

Yoogali Public School



CALENDAR TERM 1, 2025

Week 7

Mon. 10 March:

- Riverina Swimming Carnival

Tue. 11 March:

- Primary AFL Trials
- **P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Wed. 12 - 24 March:

- **NAPLAN**

Week 8

Mon. 17 March:

- Riverina Boys Touch Trials

Tue. 18 March:

- **Yoogali PS School Photos**

Fri. 21 March:

- Harmony Day

Week 9

Mon. 24-25 March:

- **Young Leaders in Sydney**

Week 10

Wed. 2 April:

- Riverina Rugby League Trials
- **Small Schools Cross Country Carnival**

Principal's Message

Mr Cameron Williams

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we embrace the digital age, it is essential to ensure our primary-aged students navigate the online world safely and responsibly. The internet offers incredible resources for learning and connecting, but it also presents challenges that can impact our children's well-being.

We encourage you to engage in open conversations with your children about their online experiences, set clear boundaries around screen time, and utilise parental controls to help monitor their activity. More information can be found on the Australian Governments eSafety Commissioner website and on the brochures at the end of our newsletter including 7 fabulous tips for moderating screen time.

Together, we can empower our students to make safe choices online, fostering a positive digital experience that enhances their learning and development. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

Sport News

Basketball Trials:

On the 21st of February, we had Tyler Anderson trial for the GZPSSA Basketball trials. Tyler had a great day participating in this trial.

GZPSSA Swimming Carnival:

On the 4th of March, two of our students were selected to swim in a mixed relay for our small schools. They both had a spectacular day, congratulations Kale Curphey and Allyson Lipchin on your efforts on the day.

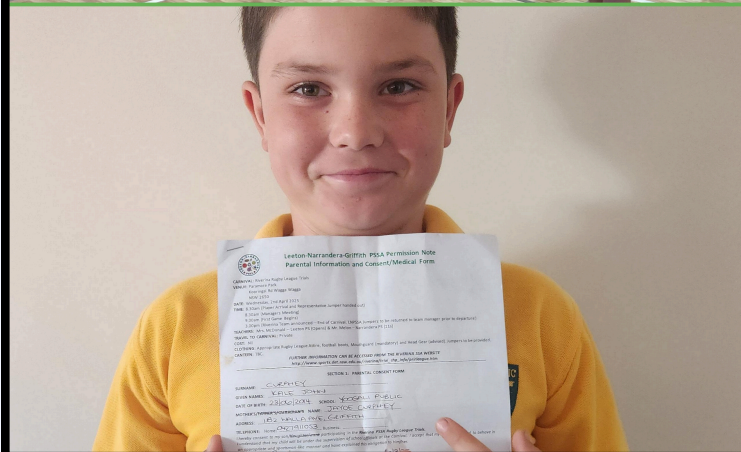
Rugby League Trials:

On the 5th of March, Kale Curphey went along to trial for the Small School Rugby League team. Kale was successful and will be trialing for the Riverina Rugby League team on the 2nd of April. Congratulations Kale and best of luck!

PSSA Touch Trials:

On the 7th of March, Kale Curphey and Robert Burns both trialed for the PSSA Touch Team. They had a great day trialing with their friends. Congratulations both Kale and Bob on your efforts.

Well done to all who participated in any of these sporting trials. We are proud of your efforts and encourage you to continue applying yourselves throughout the year.



Weekly Awards

Week 5 & 6

Week 5

Kindergarten:

- Matilda W - For sharing different ways to make numbers to 5.
- Xavier H - For responsible behaviour when moving around the school.

Stage 1:

- Felix P - For always completing his learning on time with neatness.
- Elara C - For trying super hard in maths this week.

Stage 2:

- Lisa F - For beautiful presentation and care to detail in her writing.
- Haylee P - For demonstrating excellent research skills during science lessons.

Stage 3:

- Bryton H - For making an excellent effort to improve his spelling and grammar skills.
- Kale C - For being a font of knowledge in history and science lessons.

PBL Award:

- Zaylee C - For being a safe, respectful learner.



Weekly Assemblies:

At Yoogali Public School, we have weekly assemblies where students receive awards for demonstrating skills in Key Learning Areas at 2:45pm on Fridays. Every Thursday parents will receive a text message informing them if their child is receiving an award.

