

Yenda Agenda

Yenda Public School

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Term 4 Week 9

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Principal's Report

Welcome to this week's edition of the Yenda Agenda, and my last report as Principal of this wonderful school!

This week we celebrated the graduation from Primary school of our spectacular Year 6 students. Looking back at their Kindy photos you can see how they have come through primary school full of personality and leave us with a greater sense of purpose. They should all be incredibly proud of their achievements and know that all of the staff at Yenda Public School are thrilled to have shared their educational journey this far.

It will be a week of further farewells next week with Mrs Conlan, Mrs Long and Ms Mac finishing their time at Yenda Public alongside me. I thank them for their support, dedication to your children, and fun and laughter along the way. Without amazing staff, schools just can't succeed. I wish them all the very best for their future careers.

While I was able to get through my Presentation Night address without tears (just), I have felt a huge range of emotions this week as I prepare to leave Yenda Public School. I have been incredibly privileged to have been a part of this vibrant school community for the past 3 years, and relish the support from the students, staff and community during this time. We have truly seen the school grow in so many ways throughout this time, and I am sure it will continue to thrive under the careful guidance of Mr Workman.

I have been reminded these past weeks of how important it is to be present. To take in the tiny details, the sights, sounds and smells of the world that we love. As I write this, I can see the

rose garden from my office, and am reminded of the bunch of roses on my desk from Mrs Conlan on my first day at Yenda Public School. I see the paintings on the walls of my office that have been gifted to me by students both past and present. I can hear the joy and laughter of the students as they play and learn through my open window, and I feel strong emotions because I will miss them dearly. How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.

But goodbyes are not forever, and they are certainly not the end. It simply means I'll miss you until I see you all again!

Echo and I look forward to coming back to Yenda to celebrate the Centenary in October next year. I wish Mr Workman all the very best as he steps into the privileged position of Principal at Yenda Public School.

Have a wonderful, relaxing, safe and festive holiday period.

Bel Wallace
Principal

CALENDAR 2019 - Term 4 Week 10

Wednesday 18 Dec	Barellan Pool Day
	Final day for students

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

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.

Barellan Pool

Unfortunately due to the extremely hot weather predicted for Wednesday, we have opted to cancel the Barellan Pool day. While we are disappointed, we value the safety and health of our students and staff.

We have arranged an excursion to Griffith City Cinemas in place of this activity. Please complete the permission note ASAP and return it to the office.

End of Year Movie Celebration

In place of the Barellan Pool Day we will be taking all students K-6 to the cinema to see a movie. A permission note has been sent home today with details. The movies on offer are

- Playing with Fire (Year 3-6)
- Playmobil: The Movie (K-2)

Students will get a movie ticket, small drink and popcorn for \$15. If you have already paid for Barellan Pool (\$10) and ordered sausages (\$3 each), no further payment is necessary.

Please do not send students with extra money for lollies or other treats from the cinema, as time will not permit them to purchase items.

A sausage sizzle will be held at school after the movie for lunch.

Gold and Diamond Award Winners

It is the end of our first semester of Gold, Silver and Bronze awards! All students who have received a gold award by the end of last week are invited to attend a pizza picnic with the Principal on Tuesday 17 December. Mrs Wallace can't wait to celebrate the student's outstanding achievements and behaviour with this special treat.

Students who have achieved diamond level will be treated to a surprise from Mrs Wallace on the Movie Celebration Day.

We look forward to further refining these systems throughout 2020.

Canteen

We would like to thank Bethany Power, Tanieka Hall and Hannah Harman for running the canteen at the end of this term. They have been working with the school and the Healthy Canteen coordinator to ensure that it is ready and rearing to go in 2020.

The canteen will be open on Thursdays next year, and will be run by Bethany, Tanieka and Hannah as volunteers. They will require help from our parent community. If you would like to see the canteen remain open, it is strongly recommended that you help when you can!

A menu for 2020 has been attached to the newsletter, but please note that there may be some changes prior to the start of the year.

Christmas Mass times at St. Therese Catholic Church- Yenda.

Christmas Eve- 24th December 6.30pm.

No Mass on Christmas morning at Yenda.

8 am at Hanwood

9.30am at Yoogali.

Reconciliation: Saturday 21st Dec Yoogali 10.30=11.30am

Monday 23rd Dec Yoogali 7pm= 8pm.



On behalf of Mrs Mott, Miss Allan and myself, I wish all our families and very happy Christmas, safe holidays and God's Blessings throughout 2020.

Maryanne Harmer.

Disco

DJ Chris Sutton had the music pumping and the students jumping at the end of year disco. Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed such a fun end of year activity and especially the P & C for selling glow products and opening the canteen.



Year 6 Farewell

On Thursday 12 December the Year 6 class of 2019 gathered at the Yenda Diggers Club to celebrate their graduation from Primary School. Joined by family and staff, we celebrated their many achievements throughout their years at Yenda Public School, and shared a few tears of pride and joy. They are a truly remarkable group of students who we are certain will inspire greatness in the world.

Thank you to the Year 5 parents who assisted on the night, it couldn't have happened without you!



