



Term 1 Week 5

Yenda Agenda



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Principal Report

What a great week it has been at Yenda Public School. Our students have been embracing new learning opportunities and representing our school with pride.

Nine of our senior students attended a debating workshop, where they worked on refining their skills in critical thinking, persuasive speaking, and teamwork. It was a great chance for them to build confidence and prepare for future competitions.

Our school captains had the privilege of attending the School Leaders event at the Griffith Regional Theatre. They listened to inspiring leaders who shared their experiences and insights on leadership. A highlight of the event was receiving their leadership badges and certificates from the Griffith Mayor, Doug Curran, Helen Dalton, State Member for Murray and also Jayne Gill, Director, Educational Leadership. This was an honour that recognises their commitment to being positive role models within our school.

It has been wonderful to see so many parents attending our 3-way goal-setting meetings. These meetings are an invaluable opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to work together in setting clear goals for learning and personal growth. Strong partnerships between school and home make a significant impact, and we truly appreciate your involvement in supporting our students.

Mrs Nicholle Callinan - Principal



Yenda Public School Term 1 2025

| Term 1 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Week 6 | 3 March | 4 March Zone Swimming Carnival | 5 March | 6 March | 7 March Zone Touch Trials |
| Week 7 | March 10 | March 11 | March 12 NAPLAN-Writing | March 13 NAPLAN-Reading | March 14 |
| Week 8 | March 17 NAPLAN- Conventions of Language | March 18 NAPLAN-Numeracy | March 19 | March 20 | March 21 |
| Week 9 | March 24 Young Leaders Conference - Sydney | March 25 Young Leaders Conference - Sydney | March 26 | March 27 SRC Crazy Hair Day | March 28 Whole School Assembly 2pm 2/3B & 3/4B |
| Week 10 | March 31 | April 1 | April 2 Cross Country | April 3 | April 4 |
| Week 11 | April 7 | April 8 | April 9 Easter Hat Parade & Family Picnic | April 10 | April 11 Last day of term 1 |

Dates for your Calendar 2025

Wednesday 12 - Friday 21 March

NAPLAN Test Window

Monday 24 - Tuesday 25 March

Young Leaders Conference - Sydney

Thursday 27 March

SRC Crazy Hair Day

Friday March 28

Whole School Assembly - 2pm

Items by 2/3B & 3/4B

Wednesday 2 April

Cross Country

Wednesday 9 April

Easter Hat Parade & Family Picnic



CHANGE: Delivery of our School Newsletter- Yenda Agenda

Our school newsletter is currently available via the school website, email, our school Facebook page, School Bytes and the NSW Education Parent App. Due to the size of the newsletter and ongoing email delivery issues, **we will no longer be sending it via email after the end of this term.**

From Term 2, you can access our newsletter through any of these 4 platforms: the **school website, school Facebook page, NSW Education Parent App and School Bytes.** If you need any assistance with accessing these, feel free to visit the school office- we're happy to help!



School Bytes



At Yenda PS our main way of communicating with you for excursions and payments is through School Bytes. Please ensure you have this App downloaded onto your phone with notifications enabled.

Please regularly check this!

If you know your child has an excursion coming up or needs consent to participate in an event, School Bytes is where you will need to go.

Options available through School Bytes at the moment:

- excursion/activities payments and consent
- payments for school uniforms pieces - includes price list.
- School Newsletter

NSW Education Parent App

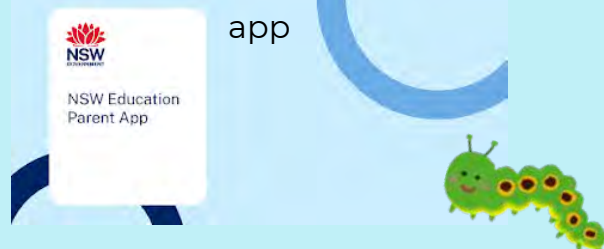
The NSW Education Parent App is an app developed and endorsed by the department, free for schools and parents and carers to use, and is synced with the School Website service (SWS)

Key features of the app for parents and carers include:

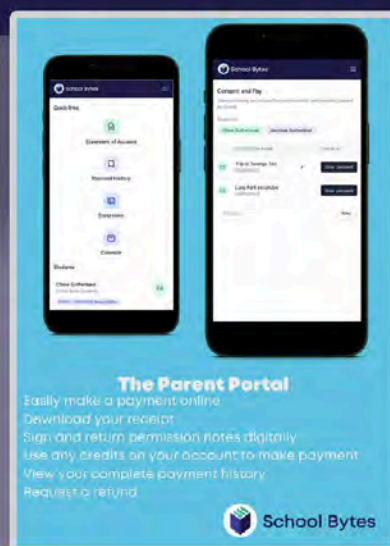
- newsletters
- upcoming events and calendar notifications
- emergency notification including school closures
- enrolment resources such as School Finder and Start a new enrolment application
- learning resources such as everyday Maths and Parents and Carers toolkit
- ability to translate default language

For more information:

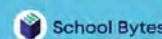
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/technology/nsw-education-parent-app>



AVAILABLE NOW!



The Parent Portal
Easily make a payment online
Download your receipt
Sign and return permission notes digitally
Use any credits on your account to make payment
View your complete payment history
Request a refund



Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit
<https://parentportal.nsw.edu.au>



Special Religious Education (SRE)

Scripture (SRE) lessons at Yenda are on Wednesday afternoons. Catholic, Other Denominations of Christian Faith as well as Non Scripture lessons are offered. If you would like your child to participate in these lessons, please ensure the school has been notified on which scripture class your child is to attend.



Reminders



A reminder to all students and families that the play equipment is OUT OF BOUNDS before and after school. This equipment is only to be used when there is teacher supervision. We appreciate parents keeping their younger children off this equipment at pick up times as well. Thank you.



Term 1 Class Assemblies

Yenda PS assemblies start at 2pm, and occur twice a term in the school hall.

Term 1:

Week 9: Friday 28 March
Items by 2/3B & 3/4B



NAPLAN 2025 Parent and Carer Information

Each year the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is undertaken by students in Years 3,5,7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2025 testing window is between **Wednesday 12 March to Friday 21 March**. Students will participate in 4 tests.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school learning assessment program. The tests assess the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will undertake activities to help students become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. The public demonstration site (<https://nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>) is available to see the types of questions, tools and functions used in NAPLAN tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/parent-information>).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.



School Leaders Event

On Wednesday 26 February, our School Captains were invited to attend the Annual School Leaders event held by Griffith City Council. They were presented with a pin and a certificate from Mayor Doug Curran, Helen Dalton and Jayne Gill.



Letters to the Elderly

Our P&C President, Mark Richards, had the privilege of handing letters written by YPS Students to the Pioneer's Lodge for the national 'Letter to an Elder Day.' Our students enjoyed writing the letters to the elders of our community who loved receiving them. It was great to bring some happiness to our greater community!



Debating

On Monday, some of our students participated in a debating workshop held at Griffith North Public School. They learnt debating skills such as rebuttals, developing a quality argument using the correct structure and public speaking skills. They participated in many fun games throughout the day! Our students are becoming well-prepared for The Premiers Debating Challenge this year!



Sporting Trials



Last week, the trials for zone basketball were held in Griffith. Both Danielle Smith and Damon Tsai-Kellett played exceptionally well, however were unsuccessful in making the next round.

Earlier this week, trials for zone soccer were held at Collina Oval. YPS was represented by some of our talented soccer players.

Well done to Joie Damini and Noah Signor who demonstrated their amazing soccer skills, but were unsuccessful in making it the next round.

Congratulations to Sienna Serafin, Willow Dunn, Sophie Wallace, and Danielle Smith who were successful, and will now try out for the PSSA Riverina team.



Assembly Awards

Principal Award - Willow Dunn

Class Awards

KQ - Sophie Curran, Stevie Smith, Nixon Lawrence, Ava Storrier

1V - Riley Meginley, Zayn Wheeler, Phoebe Ryan, Bailey Brown

2/3B - Jade Savage, Blake Chapman, Jyiden Knight, Indie Crowe, Scarlett Preuss

3/4B - Scarlett Richards, Jasmine Vearing, Noah Ryan, Georgie Harman, Felicity Stockton, Layla Gordon

5/6P - Roman Badoco, Amelia Ryan, Jed Hall, Danielle Smith, Skye Evans, Willow Dunn

Congratulations



Baby News!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Drayton, husband Nathan and son Memphis have welcomed a little girl into their gorgeous family.