We are also encouraging that you come and attend that assembly even if your child is not receiving an award. Please note that it is not a big assembly, however, still just as important to our students and staff that we have parents and community in our school.

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Kindergarten:

- Hollie R - For huge improvement when writing her name and letter formation.
- Tillie T - For responsible behaviour when moving around the playground.

Stage 1:

- Issy B - For always being on task during literacy lessons.
- Subhan A - For trying extremely hard during maths lessons.

Stage 2:

- Logan T - For making an excellent effort towards improving his literacy skills.
- Layney C - For improving her independent research skills in history and science.

Stage 3:

- Dean A - For meticulous attention to detail in his grammar work.
- Jake B - For sharing his amazing knowledge about the behaviours of animals in science.

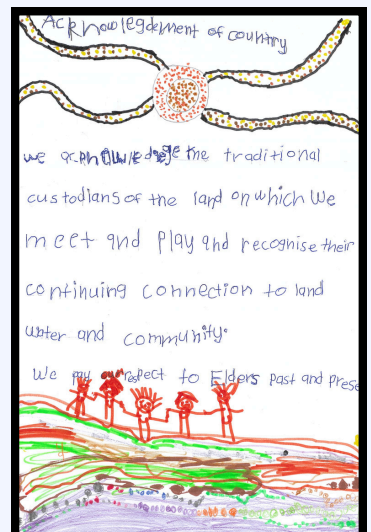
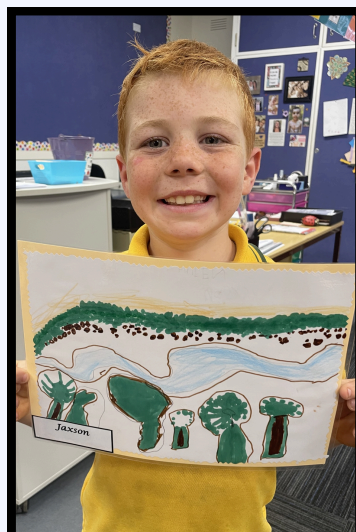
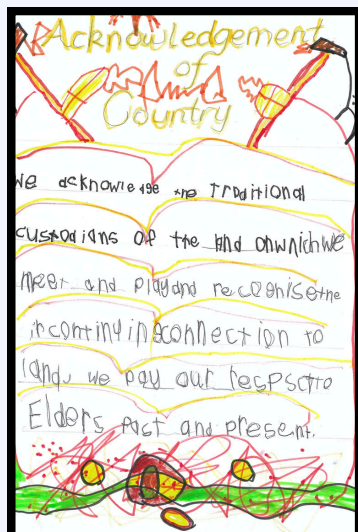
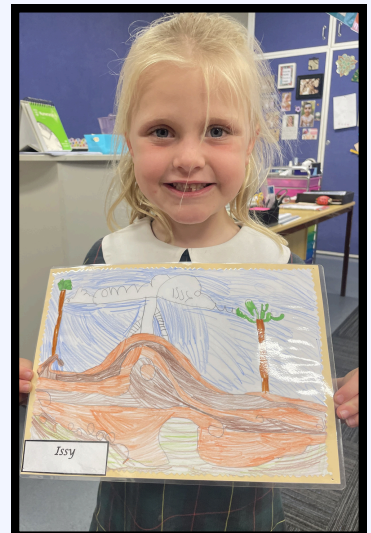
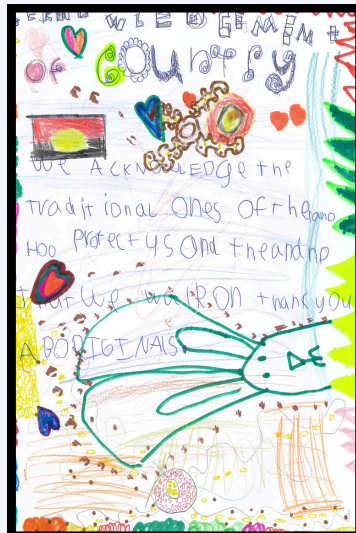
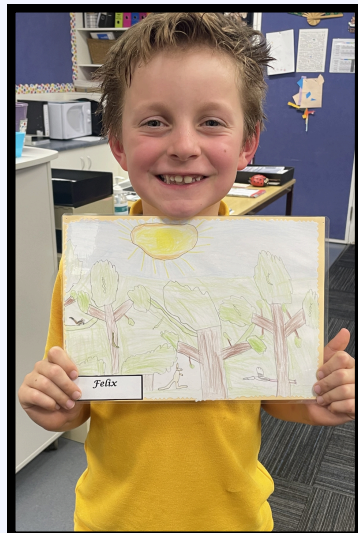
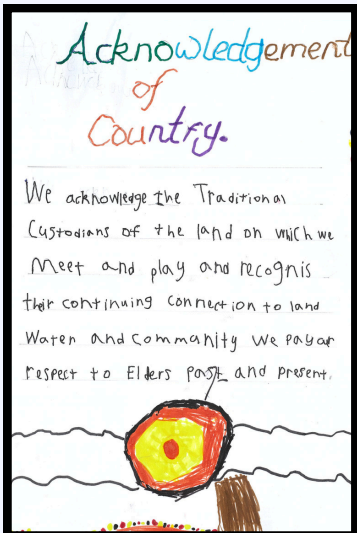
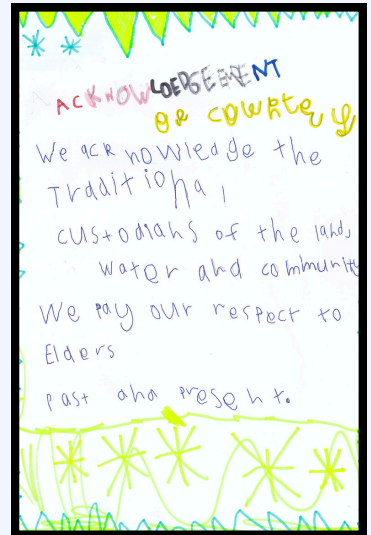
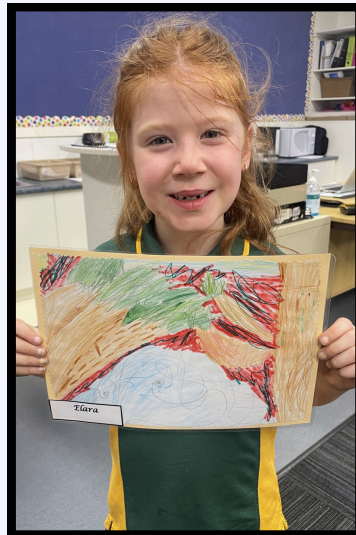
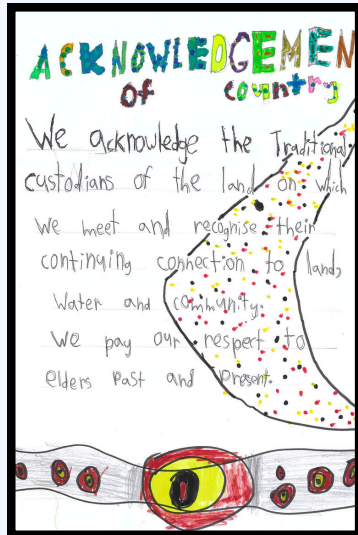
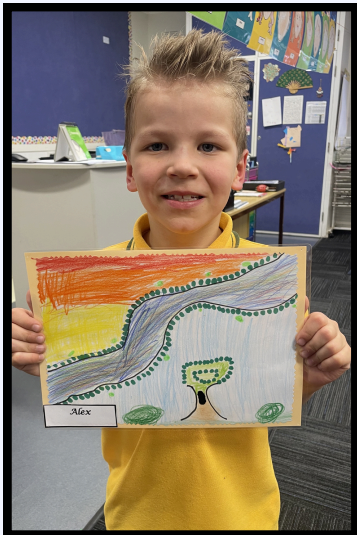
PBL Award:

- Tyler A - For being a safe, respectful learner.



