

# Yenda Agenda

## Yenda Public School

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Term 1 Week 3

Friday, 15 February 2019

### Principal's Report

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

Congratulations to the School Leaders and Sports Captains on a wonderful first assembly for 2019! Each member of the student leadership team contributed to the reports and running sheet for the assembly demonstrating their skills in collaboration and communication.

Thank you to everyone who attended our swimming carnival yesterday. What a fun day full of school spirit! I am especially proud of all of our Year 2 students who got in and had a go! They showed bravery and determination as they competed in their first swimming carnival.

Congratulations to our place winners, those who have qualified to progress to the next level and of course to Banksia for winning the day!

SRC Elections were brought forward and were held this week. Congratulations to the successful students, I am sure you will make your classes proud!



Bel Wallace - Principal

### Calendar

#### Week 4

Friday 22 February Assembly (Year 3/4P)  
School Counsellor – Erika Ellis

#### Week 5

Thursday 28 February Zone Swimming  
Carnival  
Centenary Committee Meeting – Diggers Club 7pm

Friday 1 March Clean Up Australia Day – SRC  
School Counsellor – Erika Ellis

#### Week 6

Monday – Thursday Goal setting conferences K – 6

Friday 8 March Assembly (Year 2KL)  
School Counsellor – Erika Ellis

#### Week 7

Monday 11 March Young Leaders Conference – Sydney

Thursday 14 March Selective High School Assessment for 2020 Year 7 students

#### Week 8

Thursday 21 March Harmony Day

## Swimming Carnival

The air was cool and crisp as Yenda Public School and Lake Wyangan Public School arrived at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre for the combined swimming carnival.

Students were decked out in their 'funnest' red, green and yellow clothes ready to cheer on their houses and friends.

A large number of Year 2 students attended ready to participate in their first ever swimming carnival. There were plenty of nerves but more determination in these little champions!

The house captains led their teams in chants and cheers as the races were held encouraging the competitors to do their very best!

Congratulations to the following students:

### Junior Boy Champions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jaxsin Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Quade Callinan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Liam Brady

### Junior Girl Champions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Gemma Newman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Imogen Stockton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Lily McMahon

### Senior Boy Champions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Logan Newman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Luke Wood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Tama Kiddle

### Senior Girl Champions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Tayla Javens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Juleesa Twigg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Kaylee Brown

The house points were hot to go, with students from all houses participating in as many events as they could. The final points tally was:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Banksia with 255 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Acacia with 170 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Grevillea with 150 points

Photos are available on Facebook.



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### SRC Elections

Elections were held in each class from Years 1 – 6 this week for positions on the Student Representative Council.

Students voted according to their class processes with the following students successful in gaining positions in 2019.

Year 1 – Rikki-Claire Damini and Eli Whytcross

Year 2 – Zara Wallace and Flynn Mallamace

Year 3 – Imogen Stockton and Liam Brady

Year 4 – Jaxsin Brown and Lily McMahon

Year 5 – Quade Callinan and Armani Mallamace

Year 6 – Julius Torresan and Riley Brown

PBL SRC Representative – Benn Moon

Library Monitors – Tayla Burns, Samarah Stockton and Sahara Lawson

These students will be presented with badges and certificates at the Week 4 assembly, and will be joined by their parents on the stage for this exciting occasion. We look forward to seeing what this year's SRC can achieve!



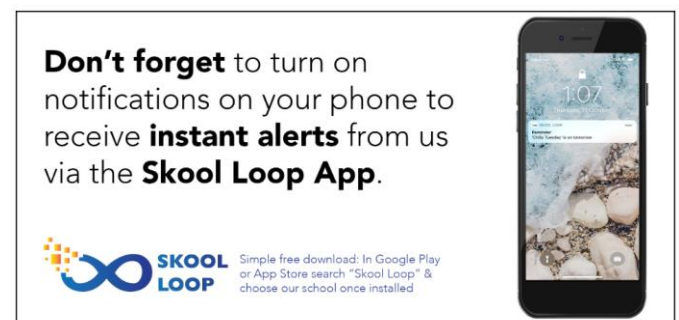
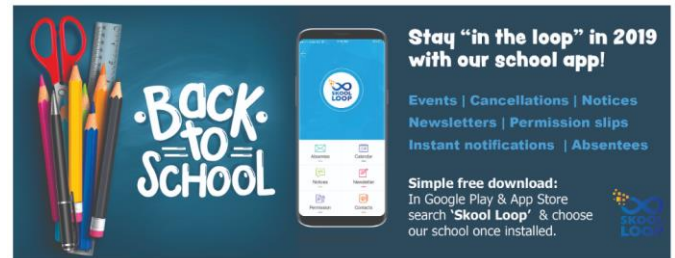
### ACER Reading and Mathematics Tests

This week, students from Year 1 – Year 6 have completed online reading and mathematics assessments in class. These assessments allow teachers to gauge the current knowledge of all of their students allowing for effective programming and planning. These assessments are completed again toward the end of the year to allow us to measure student growth in literacy and numeracy and are used alongside other assessment and observational tasks to report on student progress. All students participated with keen enthusiasm.

Well done everyone!

### New School App

Due to a significant price increase, as well as formatting and accessibility issues, YPS will be moving from the Skoolbag app to the Skool Loop app for all smartphone communication. The platforms are very similar, and allow push notifications to be sent from the school to the wider community. Parents can also still submit absences, complete permission forms and check newsletters and calendars from the Skool Loop app.



From Monday 18 February we will no longer be pushing notices through Skoolbag, and will commence using Skool Loop. If you wish to engage with the school in this way please download Skool Loop from the App Store or Google Play and choose Yenda Public School once installed.

We appreciate your cooperation with this change.

### Yenda Public Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Rowdy Damini, Tansy King, Peyton Callinan and Megan Newman who are the winners of the challenge.

Mrs Wallace is looking forward to taking these students to the next available, appropriate movie.



### Scripture Commences Week 4

Scripture classes commence on Wednesdays next week for our students. Scripture classes are formed based on the nominated religion that appears on students enrolment forms. If you do not wish for your child to participate in scripture classes please contact the school to let us know.

Please note that academic lessons are not able to be provided during scripture time. Students who do not attend scripture will go to a 'non-scripture' class where they will engage in independent and cooperative activities.

Please contact Mrs Chilvers if you would like any further information.

### School Supervision and Road Safety

Parents are reminded that school supervision commences at 8.30am and are advised that children should not arrive at school before this time.

Parents should also note that the crossing on Mirrool Ave is only a functional children's crossing when the flags are displayed. It is current school practice to display these flags from 8.30 in the morning. Mrs Wallace is currently working with Griffith City Council and the RMS to clarify processes and procedures that may be available to assist safe road crossing, particularly during vintage and harvest times.

Please be aware of the increased traffic on Mirrool Avenue and support your children to arrive at school safely.



## P & C + Community News

### P & C AGM

For those of you who do not yet have this date locked into your calendar the P & C will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Please consider attending! It is not a requirement to take on a position and all voices are valued at meetings.

The YPS P & C pride themselves on running succinct and productive meetings and are generally finished by 8.30pm. If you need to bring children along you are more than welcome to. Activities can be made available.



### Centenary Committee Meeting

The first Centenary committee meeting will be held at the Yenda Diggers Club on Thursday 28 February from 7pm. Please come along if you would like to have input into the Yenda Public School Centenary in 2020 or pass this date and time on to others in the community who might like to be involved!

### Fete Committee Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fete planning meeting last week. It was exciting to see so many people involved in what is sure to be an exciting event.

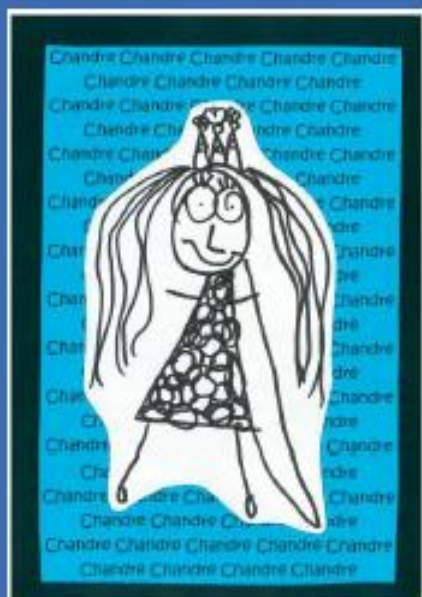
If you were not at the meeting but would like to help out phone the school or message the Facebook Page to be added to the planning group.

Thanks to Bethany Power for getting the ball rolling!





# Kindergarten Kapers



KB has had a wonderful start to 2019!

We have had lots of fun creating artworks to decorate our new classroom!

Self portraits, cows, zebras, pigs and pineapples!



Amelia



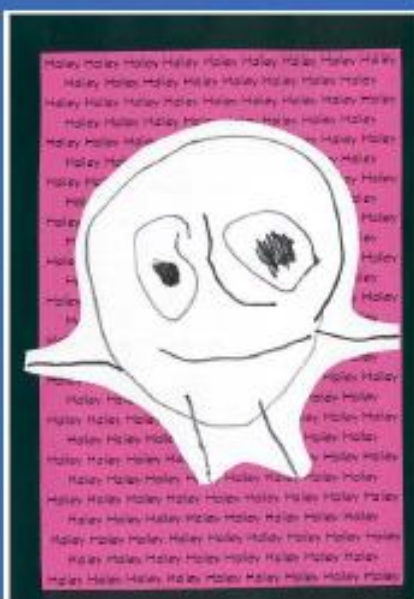
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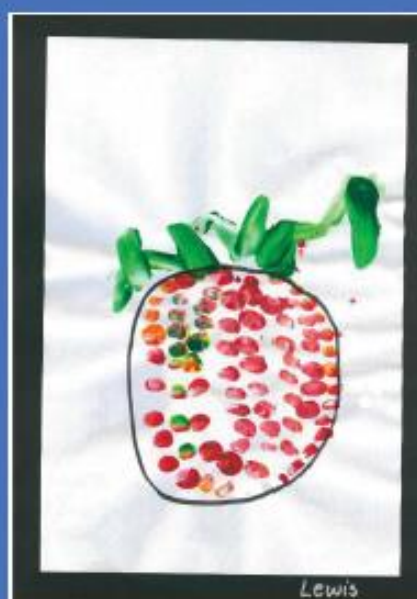
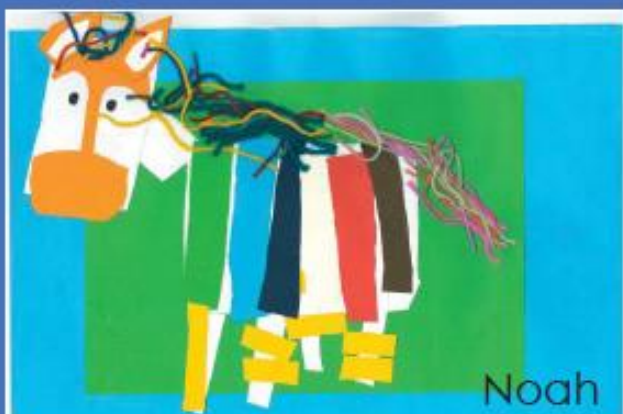
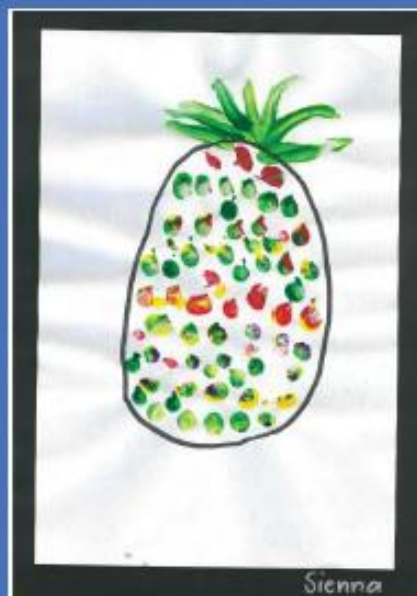
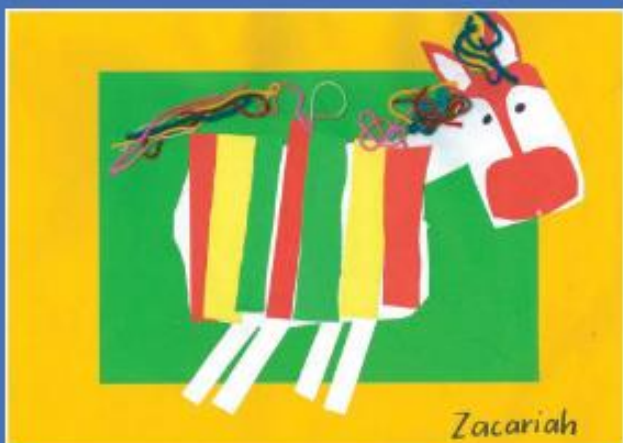
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## Term 1 update.

