



# Yenda Agenda



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## Principal Report

### *Mrs Nicholle Callinan - Relieving Principal*

Well we have finished the year! I am so proud of all the students and staff who have demonstrated flexibility and resilience especially in these last few weeks! I would like to thank YPS staff for always thinking of what is best for our students and putting them first always! With all of the changes we have had to make, due to events that were out of our control, to ensure our students receive the fun days they deserve, the staff at Yenda did so without one complaint! So I thank you for your dedication and commitment in ensuring our students ended on a high note.

We held the Year 6 Grad on Tuesday night. Thank you to all staff who pulled together to ensure this was an incredible night! Thank you to Ann Rogerson for catering and ensuring we had a delicious meal! I would like to thank all the Year 5 parents who helped, served and cleaned up at the end of the night. Thank you to everyone who has supported me this year in the relieving principal role at YPS. Have a safe holidays everyone! See you next year!

## Dates for your Calendar 2024

### **Thursday 1 February**

Years 1-6 students commence

### **Friday 2 February**

Kindergarten students  
commence

### **Wednesday 7 February**

School Swimming Carnival

### **Monday 26 February**

Student Leaders Event at Regional  
Theatre

### **Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 March**

Young Leaders Conference-Sydney

# 2024

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	29 January	30 January	31 January	1 February 1-6 students commence 2024	2 February Kindergarten students commence 2024
<b>Week 2</b>	5 February	6 February	7 February School Swimming Carnival	8 February	9 February
<b>Week 3</b>	12 February	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February
<b>Week 4</b>	19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February
<b>Week 5</b>	26 February Student Leaders Event at Regional Theatre	27 February	28 February	29 February	1 March

## Staffing Structure 2024

Principal: Nikki Callinan (Term 1)

Assistant Principal: Michelle Perez (Acting)

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction: Brooke Drayton (Relieving) 2 days per week

School Administration Manager (SAM): Tanya Cornale

School Administration Officer (SAO): Vicki Gooda (2 days) Tammy Hirst (2 days)

General Assistants (GA) Neil Grant & John McMahon

Classroom Teachers:

KQ-Isabella Quarisa

1/2V-Vanessa Viselli

1/2B- Lisa Brown

3/4B- Sarah Brown

4/5P- Michelle Perez

6K- Rachel Kirkman (3 days), T1- Simone Young (2 days) T2-4 Anna Melvin (2 days)

Student Learning Support Officers:

Lisa Marando- 5 days

Kellyanne Edis- 4 days

Tiarna Spratt- 4 days

Ella Farronato- 3 days

Lisa Cassidy- 2 days



Learning Support and RFF Teachers:

Simone Young (3 days) T1

Katrina Ceccato (3 days)

Brooke Drayton (1 day)

## 2024 School Captains

Congratulations to our school captains for 2024.  
We look forward to seeing you succeed in your leadership roles next year!

Peyton Callinan  
Jaxon Cafe

Rikki-Claire Damini  
Dean Serafin



## Farewell to Staff

I am deeply honoured to acknowledge the outstanding career and service of Sue Chilvers and Isabelle Gilbert, who will be retiring at the end of this academic year. They have been an integral part of our Yenda community, contributing immeasurably to the growth and success of our school. Your legacy of compassion and excellence will undoubtedly endure, and you will be sincerely missed.

Thank you and farewell to our SLSOs who are leaving us next year. We wish you all the best!

**Mia Paton, Olivia Scott & Susan Armanini**



## Canteen

Canteen days for 2024 are now

Wednesday: Recess only (over the counter)

Friday: Fruit break, lunch and Recess

The canteen will open from Week 2 onwards.

**NO CANTEEN FRIDAY WEEK 1**

## Canteen Roster Term 1 2024

Fri 9 Feb	8.30am - 12pm	Amanda Charles
	1pm - 2.30pm	Tegan Richards
Wed 14 Feb	1.15pm - 2.15pm	Lisa Badoco
Fri 16 Feb	8.30am - 12pm	Amanda Charles
	1pm - 2.30pm	Lucy Morris

## Supplies for 2024 Years 3 – 6

As we come to the end of another year, we wish to inform you of supplies that are required for Year 3-6 students next year. This may help with your shopping over the holiday period. The school provides a variety of materials for students to use at school; however, we would appreciate it if the students are able to provide the following items for personal use:

### PLEASE BRING

- Fine point blue/red ball point pen
- 30cm ruler marked in mm and cm (no metal rulers please)
- Set of coloured pencils
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- HB and 2B pencils x 6
- 2 glue sticks
- Medium size pencil case
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- Textas
- A4 clipboard
- Whiteboard markers
- USB
- Headphones

### PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- Click pens or pencils
- Fluffy/overweight pens/pencils
- Novelty pens/pencils
- Liquid paper
- Gel pens
- Compasses (school will provide these)
- Felt tip pens
- Big pencil cases

### K-6 Students

2 boxes of tissues

### K-2 Students

These students are not required to provide classroom equipment.

