**Principal's Report**

**Debating**
Congratulations to the grand final winners...Yenda Public School! Last Friday our debating team travelled to Beelbangera PS with Mrs Haskins to participate in the Griffith School Debating Competition grand final against Griffith North Public School. The topic argued was ‘School grounds should be open on weekends for families to enjoy’ and our team were obviously very convincing and won the debate. What a fantastic achievement!

**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. Feel free to order as many as you like as they are a great item to keep for future memories.

**Kindergarten Enrolments - 2016**
We are still taking enrolments for our Kindergarten class for 2016. 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.

**2016 Classes**
We are beginning to organise our class groups for 2016. If you are expecting that your circumstances may change in regards to your child’s enrolment at Yenda PS for 2016 please notify the school. This will ensure that we are making decisions based on accurate information.

**School Choirs**
Our Yenda Public School Choir will be presenting a number of Christmas Carols at Griffith Central on Thursday 10th December, commencing at around 2:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend and enjoy our students’ performance.

**Year 6 Mini Fete**
Our Year 6 Mini Fete will be held this Friday 4th December. I know the students have been working very hard preparing and getting organised for their stall. The stalls that will be available include Ball throwing, balloon popping, Yr 6 ring toss, spray tattoo’s, lemon drop, hunger games, milk shakes, yabby races, sheath toss, LJE wrestle & joust, sock wrestling, ice-cream spiders, jaffa drop smashers, candy bobs, zooper dooper’s, coin slide, coin drop, snake stretch, knock em down.

**Students can wear casual clothes with suitable shoes.**

Have a great week!
Kate Brace
Principal (Rel)
Star Awards
Although we have finished fortnightly assemblies, Star Awards will continue! Students receiving their Ruby awards will be given them during morning assemblies.

K-2 Merit Awards
Sarah Bertollo
Isla Sergi
Isaac Conlan
Samarah Stockton
Juleesa Twigg
Mylee Madden
Kade Vearing
Ceejay Twigg
Alynta Watts

3-6 Merit Awards
Jasper Moon
Learna Torresan
Chelsea Twigg x 2
Blake Jamieson
Jonathan Hoy
Jarrod Signor
Stella Mallamace
Luke Bastianon
Rajbir Gakhal
Benn Moon
Kade Vaccari
Jagdeep Rakkar
Tyler Crump
Emma Carusi
Ben Signor
Rhys Carnell
James Rogerson
Breea Ison
Travis Hams

Debating
Ella W, Ella M, Hayden, and Jett represented Yenda Public at the Griffith district debating competition held at Beelbangera School’s hall, on the 4th of November. They won their 1st debate against Griffith East (prepared). The topic was that Fairy tales are not for children (negative). But lost their second against Griffith North (impromptu). Junk mail should be banned was the topic (affirmative). But thankfully they made it to the final which was held on the 27th of November. They won their only debate against Griffith North (prepared). The topic was that School grounds should be open on weekends for families to enjoy (affirmative). We were all very happy to win the grand final!

Calendar

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Canteen News
Canteen Manager
The P&C would like to welcome Nicole Baillie to YPS as Canteen Manager as of 2016. Over the next few weeks Nicole will be learning the ropes from Linda so if you see her please introduce yourself and help us to make her feel welcome.
A huge thank you and good luck for the future to Linda Piva, who has been our Canteen Manager for the past 4 years. Linda’s last day in the canteen will be Friday 11th December. I’m sure we will still see your smiling face around Yenda!
P&C Meeting
The last meeting for 2015 will be held at the Yenda Hotel on Wednesday 9th December at 6pm. All are welcome to attend, please let me know if you wish to join the committee for dinner.

Dusty’s Beer Bread
Ingredients
3 cups self-rising flour
1 tablespoon runny honey
A good pinch of salt
1/2 – 1cup coconut
2 cans of beer your choice of beer
Method
Mix it together. If dough is too soft, just add a bit more flour. Also, if too stiff, add a bit more beer. When the dough is to your satisfaction, put it in a greased loaf tin. Bake for about one hour and twenty minutes on 210 degrees Celsius in a pre-heated oven.
By Travis Hams
Likes
Mr T, Ms Brace, Miss Errey, Mrs Perez, Toby and Year 6 students.

Library News
As 2015 draws to a close, it is important that all library books are returned as soon as possible. There will be no further borrowing for 2015. We will be conducting a stocktake over the next two weeks so all books need to be returned.
Please check if your child has any Yenda PS library books as I will be sending overdue notices frequently over the next couple of weeks.
I look forward to you support in this matter as books are a valuable and expensive resource in our school.
Mrs S Chilvers
Teacher-Librarian

Yenda Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 6th December 2015 @ the Park
Be there by 6pm wearing a Christmas shirt.
Talk to your child about whether they wish to perform with the school.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE
Our School Magazine will be available soon please order your copy now.
The cost is $7.
Name:_____________ Class:__
No. of Copies___

Sausage Sizzle Friday 4th December 2015
Family
Name________________________________________
Quantity_____________________________________
Due back by 1st December 2015
to play rugby league. It was called Backyard League and everyone had a great time. All the kids learnt new rugby league skills such as passing the ball, how to grubber and step. We thank Andrew Herbert for coming to teach us about NRL.

Infants News

We have completed formal home learning for the school year. Please continue to engage in nightly home reading till the end of term and through the school break!

This is especially important for our infant’s students, as many have made significant reading gains this year. It would be wonderful to see their reading improve from practise throughout the holidays.

We hope Santa delivers lots of great books to read and share this Christmas!

Scrap Material Strips

The 1/2 class are still looking for donations of material strips. Lots of scrap material colours would be wonderful. These are to be around 15cm long by 1.5cm wide!