

Yenda Agenda

Yenda Public School

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Term 3 Week 4

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Principal's Report

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

Voting closed for the My Community Project on Thursday 15 August and I would like to thank everyone from our school community who got behind the submission for a skate park in Yenda. It is wonderful to see so many people supporting activities for youth in our community. We now wait with crossed fingers for the outcome!



Yenda Public School are proud to be supporting local fire fighter Gavin Raccanello in his Firies Climb for Motor Neurone Disease attempt later this year. To support him in raising money and awareness of MND, the SRC are holding an Ice Bucket Challenge and sausage sizzle on Wednesday 28 August. Come on down to Yenda Public School to watch prominent local personalities 'get iced' with buckets of ice water as funds are raised.



Bel Wallace – Principal

Calendar - Term 3

Week 5 – Book Week

Tuesday 20 August	Debating Gala Day at Tharbogang Public School
Wednesday 21 August	Book Week Parade in Griffith
Thursday 22 August	Year 6 Transition - MRHS Wade Site

Week 6

Wednesday 28 August	Fundraiser - Motor Neurone Disease from 11am
Thursday 29 August	Zone Choir Performance at Riverina PPA Conference
Friday 30 August	Assembly – Year 2
	Dance Festival Performance at Riverina PPA Conference

Week 7

Tuesday 3 September	Pioneer Park Action Day Year 4
Tuesday 5 September	Year 6 Transition - MRHS Wade Site

Week 8

Tuesday 10 September	Year 6 Agri-tech Day at MRHS
Thursday 12 September	Spelling Bee Final – Griffith East Public School
Friday 13 September	Assembly – Year 1

Congratulations KROP Performers!

It was a big two days for our KROP performers, but they have once again delivered an outstanding performance to the community at the Griffith Regional Theatre. The feedback from audience members has been outstanding as Yenda Public School once again challenge peoples thoughts on the environment through dance and drama.

Congratulations to Mrs Perez on a fantastic performance. Special thanks to Mrs Perez's daughters, Chloe and Amy, for their assistance with costumes, hair and makeup.

We also need to thank Tappy from Yenda Pioneer Butchery, Vaccari's Bakery and Jeneen Brady for donating sausages, bread and drinks for our little super stars. The ongoing support of our community is outstanding!

From the start of 2020 there will be some changes to our participation in KROP and the Riverina Dance Festival. In even years (2020, 2022 and so on) our school will not participate in the Riverina Dance Festival, and will focus our attention on a quality KROP performance. In odd years (2021, 2023 and so on) a dance group will form to audition for the Riverina Dance Festival. This routine will also be used to audition for KROP in that year. Both the Riverina Dance Festival and KROP have very different flavours of performance. This approach will allow us to show case both our dance skills and theatric flare on alternate years.

All students who have participated in KROP and the Riverina Dance Festival should be commended on their courage, determination and work ethic. At times we have had some of the youngest people on the stage and this is a credit to the support they receive from those around them.

Ground Control To Major Earth



PBL Mini Merits

Last week teachers had the pleasure of handing out their class allocation of mini-merits for the week. It is great to see the kids excited about positive behaviour for learning! More mini-merits will be handed out in classes this week!

Attendance

Student attendance at school is critical to our young people reaching their full potential. While we encourage students to stay home when they are sick, attendance at all other times is expected.

This term we are introducing a 100% Attendance Award which will be handed out at the final assembly of the term. To be eligible for this award students must meet the following criteria:

- Have attended school for 100% of days that they were not sick or too unwell to go to school
- Not be on a behaviour level
- Have no unjustified absences

Parents of children from Kindy to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. 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 circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

For more information on school attendance, please see the [School Attendance Policy](https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy) here <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>

We are fortunate at Yenda Public School to have Jan Kitchingman and Travis Payne work from our school as Home School Liaison Officers. While these positions are a network resource, their support and understanding of student attendance is a great asset to our school.



Teacher Professional Learning

As always our teachers and support staff are constantly seeking ways to improve our practice to better meet student need.

This week Mrs Wallace and Mrs Perez attended the Berry Street Education Model training that aims to improve the ways that we respond to students in our schools that have experienced trauma. More teachers from YPS will participate in this training throughout the remainder of the year.

Book Week Parade

Our school has been invited to participate in the 2019 Bookweek Parade being held by Griffith City Library on Wednesday 21st August. Students will parade on Banna Avenue, Griffith with the Yanco Drum Corp leading the parade.

All students to wear costumes celebrating the theme "Reading is my Secret Power" or a book character. Students will be transported to and from Griffith by bus. Bus will depart Yenda Public School at 9.15am and return at approximately 11.30am. The P & C has kindly offered to cover the cost of the bus travel. There will be no charge to students for this excursion. Refreshments are being provided at Memorial Park with thanks to Real Juice Company. Please still send lunch and recess to school.

Primary Principals Association Conference Performances

This year the Riverina Primary Principals Association Conference will be held in Griffith, providing our local public schools with the chance to showcase their learning.

Samarah, Talitha, Sophie and Tayla B will be performing with the Zone representative choir on Thursday 29 August with students from other primary and high schools. We look forward to hearing their collective voices soar!

On Friday 30 August, Mrs Brown will once again get to show off her adorable cats and mice as the Riverina Dance Festival group perform on Day 2 of the conference. Keep an eye out for notes for these events and ensure that you pay careful attention to the dates and requirements.

Transport will be covered by the school.



Term 3 Week 4 Assembly Awards

Principal Award

Jaden Vearing

Echo Award

Joseph Roth

Kindergarten

Phoebe Vearing, Sienna Serafin and Leo Richards

Year 1

Heather Wilkinson, Arlo Murphy, Lara Hall and Robert Nehme

Year 2

Floyd Faavesi, Alex Bastianon, Thalia Singh and Farrah Moon

Year 3/4

Abbey Farrell, Dean Preuss, Mia Harris, Imogen Stockton and Jayden Cafe

Year 5/6

Logan Newman, Isaac Conlan, Tama Kiddle and Lili Vaccari

Canteen

Thank you to all of our wonderful canteen volunteers. We greatly appreciate your time and effort. We are always in need of volunteers each week – if you are able to help please contact Catherine on 0417 466 083.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Our school was well represented at yesterday's Zone Athletics Carnival. All students participated with great enthusiasm.

We wish to congratulate Julius Torresan who came first in 11 years Shotput and Discus. Jaxsin Brown also came 1st in his heat in 10 years 200m. Both Julius and Jaxsin will now compete in the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury.

Our school was involved in running of the carnival and we wish to thank Mrs Conlan, Mrs Perez and Kellyanne for all of their work on the day.

The canteen for the day was run by Yenda Public School P & C. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who worked hard in preparation and on the day. Funds raised from the canteen are donated to our school through the P & C.

Active Kids Rebate

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids program.

The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year. From 1 July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for the second \$100 Active Kids voucher.

Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December.

You can apply for your voucher via the following link:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/applying-active-kids-voucher>

If you require assistance with claiming this voucher, please call in to the office to see Tanya or Louise.

Staff Appointments

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Kirkman has been offered and accepted a permanent teaching position with Yenda Public School through the Rural and Remote Strategy. This process allows eligible schools to appoint temporary teachers who have relieved in a position for 2 years or more as permanent. Yenda Public School is so excited to have Mrs Kirkman here with us as a permanent full time teacher.

We are also equally excited to announce that Tanya Cornale has been offered and accepted the permanent School Administration Manager position. Tanya has acted in this position for the past 18 months and has been a true asset to our school. We are delighted that she is now a permanent member of the team.

