have increased the number of students who attend over 90% of the time from 86% to 95%. Every day at school counts!!!

### Enrolment Area



Following discussions with the Department of Education, Yenda Public School now has identified enrolment boundaries, which is expected to support a sustained school enrolment number.

### NAPLAN NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

- We **increased** the number of students in the top 2 bands for reading by 20% in Year 5 (a total of 56%)
- We **increased** the number of students in the top 2 bands for numeracy by 8% in Year 5 (a total of 33%)
- We **increased** the number of students in the top 2 bands for reading by 9% in Year 3 (a total of 39%)
- We **increased** the number of students in the top 2 bands for numeracy by 23% in Year 3 (a total of 39%)
- This is an **overall increase** of 16% of students meeting the Premiers Priorities, a total of 41%

*What does this mean? It means that the teaching and learning programs at Yenda Public School are supporting high level achievement in our students, and supporting our school to meet targets set by the NSW Premier.*

### The Literacy Code



All classes have engaged in the whole school literacy program 'The Literacy Code' which utilises a systemic and individualised approach to reading, spelling and comprehension. With additional support provided to each classroom students are thriving!

69% of students have reached the grade level for Word Attack, Spelling and Reading by mid term 4, with 24% of students being extended into the next year level. This program continues to be refined, and we look forward to sharing the final years results with you at the end of the year!



### Scrunch It Up!!!

Congratulations to Kaylee, Isla, Armani and Tayla for their hard work raising funds for the Women's Shed through their Scrunch It Up store. They presented representatives from the Women's Shed with a cheque for \$152 at assembly last week which was received with thanks and gratitude. We are proud of their efforts and citizenship!

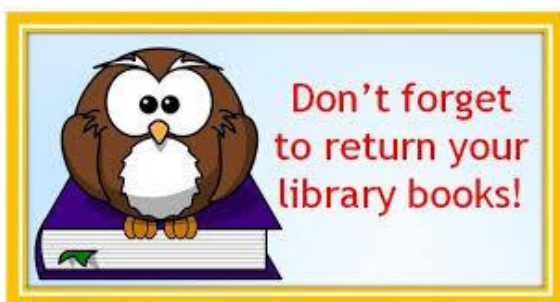


### Child Protection Lessons

Over the coming weeks all students will be participating in Child Protection lessons. These are a mandatory part of the curriculum and cover content such as personal safety and stranger danger. If you have any questions regarding what is covered in your child's lessons, please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak to the class teacher.

### Library Borrowing

A Library stocktake will be completed in Weeks 8 and 9 of this term. Could all borrowed Library books please be returned by Friday 29 November 2019 (Term 4 Week 7). There will be no further borrowing of Library books after this date.



### Sport Uniform

This term, the majority of our students participated in swimming lessons for sport. Students are required to wear their sport uniforms on Fridays as per usual for the remainder of the term.

### Did you know...?

Every full time teacher is entitled to 2 hours of time off class each week which is used for planning, preparation, assessment and collaboration with other teachers. During this time classes are taking by Mrs Chilvers for Library, and either Mrs Wallace, Mrs Long or Mrs McCarten for other subject areas. We are very fortunate to have so many fantastic teachers involved in our student's learning at Yenda Public School.

### Presentation Night

Presentation Night is being held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Extra tickets will be available for purchase at the office as of next Monday.

The decision to hold the Presentation Night at the Griffith Regional Theatre was made in consultation with the P & C Committee and involved a number of factors, including the lack of air conditioning in the hall, the need to hire equipment and the time and resources involved in setting up the hall in preparation for the evening. We appreciate the community support in this decision and look forward to a wonderful evening with our students and their families.

### Canteen

The canteen will be operating next Thursday 21 November on a limited menu. More details will be provided next week.