## Stem

Well done to these students for receiving STEM awards from MRHS! We are so proud of you!





**YENDA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PRESENTATION NIGHT 2023**

**CLASS AWARDS**

**1/2P**

Citizenship — Jasmine Vearing  
Encouragement — Quade Walter  
Visual Arts and Creativity — Kenzi Ward  
Reading — Felicity Stockton

**1/2Q**

Citizenship — Savannah Riggs  
Encouragement — Sawyer Rossetto  
Visual Arts and Creativity — Lara Evans  
Reading — Jyiden Knight

**3/4B**

Citizenship — Emme Turner  
Encouragement — Joie Damini  
Visual Arts and Creativity — Austin Lodding  
Reading — Willow Dunn

**4/5C**

Citizenship — Heather Wilkinson  
Encouragement — Lara Hall  
Visual Arts and Creativity — Porsha Carusi  
Reading — Amelia Ryan

**5/6B**

Citizenship — Flynn Mallamace  
Encouragement — Shaeanna Stafford  
Visual Arts and Creativity — Jacinta Smith  
Reading — Samara Sergi

**INFANTS MAJOR AWARDS**

Citizenship — Sienna Cafe  
Academic — Georgie Harman  
Improvement — George Turner  
Encouragement — Noah Ryan  
Visual Arts and Creativity — Macie Everett  
Library — Evelyn Richardson  
Sports Encouragement — Jagat Singh

**PRIMARY MAJOR AWARDS**

Citizenship — Aiden Twigg  
Academic — Luke Twigg  
Improvement — Dominic Cirillo  
Encouragement — Cooper Power  
Visual Arts and Creativity — Megan Newman  
Library — Elizabeth Starr  
Sports Encouragement — Tetaulu Refalo

**GRADE AWARDS**

Year 1 Improvement — Tyson Higgins  
Year 2 Improvement — Nate Badoco  
Year 3 Improvement — Alex Rossetto  
Year 4 Improvement — Sienna Serafin  
Year 5 Improvement — Maeve Powell  
Year 6 Improvement — Thalia Singh

Year 1 Academic — Layla Gordon  
Year 2 Academic — Chantelle Power  
Year 3 Academic — Damon Tsai Kellett  
Year 4 Academic — Noah Signor  
Year 5 Academic — Jaxon Cafe  
Year 6 Academic — Jack Millis

Directors Award — Jaden Vearing  
Sportsperson of the Year — Rowdy Damini  
Dux of Year 6 — Michael Nehme

Acknowledgement of 2023 Leaders  
Rowdy Damini, Leila Forster, Flynn Mallamace, Farrah Moon

2024 Leaders  
Peyton Callinan, Rikki-Claire Damini, Jaxon Cafe, Dean Serafin

Kindergarten Book Awards:  
Charles Atkins, Heath Bull, Harper Coenradi, Indie Crowe, Emma Curran, Kayden Dwyer Wilson, Alexi Heffer, Rylan Lane, Ryder Lawrence, David Linnell, Scarlett Preuss, Rupert Rosenow, Blayze Ross, Lexi Tsai Kellett, Ivy Walter, Bethany Wilkinson

*Congratulations!*

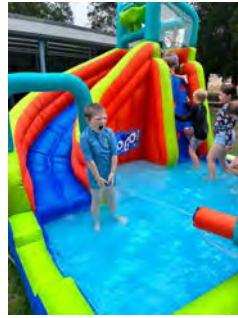


# Presentation Night

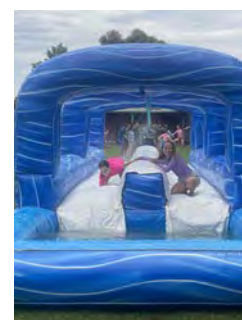




# PBL Celebration Day









# Year 6 Farewell





# School Disco Day





# Diamond Reward Day





## Mrs Sue-Ellen Chilvers Retirement Speech

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues, friends, and family,

Good evening. Tonight is a very special occasion for me, a moment that marks the end of a remarkable journey that has spanned over four decades in the world of education. As I stand before you, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and reflection on the countless experiences, challenges, and triumphs that have defined my career.

Starting with the initial moments of helping kindergarten students take their first steps into the world of learning and progressing through the later years of moulding the minds of Year 6 students, every class has represented a distinct chapter in my journey. Witnessing the growth, curiosity, and enthusiasm of multiple generations of students has been a privilege. Reflecting on my time as a teacher, it's incredible to consider that I've interacted with well over 600 students!

A significant part of my journey was spent as a Reading Recovery teacher for a decade. There's a certain magic that unfolds when a young mind discovers the world of reading. Your eagerness to learn and the joy in your eyes as new worlds opened through words have been the most rewarding aspects of my career.

Later, I embraced the role of a teacher-librarian, introducing many to the enchanting realms of literature. The library became more than just a room with books; it transformed into a sanctuary of imagination, a place where stories came alive, and your thirst for knowledge found a home. What an exciting year 2023 has been with the refurbishment of the library into a welcoming modern space of lounges, cushions and even a round table! I am proud to leave it looking so inviting!

