Principal's Report

Congratulations to Aaron Clifford (tennis) and Ben Signor (cricket) on their effort at recent sport trials. Aaron has been selected as first reserve in the Griffith Zone Tennis Team, a fantastic effort for a Year 4 student. Ben has been selected to represent Griffith in the Boys Cricket Team and will travel to Deniliquin in the coming weeks. Well done boys on such fine results.

Children's Anxiety - Information Afternoon

LAST CHANCE
We have organised Robyn Heath (District Guidance Officer) and Tanya Cullen (School Counsellor) to come along to our school to discuss children's anxiety and mental health. Mental Health in young people is becoming a real concern to many of us and I am hoping that this information session may help in some way.

The two presenters believe that a group of approximately 8-10 parents would be ideal, to have a ‘round table’ discussion about people’s experiences and how best to handle these. The session will be held as follows:

When: Tuesday 10th March 2015
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Where: New multi-purpose room or library

Please advise me if you would be interested in attending. **There is only one spot left so please let me know as soon as possible.**

Zone Swimming Carnival

This Thursday, 26th February we have a group of 24 students attending the Zone Swimming Carnival. Good luck to all of these students. I know they will all try their hardest.

Soccer Clinic Coming Soon

The Yenda Tigers Soccer Club will be holding a football/soccer clinic here at the school. The details are as follows:

When: Monday 23rd March 2015
Time: 4:00pm – 6:30pm
Cost: $5.00 per student
Who: Yenda PS students only
Ages: Students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 can attend.

The students will be coached by the senior club coaches and will be broken up depending on age and ability. Be aware that this is not run by the school. It has been organised by the Yenda Soccer Club, for our students. Please have money and permission notes in as soon as possible.

Internet & Publishing Permission & Additional Information

Last week we attached an internet, permission to publish note and emergency contacts form to the newsletter. This gives the school permission to publish photos of your child in the newsletter, internet, Facebook as well as other electronic and print media. It also gives us permission for your
child to use the internet at school. Unlike previous years, this form gives the school permission to allow internet access and publish photos until you advise us of any changes. Please have this returned as soon as possible. Unfortunately, by signing last year’s permission note does not give us permission this year.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs is attached. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 27 February.

School Grounds After Hours

Please continue to ‘keep an eye’ on our school after hours and on weekends. There have been a number of people hanging around and on school grounds after school hours. Please let me know if you do see anyone on the grounds so it can be followed up at a later date.

When Older Kids Struggle With Reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they’re heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page. Find out more:


Multiplication Times Tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here’s School A to Z’s help sheet:


Sorting Fact From Fiction

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more:


Have a great week.

Derek Noffke
Principal

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Chocolate Fundraiser

Yr 3 Fundraising committee are organising a chocolate fundraising event again this year, just in time for Easter. To keep with the Easter theme, we have ordered boxes that contain small chocolate eggs. These should be very popular. Please support our school by collecting a box or alternative having a box sent home.

I give permission for ___________________ to collect a box of chocolates for sale

- Variety Pack $1.00
- Easter Eggs bag $4.00
- Fredo $1.00

Parent Signature ____________________________
Meet our new Kindergarten Students

Name
Ceejay Twigg

Age
6

What do you Like about School
Playing on the equipment. I also like going on the obstacle course in PMP. Playing Letter School on the Ipad is fun too.

What do you want to do when you grow up
A fireman like my dad so I can help rescue people.

Year 6 T-Shirt Orders
Please return order form and money to the office ASAP so that the shirts can be ordered. If you are unsure of sizes, there are sample sizes at the office. Orders are due this Wednesday 25th March.

ASTHMA
If your child suffers with Asthma please ensure they have a puffer available to them at all times. Please provide your Asthma Plan.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open each Friday fortnight on our Assembly week. Please see Belinda Hopwood for any information.

Fundraising Committee
Fundraising meeting for Year 3 Parents will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 9am at school.

Book Fair
Our first Scholastic Book Fair will be held in Week 6. Come and purchase one of the exciting titles available. The Fair will be open on next week!
Monday 2nd March 3 – 6 pm.

Tuesday 3rd March – Before school 8.30 – 9.00am & Lunchtime
Wednesday 4th March - Lunchtime only.
Please add this date to your calendar and support our school Library. The commission from sales will add new resources to our Library.
Mrs Sue Chilvers

Merit Certificate Recipients
Congratulations to the following students on receiving a merit certificate at our last Assembly. Keep up the great work.

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**Stage 3 Canberra Excursion**

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This rebate has already been deducted from the cost of the excursion to students.

**Friday Junior Tennis Competition**

Junior tennis Competition starts Friday 27 February 2015 4:00pm

All ages, standards catered for, from Hot shots courts through to full size.

New players to tennis receive a FREE LESSON.

Enquiries – Cheryl 0429 126 586

**Classroom Tissues**

Could each child please provide their teacher with a box of tissues. Allergy, cold and flu will soon be upon us and the students are always looking for a tissue. Thank you.

**1/2 Drama**

This Friday 1/2 will need a hat or mask to use in Drama with Mrs Brown. Please send in any hats or masks the students can use. There will be spares if your child doesn’t have anything! Thank you Mrs Brown

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**Yenda Centenary October 2016**

Meeting: Monday 23.2.2015

COME ALONG AND JOIN in on THE DISCUSSION, Griffith has already started planning, so let’s not miss out! We need to begin planning.

7pm

Yenda Diggers Club

Proposed activities:
- Street parade/activities in the park
- Centenary Book
- Oral History recordings
- Identify and create map of businesses, location and points of interest
- Steam Train
- Unearth capsule at Stedall Hall and school
- Displays in old shop windows
- Centenary Football match
- Centenary Golf Day
- School activities

Sue Reynolds – Mobile - 0428 681 205

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**Year 5 students concentrating hard**