### 2020 Classes

Classes are currently being considered for 2020. Class structure for next year will be K/1, Year 1/2, Year 2/3, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. If there is anything that you feel we need to take into consideration, please contact Mrs Wallace on 02 6968 1236 or [belinda.wallace2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:belinda.wallace2@det.nsw.edu.au)

# Year 1- Writing Champs...

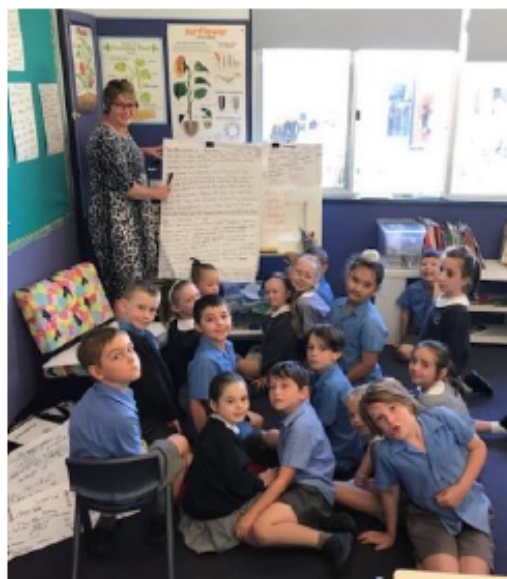
Year 1 have been having some fun with writing. We have been working through some of the Seven Steps to Writing Success strategies. We have learnt that.....

1. Brainstorming TEN ideas before you start writing ensures you get ONE great idea to work with.
2. Planning the storyline helps create a good picture in your mind. It's up to us then to *'paint our picture with words'* so our readers can see it too.
3. Start at the exciting bit, then fill in the details – catch the reader's attention.
4. Short sentences build tension (excitement)
5. Repetition emphasises feeling
6. Vocab – there are a thousand ways to say a word eg 'ran'... choose words to show the feeling eg bolted, sprinted, took off, as fast as... etc
7. Ending with a cliff-hanger is fun- leave the reader wondering what will happen next!

Together we wrote a class story about a class food fight. We watched movie snippets and got lots of laughs. We thought about places our story could happen. We thought of lots of great words we could use to better describe the action of the food fight. Everyone contributed great ideas. And here's the end result-

*"And the winner is.. Bob Nehme! Congratulations! You have won a class party!" And that's where the trouble started- a simple party for winning the holiday cooking challenge that went Ka-boosh!*

*Mrs Wallace had organised lots of fun food for Year 1. She carefully carried the massive tray of 'Frog in the Pond' jelly cups for all the kids. Echo came too. Mrs Wallace was just about to announce the party when Echo leapt up to her shoulders, flipping the tray right out of her hands! Green slimy jelly showered Heather's long blonde hair. Melted Freddo's splattered all over Arlo's head. Rikki was drenched with red, oozy jelly. She jumped back in surprise and knocked over the table with the ice-cream tubs... Eli wore it!*



*"Right!", Mrs Conlan roared. "Food fight!!" Quick as lightening, Hayden and Dean snatched a slushy each and pegged them across the room... right at Andrew and Himmat! Icicles dripped down their red cheeks. Lara grabbed a can of coke and began to shake it! Emily yelled, "Duck!" Too late! Lara sprayed the group... Megan turned a new shade of brown. She shook herself off and grabbed a can too. Meanwhile Jaxon and Porsha had a plan - the 'Spider' drinks! Sneaking up on Benito and Jacinta, they plonked them on their unsuspecting heads. "Eeeek!!" Now, everyone thought Peyton to be so quiet, but no.... "S-t-o-p!!!" she screamed. Everyone froze. 'Beep, beep, beep...' Oh no! The bell went. Everyone spun around and looked at the door. There were seventeen parents peering in the windows at the complete chaos of Year 1. Oh-oh...*

We have been working hard to think about ways to improve our writing - *Bump it up*. We conference with Mrs Conlan and she has helped us to pull out the picture in our head and describe them. It helped build tension in our Food Disaster writing...



