Principal’s Report
The Expression of Interest for the position of Relieving Principal has been completed. I would like to congratulate Kate Brace (Principal Tharbogang Public School) for her appointment to Yenda for the remainder of 2015 as Relieving Principal. Staff and students are looking forward to working with Kate in developing and implementing the school’s 2015-2017 School Plan.
On behalf of the Yenda School community I welcome Kate and wish her all the best in the Principal’s role. Kate will begin Week 5, Monday 18th May.

Area News Pages
Just a reminder that Yenda Public School featured in today’s paper. Thank you to Michelle Perez for putting together our presentation and photos.

Autism Awareness Day
As part of Autism Awareness Month the school dressed in ‘Rainbow Colours or Blue’ last Wednesday.
As part of the day teachers discussed what autism is and how it relates to the learning needs that students with autism may need in their classrooms and everyday life.
I would like to thank Nicole Horley who spoke to each of the classes during the morning and provided a personal insight in to different aspects of autism to the students. Teachers used a variety of resources and there were lots of questions and thoughtful comments.
Did you know once you are diagnosed with autism it is with you for life?
Each person diagnosed with autism is unique and has different needs.

Some Websites for Autism
www.autismspectrum.org.au/
www.sueilarkey.com

NAPLAN
Year 3 and Year 5 will be sitting NAPLAN May.12th-14th. Find out more:

Voluntary School Contributions
School Contributions for 2015 are as follows:
$30.00 per student
$45.00 for 2 students
$60.00 for 3 or more students
Please be aware that these fees are not compulsory, however all money raised goes directly back into educational resources for our students. If you have any concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dance Group
Congratulations to the dance group who were successful in auditions for the Riverina Dance Festival. Now there is a lot of hard work and commitment to practice sessions leading up to the performances. Good Luck. Lisa Brown will be having a parent meeting on Wednesday 6th May at 3.00pm in the library to discuss details of the day.

Sporting Congratulations
I would like to congratulate our students competing in the Trent Barrett and Tony Lockett football gala days last week. They were all great ambassadors for our school.
Well done to the two Trent Barrett League Tag sides who have won through to the finals of the competition to be held in August.

Removing Head Lice and Nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits

Richard Turner
Relieving Principal
Meet our new Kindergarten Students

Name: Joseph Cosgrove-Roth
Age : 5
What do you like about school: Playing and seeing my friends and sport.
What do you want to do when you grow up: Policeman or a Fireman

Excursion Reminder for Yrs 5/6 Canberra

Wed 6th May to Fri 8th May

Please label all items and medication your child/children are taking on the excursion.

Children need to be at school by 6:45 am on Wednesday as the bus must depart at 7am in order to be on time for our first attraction in Canberra.

Living Safely with Dogs:
A Responsible Pet Education Program will be visiting our school on Monday 11th May at 2pm, the pet educator will be bringing a suitability test dog to the school. Could you please contact the office if your child requires special consideration or has allergies to dog’s.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open this Friday and then on our next Assembly in week 4. Just a reminder to get in early to organise your Winter Uniforms, see Belinda Hopwood for any information.

Asthma: Please ensure your child’s Asthma plan is up to date and a copy supplied to the school.

Hall Out of Use
The School Hall is currently out of use as the termites are still active. Treatment requires a 2 week period to allow the barrier to take effect. There will be no assembly in Week 2. The first assembly will be held Friday Week 4.

Canteen:
Anyone who is able to help in the Canteen on Friday’s, please call into the canteen or let me know what day you are available. Help is needed from 10.30am – 1.00pm or if you can help all day. Thanks Linda

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K-2 Excursion to Altina Wildlife

Altina Wildlife Park by Will Terrazas Year 1
Yesterday K12 went to Altina. It was full of dangerous animals. Some were cute and some were scary too. My favourite animals were the meerkats and the zebras. I enjoyed the horse and cart! Did you know that wombats can run as fast as your mum or dad can drive in the school zone?

Altina Wildlife Park by Isaac Conlan Year 1
Altina Wildlife Park was the best excursion I have been on. My favourite animal was the horse that pulled the cart. I really enjoyed feeding the goats bread. They jumped up on to the fence. I learned about wild dogs, they are vicious. I didn’t like the squealing noise they made!
Altina Wildlife Park by Tama Kiddle Year 2
Altina was amazing! My favourite animals were the meerkats because of their intelligence. They can dig their burrows with great detail. The white lions were my favourite too because they are nearly extinct. I loved feeding the baby goats. I learned that a wombat can go forty kilometres per hour and that the red deer’s push their babies off a cliff as soon as they are born to make sure they can climb.

Altina Wildlife Park by Tomas Goirigolzarri
Year 2
At Altina Wildlife Park we had fun. We walked to see the small animals and then went on horse and cart to see the larger animals. My favourite animal was the manned wolf cubs and the black-capped capuchin monkeys. Two interesting facts that I learned were that wombats can run forty kilometres per hour and that a zebra has different patterns. Zebras are black with white stripes, not white with black stripes. I enjoyed going on the horse and cart, feeding the goats and watching the giraffes eat.