PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We have had the best possible start to the year at Yoogali PS with all classes and students working hard on their learning on a daily basis. I couldn’t be happier. By moving our Intensive Swimming program this year from being for two weeks in Term 1 to once a week for ten weeks during Term 4, our students are already seeing the benefit that uninterrupted learning is giving them. As always our staff are ensuring that the lessons they provide are meaningful, engaging and meet the individual learning needs of every student in their care. I am proud to say that our students are all looking fantastic in their school uniforms too. We have put in place a weekly “Uniform Draw” in which all students have the opportunity to be chosen out of a hat for a free iceblock if they are wearing full school uniform on that day. This reward system is working well with all students chosen to date being in full school uniform when they were lucky enough to have their name pulled out. Keep up the great work Yoogali PS!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Daily attendance at school for all students remains of highest importance this year at Yoogali PS. Only with regular attendance at school can all students achieve the best results possible. Please assist us to provide your child with the best possible education by ensuring that they are at school on a daily basis, on time and ready to learn.

CALENDAR

WEEK 5
Friday 28th February – Clean Up Australia Day
Yoogali PS

WEEK 6
Monday 3rd March – Premiers Reading Challenge begins
Wednesday 5th March – Assembly (4/5/6 item)
Yoogali PS Library
11.30 – 12.00pm

WEEK 7
Monday 10th March – Yr 6/7 Enrolment Forms home
Thursday 13th March – Year 6/7 Middle School Wade HS
8.50 – 10.10am

WEEK 8
Tuesday 18th March - P&C AGM
Yoogali PS Staffroom
7.30pm
Wednesday 19th March – Trent Barrett Shield
Yr 3/4 Rugby League
Yr 3/4 Girls League Tag
Yr 5&6 Girls Workshop
Assembly (K/1 item)
Yoogali PS Library
11.30 – 12.00pm

Friday 21st March – Harmony Day
Yr 6/7 Enrolment Forms due

WEEK 10
Monday 31st March – Young Leaders Conference Sydney
Wednesday 2nd April - Assembly (2/3 item)
Yoogali PS Library
11.30 – 12.00pm

WEEK 11
Wednesday 9th April – K-6 Easter Hat Parade
2.00pm
**Have you paid your School Contributions?**
The School Contributions for 2014 remain the same as in previous years.

- **$30** single student
- **$50** per family

These contributions greatly assist us in providing resources for your children, including payment this year for all students from K-6 to access the Mathletics and Reading Eggs programs. Thank you to those parents who have already made this payment. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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**Assembly Awards**

Wednesday 5th February

**K-1**
- Mia McCoustra
- Katrina Laviano
- Nate Sergi
- Joel Victor

**2-3**
- Damien Gibbs
- Maddison Horley
- Chaise Sergi
- Cooper Horley

**4-5-6**
- Daniel Pardella
- Brody Martin
- Katelyn Earl
- Anthea Soligo

**Responsibility Awards**
- Joshua Cumberland
- Caprice Crowe
- Krystal Mackenzie

**Citizenship Award**
- Ellie Bradshaw

**Sportsmanship Award**
- Kyla McCoustra

**Principal Award**
- Krystal Mackenzie

**Assembly Awards**
- Tanayah Crowe
- Amber Sayers

**Birthdays**
- Tanayah Crowe 18th February
- Kyla McCoustra 21st February

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**K/1 News**

K/1 have been hard at work and having fun, every day is busy and full of learning. We have been learning about letters, their sounds and actions to help us as we read.

Homework booklets for the term will go out this week.

K/1 have been enjoying role plays and acting out our stories each week, we have lots of talented actors in our room.

Each Friday students eagerly look forward to Toy Time, where they can choose from a variety of fun activities such as colouring, painting, play dough, blocks, cars and computer time to finish the week.

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Cooper Horley 28th February

Lizette Burton
2/3 NEWS
In 2/3 we have been busy, busy, busy. One of our big focuses this term and this year is to begin analysing images and text and finding out more from them, instead of just focussing on the stuff that is written or right there. We are beginning to use our inferring skills in all areas of our learning and bringing our ever expanding background knowledge to situations to help us understand more. It is a great pleasure to be on playground duty and hear the students still talking about a topic that we have just been discussing in class or for them to seek me out at recess and lunch to tell me something else they think about an image we have been analysing in class.
2/3 have definitely stepped up to the plate so far this year and we have begun some amazing learning in our class. Keep up the good work 2/3!

Mrs Damini

4/5/6 NEWS
Students have had a busy start to the term and have enjoyed the new learning experiences. All students have been participating in daily Literacy groups where they have been learning and developing their reading skills and working within small groups. We have been reading the text Rowan of Rin by Emily Rodda investigating the author and developing comprehension skills. During writing students have been looking at the different representations of dragons and language used by the author to make dragons seem good and evil. In Mathematics, students have been learning new ways to add and subtract large numbers. They have really enjoyed participating in the daily Maths warm-up activities and hands on learning.

Miss Gordon and Mrs Callinan

NRL TACKLING BULLYING WORKSHOP
On Wednesday 12th February, all students from K-6 were involved in a workshop with representatives from the Canberra Raiders football team aimed at empowering students to stand up for themselves and others against bullying. After watching the NRL's tackle bullying DVD, each student received a hand poster which showed the five steps to tackle bullying. Our students listened attentively and when given the opportunity asked interesting questions of the players about their lives as professional athletes.
All of our students are to be congratulated for their efforts on the day and for the enthusiasm and good sportsmanship that they displayed. We were lucky enough to have three students who as a result of their efforts were eligible to then go on and compete at yesterday’s Griffith Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival. The students were Brandon Burns, Daniel Morris and Anthea Soligo. I was the Team Manager yesterday and could not be prouder of the efforts that all three students put into their events and the friendly manner in which they interacted with the other members of the Small Schools team from Binya, Tharbogang, Weethalle, Tharbogang, Rankin’s Springs and Lake Wyangan Public Schools.

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Yoogali PS was in charge of running this year’s Small Schools Swimming Carnival held last Thursday at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Centre. The day ran smoothly thanks to the hard work of our staff both at the pool with our swimming students and also back at school with those students who for them, it was school as usual. A huge thank you also to those parents who gave up their time at the pool to do timekeeping for most, if not all of the day. Without your assistance, our carnival would not be able to run.