One fine night we drove from Griffith to Yenda. We reached home. Aston and Eli were at home. Dad walked in with pizza. Eli was a metre away from Dad. Mum was metre away too. the dog trip Dad The pizza went plop on Mums head. The reaction was crazy.

### **BUMP IT UP #2**

One fine night we drove from Griffith to Yenda to have a pizza night and sleepover with the boys. Aston and Eli were already at home waiting. Dad walked in with pizza. Eli was a metre away from Dad. Mum was a metre away too. The dog came racing out, impatient to go for a walk. She ran around dad's legs in circles. Oh no! She tripped Dad! The pizza went plop! Right on Mum's head! Splat! Tomato sauce dripped down her best going out shirt! Melted cheese oozed through her hair! The reaction was crazy. *By Arlo*

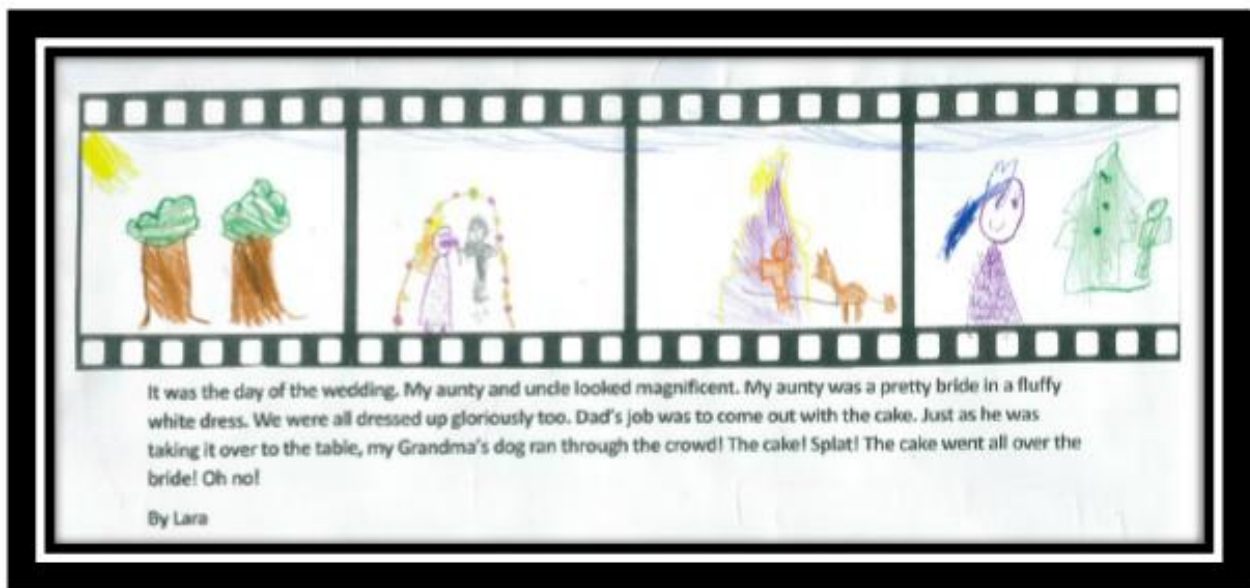


One stormy night I was having a sleepover at my cousin's house. I was in Cowen's room telling spooky stories when suddenly the door opened, it was just Dakota. She said that dinner was ready. We rushed to the kitchen so we could gobble our dinner and get back to storytelling. I skidded around the corner and oh no! There was Aunt Julz with a tray full of yummy tacos. We bumped, she wobbled, the tray wobbled too. The tacos twirled high into the air, nearly hitting the roof! And down they came... like a meteor, landing splat on my head! Everybody gasped... trying not to laugh.

By Jaxon.