## School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

### What pocket money can teach your child.

Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money\* and here's how they manage it:

- Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong - the amount should suit your family situation.
- Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.
- On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

### Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour\*. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmite token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.



Polar Savers Rewards:  
Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set  
Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler  
Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards  
Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

### School Banking Deposit Tracker.

Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

\*Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144), School Banking Research, conducted by FiftyFive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.



### Why Hockey?

As well as learning the sport itself, playing hockey is a great way to teach children skills for life, including teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership. Your children will be introduced to hockey with games, basic training drills and a whole lot of fun! Our regular competition and skills development is on every Saturday 11am-1pm and commences on 6th April.



### Come & Try For FREE!

Saturday 6th April, 11am at West End Oval

### More Information

Go to: [www.griffithhockey.com.au](http://www.griffithhockey.com.au)

OR Find us on Facebook

Andrew Sindal  
Junior Development Officer  
PH: 0429 640 595



## Griffith Junior Rugby Union Club Ages 5-16

### Rego Fees:

\$80 for Under 6's & Foxtel 7's  
\$100 For Under 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's

# Girls are more than welcome to play tackle in all grades except U16's Boys.

Active kids voucher can be used for Registration  
Family deals for 3 or more registered children.



Information Day to be held the 23rd of February 2019 @ the Sporties from 2-4pm.  
Registration will be available online and at training on Friday nights.

Training will commence 1st March 2019, 6pm @ Jubilee Oval



For more information contact:

President: Rob Flanagan: 0429 634 240,  
Secretary: Kylee Parsons: 0423 492 172,  
Registrar: Bek Cunial: 0428 647 983

Free Sausage Sandwich & \$2 Drinks on sale after training  
Our Club cares about the values of Rugby, Family & your Kids



**Location: Yenda Hotel**

**We are holding 2 Registration/Information Days**  
**1st: Saturday 9th February 12pm-2pm**  
**2nd: Saturday 16th February 12pm-2pm**  
 Yenda Tigers Soccer Club would like to welcome everyone to come down, have a chat and see how wonderful Yenda Tigers are and join us for the 2019 soccer season.  
 Come join a friendly family club  
 We will have a computer set up and committee members there to assist with any inquiries you have.  
 Active kids voucher can be used.  
 Please have your active kids voucher completed prior to registration.