

Yenda Agenda

Yenda Public School

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Term 2 Week 6

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Principal's Report

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

This week I have had the pleasure of spending quite a bit of time working in classes designing and creating items for the 3D printer.

Of course the students have demonstrated some incredibly impressive skills using technology to bring their ideas to life but I have been even more impressed by the relationships between our students and their teachers. It is very clear at Yenda Public School that all students are valued and respected for the individuality, creativity and their contributions to their classes. We are very fortunate to have such amazing students and teachers here.



I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and takes some time to enjoy the company of their families and friends.

Bel Wallace - Principal

Calendar - Term 2

Week 7

Monday 10 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
Tues 11 June	Debating against Tharbogang Public School at Yenda Public School
Wed 12 June	Quest for the Ultimate Rhythm
Thursday 13 June	Rugby League PE (Students to wear sport uniform)
Friday 14 June	School Sport (Students to wear sport uniform)

Week 8

Tuesday 18 June	Multicultural Public Speaking at Griffith East Public School
Thursday 20 June	Rugby League PE (Students to wear sport uniform)
Friday 21 June	Riverina Dance Festival Assembly with Year 1 School sport (Students to wear sport uniform)

Week 9

Monday 24 June	CWA Presentation – Year 5/6
Thursday 27 June	Proposed Spelling Bee Final

Week 10

Monday – Friday	NAIDOC Week
Tuesday 2 July	Athletics Carnival
Friday 5 July	Assembly

Kindy Welcomes Miss Melvin!

Miss Anna Melvin will be completing a teaching prac on Kindergarten from Week 7 – Week 10. She is on the home stretch in completing her teaching degree. We are sure that Kindy will love having her in their classroom for the remainder of this term!

Debating

The YPS Debating Team faced off against Tharbogang Public School this week arguing for the affirmative that schools should have dogs. Unfortunately they were defeated in this round but have another chance next week in the next debate.

We wish them luck as they continue to prepare and practice for the remainder of the competition.

Kindergarten Enrollments

Do you have a child starting school next year? Come on in and pick up and enrollment pack!



Riverina Dance Festival

Notes have gone home today inviting students to be in the audience for the Riverina Dance Festival. We strongly encourage students to support our dance group by attending this excursion. If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like your child to participate in this excursion please see Mrs Wallace to discuss.

Multicultural Public Speaking

Year 3/4 have completed their class round of public speaking this week with a very high standard of speeches presented to the class. Congratulations to Matthew Baltieri-Geaney and Blake Forster who will attend the Multicultural Public Speaking event at Griffith East Public School in Week 8. Year 5/6 will complete their class round next week.

Student Attendance

School attendance is critical to a child's success at school. Below are some key points from the Department of Education's information for parents relating to attendance. The full document is attached to this newsletter.

Parents and carers of school aged children are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. This includes ensuring that children arrive at school on time.

Arriving at school on time:

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- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

On occasion your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

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- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g attending a funeral)

All absences from school must be explained within 7 days with verbal or written explanations however, if an explanation is not received within 2 days the school may contact you to discuss the absence. Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with Mrs Wallace. An application for extended leave may be required.

School Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if it is not believed to be in the best interest of your child. In this case the absence is recorded as 'Unjustified'. This will be discussed with you at the time.



SPORT NEWS!!!

Touch GALA Day

Today the Year 5/6 boys Touch Football team competed in the GPSSA Touch Football Knockout at Jubilee Oval. They played well and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship in all of their games.

Thankyou Mrs Kirkman for managing the team.



AFL Gala Day

On Tuesday the Year 5/6 boys AFL team competed in the AFL Gala Day. It was a tough day on the field for the boys, who found themselves in the final. They were unfortunately defeated by a tough Griffith East team.

The students should be commended for their effort, sportsmanship behaviour on the day. Thank you to Mrs Conlan for managing the team.



Term 2 Week 6 Assembly Awards

Principal Award

Luke Twigg

Echo Award

Imogen Stockton

Kindergarten

Leo Richards, Phoebe Vearing and Willow Dunn

Year 1

Megan Newman, Jaxon Cafe, Rikki-Clare Damini and Porsha Carusi

Year 2

Jack Millis, Aiden Twigg, Cooper Power and Leila Forster

Year 3/4

Ceejay Twigg, Ryan Signor, Patrick Lawson, Matthew Baltieri-Geaney and Blake Forster

Year 5/6

Julius Torresan, Sophie Roth, Tayla Javens and Juleesa Twigg



Book Club orders and money are due back to the school office by Friday 14 June 2019. Instructions to place orders directly using LOOP are on the last page of the student brochures.