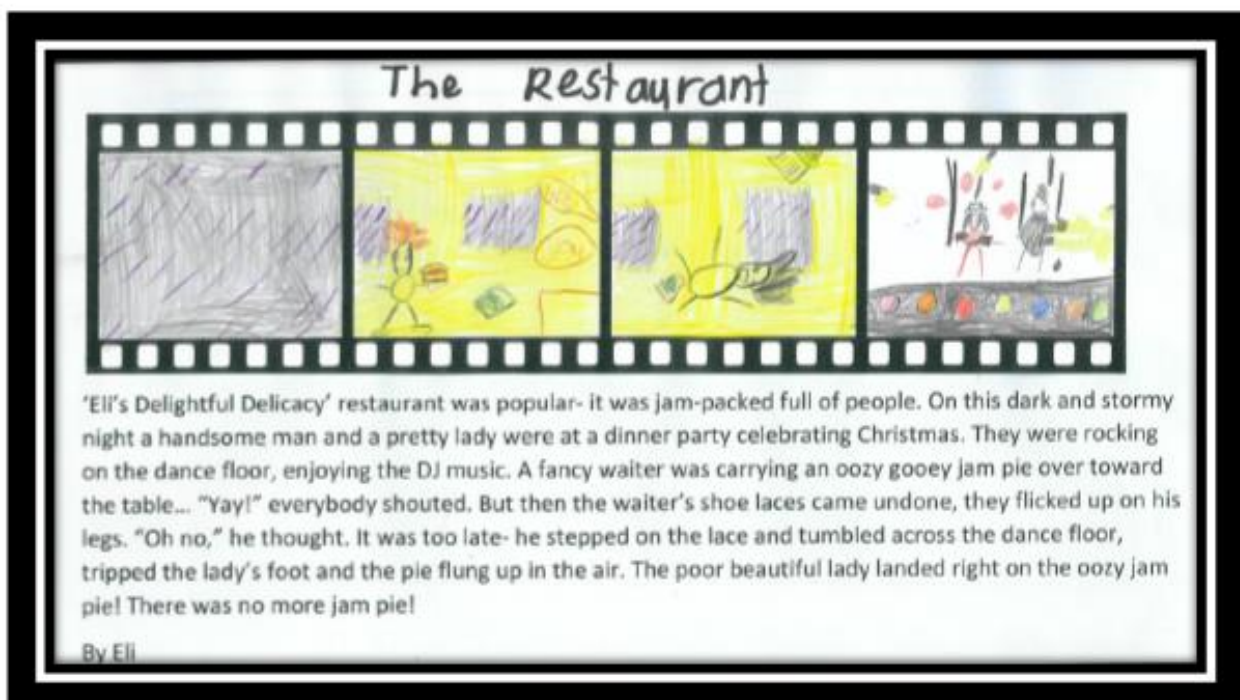
I went to McDonalds in Griffith to have lunch. Dad, my sisters, mum, my cousin and I sitting down eating. I had a hamburger and an iced chocolate, it was very cold. Everyone started playing around. My cousin told my sister to throw her ice-cream at my dad! Oh No! She did! Chocolate splatted all over the bench. Sprinkles got stuck in his moustache! Ice-cream dripped all down his face and into his food. Dad jumped up. He looked cranky... *By Himmat*



The christening was here. I was so excited. We went to the christening in our car. We were late, I brought in the cake. The cat ran under me and so did the dog. I tripped and the cake flew through the air and landed on the girl. She ran to her mum crying.

#### BUMP IT UP #2

The christening was here. I was so excited. We madly cleaned up the house and got ready. We all packed into the car- mum, dad, Olivia, Bethany and I. We were late, as usual! I brought in the cake. It was a ginormous chocolate cake, my favourite, chocolate icing- the best! I carefully carried it toward the door. I noticed two pets sitting on the step outside. It looked like the cat had stolen the dog's bone. Oh, oh! The cat ran off with the dog bolting after it! But...they went straight under my legs. I tripped. The cake flew through the air. It flipped and tossed. It came down. It landed on a poor little cute girl- splat! "Aahhhh, haaaaa," she cried, running off to her mum. Everyone was silent. *By Heather*







The wedding had finally come. Birds were singing beautifully in the trees outside. It was a sunny day. The wedding started. The bride was walking down the red mat. Then... the dog! It saw the cake! Oh no! It bumped the table...the table wobbled. The cake Wobbled. The bride wobbled! "The cake!" said dad. But it was too late. It splattered all over the pretty bride's head. Everyone silent...

Benjamin



One sunny day the Ings family went out in the woods with their dog. They got set up for camping – collected wood for the fire, found some water at the river, and put up the tent. The kids were excited about the lolly table. The dog was supposed to be tied up to the tree, but broke the leash! He ran straight into the lolly table. The bowl flipped and twisted in the air. Lolly pops, snakes and milk bottles splattered everywhere... all over poor Beau!

By Hayden.



At night time it was my mum's wedding party. My sister was the crazy flower girl. She looked pretty in a white sparkly dress. She started walking along the red path, when my little brother ran out in front of her, and tripped her! Poor Crystal spilt the flowers all over the carpet. Oh no, dad came in at the same time, carrying the cake... He slipped on the flowers and fell over too! The cake tumbled it. It spun and twirled! And splat! Right on the bride's dress!

By Porsha.



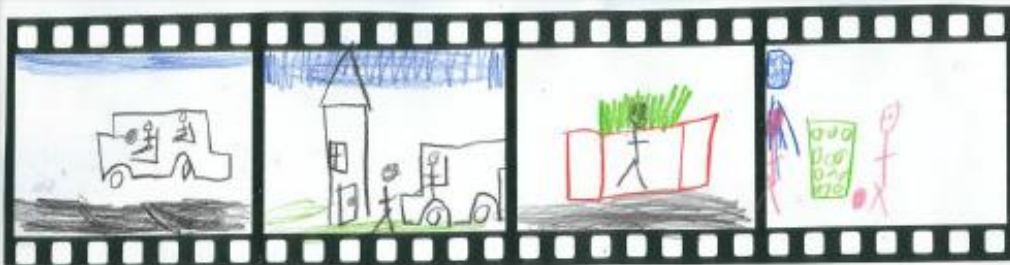


It was Natalie and Charlie's big wedding day was in Coffs Harbor. Everyone was there- all the uncles and aunts, and cousins! Natalie was beautiful. Her long amazing hair was pulled straight into a pony tail. Her dress was silky white with a long train that dragged on the red carpet. Her pretty glittery long veil was stunning. She arrived at the Botanic Gardens. Everyone was excited. Together her and Charlie cut the big, beautiful white cake, covered in white chocolate. But... my dog Bazza got off the leash! He saw the cake. He boomed across the red carpet, and lost his lead. He kept running and running and running around poor Natalie. She was shocked. Suddenly he crashed into the table... oh no! The cake! It wobbled and wriggled and tumbled right off the table and onto Natalie's veil. Every one giggled.



One fine day at MacDonald's, mum, dad and I were eating a delicious, juicy double cheeseburger. Dad went to get us some orange drinks. He stood up and started to go to the counter, but he tripped over mum's handbag, bumping into mum! I stood up to see what had happened. As I was walking, mum's double cheese burger flew through the air, scattered everywhere and landed... right on my head! Yuck!

By Andrew



It was a perfect night- you could see all the stars and the shiny half-moon in the clear sky. My dad was driving me to Jaxon's house for a sleepover. Mum and dad were going for a night away, I got to choose any friend I wanted to stay with- Jaxon and I are best friends. I couldn't wait. Jaxon had helped his mum to make cupcakes- they were sloppy blue icing on chocolate cupcakes, my favourite. Jaxon brought the cupcakes out to show me, he was excited. But... Jaden had been playing in the kitchen. He'd left his toys all over the ground, including a tennis ball! Jaxon slipped right on it...the cakes flew high in the air... and landed on... Jaxon's mum! She gasped! So did Jaxon and I. We giggled. By Bob

