

Yenda Agenda

Yenda Public School

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Term 1 Week 1

Friday, 1 February 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2019 school year!!!

This week our talented and dedicated staff and ambitious students all come together to begin the great tasks of learning and growing at Yenda Public School. I can't describe what a joy it is to welcome our returning families back, and welcome our new families for the first time this year. While staff do enjoy the relative quiet that the summer holidays bring, a school just feels empty without the natural bustle and energy of the students. To see them reunite with friends, meet their teachers and talk excitedly about their holidays; these are the little joys that make this job the best in the world!

The temperatures in and around Yenda have been soaring this past month, and we are dedicated to keeping all students safe, and as cool as possible as the hot temperatures continue. Please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school (which can be refilled at the refrigerated bubbler) to remain hydrated through the day.



This year, the Yenda Agenda will continue to be published on Friday's and is also made available online.

A term calendar is also attached for your information.

Bel Wallace - Principal

Calendar

Week 1

Tuesday 29 January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 30 January	Students K – 6 return to school
Friday 2 February	School Counsellor – Erika Ellis

Week 2

Monday – Wednesday	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
Monday 5 February	Class 'getting to know you' meetings Year 2KL – 5.00pm Year 1R – 5.30pm KB (Kindy) – 6.00pm
Tuesday 6 February	Class 'getting to know you' meetings Year 5/6M – 5.00pm Year 3/4P – 5.30pm
Friday 8 February	Assembly 2.15pm School Counsellor – Erika Ellis

Week 3

Thursday 14 February	Swimming Carnival
Friday 15 February	School Counsellor – Erika Ellis

How to Connect with Yenda Public School

Being involved in your child's learning is important, that is why we have a number of community engagement platforms available!



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.



Skoolbag App

Yenda Public School uses the Skoolbag App, which supports communication between the school and home. With the functionality to sign and submit notes, links to newsletters and POP payments, and push notifications, it is easier than ever to ensure that you are up to date with school happenings! Instructions relating to the use of this app are attached to the newsletter.



Meet the Team!!!

Principal

Mrs Wallace

Assistant Principal

Mrs Conlan

Kindergarten

Mrs Brown

Year 1

Miss Ryan

Year 2

Mrs Kirkman/Mrs Long

Year 3/4

Mrs Perez

Year 5/6

Ms. McIntyre (Ms. Mac)

Teacher Librarian

Mrs Chilvers

SLSO

**Vanessa Viselli
Kelly-Anne Edis
Isabelle Gilbert
Anna Melvin**

Administration Staff

**Tanya Cornale
Vicki Gooda
Louise Bennett**

General Assistant

Neil Grant

The Yenda Public School team are committed to providing all students with a wonderful school experience. If you would like to make contact with a member of staff, you can:

- Come to the school office to request an appointment.
- Phone the school office on 6968 1236 to request an appointment or speak to a staff member.
- Request a meeting via the SkoolBag app.
- Email the school on yenda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

THANK YOU MR GRANT!!!!

Huge thanks need to go to Mr Grant for battling with malfunctioning water pumps and searing heat, doing his best to keep the grounds looking fabulous! If you see him around, please say thank you!!!

Class Newsletters and Class 'getting to know you' meetings

Each classroom teacher will hold an Information Evening to meet the families of their students, provide a newsletter including routine and equipment information, as well as providing an opportunity for community members to ask any questions that they may have.

Dates and times are as follows:

Kindergarten (KB) – Monday 4 February 6.00pm

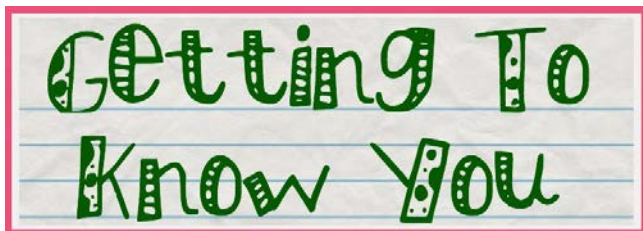
Year 1 (1R) – Monday 4 February 5.30pm

Year 2 (2KL) – Monday 4 February 5.00pm

Year 3/4 (3/4P) – Tuesday 5 February 5.30pm

Year 5/6 (5/6M) – Tuesday 5 February 5.00pm

It would be great to see as many families as possible attend these meetings!



School Assembly

School Assembly is held in the School Hall every second Friday during the school term. Assembly is a time to showcase student achievement and performance, as well as, celebrate school successes. Assembly is run from 2.15pm – 3.00pm. All families and community members are invited to attend.

Occasionally, there are special presentations made at Assembly. We strive to notify community members in advance.

School assemblies this year will continue to be hosted by the Student Leadership Team.

School assemblies are comprised of the following:

- Acknowledgement of Country
- The School Pledge
- School Leaders Report
- Sports Captains Report
- Class Awards
- Principals Awards
- Echo Award
- Principals Address
- Class Item
- Yenda Yahoo winners
- Announcements
- National Anthem

School Swimming Carnival

Yenda Public School will hold a combined Swimming Carnival with Lake Wyangan Public School on Thursday 14 February at the Griffith Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Students will catch a bus to and from school on the day, and will participate in a number of events.