Our 3/4 Multicultural Public Speaking Representatives

Belonging - Matthew Baltieri-Geaney (Winner)

Imagine people laughing and making fun of your skin, your language, your voice and what you look like. Everyone wants to belong to something. I know I do. I belong to my home, my school and my country. But some people don't have a home and can't go to school.

Australia is a big enough country for all refugees. I reckon we should help and let all refugees into our country.

They need and want a home, we have homes but they don't. So we have to help them!

So why do we feel that we need to belong? The reason is because humans are social Animals and belonging helps us survive.

Over 3.2 million kids are getting bullied each year across the world and over 160 thousand teens across the world skip school because of bullying, some even wish they were dead. It is so sad. No one deserves to be made to feel bad because of the way they look, their skin colour, the way speak or where they are from. We have to help them no matter what. Everyone should feel like they belong.

Imagine arriving to a new country, you don't speak their language and you don't know their culture.

Would this be difficult?

Would you feel that you don't belong?

Because us humans need to belong. We would learn their language, we would learn about their culture. We would involve ourselves in their community and we would make new friendships until we feel like we belong.

Because belonging is what we need.

So what are you going to do to make people feel welcome?

Our backyard - Blake Forster (Winner)

Have you ever thought about how awesome our backyard is? Not only because there are lots of places to visit but because we have heaps of different cultures.

Did you know that 46% of Australians have a parent that was born overseas and 20% of Australians speak a language other than English.

People from different countries that come to Australia bring lots of things like new ideas, new ways of doing things and delicious food!! Like sushi from Japan, tacos from Mexico, pizza and pasta from Italy and more.

Some of our famous landmarks are Uluru, Bondi Beach which is aboriginal for water breaking over rocks, Kakadu National Park which is aboriginal for Gaagudjy, Heart Reef and Kangaroo Island. We share Australia's beautiful landmarks with tourists.

Multiculturalism is great because we wouldn't have all the great sports like cricket from England, soccer from Spain, hockey from Canada and more.

We are all multi-cultural! Australia is made up of all different cultures. It is really good that we have all the food and sport.

Isn't that great! Our backyard is the best!

Some more of 3/4's AWESOME Speech Writing

Playing Together - Ryan Signor (Finalist)

Every day people from different countries are being bullied because of their skin colour and culture. Imagine that you have been bullied about your skin colour and culture, how would that make you feel?

Australia is a country that celebrates sport in all its forms.

Playing together is important in sport. When we have team mates that are from different cultures and countries we get along with them, becoming friends and we understand more about their culture. In professional sport we see the greatest players from all sorts of countries.

When we understand people and become friends, there will be less conflict.

For example our soccer a league competition in Australia is made up of the best players; many are from different cultural backgrounds.

Dimitrios Petrator is from Greek ancestry; Roy O'Donovan is an Irish professional footballer playing with New Castle Jets FC, Milos Ninkovic who plays for Sydney FC is from Serbia.

These are just a few examples of so many multicultural players. We cheer for any great players without thinking of their background. Playing together in sport builds friends and heroes no matter where they came from.

At school there are lots of people from different countries and cultures. Australia first started with indigenous people then white settlement people came to Australia.

Since then people have always been coming from different countries. In my class there are people from Italy, Ireland England and new Zealand.

Australia is a good country because it is multicultural. Australia can stop racism. Stop and make the world peaceful.

Playing Together – Kate Horley (Finalist)

Did you know that AFL, Australian football, has 25% of its players from different backgrounds?

Cyril Roil is a famous Australian AFL play and he is from Tiwi Island, Tiwi Island is near Miikapti.

People from other countries that play AFL can sometimes be treated badly on the field this includes racist comments yelled at them just for not kicking a goal or for not doing something right, which I think is not right. I believe they should all be treated the same.

It is more than just a game, sport has the power to connect people instantly on a personal level. We should listen to everyone's ideas in sport no matter what skin colour they have, we should treat everyone the same.

Playing together brings different cultures together. What do people eat at sport games? They don't just eat Australian food they eat other country's food like hot dogs from America, tacos from Mexico, pizza from Italy and sushi from Japan and of course, pies from Australia, why can't we love the people as much as we love their food?

Think about it if we didn't have other cultures we wouldn't have many people in Australia and we wouldn't have all the amazing sports we have now like soccer, AFL or hockey and lots more.

Multiculturalism is how Australia got these sports.

That would be horrible! Because we will be a very lazy country. It is very important to include everyone when you're playing at school, well you should be including people whenever, not just at school.

So there you have it now you understand that it is more than just a game, sport has the power to connect people of all backgrounds on a personal level.