Welcome to the world Kinsley!

Please join us in congratulating the Drayton family on this joyous occasion.



More Baby News!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Tiarna, husband Dean, and their daughters Violet and Heidi have welcomed another little girl into their beautiful family.

Welcome to the world Sage!

Please join us in congratulating the Spratt family on this joyous occasion.



Introducing Yenda Public School's School Learning Support Officers



Kellyanne Humphreys

I am new to the farming world. I currently have 2 alpacas - Al and Mac - 6 chooks and some sheep.



Lisa Marando

I'd love to travel to Italy one day and try all their amazing food!



Lisa Cassidy

I look forward to travelling to the UK sometime soon to holiday and retrace family heritage.



Caprice Crowe

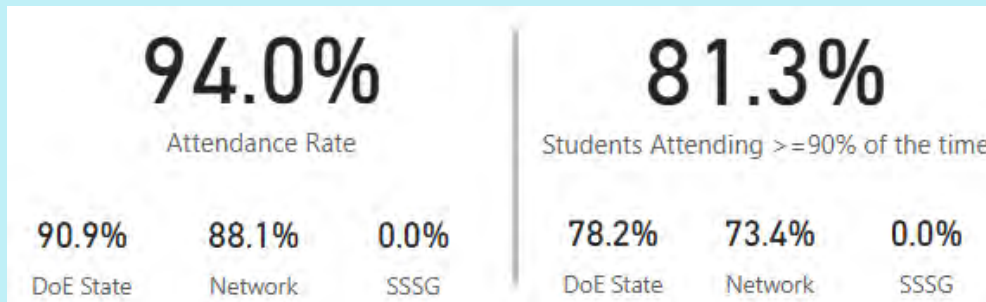
I enjoy playing any sport that involves running, especially league tag! My favourite meal is Spag bol!



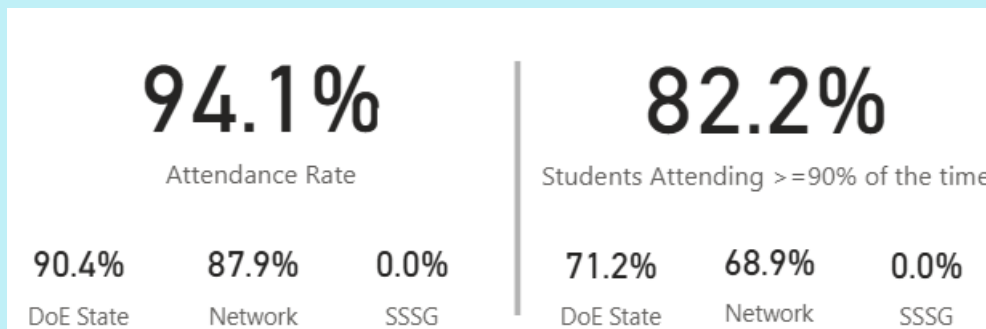
School Attendance Matters



Yenda PS-Week 4



Yenda PS-Week 5



Clean Up Australia Day

Today, our students participated in Clean Up Australia Day. They all put on their gloves and walked around with their garbage bags tidying up our school grounds. Thank you to all of our students for showing their caring side and cleaning up the environment!



Term 1 Class PE Timetable



| | KQ | 1V | 2/3B | 3/4B | 5/6P |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Week 6 | Thursday 6 March | Monday 3 March | Tuesday 4 March | Tuesday 4 March | Wednesday 5 March |
| Week 7 | Thursday 13 March | Monday 10 March | Tuesday 11 March | Tuesday 11 March | Wednesday 12 March |
| Week 8 | Thursday 20 March | Monday 17 March | Tuesday 18 March | Tuesday 18 March | Wednesday 19 March |
| Week 9 | Thursday 27 March | Monday 24 March | Tuesday 25 March | Tuesday 25 March | Wednesday 26 March |
| Week 10 | Cross Country | Cross Country | Cross Country | Cross Country | Cross Country |
| Week 11 | Thursday 10 April | Monday 7 April | Tuesday 8 April | Tuesday 8 April | Wednesday 9 April |

Full sport uniform is to be worn on these days.




Whole school sport day is Friday

Summer Sports Uniform

Sports uniform for both boys and girls is the school sports shirt, navy shorts (no white or coloured logos), white socks and joggers. Bike pants and PSSA shorts are not our school uniform.



P&C & 2025 AGM MEETING

ALL
WELCOME!

25 MARCH 6PM
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Canteen Roster Term 1 2025

Thank you to our parent and family members who volunteer their time to assist in our canteen. If you are rostered on at the canteen and are unable to make your shift, please contact Amanda Charles on 0421570077

Wednesday

| | | |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 5 March | 1.15pm-2.15pm | Tara Betts |
| 12 March | 1.15pm-2.15pm | Tara Betts |
| 19 March | 1.15pm-2.15pm | Lisa Badoco |
| 26 March | 1.15pm-2.15pm | Lisa Badoco |
| 2 April | 1.15pm-2.15pm | Closed Cross Country |
| 9 April | 1.15pm-2.15pm | Tara Betts |

Friday

| | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7 March | 8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm | Ann Furner |
| 14 March | 8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm | Suzanne Clark Alison Ryan |
| 21 March | 8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm | Suzanne Clark Alison Ryan |
| 28 March | 8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm | Lucy Morris |
| 4 April | 8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm | Suzanne Clark Alison Ryan |
| 11 April | 8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm | Suzanne Clarke Alison Ryan |



In 1V, we've been learning about different artists and their styles. We've also tried creating art like Keith Haring, known for his bold lines, bright colors, and energetic figures. This helped us understand how Haring used simple shapes and symbols to share strong messages while letting us express ourselves in a similar way.