Year 6 Fete

Our annual Year 6 Fete was a huge success. The Year 5/6 students hosted many events: Harry Potter Café, Yabby Races, Slip n Slide, Soft Drink Pong, Haunted House to name a few. The managed to raise funds of \$1,100 from the Fete. This along with \$350 from the raffle from Presentation Night allows our students to purchase a gift for the school.







12th December 2019

Dear Yenda Residents and Surrounding Community Members,

Yenda Skate Park Update

This is an exciting time for the town of Yenda. You would all know by now, that our application through the My Community Project funding, obtained the most votes in the whole of the Murray Electorate. We were up against many very exciting and interesting projects, but the residents of Yenda voted, and our community project was awarded \$200,000.

We would like to acknowledge everyone who cast a vote. Without your support our community would not have this opportunity.

The purpose of this letter is to explain what has happened since we heard we were awarded the funding and what will happen over the next 12 months.

Once we heard the news that we were successful, Yenda Public School staff and I have been working to secure the funding. We needed to provide multiple documents to the Grants Management Office by 10th December. The documents were lodged on 5th December and we were notified shortly after that we had secured the funding. Our budget is \$200,000. We have secured 50% of this already. To secure the rest, we must provide milestone reports and evidence that the project is progressing and finished within the next 12 months.

Who will build and design the Yenda Community Skate Park?

We have been working with CONVIC, a skate park design and construction company from Melbourne, Victoria. They were the only company that provided us with a proposal so we could lodge the initial application. CONVIC have worked on similar sized community funded skate parks including the new skate park in Howlong.

We have been communicating with them recently and we plan to hold a design and consultation day in late January/early February 2020. We will be inviting all members of the community, including the youth of Yenda, so they can have a say in the design process. CONVIC will guide the community through this process and will work within our funding budget.

CONVIC are a company who design and build skate parks all around the world. For more information on CONVIC head to their website <https://convic.com/>.

Council Requirements

The Yenda Community Skate Park must meet all of Griffith City Council requirements before any construction can take place. A DA has not been lodged so far. We needed to secure the funding prior to any work on the project commencing. We will continue an open discussion with Griffith City Council to ensure we meet all requirements within the 12-month timeframe of the funding deed.

Location

There has been a lot of discussion about the location of the Yenda Community Skate Park. During the voting process Yenda Memorial Park, Yenda Pl, was identified as the location of choice. The reason for Memorial Park being the location of choice is that it is an excellent place for the skate park to be located as it provides families, residents and visitors the following facilities:

- Toilets
- Shade
- Playground equipment
- BBQ
- Tennis Courts
- Supervision
- Access to shops
- Large opened grassed areas
- Lighting
- Yenda Memorial Park has very few residents living close by to the proposed location.

Furthermore, a skate park provides a facility for adults and children of all ages to socialise, to be active, to improve their skills and to have fun.

I do understand the concerns of the residents who are objecting to this location however locating the skate park in the centre of town will help attract people to the town.

The budget for the skate park is small and doesn't extend to building a new BBQ facility, a new toilet block, installing new shade sales or new seating if it were to be built in a different location.

Providing our town with a new facility is a major step forward for Yenda. We are excited and look forward to working with Yenda Public School, Griffith City Council, Yenda Residents and CONVIC over the next 12 months.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me on 0467681007.

Kind Regards,

Ann Furner
Yenda Skate Park Project Volunteer.



Yenda Public School Canteen Menu 2020

Hot Food

Grilled Chicken Wrap \$4.50

Lasagne \$3.50

Mac & Cheese \$3.50

Sausage Roll \$3.50

Party Pie \$1.00ea

Pizza (Cheese & bacon) \$3.50

Chicken Nuggets (6) \$3.50



Snacks

Snak Pack custard
(Chocolate,
Strawberry, Vanilla)
\$2.00

Popcorn \$1.00

Raspberry Jelly 50c

Redrock Deli Sea salt
chips \$1.50

Burgers

Plain burger (meat & sauce)
\$4.00

Cheese burger (meat, cheese and
sauce) \$4.50

Super burger (meat, cheese &
salad) \$5.00

Chicken burger (flame grilled
chicken patty, mayo & lettuce)
\$4.50

Frozen Snacks

Quelch fruit stick (orange, pineapple,
mango, tropical) 50c

Ice many freeze pops ice-cream
sticks chocolate \$1.00

Ice many 99% fruit juice freeze pops
lemon ice \$1.00

Ice many TNT sour ice 99% fruit
juice (red berry blast, blue
raspberry) \$1.00

Drinks

Glee fizzy (raspberry,
tropical, Blackcurrant,
Bubbligum) \$2.50

Milk (strawberry,
chocolate, plain) \$2.50

Juice (apple, orange)
\$1.50

Water Bottle \$2.00

Toasties

Cheese Toastie \$2.00

Cheese & Tomato Toastie
\$2.50

Cheese and Ham Toastie
\$2.50

Ham Cheese & Tomato
Toastie \$3.00

Fruit

Apple Slinky \$1.00

Banana \$1.00

Watermelon Slice
50c (term 1 & 4
only)

Carrot and
cucumber sticks
\$1.00 (term 1 & 4
only)