Principal's Report
Our boy’s cricket team played against Hanwood PS last Thursday. Unfortunately they lost the game, however I have been told they played the game at a high standard and did themselves and the school proud. Well done boys.

Parent Information Sessions
Due to the P&C movie night this Thursday, we have had to change 3/4E Parent Information Night. It will be now held this Wednesday 26th February at 6:00pm. We apologise for the change in date and we hope that you can still attend.

Excursions
As you may know, we have reduced our Years 5 & 6 excursion to Ballarat to three days, instead of the planned four day trip. This has been mainly due to the increasing costs of such activities. By reducing the number of days the students spend away, it has helped cut the price per student by $110.00. This change will hopefully allow a larger number of students to attend this excursion, which is always an enjoyable one.

Also, our Yrs1-4 excursion to Junee is planned for next Monday 3rd March. Thank you to those parents who have returned notes and money. If you are still to do this, please do so early this week so we can finalise numbers and make adjustments if needed. If your permission note has been misplaced, have your child ask their teacher so we can get one sent home.

P&C Movie Night
Our P&C have been offered the premier of “12 Years A Slave” at Griffith City Cinemas, this Thursday. Tickets are $17.00 and can be purchased from the school office or by calling Anne Rogerson on 0407 334 414. Please feel welcome to attend and support our school.

Zone Swimming Carnival
This Thursday we have a group of 20 students attending the Zone Swimming Carnival. By now, all permission notes should be handed into the office, with any medical conditions noted. Good luck to all of these students, I’m sure you will all do very well.

Uniform Award
An area we are focussing on this year is school uniform. As part of this there will be a Uniform Award handed out to one student per class at our K-6 Assemblies. These awards get presented to students who have worn the correct school uniform consistently over a period of time. Our first recipients were Charlotte Scott, Reuben Rand, Mahalia Teapia, Mason Patten, Alex Terrazas and Lucas Wood. Congratulations to these students and thank you for being such great role models to other students.

Also, congratulations to all of our students who received an award at last week’s K-6 Assembly. What a fantastic start to the year.

Finally, our SRC are starting to advertise their Dress Up day, planned for Friday 7th March. Students will be asked to dress up as something they want to be in the future. This will be a gold coin donation and proceeds will go to Kids Cancer Research.

Helping with Homework
How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more:

Have a great week.
Derek Noffke,
Principal
Welcome to Our New Kindergarten Students
Each newsletter we will have pictures and information on two of our new Kindergarten students. This week we have Zavier Day and Mahalia Teaupa

**Name**
Zavier Day

**What do you Like about School**
I like playing with the play dough and playing with my handball

**What do you want to do when you grow up**
I want to be a scientist

**Name**
Mahalia Teaupa

**What do you Like about School**
I like playing with the iPads and playing games with my friends

**What do you want to do when you grow up**
I want to be a Princess when I grow up
K/1 NEWS
A reminder that home learning books need to be returned on Thursdays so they are ready to go home again on Fridays. Due to Fridays being a very busy day, it is often tricky to get them marked and handed back to the students.

This year students will not be having news or show and tell. All students will be given many opportunities to speak and listen during our class activities. We will have Communication Circle as often as possible so students can talk to the class about a topic of their choice.

Have a great week, Mrs Hilton

YR 5/6 EXCURSION BALLARAT
Payment is due to be finalised by Monday 24th March. Please feel free to make payments anytime between now and then.

STUDENT BANKING
Coming home today are student banking kits. The theme for banking this year is Deep Sea Savers. The student rewards are better than ever. On offer are handballs, scented pencils, pencil cases, plush toy key rings, moneyboxes, swimming bags, projector cups and sea streamers.

Student banking has been changed to Mondays.

SRC DRESS UP DAY
The SRC will be holding their first fundraising event for 2014. We are asking students to dress up as “what they want to be when they grow up”. It will be a gold coin donation, with the money raised going towards Childrens Cancer Research. Get planning and thinking as it will take place on Friday 7th March.

P&C News
The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th March 7pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend. Please come along and find out what is happening at your school.

All positions on the committee will be declared vacant and nominations are required for all roles on the executive committee – Treasurer, Secretary, President and Vice President. If you are interested in taking on a role on the P&C please come along to the meeting or contact Jo Patten 0428202719 for further information.

K-2 Merit Awards
Mylee Madden
Saahara Lawson
Logan Newman
Lili Vaccari
Sarah Bertollo
David Millis
Kayley Fiddler
Luke Wood

3-6 Merit Awards
Reuben Rand
Serena Dallen
Alannah Starr
Lewis Murphy
Kayla Panazzolo
Alyssa Thoroughgood
Arabella Bardney
Charlie Garofalo
April Sargent
Aidan Weerts
Jagbir Rakkar
Sarah Hurst
Breanna Twigg
Ben Signor
Will Brown
Blake Patten
Thomas Scott
Rajbir Gakhal
Tristan Wallace
Michael Wallace

SPORT REPORT
On the 20th of February our cricket team played Hanwood PS in the PSSA State-wide Taber Shield Cricket Knockout. The Yenda boys did great but unfortunately they were defeated. Yenda PS scored 9 for 55 from their 25 overs, whilst Hanwood PS scored 1 for 56 in passing the Yenda total. Congratulations to the team.

Also a big thank you to Mr Turner who trained the team at lunchtime and all parents for their help with transport, scoring and cheering.

Thomas and Kyle
Yenda Public School
P&C presents the
Premier of
‘12 Years A Slave’

We apologise for the short notice, however it is too good of an opportunity to let go. Your support is appreciated.

In the pre-Civil War United States, Solomon Northup, a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery. Facing cruelty at the hands of a malevolent slave owner, as well as unexpected kindnesses, Solomon struggles not only to stay alive, but to retain his dignity. In the twelfth year of his unforgettable odyssey, Solomon's chance meeting with a Canadian abolitionist will forever alter his life.

When: Thursday 27th February, 6:30pm
Where: Griffith City Cinemas
Cost: $17.00 per ticket plus a lucky door prize, raffles on the night
Tickets available at the school or Phone Anne Rogerson 0407 334 414.