PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
After much negotiation with MSP Photography, we have been successful in finally securing a date for our school photos to be taken this term on **Tuesday 1st April**. After discussions with our P&C, the decision was made to try and schedule our photos to be taken during Term 1 or Term 4 this year to allow our students to be photographed wearing their summer uniform for a change. Due to intensive swimming also being in Term 4, our preference was definitely for a Term 1 date to assist parents with budgeting of costs. Photo envelopes with each child’s name printed on them were sent home last Friday and need to be returned please regardless of whether or not you wish to purchase any photos. Full summer uniform is to be worn and a copy of the specific clothing items this includes is attached to this copy of the Yarn.

Congratulations to all our students for supporting Harmony Day last Friday by wearing orange and purchasing a hot dog for lunch. Our Kindergarten students were particularly excited to join in the celebrations as it was the first event they have joined in out of uniform since starting school this year. Some students even got into the spirit by wearing orange in their hair! It was a terrific day all round and thanks must go to Miss Gordon and the SRC for their organisation of the day.

It was fantastic to see lots of people, including some new faces at last week’s P&C meeting. I cannot encourage parents and carers enough to come along and have input into the direction and future priorities of the school. Our next meeting is in the last week of this term on Tuesday 8th April. It is never too late to join. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

CALENDAR

**WEEK 9**
Thursday 27th March – Year 6/7 Middle School
Wade HS
8.50 – 10.10am

**WEEK 10**
Monday 31st March – Young Leaders Conference
Sydney

**Tuesday 1st April – School Photos**
Full Summer Uniform please

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

**WEEK 11**
Monday 7th April – Debating workshop
Griffith East PS

Tuesday 8th April – P&C Meeting
Yogali PS Staffroom
7.30pm

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

**TERM TWO**

**WEEK 1**
Tuesday 29th April – Students return to school

Thursday 1st May - Year 6/7 Middle School
Wade HS
8.50 – 10.10am

**WEEK 2**
Wednesday 7th May - Assembly (4/5/6 item)
Yogali PS Library
11.30 – 12.00pm

Friday 9th May – Small Schools Athletics Carnival
West End Oval
ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Wednesday 19th March

K-1
Brandon McDermott
Zephyr Byrne
Joshua Cumberland
Zahra Ingold

2-3
Ralph Manansala
Nicholas Sayers
Julian Marcanio
Cameron McDermott

4-5-6
Jessica Carnell
Oliver Manansala
Jakob Lodding
Laycie Taylor

Responsibility Awards
Cameron Burns
Kayla McDermott
Laycie Taylor

Citizenship Award
Robbie Peterson

Principal Award
Deegon Byrne

Assembly Awards
Ivan Walton
Brody Martin

Birthdays
Brody Martin 11th March
Ryan Cumberland 24th March
Laycie Taylor 25th March
Cameron Burns 29th March
Zephyr Byrne 30th March

K/1 NEWS
Kindergarten and Year One are very pleased to welcome a new staff member in our room, Miss Natalie Mayberry. Miss Mayberry will be in our room for part of each day and helping us to learn more about Braille.

K/1 looked fantastic wearing orange for Harmony day. In our class we have been talking about what harmony is, as well as how we are all important and special.

Could parents and carers please remember to send back library books every Friday as we cannot allow your child to borrow again if they have books still outstanding.

Lizette Burton

HAVE YOU MISPLACED ONE OF YOUR CHILD’S PERMISSION NOTES?

Links to notes sent home are available on our school website at www.yoogali-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ for your convenience

We have also recently added some new photos for your viewing pleasure

2/3 NEWS
In Maths this past two weeks we have been working on understanding multiplication and division. We have been doing heaps of hands on work including looking at arrays and learning about columns and rows. We have been making lots of groups of different things and we have been learning how to share fairly. In 2/3 we are becoming increasingly familiar with the multiplication and division symbols and the other words we can use to mean the same thing. I am very pleased with progress the whole class has made in this area over the last two weeks.
Due to the positive approach of the whole class to learning we are only 14 more stickers off achieving our half way mark on our 100 sticker chart. When we reach this mark we will have a movie afternoon to celebrate the success we are experiencing. We are yet to decide on our reward for when we reach 100 stickers, but plenty of great ideas have been discussed. Keep up the awesome work 2/3. Miss Jane and I are extremely proud of your keenness to learn.

Mrs Damini

**4/5/6 NEWS**
We have just finished reading the book Rowan of Rin. The students have been learning about the reading strategy “making connections” and have looked at the characters and how they are similar to themselves. We took a class vote on the cover of the book and if by looking at the cover they would have read it. The majority said NO so the students have been busy designing a new book cover.

In Maths 4/5/6 have started looking at 2D shapes. The pictures below show the students making patterns using 2D shapes and playing a Barrier Game.

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**Griffith Netball Association**
**Registration Day**
Saturday March 29
Griffith Leagues Club
from 11am - 2 pm.

Fees for registration as follows:
Seniors (18yrs+) $110
Juniors (9-17 yr) $95
Net Set Go $60

Net Set Go is designed for 5-9 yr olds to teach skills and rules in a fun environment.

Further information is available on our Facebook page.
Registration forms are available from GB Sports, Sportspower, Athletes Foot or our school office

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Please remember to bring in tissues for our classroom. Thankyou to those students who have already provided boxes.

Miss Gordon and Mrs Callinan
TRENT BARRETT SHIELD

Last Wednesday 19th March, I had the pleasure of supervising two Small Schools boys teams at the Trent Barrett Shield Gala Day held in Griffith. Miss Simpson also supervised two girls teams for League-Tag. Trent Barrett shield involves students from Years 3 and Year 4 and encourages participation in modified forms of Rugby League for boys and girls. The teams included students from Binya, Goolgowi, Lake Wyangan, Rankin’s Springs, Tharbogang, Weethalle and Yoogali Public Schools. The following students represented our school with great sportsmanship and displayed terrific teamwork:

- Brandon Burns
- Jayden McCoustra
- Chaise Sergi
- Elizza Bartolo
- Claire Boots
- Abigail Cumberland
- Krystal Mackenzie
- Michaela Warr, and
- Demi Whitehead

All students gave their very best on the day and our three boys have been successful in progressing to the next round to be held in Wagga later this term.

NO HAT NO PLAY
SUNSMART POLICY

Just a reminder that in Terms 1 and 4 all students require a bucket hat to play in the sun. No caps are permitted.

Students who do not have a bucket hat must play under the COLA as part of our school Sunsmart Policy.

Parents/carers are reminded that Yoogali PS school bucket hats are available for purchase at any time through the School Office for $10.00.

Easter Egg
Guessing Competition

As part of Yoogali Public School’s Easter activities the SRC will be holding a ‘Guessing Competition’ to guess the total amount of eggs in a jar.

Guessing will begin this week with students being able to guess during lunch time for 20c each guess.

The winner of the ‘guessing competition’ will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade in Week 11.
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments developed by the University of New South Wales with a competition element that students may choose to participate in each year. ICAS are developed for primary and secondary school students in the subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing as a means for students to practise their skills in large scale examinations and identify potentially gifted students for future enrichment. If you are interested in your child participating and would like more information, visit http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about

The sitting dates for each exam are listed below as well as the price for each student entry and the closing date for applications. Money is to be paid to the Office if you wish your child to participate

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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!

HELPFUL APPS FOR PARENTS

School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia