

# Yenda Agenda

## Yenda Public School

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Term 4 Week 8

Monday, 9 December 2019

## Principal's Report

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

Thursday evening was a true celebration of Yenda Public School and the achievements of our students, staff, P & C and community. It was the first time that it was held at the Griffith Regional Theatre and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. I would like to extend a huge thankyou to Mrs Karen Conlan for overseeing the organisation and running of the evening, and to her team that made it the lovely celebration that it was.

A huge congratulations to our 2020 School Captains Kaylee Brown, Quade Callinan Isla Sergi and Will Terrazzas. I am certain that you will uphold your commitment to our fantastic school next year and make us all proud!



The count-down is on to the end of the term! Please check the school for any lost property and also please ensure that all of your library books are returned!

**Bel Wallace**  
Principal

## CALENDAR

### 2019 Term 4

#### Week 9

Wednesday 11 Dec	Year 6 Mini Fete
Thursday 12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell  Kindy – Year 6 Disco 7.30pm – 9pm
Friday 13 Dec	Year 6 Lake Talbot

#### Week 10

Wednesday 18 Dec	Barellan Pool Day  Final day for students
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### 2020 Term 1

#### Week 1

Monday 27 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 January	Staff Development Day
Wed 29 January	First day of school for students

#### Week 2

Friday 7 February	Assembly 2.15pm
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### Principals Address

Another year in the life of Yenda Public School has drawn to a close. It is impossible to encapsulate a vibrant year of learning, creativity, accomplishment and resilience in a short speech – but I'll give it a go!

As always, presentation night is a testament to Yenda Public Schools academic, sporting and social achievement. This year our school has excelled in performing arts, sport, public speaking both within the school and on the representative platform. The traditions that we know, love and value such as the Riverina Dance Festival, Krop and our fiercely competitive sporting teams have supported our students to grow, achieve and explore the wonders of life.

I know that you parents and carers might not agree that your children need any more assistance in the art of arguing, but public speaking and debating give our students essential leadership skills and the confidence to make their voices count. The student debating team gave the teachers team a real run for their money at this year's Great Debate. It is our mission at Yenda Public School to motivate our students to be game changers in this world, and the power of speech is one to be valued and nurtured.

Academically, this was a strong year for Yenda Public School. We have experienced outstanding results in reading, writing and spelling as a result of our Literacy Code program, and we expect to continue this amazing growth into the future. Our teachers have worked hard to provide amazing learning opportunities for all students, and have worked in partnership with parents and students to set and review personal goals throughout the year. In 2020 Yenda Public School will be looking towards its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will be celebrated in October. To think that this wonderful school full of technology and

creature comforts started its life as a tent all those years ago. Like every family, Yenda has had its share of joys and sorrows, successes and failures, growth spurts and growing pains. The hallmark of successful families is resilience during tough times, the loving willingness to pull together as one. This is why the family of Yenda Public School has prevailed through the ups and downs of the past 100 years. This is how Yenda Public School will continue to flourish over the next 100 years and beyond.

It is bitter sweet that this is my last address to you all as Principal of Yenda Public School. It wasn't until I was preparing this speech that I truly accepted that my new adventure is so close around the corner and soon I will say 'see you later' to all of the children, parents, friends and staff that I now know and love. Every single person that I have encountered during my time here has left a mark on my heart, and have helped me grow as a leader, as a teacher and as a person. Whether it be returning a smile from a kindy student, or accepting a dance off challenge from a big kid, I have strived to ensure that every student feels valued and cared for every single day they come to school. It has been the ultimate privilege to share so many memorable community events with you all, particularly the fete, R U OK? Day, and let's not forget the Ice Bucket Challenge. It has been these community moments that allowed me to fall head over heels in love with Yenda Public School. I feel like I am ending my time here on the ultimate high with the opportunity to return to the classroom with the amazing Year 1 students. These little people remind me every day why I became a teacher.

I am sure that you will all make Mr Gary Workman feel as valued as I have as he takes on the Principal role in 2020. He has a great many adventures ahead of him and I am sure he will soon be head over heels for this school as well.

I would like to thank all of the teaching and support staff for their endless commitment to the school, their adaptability, and passion for kids. I know they are looking forward to what 2020 will bring for Yenda Public School.

I would like to thank our P & C for their highly successful year of fundraising, and for the support that I have been given in meeting the needs of our students. The collaboration between the school and the P and C has evolved into a magnificent relationship which I am sure will continue to grow in the coming years.

Thank you to Mr David Lamb for his support throughout my time in the Griffith Network. We have shared a great many stories and memories over the past years, and I am appreciative of his advice and guidance.

Most of all, thank you to the students for allowing me to be a part of your lives. You indulge my love of nerdy things like Harry Potter, daggy dancing and robotics and share with me your passions, interests and hobbies. It has been a pleasure to come to school every day and spend time with you!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Whatever it is that you do to celebrate, relax and recuperate, I hope it brings you and your loved ones joy.

### School Captains Address

#### Luke

Bodhi Brady, Sarah Bertollo, Juleesa Twigg and I, Luke Wood, were very honoured to be Yenda Public School Leaders for 2020.

Some highlights of the year have been leading the ANZAC day march, leading the Remembrance Day services, attending the state Young Leaders conference in Sydney, meeting the Mayor John DalBroi at the Griffith council meeting, hosting fortnightly assemblies, being presented with a Department of Education leadership award and hosting a water bucket challenge to raise money for the Motor Neurone disease.

#### Juleesa

As our school's proud captains for 2019, we attended the Young Leaders conference in Sydney, in March. We listened to inspirational speakers and innovators sharing their stories. We learnt much about achieving dreams, the hard work and dedication needed, and never

giving up. Every single one of those stories will stay with us for the rest of our lives. Stories that will help us encourage others, and achieve the impossible. We learnt to believe in ourselves, but more importantly others, because all their dreams came true, as a result of a spark of someone else.

#### Bodhi

On ANZAC Day we had the privilege to lead our school in the annual Yenda ANZAC Day march. We read pieces in the ceremony and laid a wreath at the cenotaph. On the 11th of November we lead the Remembrance Day ceremony at school. Students laid poppies in respect of the fallen soldiers.

As captains we have been required to present fortnightly assemblies. During the week we prepared a captain's report for the Friday assembly. We have had the honour to present awards and thank special guests who come to our school.

#### Sarah

This year the captains went to meetings with the Mayor and other school leaders of the area. We enjoyed listening to what he had to say about us having the opportunity to be a leader. These are just some of the many responsibilities we have enjoyed as captains of Yenda Public School for 2019.

We have had many memorable moments together as captains and will treasure our friendship and the moments forever. We wish our future leaders all the best as they lead our students at Yenda Public School into 2020.

### Sport Captains Address

#### Tama

2019 has been a great year of sport at Yenda Public School. We know all of the students certainly enjoyed a successful sporting year, and we thank everyone who participated and gave it their best in all the various sporting events. We also acknowledge and thank our families and friends who helped out with transporting students to the many competitions in and in volunteering in the canteen when hosting the Zone athletics.

### Tayla Vearing

Years 2 - 6 participated in the swimming carnival. Everyone had a great day and had a go at both 25m or 50m events and even the 200m medley! Eleven people went through to the zone carnival and competed well. Our champions for the swimming carnival were, Senior Boy- Logan Newman, Senior Girl- Tayla Javens, Junior Boy- Jaxsin Brown, Junior Girl- Gemma Newman. Our overall house winner for swimming was Banksia.

### Jonah

This year K-6 was encouraged to give cross country a go. Nearly everyone competed and we are sure everyone had a very good day. As the sports captains we are in charge of the chants for our sporting houses and to encourage everyone to do their best. The age champions for this year were. Senior Boy- Tomas Goirigolzarri, Senior Girl- Tayla Javens, Junior Boy- Jaxsin Brown and Junior Girl- Gemma Newman. The overall house winner for cross country was Acacia. We also had a number of students go through to zone cross country, unfortunately, we had no one go to Riverina but everyone tried their hardest and had an amazing day

### Tomas

In week 9 of term 2 we had the Athletics carnival. Everyone participated and had a really competitive and fun day. Kindy's first-ever athletics carnival went really well and they all gave it their best shot.

The age champions for 2019 were junior Boy- Jaxsin brown, junior Girl- Abbey Farrell, senior Boy- Isaac Conlan and senior Girl- Talitha Kelly. The winning house for the 2019 athletics carnival was Banksia.

### Lucas

During 2019 our students competed in a number of different PSSA Knock out teams for both girls and boys. Our students represented our school proudly in all their chosen sports, and we know all members of the community and their families were proud of us and our school. They all showed our motto, 'Face the task', have a go and compete with good sportsmanship.

Our school also offered a lot of different PSSA trial opportunities such as Soccer, Touch, Rugby League, and AFL. We had representatives go to Griffith and Riverina trial and NSW PSSA championship titles. Sarah Bertollo, Tayla Javens and Lucas Signor represented Griffith Zone in soccer, with Lucas and Tayla both selected in the Riverina team. Bodhi Brady and Tayla Javens represented Griffith Zone in Touch Football, Isla Sergi in basketball and Isaac Conlan represented Western Riverina in AFL and Griffith-Leeton Zone in Rugby League.

### Talitha

Each year our sporting house groups elect the sports captains to lead them through the sporting calendar. This year the house captains were:

Grevillia- Lucas Signor and Tomas Goirigolzarri  
Banksia- Jonah De Rossi and Tama Kiddle  
Acacia- Talitha Kelly and Tayla Javens

We have been responsible for the sports shed and giving the equipment out at lunch and recess for our school to play with, and we set up a sport every Friday for our school. We are the people who run our sporting house meetings and teach the younger years our team chants and encourage everyone to participate in all sporting events our school offers.

### Tayla

Following consultation with the P&C it is official- in 2020 Yenda Public School will be returning to 2 sporting houses, named after the historic sporting houses of YPS. Last time Yenda Public School worked with 2 sports houses they were Ballandry and Tandarra. Ballandry's house colour will be Green and Tandarra's will be red. Students have been sorted into their new houses. There will be two house captains for each house in 2020.

### Tama

On behalf of all of the sports captains, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to lead our houses. We really loved being leaders of the school. We wish you all the best for many more sporting achievements in 2020.

## P & C Report

Wow, what a year!!! 2019 is coming to an end and we are excited to give our community an update on what the P & C committee have been doing this year and an explanation on what is coming next year.

The members of the P & C have been extremely active fundraising and working with the teacher to provide our students with equipment and activities that our students benefit from.

We take this opportunity to outline our activities and expenditure for 2019.

### Fundraising and Grants

• 2 cake stalls	\$410.00
• Hot Cross Bun Drive	\$788.00
• Easter raffle	\$264.00
• Fete and Carshow	\$6060.10
• Athletics Carnival canteen	\$615.00
• Zone Athletics Carnival canteen	\$2123.12
• Quick turnaround Grant	\$1500.00
• FRRR Small and Vital Grant	\$8028.00
• Movie Premiere	\$1090.50

**Total Income** **\$20,878.72**

### Activities and Expenditure

• Music equipment	\$6379.00
• Air Conditioner for storage room	\$3139.25
• Athletics Carnival Equipment Hire	\$420.00
• MRHS Wade Site Student Helper	\$84.00
• Scrunch It Women's Shed Donation	\$152.00
• Bus for Book Week Parade	\$314.00
• New playground equipment	

\$6060.00 (retained in P&C account for future use)

**Total Expenditure** **\$10,488.25**

The committee have agreed to retain some of the funds to assist with our cash flow in 2020. This will be used to manage insurances, P & C registration and the canteen.

We are delighted to announce that the P & C will be donating a cheque to the school for \$6000. That bring our total contribution to the school for 2019 to be: \$16,488.25

Thank You to Shanna Harris who has volunteered to review the P & C financials. This will save approximately \$800.00 as we do not have to engage an accounting firm in Griffith.

The P & C have recently activated a Facebook page called *Yenda Public School P & C*. Please follow this to keep up to date with our activities.

### Plans for 2020

The P & C will be running the canteen on a voluntary basis. All profits made through the canteen will be returned to the school, reducing the number of fundraisers we are planning for 2020.

The canteen funds will be used to support activities such as bus hire for school events, subsidizing tickets to events and equipment hire. We will be creating a rooster to ensure the canteen runs smoothly. We will be asking all parents to donate 4 – 8hrs of your time to throughout the year. If you cannot help on a Thursdays, we will ask you to help with the shopping on Wednesday or do some food preparation on Wednesday.

We will plan a joint trivia night with Yenda Preschool for 2020. We have had a suggestion to host this after vintage so potentially in second term. As soon as a date is set, we will let the community know.

We are also planning to upgrade the playground equipment at the school. The funds raised from the Fete and Car Show will be held by the P & C until further funds can be raised to cover the cost. We currently have two grant applications lodged both for \$20,000. We are hoping we will at least get one of these.

The AGM is normally held in March and we will be looking for some new members if anyone is interested in joining our committee.

## SRC Report

The SRC has had a wonderful year fundraising and we have raised money for five different charities.

In Term One we raised \$302 for Diabetes Awareness by selling blue spiders and wearing blue casual clothes. In Term Two, we donated \$230 to the Marela family by wearing casual clothes. In Term 3, we held two different fundraisers. We dressed up in our favourite footy team colours and had a sausage sizzle lunch which raised \$378 dollars for the Fight Cancer Foundation. We also helped Gavin Raccanello raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease by wearing casual, eating a sausage sizzle lunch and icing people in our community such as Helen Dalton and Mrs Wallace. We helped Gavin raise a massive \$1252 on that day! Our last fundraiser for the year was the Melbourne Cup dress up day where we dressed up as jockeys, horses and fashions on the field. We donated \$131 to the Riding for the Disabled. In total this year we raised a WHOPPING \$2293!

Well done and thankyou to everyone that participated and helped us this year with fundraising!

*And the  
Winners  
are...*

## Kindergarten Graduates

Isabella-Jane Apps  
Zacariah Cattermole  
Willow Dunn  
Stella Forster  
Jed Hall  
Lewis Kelly  
Leo Richards  
Amelia Ryan  
Sienna Serafin  
Noah Signor  
Chandre Thomas  
Emme Turner  
Phoebe Vearing

## Class Awards

### Year 1

Consistency – Jaxon Cafe  
Improvement – Heather Wilkinson  
Encouragement – Peyton Callinan  
Citizenship – Eli Whytcross

### Year 2

Consistency – Braxton Vearing  
Improvement – Cooper Power  
Encouragement – Thalia Singh  
Citizenship – Leila Forster

### Year 3/4

Consistency – Gemma Newman  
Improvement – Daniel Baltieri-Geaney  
Encouragement – Patrick Lawson  
Citizenship – Jayden Cafe

### Year 5/6

Consistency – Quade Callinan  
Improvement – Armani Mallamace  
Encouragement – Sahara Lawson  
Citizenship – Benn Moon

## Academic Achievement

Year 1 – Dean Serafin  
Year 2 – Michael Nehme  
Year 3 – Ryan Signor  
Year 4 – Matthew Baltieri-Geaney  
Year 5 – Isla Sergi  
Year 6 – Juleesa Twigg

## Dux of Yenda Public School 2020

Bodhi Brady

## Creative and Performing Arts Awards

Primary – Armani Mallamace  
Infants – Flynn Mallamace

## Directors Award

Sophie Roth

## Sportsperson of the Year

Lucas Signor

## Sports Encouragement Award

Primary - Sarah Bertollo  
Infants – Farrah Moon

## School Leadership Award

Sarah Bertollo, Bodhi Brady, Juleesa Twigg and Luke Wood





### Channels 2019

Yenda Public School's annual school magazine, "Channels", is available for purchase. The magazine is \$7.50. A note has been sent home. Please return your order form and money by Monday 16 December to order your copy of Channels 2019. Magazines will be sent home before the end of the term.

### P & C Movie Premiere Fundraiser.

Thank you for everyone's support. Our fundraiser was a huge success. Over 130 tickets were sold. The final amount raised for our school was \$1,090.50

### The Great Debate

On Wednesday 4 December the student debating team faced off against the teachers in a fierce debate about students' rights to bring their own technology to school. Mrs Kitchingman and Kaylee Brown had their work cut out for them as adjudicators with both teams performing well. The student team used arguments that the teachers had not anticipated, keeping the teachers on their toes as they prepared rebuttals. At the end of the debate, the teachers team was named as the winner... just!



### Barellan Pool

Our annual Kindergarten – Year 6 End of Year excursion this year is to Barellan Pool on Wednesday 18 December. Notes have already been sent home. Could you please ensure the permission slip and money are returned as soon as possible.

### Canteen

A huge thank you to our wonderful canteen volunteers. Each week they are providing tasty lunch options for our students and staff. Thank you to our volunteers for this week organising a sausage sizzle for canteen day this Thursday. Pre-orders are not required week. Sausages will be \$2.50.



### 2020 Class Placements and Teachers

Today we have sent home anticipated class lists and teachers for 2020. These lists are subject to change prior to the commencement of the 2020 school year. If any changes impact your child/ren, you will be notified prior to the first day of school.

All classes are composite classes next year. We would like ensure that all families understand that placement into composite classes is not completed based on academic levels. A number of factors such as friendship groups, maturity, learning styles and siblings are considered when placing students into classes. We have worked diligently to take into account any feedback provided via email and phone call following the invitation to do so in the newsletter.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's class placement, please contact Mrs Wallace or Mrs Conlan at the school to discuss. All of the teachers can't wait to get to know their classes tomorrow at our transition day!



## PBL Awards

### BRONZE AWARDS

*These awards are presented to those students who have received two mini-merit awards.*

#### Year 3/4

Kade Vearing

### SILVER AWARDS

*These awards are presented to those students who have received four mini-merit awards.*

#### Year 1

Emily Harman

#### Year 2

Noah Everett, Cooper Power, Aston Whytcross, Alex Bastianon, Thalia Singh and Ollie Smith

#### Year 3/4

Abbigeal Forrester-Duncan, Blake Forster, Mia Harris, Gemma Newman, Imogen Stockton and Leithan Wallace

#### Year 5/6

Juleesa Twigg, Lili Vaccari, Luke Wood and Tomas Goirigolzarri

### GOLD AWARDS

*These awards are presented to those students who have received six mini-merit awards*

#### Kindergarten

Isabella-Jane Apps, Emme Turner, Stella Forster, Amelia Ryan, Sienna Serafin Phoebe Vearing, Zacariah Cattermole and Willow Dunn

#### Year 1

Robert Nehme, Arlo Murphy, Jaxon Cafe, Eli Whytcross and Heather Wilkinson

#### Year 2

Leila Forster

#### Year 3/4

Ryan Signor

#### Year 5/6

Sahara Lawson, Logan Newman, Sophie Roth and Will Terrazas

### DIAMOND AWARD

*These awards are presented to those students who have received nine mini-merit awards.*

#### Year 1

Dean Serafin

## Class Awards

#### Kindergarten

Lewis Kelly, Stella Forster, Noah Signor and Jed Hall

#### Year 1

Jacinta Smith, Andrew Lagergren, Lara Hall & Benito Carusi

#### Year 2

Rowdy Damini, Luke Twigg, Cooper Power & Alex Bastianon

#### Year 3/4

Liam Brady, Jayden Cafe, Jaxsin Brown, Abbey Farrell & Mia Harris

#### Year 5/6

Sarah Bertollo, Bennjamin Moon, Armani Mallamace and Bodhi Brady

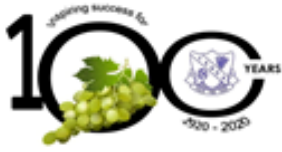
# Year 6 Fete

Wednesday

1 December 2019

11am - 1.30pm





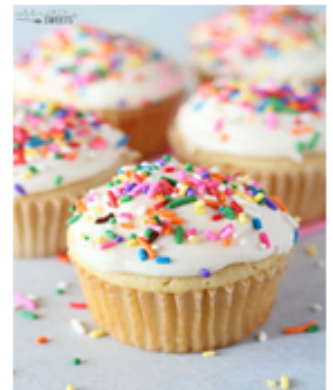
# Yenda Public School Centenary Committee

## NEED YOUR SUPPORT

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> December  
we will be having a street stall  
in Yenda

We are after any donations of  
cakes, Jams, Plants etc

Also if you have some  
spare time to help man  
the stall.



We would be very grateful for any assistance  
For details please contact Dee Cox, Donna Brasington or  
Lisa Brown or leave a message at the Yenda Post Office

## Thank you



# YENDA PS

## DISCO



**KINDY - YEAR 5**  
**7:30PM - 9PM**  
**\$3 ENTRY**

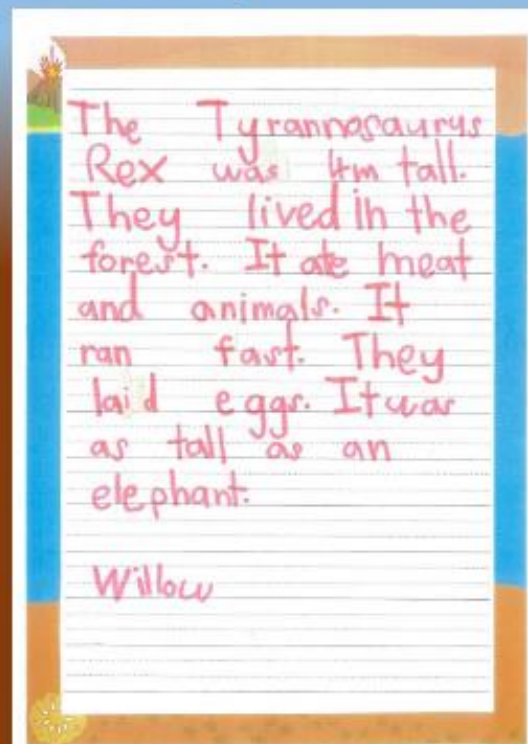
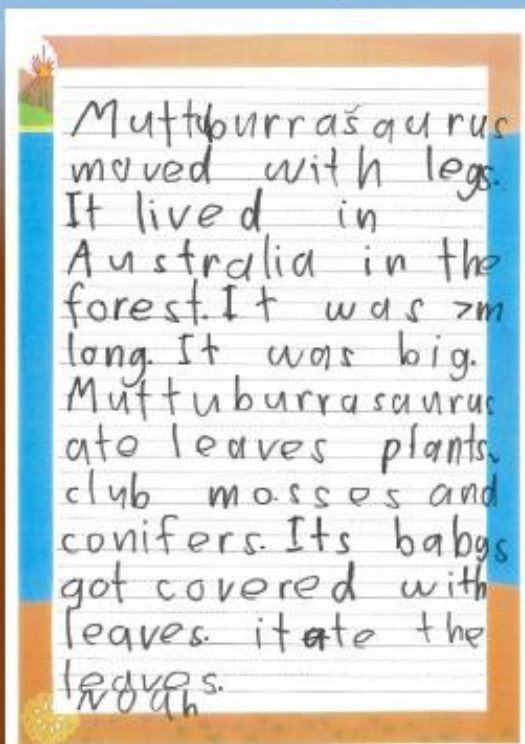
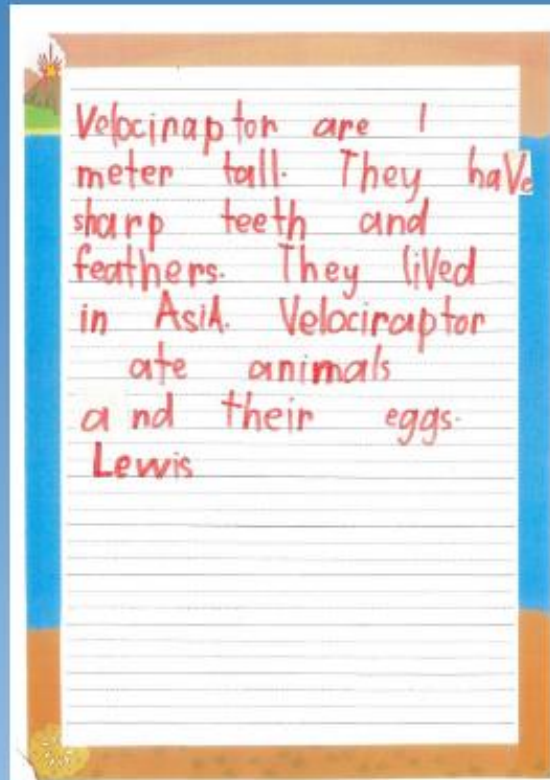
**Chips**  
**Lollies**  
**Drinks**