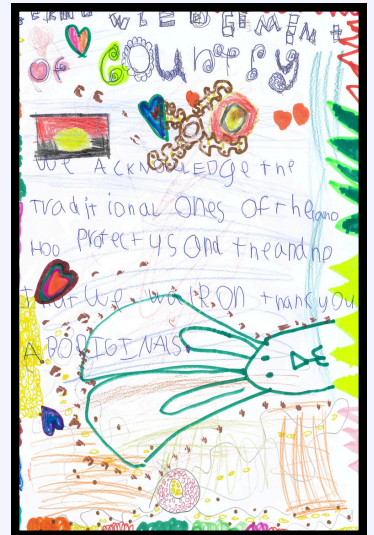
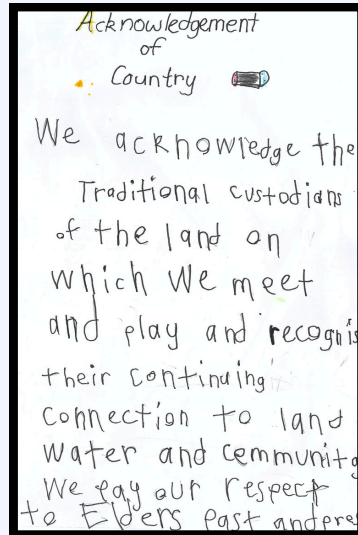
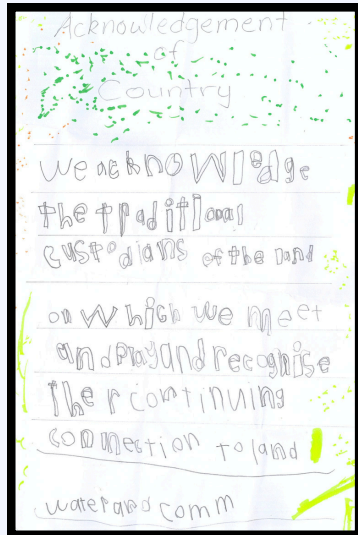
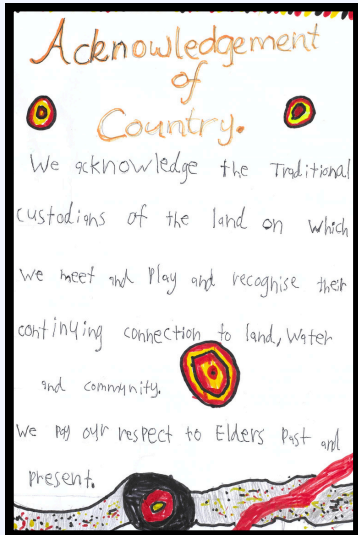
HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

Stage 1 Artwork:



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P&C News

This week we had our Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the P&C. We had an amazing turnout of parents and staff on Tuesday night. Thank you all for turning up in person and virtually!

The President's role was a contested one this year with two people vying for the position. When it came down to the vote however, there was a clear winner.

The president for 2025 is Amanda Westerbeck, congratulations!

The Vice President for this year is a newcomer to the P&C Committee, Joshua Poscoliero. He has also decided to take on the treasurer role as well.

The secretary from 2024, Lauren Poscoliero is returning this year in the same role.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Kathy Anderson. Thank you for your many years of tireless dedication to the executive committee. Your hard work over the years has not gone unnoticed. We would also like to thank Alison Bennison for her unwavering support on the committee in 2024.

Upcoming Events

Cross Country, Wednesday 2nd April.

Yoogali Public School is running the canteen this year and we are looking for volunteers to help out. If you are available please feel free to email the P&C directly on yoogalipandc@gmail.com or speak to one of us or the school Office.

Easter

We have some raffle tickets being sent home for an Easter hamper prize to be drawn at the end of term. Tickets will be \$1 each.

Looking forward in 2025

This year we have plans to host a School Student Social night and also a Fun Run! Keep an eye out on the newsletter for more information. We will also be running our popular food stall for the upcoming election.

Are you in the loop?

Are you part of the Yoogali Public school P&C Facebook Messenger group for all parents, carers and family? If you do not have access to the Facebook Messenger group, please email us on yoogalipandc@gmail.com and we will add you in. This is your quick access destination for upcoming excursion information, quick school questions and lost property enquiries!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday the 6th of May at 6.30pm in the library. We will have the virtual access up again for those who wish to join us from home, otherwise we hope to see you in person.

Feel free to contact us via our email for any school suggestions or help.



From L-R, Lauren Poscoliero, Joshua Poscoliero and Amanda Westerbeck.



Can you guess?