# The Wedding Disaster



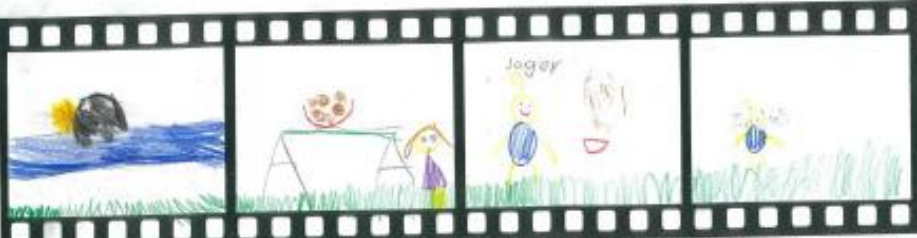
The day had finally arrived- my aunty and uncle were getting married! The garden was stunning- beautiful roses, big shady trees and fairy lights lighting up the red carpet. We were all dressed up nice and waiting for the cake. Dad finally brought it out- it was a huge, three tiered cake with fluffy pink icing. Everyone was stunned. But then... the flower girls come out and everything went wrong. They were all pretty in pink, scattering slippery flowers onto the red carpet. Dad slipped. The cake tumbled and turned and rumbled! Right onto the beautiful bride! Silence, giggle, laughter.

## Sleepover.



One fine night we drove from Griffith to Yenda to have a pizza night and sleepover with the boys. Aston and Eli were already at home waiting. Dad walked in with pizza. Eli was a metre away from Dad. Mum was a metre away too. The dog came racing out, impatient to go for a walk. She ran around dad's legs in circles. Oh no! She tripped Dad! The pizza went plo! Right on Mum's head! Splat! Tomato sauce dripped down her best going out shirt! Melted cheese oozed through her hair! The reaction was crazy.

By Arlo



One fine night our family drove from Yenda to Griffith to do a dinner night at Nonna's house. Every Sunday night we all get together- Nonna and Nonno, mum and dad, Rowdy, Joie, Jager and I, and all the cousins come too. It's noisy, fun, chaos. Nonna makes the best crumbed steaks, and we get to help her make them! We had meat for dinner. Jager loved his dinner. But, Jager threw his dinner! It twisted and twirled through the air. It tumbled and flipped, landing right on top of Jager's head! "Ahhhhhhh!" Poor Jager was all red faced. Bits of crumbs were stuck in his hair. Tears streaked down his face. Everyone was gasped. *By Rikki-Claire*





One Christmas day Georgie and I went to Nanny's. First we put up the Christmas tree, she even had Santa and Mrs Claus holding a glowing candle. Finally Nanny bought out the most amazing roast chicken, broccoli and mash potato for our dinner. Uh, oh! One of the peas wobbled off the plate. Oh no! Poor Nanny tried to dodge it, but slipped. Her feet tossed in the air, then she threw the food into the air too... yellow mash potato splattered all over her face! *By Emily*



One sunny Sunday, it was my aunty's wedding. We were rushing to get ready. We were late! My dad was speed walking, and carrying a five layered, puffy, flowery white cake. It was his very important job to deliver the cake to the wedding. In the rush to get out the door, Shelia, our playful dog ran right in front of my dad! Dad tripped over the dog. The cake tossed and tumbled into the air. Oh no, down, down, down it came... splat on Shelia's head. "Woof!" *By Benito*



It was my birthday at the new park! It had a flying fox, a roundabout, permanent climbing frame and a playground. Mum said to me, "Megan can you go and get the whipped cream?"

"Yes mum," I said it with a grin, racing to the car. I opened the car door and there it was ...an enormous bowl of mooshy, white, fluffy cream, scattered with chop chips-yum! I grabbed it and raced back but then...a ball whooshed straight towards me. I stopped. I dodged. I stumbled. It really seemed like it was in slow motion, as it bumped right on the head of Logan. Splat! Oozy white cream poured over his hair and slithered on his glasses. He was shocked. Mum chuckled, giggled and laughed. Then everybody started laughing so loud people looked out of the window and laughed too. *By Megan*