**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

I love the opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of our staff and students at Yoogali PS. I can now proudly inform parents that our attendance rate for 2013 at Yoogali PS was 95.3%, which is the highest rate it has ever been AND is higher than the average attendance rate of students in the Region and even of the State! Well done everyone! This is only possible through the positive partnerships that our school has developed with all of our families to ensure that students are at school as often as possible. Already this year our attendance remains at a high level and this is the standard we will be striving to continue for the rest of 2014.

I was happy to see so many of our parents at last week’s K-6 Assembly. Our students are working diligently in class each day on improving their learning outcomes, making it very easy for our staff to find recipients for our merit awards. Can I encourage as many parents and caregivers as possible to please make an effort to try and attend our next P&C Meeting, which is also our AGM, on Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Yoogali PS Staffroom. This is your opportunity to find out more about the decisions being made with regards to future directions of the school and your child’s education. By working together, we can ensure that all students are provided with the highest quality of education possible at Yoogali PS. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

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**CALENDAR**

**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 and Hot Dog Day
Yr 6/7 Enrolment Forms due

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**WEEK 10**

Monday 31st March – Young Leaders Conference
Sydney

Wednesday 2nd April - Assembly (2/3 item)
Yoogali PS Library
11.30 – 12.00pm

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**WEEK 11**

Monday 7th April – Debating workshop
Griffith East PS

Wednesday 9th April – K-6 Easter Hat Parade
2.00pm

Thursday 10th April - Year 6/7 Middle School
Wade HS
8.50 – 10.10am

Friday 11th April – Last day of Term1
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Wednesday 5th March**

**K-1**
Kendra Knight  
Amber Sayers  
Kyle Earl  
Alex Victor

**2-3**
Deegon Byrne  
Ellie Bradshaw  
Michaela Warr  
Katrina Draper

**4-5-6**
Abigail Cumberland  
Jayden Lawlor  
Isabella Trimboli  
Kyla Oldham

**Responsibility Awards**
Rosa Marando  
Demi Whitehead  
Tanayah Crowe

**Citizenship Award**
Alex Sayers

**Principal Award**
Cameron Burns

**Assembly Awards**
Julilan Marcanio  
Jordon Bartolo

**Birthdays**
Sarah Atkinson  3\textsuperscript{rd} March  
Chaise Sergi  4\textsuperscript{th} March  
Katrina Laviano  6\textsuperscript{th} March  
Eliza Bartolo  12\textsuperscript{th} March

**K/1 NEWS**

This term is flying by so quickly. I can’t believe it is half over. Our room is always a hive of activity and learning, with students making groups of objects, ordering and adding numbers in Maths, reading some great books by a variety of authors and making some amazing art works. Our room is becoming a colourful art gallery.

K/1 students have been participating in reading groups with all students working well and learning to be more independent learners.

As the weather will soon be cooling down, could each family please send in a box of tissues to be used by the class.

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**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.
2/3 NEWS
Week 7 already. Boy has this term flown!
In 2/3 we are continuing our Australian focus of learning in Literacy and throughout all of our KLAS. We have learnt a lot about different Australian authors as well as Australian animals, environments and people.
We are utilising Mathletics to assist with our understanding in Patterns and Algebra this week. The students are enjoying being challenged by this and working with a partner or those around them to solve these problems. Please make sure all borrowed books from the Library are returned. If they aren’t this will prevent your child from re-borrowing. I have noticed a wide range of books with varying topics being borrowed in our class.
I am very proud to say that most of 2/3 are regularly returning their homework. Home reading is an integral part of your child learning. It is essential that they practise reading every single day!

Mrs Damini

4/5/6 NEWS
What a fun and exciting week! All the 4/5/6 students did a great job presenting their assembly items. They should be very proud!
In Maths we have been continuing to learn and apply mental strategies when working with multiplication problems. In HSIE we have begun to look at Australia’s ecosystem and biodiversity, investigating the negative effects of shark culling.
In Science we have begun to investigate the weather and different devices which are used to measure the different elements. Last week we focused on the wind anemometer. Students have enjoyed creating and writing a Narrative based on the text ‘Rowan of Rin’ creating and constructing the next chapter experimenting with different grammatical features.
During the last week students have been learning to edit and proofread their writing. They have been practising how to reflect and improve their writing process.
As Autumn is upon us, and the mornings are now cooler, it would be appreciated if each student in the class could send in a box of tissues to use.

Miss Gordon and Mrs Callinan

Griffith Central Shop For Your School
Yoogali Public School has registered for the chance to win $3000.

Customers collect coupons through the Area News and attach stickers when purchasing $10.00 or more at Griffith Central.

Please nominate Yoogali Public School on your coupon before placing it in the box.
This promotion is from 10th March until 9th May.
Hot Dogs for Harmony Day

On Friday 21st March the SRC (Student Representative Council) will be holding a Hot Dog lunch for Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is a day which is celebrated around Australia. It is a day for all Australians to celebrate our cultural diversity.

Students at Yoogali Public will be allowed to wear orange clothing to celebrate this day. If you choose to wear orange clothing you will need to provide a gold coin donation. Students who do not wish to wear orange are to come in their normal school uniform.

Please find attached to the YARN an order form outlining prices and payment.

NEW PHONE APP

The new phone app developed by the Roads and Maritime Services (previously known as the RTA) called Speed Adviser can be used to alert you when entering a School Safety Zone. It also displays the speed limit of whatever road you are on. We encourage you to use it to keep our students safe in School Zones.
2014 - SAVE THE DATES!

We are providing the following dates as early as possible for your information when organising finances and work/family commitments. Where possible these dates will remain as advertised but please understand, sometimes they may change due to circumstances beyond our control and if this occurs, we will let you know. As more dates are finalised for such things as School Photos and the K-2 Excursion, they too will also be published for your information.

TERM 2

Friday 9th May
Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th May
NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 and Year 5

TERM 3

Education Week and Book Fair
Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August

Monday 1st September
Life Education visit

Year 3/4 Excursion to Dubbo/Parkes (in conjunction with Lake Wyangan PS)
Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th September

TERM 4

Intensive Swimming
Wednesday 8th October – Wednesday 10th December (once per week for 10 weeks)

Year 5/6 Excursion to Bendigo/Ballarat (in conjunction with Lake Wyangan PS)
Tuesday 4th November – Thursday 6th November

Yoogali PS Presentation Night
Thursday 11th December

YOOGALI PUBLIC SCHOOL EASTER HAT PARADE

Yoogali Public School students will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 9th April starting at 2.00pm.

Students are asked to create a hat or headpiece at home to wear during the parade. Prizes will be awarded for creativity and individuality.

The P&C will be running a BBQ for lunch before the parade and also selling tickets for Easter Egg hampers. These will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

Family members are more than welcome to join us for the Parade. We look forward to seeing lots of people here at school for the celebration!