In the final part of my career, I took on the responsibilities of an Assistant Principal, focusing on curriculum and instruction. Collaborating with dedicated educators, we worked to shape the foundation of your learning experiences. Your enthusiasm for education has been a constant inspiration, and it's this passion that

propels me into retirement with a sense of fulfillment. I believe that with the change in curriculum, I am leaving the students of tomorrow in very safe hands.

As I bid farewell to this chapter of my life; to the 16 principals and relieving Principals I have worked with, and the many, many colleagues I have taught with, walked beside and even mentored, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you. Thank you for your support, your laughter, and the shared moments that have made this journey so meaningful. How can we forget those staff items at School Concerts, dressing up as characters for Book Week each year and some very memorable staff Christmas parties with our own special Secret Santa game! Each of you has played a crucial role in my story, and I carry with me the memories of our shared experiences into the next phase of my life.

I also wish to add a part of this journey that goes beyond the scope of my professional journey but is integral to the person I am today.

Tonight is not just a celebration of the conclusion of my 40-year teaching career, but it's also a moment to express my deepest gratitude to the pillars of strength who have stood by me through every challenge, and every triumph.



To my husband, Peter, your unwavering support has been my anchor. You've been the steady presence that allowed me to navigate the unpredictable seas of education. Your encouragement, understanding, and shared joy in my accomplishments have meant more to me than words can express. Thank you for being my partner in this incredible journey.

And to my beautiful daughters, Paula, Emily and Elizabeth, your love and understanding have been a constant source of inspiration. In the ebb and flow of a demanding career, you've been my sanctuary—the place where I found solace, joy, and unwavering support. Your presence at every milestone, and every moment of celebration has made this journey richer and more meaningful.

As I transition into retirement, I am keenly aware that your sacrifices and support have played an integral role in my ability to devote myself to the profession I love. Your patience during long hours, your understanding during moments of stress, especially during report writing, and your shared excitement during moments of triumph have defined this chapter of my life.

So, tonight, I want to publicly express my deepest gratitude. Thank you for being my foundation, my sounding board, and my greatest cheerleaders. This retirement is not just mine; it's ours - a collective achievement that we celebrate as a family.

As we embark on this new phase of our lives together, I look forward to more moments of shared joy, laughter, and the simple pleasures that make life beautiful, especially with our growing family including my grandchildren, Angus, Isla and Adelaide. Thank you, Peter and Paula, Emily and Elizabeth, for being the wind beneath my wings.

Retirement marks a transition, not an end. It's a shift from one chapter to the next, and I look forward to the adventures that await. Our caravan may even leave "Pinefields" on an adventure somewhere in Australia, or perhaps our longing for another overseas adventure will be fulfilled! Thank you for being a part of my story, for the laughter, the challenges, and the friendship. I am immensely grateful, and I am truly blessed to have spent these 40 years in the noble profession of teaching.

Here's to new beginnings, continued learning, and the joy that each day brings. And I leave you with a quote I found recently:

"Retired teachers make the best Grandmas!" Thank you!



## **Mrs Sue-Ellen Chilvers' message to the students**

Good [morning/afternoon/evening],

It's with a mix of emotions that I stand before you today, knowing that this is not just any ordinary day. Today marks the culmination of a journey that has spanned over forty years - a journey filled with joy, challenges, and countless moments of growth, both for me and, I hope, for all of you.

As I look out at each familiar face, from the little ones I met in Kindergarten to the more mature faces in Years 6, I'm reminded of the privilege it has been to share in your educational journeys. Each one of you has left a lasting mark on my heart, and it's your energy, curiosity, and determination that have made these 40 years in education truly special.

For ten years, I worked as a Reading Recovery teacher, helping kids learn to read. Seeing the excitement in your eyes when you discover a new world through words has been the best part of my job. Your eagerness to learn and the joy of reading are the things I treasure most.

After that, I became a teacher-librarian, showing many of you the amazing world of books. The library turned into a place of imagination, where stories came to life, and your love for learning had a space of its own.

As I bid farewell to this chapter of my life, I want to express my deepest gratitude. Thank you, students, for your enthusiasm, your questions, and the countless moments of joy you've brought into my classroom and my heart. Your laughter, your challenges, and your achievements will forever be etched in my memory.

Remember that education is a lifelong journey, and as you continue to learn and grow, I hope you carry the lessons of curiosity, resilience, and a passion for knowledge with you.

As I embark on a new adventure called retirement, I take with me the joy of having been a small part of your lives. Thank you for allowing me to be your teacher, librarian, and guide. I wish each one of you a future filled with success, fulfillment, and a continued love for learning.

May the journey ahead be as rewarding for you as it has been for me. As the poet A.A. Milne wrote, "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."

Thank you and farewell.





The students were treated with a special Christmas surprise,  
thanks to the Yenda Public School Staff!  
Thanks for coming Mr Twister!



  
**MERRY**  
**Christmas**  
*From*  
*Yenda Public*  
*School*