Refugees - Mia Harris

Imagine having dinner then Boom! Big explosion. Planes are flying overhead. Your house starts to crumble. Sadly that is what happened to many refugees. Seeking a safe new home, in a new country.

Refugees should come into Australia because refugees are all humans, and have the right to be safe. What would you think if this happened to you? Wouldn't you want to go to a safe country? I know I would. Australia is a safe country and we should welcome refugees.

Some refugees want to escape to a safe country and they choose Australia but end up in detention centres and many get denied from entering Australia. If you were a refugee and you went to Australia illegally and got locked in a detention centre for the rest of your life...

Would you like that? I would not! Australia needs to let refugees in right now! Inside the detention centres some refugees die because of hunger strikes. Once refugees are in the detention centre they don't know how long they will be in there for.

Detention centres are like little houses and the guards give them food but some don't eat and go on hunger strikes. So detention centres are like the refugees houses. The guards are probably really nice. But why do they put them in detention centres in the first place. Refugees should be allowed to roam around Australia freely.

Many cultures are allowed into Australia such as Indian, Chinese, Mexican and Japanese but why not refugees? They are the same as them. I hope in the future refugees are allowed in Australia more freely.

Australia can let refugees in but why don't they? I'll tell you why Australia believes refugees are asylum seekers and killers and they'll just lower Australia's population, but the refugees believe Australia is their only hope. So how can we stop that? We can make peace between our countries.

Animals are in danger! - Donald Hunt

In the world there are not many animals that are not in danger. And humans are their biggest threat. We are destroying their habitats by cutting down the trees by polluting the water and by hunting them

Turtle are being killed for meat shells skin and eggs or they can be caught in nets by accident. We need to stop now!

We need to stop hunting all animals. Did you know tigers, orangutans and elephants are also endangered but people still hunt them for fun .Don't they care about the animals going extinct? People need stop killing the animals for fun.

Now you can see why humans are the animal's biggest threat.

What are you going to do about it?

Animals are in danger! - Gemma Newman

Did you know gorillas, sea turtles, orang-utans and much, much more animal are endangered? We need to act fast or they will disappear altogether. We need to stop destroying their habitat, polluting their homes and hunting them down.

Lots of animals are in danger because we are destroying their homes. The red panda is in danger because people have wrecked their home by cutting down the bamboo that they lived in.

If you want to help to keep your snugly friends alive you can! Plant 4 trees or bamboo for every one cut down then not as much animals will be endangered! But then you might be thinking what about turtles and dolphins and all of the ones in the sea well they are eating rubbish and they are choking on it. But this is easy because you only have to put your rubbish in the bin. So stop doing this because it is getting in water ways. It is still easy but people still do it, I guess they don't care about life in the sea. So try not to pollute or the sea kings might end up like the dinosaurs.

Also some people just shoot them for their Facebook page. What if your mum got shot for no reason. I bet you will feel sad. And just this week the very last Sumatran rhino died. He was the very last of his species, so now that is another extinct animal!

I hope I have now convinced you that we need to stop destroying their habitat polluting and hunting them down. We need to act fast!

Animals are in Danger - Leithan Wallace

There are a million species in danger and the arrow is pointing at us humans. We are killing them! From elephants to cute little otters. We need to do something! Stop using palm oil, stop running over kangaroos. Animals are in danger! We need to act now or we will not live.

We need to put a halt to extinction or else there will be no us. Stop using palm oil or orangutans will die and orangutans eat dying leaves which regrows the leaves and without leaves there will be no forest and without a forest there will be no animals!

It's also littering and plastic bags, plastic cups and so on. The plastic is getting into the ocean and the animals that live in the ocean are eating it, getting tangled in it. How would you like it if you thought a plastic bag was food and you eat it and choke on it how would you like it?

Stop using plastic stop cutting down the forests. If animals are in danger we are. How would you like it if someone shot your family or bulldozed your house? Help me help the animals.

It's not just palm oil its cars, it's making pollution from fuel and running over the animals. Without animals there will be no earth. Like I said "there is over a million species in danger" Come on we need to act now. If animals are in danger we are in danger.

Animals are in Danger - Joseph Roth

Would you eat plastic? I know I wouldn't but sadly many animals are doing just that. Our rubbish is killing many animals.

The rubbish we throw away is getting into the water. Can you picture what a plastic bag floating in the ocean looks like to a turtle? I can! The turtle would think it's a jelly fish and then munch, munch, not a very good lunch.

It's not just turtles it's also whales, seals, penguins and many other sea creatures. These animals are dying because of our rubbish. Not just because they are eating it, sometimes they just get twisted in it and can't get free or it might twist around their neck and choke them.

So now you know why we must stop putting rubbish in the ocean.



Education &
Communities

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning website*

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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