Jager



Sienna



Isac



Lee



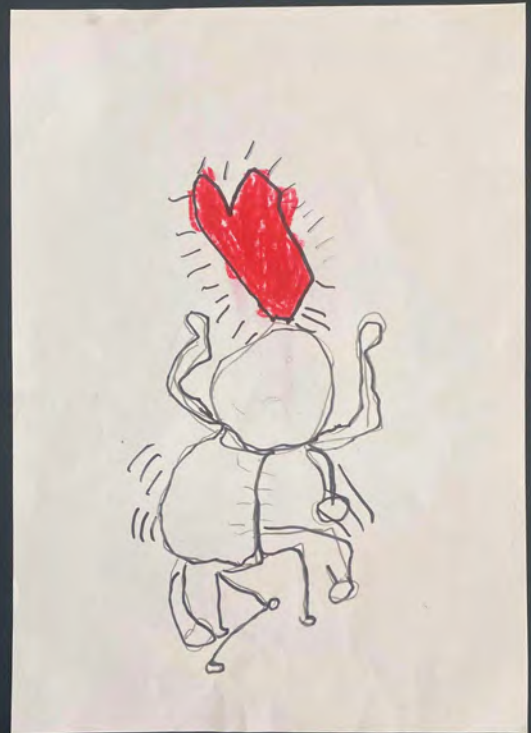
Bellah



Pip



Hannah



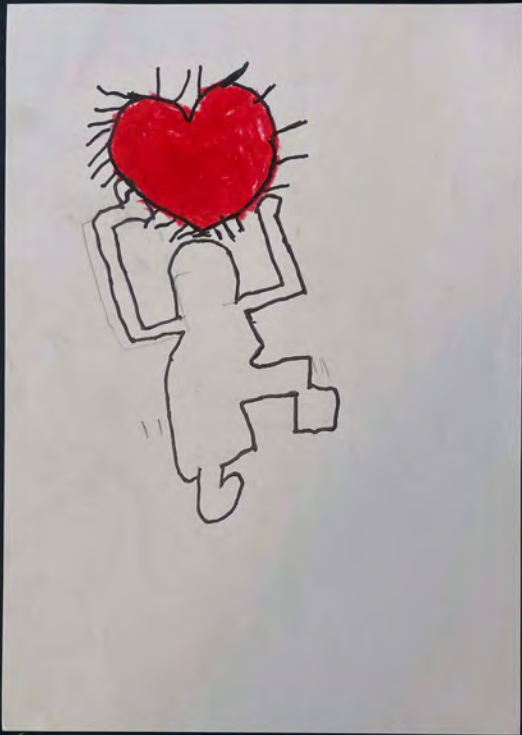
Cino



Zayn



Zahlia



Parker



Bailey



Riley



Phoebe



Ultan



Alara



Scarlett



charlee

YPS EASTER HAT PARADE & FAMILY LUNCH



EASTER
TREATS
AVAILABLE AT
RECESS FOR
SALE

WEEK 11: WED 9TH APRIL
10AM: SCHOOL COLA
11AM: BYO PICNIC LUNCH

K-2 EASTER HATS TO BE MADE AT SCHOOL
(WELCOME TO BRING IN DECORATIONS TO HELP)
YEARS 3-6 EASTER HATS TO BE MADE AT HOME

GRIFFITH BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



COME TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR
CRAZIEST HAIRSTYLE

\$5

- wear casual clothes (no crocs)
- ice cream with topping of choice
- prize for craziest hairstyle
(infants/primary)



Breast
Cancer
Network
Australia

Thursday 27th March
Yenda Public School

SRC Fundraiser

Payment can be
made via School
Bytes or cash to the
front office

YPS
P&C

TICKETS
ONLY

\$20 EA

Limited: Only 250 to sell

\$2000 CASH PRIZE

rafflelink.com.au/yendapandc2025cash

One Winner,
One Prize- Will
It Be You?

SCAN HERE



Winner announced live @ Yenda PS
Easter Hat Parade - 9 April, 11am



Wade Open Day

5.30pm - 7pm
Thursday
6 March 2025

Are you considering sending your child to Wade in 2026?

Experience

- Inspiring Staff
- Interactive 15 Minute Lessons
- Our Vision for Tomorrow's Leaders

Phone
02 6969 0200

More Information
mrhswade-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



MURRUMBIDGEE
Regional High School
GRIFFITH

YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING

5.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 5 March

02 6966 9600



Are you considering sending your child to MRHS - Griffith in 2026?

We will be opening our doors to Year 6 students and their parents between 5.30pm and 7pm on Wednesday 5 March. Come along to the information session and tour and see our wonderful school firsthand.

The School Hall - Coolah St

CASELLA **VISY** **GRIFFITH CITY2LAKE**
SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025

Register at www.city2lake.org

SUPPORTING **Can/Assist** GRIFFITH

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN - INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS

9.5km of fun
RIDE • WALK • RUN

SPONSORS: CASELLA, VISY, TRENNY FUNERALS, and many others.

GRIFFITH CITY2LAKE
SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025

SUPPORTING **Can/Assist** GRIFFITH

RAFFLE

20,000 tickets only!
All money raised goes to Can Assist Griffith
Drawn on Sunday 9 March 2025

FIRST PRIZE
BOLTE RETRO CRUISER E-BIKE
Valued at \$2400 Donated by Flavourtch

GET TICKETS
\$2 EACH, 3 FOR \$5, 15 FOR \$20

SECOND PRIZE
\$1000 Caesars Furniture Voucher

THIRD PRIZE
Riverina Helicopters Scenic Flight for Two Valued at \$650*

FOURTH PRIZE
\$200 Riverina Nursery Voucher*

*T&Cs Apply

CLUB RUGBY LEAGUE

PLAY SOMETHING UNREAL

WHERE: Jubilee Oval, Griffith
WHEN: Tuesday 4th March, 2025
TIME: 3.45pm - 5.30pm
AGE: u6-u14
COST: FREE Come & Try Clinic

NRL

GO TO PLAYRUGBYLEAGUE.COM - CLICK ON 'PLAY' TO REGISTER NEAR YOU!

Parents & Pathways

In 2025, CUC Western Riverina is excited to introduce the second year of our Parents & Pathways program developed to support parents/carers of students in Year 5 or above who will be the first in their family to navigate higher education. Studies show that the earlier you nurture student aspirations and understand the opportunities, the better!

Our Parents & Pathways program will help you as a parent/carer, over 3 sessions, by providing:

- Resources to help your child reach their study and career goals after high school
- Practical tips to help support your child's dreams for study and career
- Information about different ways of meeting education and career options
- Information on financial help and other local supports.

To register your interest, or get more information fill in the form at:
<https://www.cucwesternriverina.edu.au/parents-pathways/>