*available for purchase on the night*

**YEAR 6 WILL JOIN THE DISCO ON COMPLETION OF  
THEIR FAREWELL CEREMONY AND DINNER**

# Kindergarten Kapers

KB have been learning all about dinosaurs this term. We are dinosaur experts!!



Albertonectes had a long neck. It ate squid, shellfish and fish. They had live barbs and it looked blue and white and grey. I think it was ferocious!!!! It was not a dinosaurs because it swam in the ocean. It's fossil looks scary and bony and scary.

Iguanodon does have sharp nails and white stripes. It ate plants. The ran fast. Iguanodon chewed its food.

zacarlah

Albertonectes lived in the ocean. It's length was 1m.

Velociraptor ate meat. I lived in the forest. It was fast. They laid eggs. They had sharp teeth and a thin head and it had a thin tail.

Bella

Emme

Diplodocus was 5m tall and it is 27m long.

Diplodocus had a whip like tail. They lived by the plain at the edge of the forest. They ate conifers, club mosses, ferns and horse tails.

Diplodocus babies had to look after themselves. They had a tiny skull and brain:

stella

Protoceratops was 180 kilograms. It had a neck frill and had a heavy tail. It had a scaly skin. It walked on four legs. It ate cycads, palms. It laid long, thin eggs. It lived in sandy deserts. Amelia

Tyrannosaurus Rex was 4m tall. It had sharp teeth. It lived in the forest and it ate meat. It walked on two legs. It laid eggs.

phoebe

Ankylosaurus looked yellowish and orangey. He had a long tail. They lived near shallow seas in North America. They ate leaves. They walked on their legs and they laid eggs.

sienna

Kentrosaurus had a flexible neck. It measured 5m. It lived in the forests in East Africa. It ate plants. It laid eggs. It walked.

Kentrosaurus had 40 bones in its neck.  
Jed

Brachiosaurus lived in the forest. It was 45 feet long. It had small nostrils. They ate plants and ferns. It moved on four legs. Brachiosaurus died long ago.  
Chandre

Iguanodon had white stripes. He lived in the forest. He ate pine leaves and chewed his food. It walked with its head up. Iguanodon laid eggs.  
Leo