The carnival is open to students 8 years and above, and provides opportunities for students to compete for a place in the Zone Swimming Carnival. Students who are not yet 8 years old will remain at school and participate in water novelties in the afternoon.

A note will be sent home in week 2.

School Counsellor – 2019

This year Erika Ellis will join the Yenda Public School team on Friday's as the School Counsellor. She will be at the school each Friday and is able to complete assessments, work with students regarding mental health concerns and support student learning challenges.

We would like to thank Jo Ryan and Andrew Bartle for their work and contribution to YPS over the past years.

If you would like your child to see Erika, please see your child's teacher or Bel Wallace for a referral form.

Best Start Assessments

Children come to school with different levels of literacy and numeracy. Some are familiar with books, can recognise some letters, even write their name or count to ten, while others have not yet learned these skills. Our Kindergarten teachers have always observed their new students and used different methods to find out what each child knows and can do so that they can plan and teach what their students need to learn. Our school takes part in Best Start developed by early learning experts in the Department of Education. Best Start gives our teachers, and those teaching Kindergarten across New South Wales, a common set of high quality assessment tools and professional training. We believe that Best Start will build on the strengths of our teachers and give your child an even better start to school.

Kindergarten students will complete their Best Start tasks with Mrs Brown in week 2.

School Bell Times

School bell times for 2019 are as follows:

8.30am Morning playground supervision
 9.00am Morning learning session
 11.00am Lunch eating time
 11.10am Lunch play time
 11.55am Middle learning session
 1.30am Recess
 1.55pm Afternoon learning session
 3.00pm End of school

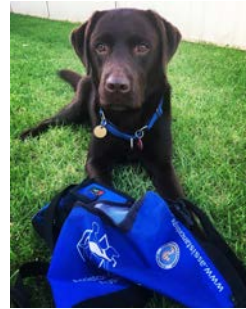
School Canteen

Yenda Public School operates a Canteen on Fridays for recess and lunch time. Please see the attached price list and menu for orders.

Students are able to use reusable lunch bags, which can be purchased from the canteen, or paper bags for their orders.

Echo – Educational Support Dog

Echo the Assistance Dogs Australia trained Educational Support Dog returns to Yenda Public this year, to continue her work supporting all students in their learning. Echo spends time in the playground and classrooms with students, bringing a fun and innovative element to learning.



This year, Echo will continue to present an Award at School Assembly to students who have worked with her in the classroom or the playground.

Late Arrival and Early Departure

From time to time students will arrive late to school, or be required to leave early. It is important to school processes that all late arrivals and early departures are processed through the front office.

If your child is late for school, please see the administration staff in the office, who will print off a late slip for your child to give to their classroom teacher.

If you need to pick your child up early to attend an appointment, please go to the office and let the administration staff know you wish to sign your child out. You will be given an exit slip and be asked to give it to your child's teacher when you collect them from the classroom.

Please note, all late arrivals and early departures that are not for school business are counted in a student's absence count. Please be mindful when making appointments during school time, as learning time is precious!



How to Install Skoolbag on your Smartphone

Iphone and ipad users

1. Click the 'app store' icon on your apple device
2. Type Skoolbag into the search
3. Click install
4. When installed click 'open'
5. Search for Yenda Public School and select
6. Select 'OK' to receive push notifications
7. Click 'more' in the bottom right corner
8. Select 'My subscription groups'
9. Choose the push categories appropriate to you

Android Users

1. Click the 'play store' button on your Android device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Skoolbag
3. Click the 'install' button
4. Click 'accept' for various permissions (please note, no personal data is modified on your device)
5. Click 'open' when installed
6. Click the 'more' button on the bottom right of the app
7. Select 'my subscription groups'
8. Choose the push categories appropriate to you

If you are having trouble setting up your app, contact us at the school for assistance!



School Uniform

Yenda Public School encourages students to wear their uniform with pride each day.

The summer uniform is as follows:

Girls Summer Uniform

Summer dress, or
Blue button up short sleeved shirt
Blue pleated shorts
White socks
Black shoes
YPS hat

Girls Sport Uniform

YPS sport polo shirt
Blue sport skort, or
Blue basketball shorts
White socks
Runners/joggers
YPS hat

Boys Summer Uniform

Blue button up short sleeved shirt
Grey shorts
Grey socks
Black shoes
YPS hat

Boys Sport Uniform

YPS sport polo shirt
Blue basketball shorts
White socks
Runners/joggers
YPS hat

Please note, Riverina representative apparel does not form part of our school uniform, and should not be worn to school.

Uniform items can be purchased from the following locations:

Best and Less/ Target	Active Work Wear	School Uniform Shop (office)
Blue button up shirts Sport skorts Blue basketball shorts Grey shorts socks	YPS sport polo shirt	Summer dresses Girls pleated shorts Hats Jumpers 2 nd hand items

School Uniform Shop

You can order the following uniform items from the front office.

