Principal Report

It has come to the time when we say farewell to Mrs Kelly. Tomorrow will be her last day at Yenda Public School in her current position. Mrs Kelly has been at our school for well over ten years and is one of only a few teachers to have seen the school grow and change over recent years. She has been a valuable staff member, who has made many contributions and we wish her well for the future. The P&C will be holding a special Morning Tea in the library to say thank you to Mrs Kelly, for her years of service at Yenda. This will start at 11:00am and community members are welcome to come along and say farewell.

Class Attendance Awards

We have started a whole school attendance program that identifies and rewards classes with the best attendance rates. Each week we will identify the best attended class and recognise these at our K-6 Assemblies through the presentation of a certificate. Once a class has four of these certificates they will be rewarded with a free BBQ lunch. Our first two certificates for Week 6 & 7 will be handed out at this week’s assembly.

Harmony and Ride to School Day

This Friday is Ride to School Day and we are encouraging students to ride, scooter or walk to school. As Harmony Day is scheduled to be held this week, we have decided to combine the two events. There will be prizes for best decorated bike and scooter and the students are encouraged to wear orange. There will also be cut fruit available for all students at recess at no cost, to encourage healthy eating.

P & C AGM

Thank you to the many parents who attended the P & C AGM last week. The support the school receives from the P & C is very important and appreciated by the school community.

The P & C Executive elected for 2013 is:

President: Jo Patten
Vice President: Kristie Goirigolzarri
Treasurer: Vacant
Secretary: Simone Bardney
Uniform Shop Coordinator: Belinda Hopwood

Thank you to the outgoing committee and members for their hard work in 2012. If you believe you could help in the role of Treasurer, please notify Jo Patten.

Finally, attached to this newsletter is the permission note for our Cross Country and an information note regarding our Easter celebration day.

Have a great week.
Derek Noffke
Principal

Calendar

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CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your address, phone number or emergency contacts, please let the office know as soon as possible. It is vital we have up to date information in case we need to contact you.
Kindergarten News
*We have made Self-Portraits! Just like the famous artists! They are on display in the office foyer. Come and have a look!
*Home readers – It’s fantastic to see so many students keen to read! Kinder students can change their home readers daily.
We have some students getting close to their “20 reading sessions” reward!! Well Done!!
*A huge thank you to the mums who have been able to assist during Literacy & PMP sessions. It has been a great help! Thanks Jenny, Alicia, Kristy, Kathleen, Leonie & Tanya.

Kinder News
Our topic for news next week will be “Families”
Could children bring in a family photograph, and talk about their families.

K-2 Choir
Mrs Date will be co-ordinating the K-2 choir this year. We met on Friday for an initial session. It was great to have 24 enthusiastic singers come along.

A Reminder that money should not be shared at school. Please discuss this with your children at home, to help us reinforce this policy.
Thank you
Karen Date

Book Fair Update
An astounding amount of $1800 was raised at the Book Fair last week. This enabled us to take $540 worth of books. These will be on the shelves very soon. A massive Thank You to everyone who supported the fair and our wonderful Library.
Mrs Kelly

Goodbye!
Tomorrow is my last day at YPS! It’s been 14 years since I first stepped into this wonderful school. I have so many memories to take with me and many beautiful friendships as well. I wish the YPS community all the very best. I have no doubt that you will always continue to “Face the Task”.
See you around guys!
Mrs Kelly

3/4B Bookclub
Tomorrow 3/4B will be having their inaugural book club. Morning tea will be provided for students. If students have any allergies please let Mrs Brown know.
Mrs Brown

Canteen News
Thank you to everyone that has helped out in the canteen this term. I still need some helpers for the next 3 Friday’s this term – 22nd March, 5th & 12th April.
Also will need helpers at the cross country on Thursday 4th April.
I have had a bit of an issue with getting the right nuggets so at the moment I have Dino nuggets which are the same as the normal nuggets just a different shape! Just been told today that SMILEY’S are No Longer Available! Let me know if you have any ideas for a replacement.
Linda Piva Ph: 0458 538 161

Uniform Shop
A reminder that the uniform shop will be open from 8.30am on Friday.

Karen Roberts Family Day Care
Has a vacancy for school aged & preschool children.
Early starts or Late evenings.
8 West Ave, YENDA. Ph: 0435 972 618

YENDA PRESCHOOL HAS REOPENED
We open from 9am to 3pm
Monday to Friday
(Extended hours are available for working parents)
Cater for ages 3 to 6years
Cost $28 per day
Yenda Preschool implements a child centred program based upon the principles outlined in the National Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
‘Belonging, Being and Becoming.
For enquires about our service please do not hesitate to come into Yenda Preschool on Bingar Street Yenda or phone The Director Christian Callinan on 69681335

Children’s Easter Brunch on Barsa
Easter Saturday 30th March 2013
9am to Noon
Memorial Park, Barsa Ave, Griffith
FREE Brunch, Games, Craft, Woodwork,
Face painting, Stage Show, Egg roll over War
11 am Easter Egg Hunt
Dress appropriately for outdoor fun
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