Principal's Report

Presentation Night
As you would know, our Annual Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 4th December at 7:00pm. I would like to encourage all families to attend this evening as it is a celebration and recognition of student achievement over the 2014 school year. I understand that families are very busy at this time of year, however your support and attendance would be appreciated.

School Disco
A whole school disco will be held on Wednesday 10th December in the school hall. All students from Kindergarten to Year 5 are welcome to attend. This is the same night as the Year 6 farewell, therefore Year 6 students will join the disco after the completion of their dinner.

The disco will commence at 7:00pm and conclude at 9:00pm. The cost will be $3.00 per student on entry and they will be able to purchase drinks, chips and lollies from the canteen. Glow sticks will also be available for purchase. It is always a fun night for the students.

School Magazine
We will again be producing our own School Magazine this year. We will be asking parents to pre-order their magazine using the order form attached. This year the Magazine will cost $7.00 per copy and will be available in the coming weeks. There was a misprint in last week’s agenda, please refer to the current order form attached.

Kindergarten Enrolments - 2015
We are still taking enrolments for our Kindergarten class for 2014. Please come and get an enrolment form from the office. Also, if you know anyone with Kindergarten aged children, please encourage them to consider our school. Our transition program has finished, however we can inform new families about our school and the programs we run through other means.

2015 Captain Speeches
The 2015 Captain speeches will be held this Thursday 27th November from 9:00am in the school hall. Parents are welcome to come and watch their child. For those that need to get to work, all speeches should be completed by 9:45am. Voting will then take place after the speeches. As always, students will be voting to elect two Captains and two Vice Captains. Good luck to all students involved in this process.

Cybersmart Workshop
To help our students stay safe online, Yenda Public School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

Absent – Hayden Patten, Mason Patten
The parent & teacher workshop will commence at 3:30pm this Wednesday, in the school library. Refreshments will also be available. Please feel welcome to attend.

**Year 6 Mini Fete**
Our Year 6 Mini Fete will be held on Friday 12th December. I know the students have been working very hard preparing and getting organised for their stall. Further details regarding what stalls will be available soon.

Have a great week.

Derek Noffke
Principal

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE**
Our School Magazine will be available soon please order your copy now. The cost is $7.

Name:_____________ Class:__
No. of Copies____

**MINI FETE**
Trash and Treasure Wanted!!! If you have any unwanted toys, books or any other things, please bring it to the 5/6 room ASAP. Thank you. From Aidan, Brady and Connah.

**CYBERSMART – Wednesday 26th November 2014**
This week we will have a visit from Lesley Harrison from *The ACMA’s Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness* program. On Wednesday she will be talking to all Years 3-6 students at 2pm.
At 3.30 Lesley will hold an information session for teachers and parents and this would be a valuable opportunity to learn more about online safety for your children. If you can, please come along and join us in the Library. The session will start at 3.30pm and there will be tea and coffee provided!
As part of its Cybersmart Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:
- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer. Presentations are provided to schools free of charge.

**Lesley Harrison**
Lesley Harrison has almost 30 years experience as a teacher and has worked in primary, secondary and tertiary settings. As a Head of Middle School over the last decade she saw the emergence of cyber issues at the forefront of pastoral care in schools and a major concern for parents. Recently she worked for three years on a government initiative in the promotion of mental health in education of which cyberbullying was a key area. Lesley is passionate about improving the wellbeing of young people and sees Cybersafety as a key component of this.

**FUNDRAISING MEETING**
2015 – Year 3 fundraising committee meeting 2nd December 9am in the school hall.
3/4 BORAMBOLA EXCURSION
In week 7, 3/4 went to Borambola for three days and two nights. We did lots of fun activities. Miss Errey, Mrs Brown and Patrick Sergi went with us. On Wednesday, when we got there Steve and Olivia told us what cabins we were in. After that we got told what groups we were in. Some of us were in Koopa Troopa and some in Donkey Kong. First we went on the slip n’ slide. After that Koopa Troopa’s first activity was low ropes and initiatives. Donkey Kong’s first activity was kayaking and raft building. We had to do a swim test before we were allowed in the pool for free time. Then we had lunch. That night we did mini Olympics, it was so tiring.

On Thursday morning Koopa Troopa did rock climbing and Donkey Kong done orienteering and archery. After that we had lunch and then we went on to our afternoon activities which were kayaking, raft building and rock climbing. We had chicken schnitzel with wedges and vegetables for dinner. Then we had our dance party for our last night. It was really fun.

On Friday morning we had breakfast then we had to pack up our cabins. Our last activities were orienteering, archery, low ropes and initiatives. We were lucky enough to visit the gift shop. After we had our lunch we got back on the bus to go home. Our favourite memories from the excursion were when we hugged Miss Errey to get muddy water all over her and solving tricky problems with our friends. Overall the excursion was fantastic!

By Jorja Wallace and Breanna Twigg

The School Rewards Programme from The Athletes Foot Griffith donates $5 from every pair of shoes purchased back to our school.

With a shoe expertly fitted by one of The Athletes Foot Fit Technicians and Fits (latest computer fit analysis), your child will have the right support and cushioning for all the school activities and sports they take part in every day.

The Athletes Foot stock a wide range of Ascent and Clarks school shoes and sports shoes to ensure there are options for everyone. Even better, $5 from every shoe purchase is donated back to our school. And this applies to your whole family across their entire range of school, sport, work and casual shoes.

For more information about the programme please phone The Athletes Foot Griffith 02 69642331.
INVITATION

YENDA PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Dear Parent/Carer

We would appreciate your attendance at our Annual Presentation Night.

When:
Thursday 4th December

Time:
7:00pm

Location:
Yenda Public School Hall

This evening is an acknowledgment and recognition of student achievement over the 2014 school year. Please feel welcome to attend and celebrate the students’ success with us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL

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