The P&C have organised a guessing competition to see who can guess how many eggs are in the jar! Whoever comes closest wins! Entry is 50c and you can enter as many times as you like. Students, Family and Staff are more than welcome to join in. The jar will be in the office, please see the ladies there and have a go!

School Photos

School photos are on Tuesday the 18 of March. Please ensure you child/children are in full summer uniform.

Girls:

Summer dress, White socks and Black shoes.

Boys:

Yellow polo shirt, grey shorts and socks, and Black shoes.

Special Order Jackets:

On Tuesday the 4 of March a text message went out to all parents notifying them that there was a note coming home with their children for ordering either a sports jacket or a winter jacket. A step by step guide was also sent home on how to order these through School Bytes Finance. These orders need to be completed by Thursday the 20 of March as we will be ordering on the 21 of March.

Please remember that these are a special order, and we will not be ordering them again until next year. We are still accepting cash payments, however if you have not paid for your order, the order won't be placed. If you need a new order form or are unsure on how to order through School Bytes, please contact the office

See below step-by-step guide and order form.

1. Click the Payments Icon up the top.

2. Scroll to the bottom of the page.

3. Click the Add Other Item Bottom and then select either Sports Jacket or Winter Jacket in Category.

4. Once you have selected your item, Select the size and the quantity of the item. Once done hit the add items and then pay for your item.

- Navy in colour
- Full zip front with storm flap for protection
- Made from waterproof nylon with concealed hood
- Polar Fleece lined with elastic cuffs
- Available with YPS logo or without
- **\$60** with YPS logo
- **\$50** without logo

Size 4 6 8 10 12 14Y 16Y S M L XL 2X 3X

A green and yellow varsity jacket with a full-length zipper, ribbed collar, cuffs, and hem. The sleeves are yellow with green stripes at the cuffs.

- Green and gold in colour, contrast sleeves and striping detail
- full length front zip
- easy care [310 gram](#) low pill fleece
- ribbed neck, cuffs and waistline
- **\$50**

Size 4 6 8 10 12 14Y 16Y

Payment made: ☐ Cash ☐ Make A Payment in School Bytes Finance Through the Parent Portal

Please have these orders completed by 20/3/25 as we will be ordering on the 21/3/25.

Screen time for your child – 7 tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.



1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.



2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision-making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities is a fun way to get younger children on board.



3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technology limitations so, being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The [Raising Children Network](#) provides some useful tools and advice.

4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- all family members switch off at dinner time
- charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access

5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.

6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are robust products and device functions which allow you to see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child. Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with [Google Family Link](#) for Android devices or [parental controls](#) and [Screen Time](#) for iPhone/iPad.

7. Lead by example

Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device too.



Yoogali Canteen

Yoogali Public School now uses Flexischools app to help with the management of ordering from our canteen. We encourage you to keep ordering on the app to lessen the amount of cash we have on site. If you don't have the Flexischools app or need help, please come into the office and we can assist you. The school canteen operates every Wednesday and Friday unless we have another arrangement, and it will be canceled on Flexischools. We have also added our uniform shop to Flexischools so please continue ordering through this channel.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

HOT LUNCH

Beef Lasagne	\$4.50
Mac and Cheese	\$4.50
Meat Pie	\$4.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.50 Each
Corn Cobb	\$1.50
Toasted Sandwich -Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese, Ham	
Tomato Sauce	Free

DRINKS

Poppa Juice - Tropical	\$2.00
Poppa Juice - Apple Raspberry	\$2.00
Strawberry Milk	\$3.00
Chocolate Milk	\$3.00

SNACKS

Ice Blocks	\$1.50
Mixed Fruit in Jelly	\$2.00



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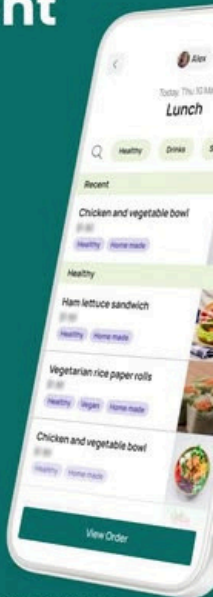
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Unavailable Dates

Our school canteen will be closed on the following dates:
2nd April - due to Cross Country Carnival.

Some items won't be available on Friday 21st March, but we will have a special meal to celebrate Harmony Day which will be available to order through the FlexiSchools App.