- Girls summer dresses
- Blue pleated shorts
- Girls winter tunics
- Girls winter pants
- Jumpers
- Jackets
- Hats

This can be done in the following ways:

- Come to the front office on Tuesdays and Fridays between 1pm and 3pm to purchase items immediately
- Fill in an order form and pay at the office on any day, which will be processed and sent home with your child on the next Tuesday or Friday
- Complete an order form on Skoolbag and pay via POP (Parent Online Payment). Items will be processed and sent home with your child on the next Tuesday or Friday

If you are unsure of a size for your child, please let us know. We are able to have students try on different sizes.

P and C Update

During the holidays a review of the canteen and uniform shop was completed by the P and C executive. It was determined at this time that operating the canteen two days per week was no longer viable. The decision was made to close the canteen on Tuesdays as of week 4 this term. We would like to thank Catherine for her ongoing work in the canteen, and look forward to continuing to provide yummy lunches and treats on Fridays.

Due to the size of the school and the cost associated with maintaining minimum orders of stock, the decision was made to hand the uniform shop over to the school. Uniform items can now be purchased through the front office, with all profits from the sale of

items going directly to students. Profits will continue to be reported to the P and C and greater community each year.

The school will continue to follow Department of Education guidelines for community consultation regarding uniforms for students, with existing review processes being continued.

We would like to thank Nikki Callinan for her time as uniform shop coordinator, and thank the school for taking on its management.

The next P and C meeting will be held at YPS in the library on **Wednesday 8 February from 7pm.**

We encourage all families to consider attending the P and C. It is a great opportunity to see what is happening in the school, and have a say on how the P and C can continue to support the YPS community.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

In order for the canteen to run successfully, Catherine requires volunteers each Friday from 9am – 1pm. The critical time for a helping hand is between 9am and 11am. If you can only help for a few hours, it is still greatly appreciated!!!

With the change in lunch times, Catherine will most certainly require help each Friday morning. Please consider donating this time to help the school.





YPS Uniform Shop Price List - 2019

The following is a list of items being sold through the Uniform Shop. Items can be purchased in the following ways:

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Item #	Item Name/Description	Price
Item #1	Summer Girls Navy Pleated Shorts size 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$20
Item #2	Winter Girls Tartan Pants Size 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$55
Item #3	Winter Girls Tartan Tunic Size 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$55
Item #4	Winter Unisex Track Pants Size 6 – 16 and size Small - Large	\$30
Item #5	Winter Unisex Jackets Size 6 – 16 and size Small - Large	\$40
Item #6	Unisex Jumpers Size 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$25
Item #7	Hats Small/medium medium/large large/extra large	\$15
Item #8	Girls Summer Dress Size 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$52

Term 4 2018 YPS Canteen Menu

Fruit Break

Apple Slinky	\$1.00
(Red or Green Apple)	
Carrot Sticks	\$1.00
Peaches Tub	\$1.50



Toasties

Cheese	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$3.50

Drinks

Bottle of Water	\$1.50
Fruit box	\$1.50
(Apple or Tropical)	
Milk	\$2.50
(plain, choc or pink)	
Focus Water	\$2.00
(lemonade, raspberry or blackcurrant)	

Cold Food

Tomato Focaccia (Vaccari's)	\$2.00
Vegemite Sandwich	\$2.50
Cheese Sandwich	\$2.50
Devon/Ham Sandwich	\$3.00
Ham Salad Sandwich	\$4.50

Add 50c for a Bread Roll

Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Ham/Salad Wrap	\$5.00
Salad Box	\$4.50
Salad Box with Ham	\$5.00

Cold Treats

Zooper Dooper	50c
Cruncha	\$1.00
Frozen Yoghurt Tub	\$2.50

Hot Food

6 chicken Nuggets	\$3.50
Extra Nuggets (each)	50c
Pizza – ch/bacon	\$3.50
Hot Dog (inc. Sauce)	\$3.50
Hot Dog (no bun)	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Lasagna	\$3.50
Quiche	\$3.50
Pie	\$3.50
Party Pie	\$1.00
Grilled Chicken Fillet Burger	\$4.00
Chicken Twister	\$4.00
(lettuce & mayo)	
Sweet Chilli Chicken Twister	\$4.00
(lettuce & mayo)	
Add Salad to Twister	\$1.00
Add Salad to Burger	\$1.00
Tomato, BBQ or	
Sweet & Sour Sauce	50c

Snacks

Choc Chip Cookie	50c	Pretzels or Popcorn	\$1.00
Honey Soy Chips	\$1.50	Smiths Original Chips	\$1.50
Chicken JJ's	\$1.50		

Paper Lunch Bags (single use) 10c

Reusable Insulated Lunch bags \$10.00



Uniform Shop Order Form

Submitted by _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Address _____
 Collection method ☐ Pick up from school ☐ Send home with child

Item #	Description	Size		Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
		S/M/L	4/6/8/10/12/14/16			
Eg. Item 8	Girls summer dress		Size 10	2	\$52	\$104

Total \$ _____

Please note:

Orders received will be processed on the following Tuesday or Friday. Items can be picked up from the office between 1 and 3 on Tuesdays and Fridays, or sent home with students.

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