HARMONY DAY

Date: 21st of March

Cost: Gold coin donation

Dress code: A piece of cultural clothing or something orange



SPECIAL MEAL: FRIED RICE FOR \$3.

SOME OF THE CANTEEN ITEMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER FRIED RICE THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS, ALONG WITH SELECTED MENU ITEMS. THE CHILDREN WILL BE ALSO MAKING JOHNNY CAKES DURING CLASS.

PARENTS & CARERS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG TO OUR HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY STARTING AT 2:45PM

Breakfast Club

Yoogali Public School has a breakfast club that is open Monday-Friday from 8:45am - 9:10am. We offer Fruit, Weet-Bix, NutriGrain and Toast with a variety of toppings such as Butter, Honey, Vegemite, and Nutella. This is open to any child who would like to have breakfast and is accompanied by a staff member each morning. We usually engage in conversations about the weekend and have topic cards that ask questions to help us get to know each other better.



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**Same-day
online doctor**
for back-to-school health

Is your child's action plan up-to-date?
Keep them safe with an action plan for allergies, anaphylaxis or asthma*

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Request one on the spot*



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Action plans available 7 days a week

 **Trusted Australian doctors since 2017**

*subject to doctor's assessment

At Qdoctor, we pride ourselves on offering a wide range of services to make healthcare more accessible and convenient. Our telehealth platform connects patients with Australian-registered doctors via video or phone consultations. Some of the key areas where we can assist schools include:

Allergy, anaphylaxis, and asthma management plans: We can help families obtain medical action plans quickly and efficiently, ensuring students have the necessary documentation and treatments in place to stay safe at school.

Carer's certificates: When parents or guardians need to take time off to care for a sick child, our service makes it easy to obtain the appropriate certification. This reduces stress for families and ensures they meet any legal or workplace requirements.

GP consultations for common health needs: Whether it's prescriptions, mental health care plans, specialist referrals, or other general health concerns, we offer same-day telehealth appointments with minimal wait times.



Parents & Pathways

**INFORMATION SESSIONS:
PARENTS, CARERS, GUARDIANS**

Yiradhu Marang | Hello | ਸਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ | Talofa Kamusta | नमस्ते

Is your child in Year 5 or above? Curious about how to support their educational journey? Want to learn more about career pathways, financial supports and local resources?

Join us over three **FREE** sessions where you'll:

- Get practical tips on encouraging your child's goals and success
- Connect with the CUC team and universities
- Hear from CUC students about their educational path
- Meet other local families

GRIFFITH
Where: CUCWR, 2/1 Olympic Street, Griffith
Session 1 Tuesday 25 March
Session 2 Tuesday 1 April
Session 3 Tuesday 8 April
Time: 6.00pm- 7.30pm

LEETON
Where: CUCWR, Leeton Library, Sycamore Street
Session 1 Wednesday 26 March
Session 2 Wednesday 2 April
Session 3 Wednesday 9 April
Time: 6.00pm- 7.30pm

Light refreshments provided.
Childminding, interpreters and transport available.

For more information contact:
Filomena, Widening Participation Officer
Email: wpo@cucwesternriverina.edu.au
Phone/text: 0432 343 602
Visit cucwesternriverina.edu.au/parents-pathways/






NEW everyday lunchbox ideas

Kids love variety and there are always new things to try.
Have you tried any new everyday lunchbox items recently?

Here's some ideas:

- Mini rice wheels
- Roasted fava beans
- Zucchini slice
- Scones – plain, fruit or with a thin spread of topping



Mini rice wheels



Fruit scone



Roasted fava beans



Education

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NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

Learn

Make friends

Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

= 4 weeks

= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week

= 8 weeks

= Over 2.5 years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

NSW GOVERNMENT

season 2025

Griffith City FC

PLAYERS WANTED

ALL AGES AND EXPERIENCE WELCOME

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<https://tinyurl.com/Griffith-City-FC>

or reach out via email

griffithcityfc@gmail.com

REGISTER NOW

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Every day COUNTS!

YOOGALI PUBLIC SCHOOL

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means, the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days each year	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day each week	40 days each year	8 weeks each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days each week	80 days each year	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days each week	120 days each year	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

School success starts with attendance