PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

At Yoogali Public School we are Safe, Respectful Learners!

What a great start to the term! Everyone has come back to school ready to learn and have a go at new things.

Healthy Students
Like many schools we have students with on-going, chronic health issues. Their health and well-being is very important. We ask that if your child or anyone in your family is diagnosed or has developed symptoms of contagious and transmittable conditions, please contact the school immediately. This includes; coughs, colds, flu, high fevers etc.

Senior Excursion
Our Year 5 and 6 students, accompanied by Mrs Damini and Mrs Callinan spent three days in Canberra last week. The highlights of the trip included Questacon and the visit to Parliament House. The three days were jam packed with activities and some very tired children and teachers arrived back to school on Friday afternoon. Congratulations to all our students who were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to our staff for giving up their time to provide this valuable experience for our students.

Learning Goals
As part of our focus on visible learning and How 2 Learn strategies, we have introduced daily learning goals or a focus for the day. Students select the goal they wish to focus on for the day and wear a badge to remind them and others of their learning goal. See Mrs Damini’s blurb to follow.

Year 7 Selective High School Application
Year 5 students have been given a note regarding an “Intention To Apply” for Selective High School Placement Test. All applications are done online now and need to be completed before 16th November. If you are interested in applying for a place at Yanco Agricultural High School, students must sit this test in March, 2016 for a place in 2017. Please return the “Intention” note to school and we can send home an information booklet. If you do not have internet access please come to school and we can assist with your application.

P&C Fundraiser
Don’t forget to return your money as this needs to be finalised. All money raised helps support your children's learning by buying additional resources for use in the classroom.
**CALANDER**

**TERM 3**

**WEEK 3**
Wednesday 21st October  -  Swimming Lessons

Thursday 22nd October -  Middle School  Yr 6
Wade High School
8.50- 10.10

**WEEK 4**
Wednesday 28th October  -  Swimming Lessons
-Kinder Orientation
11.30-3.10

Friday 30th October  -  Assembly 2.30pm Library
3GD item

**WEEK 5**
Wednesday 4th November  -  Swimming Lessons

Thursday 5th November -  Middle School  Yr 6
Wade High School
8.50- 10.10

**WEEK 6**
Tuesday 10th November – Beecroft Public School Band
9.30- 11am

Wednesday 11th November  -  Swimming Lessons
-Kinder Orientation
9.10 - 3.10

Friday 13th November  -  Assembly 2.30pm Library
1B item

**WEEK 7**
Wednesday 18th November  -  Swimming Lessons
- "It's a Mad World"
Yenda Public School

Thursday 19th November -  Middle School  Yr 6
Wade High School
8.50- 10.10

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Friday 16th October**

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**3GD - Being Respectful**

- Being Safe
- Being a Learner
  
  Ryan Cumberland
  Elizza Bartolo
  Kyla Oldham

**Assembly Awards**

Abi Cumberland and Thomas Finnen

**PBL Award**

Rosa Marando won the canteen voucher.

**Citizenship Award**

Amber Sayers

**Birthdays**

- Thomas Finnen  21st October
- Jack Collins  22nd October

**Learning Goal Badges**

This week we have introduced our new learning goal badges. Our aim is that our students can begin to identify goals for themselves when learning in the classroom or in the playground. The goals they choose can be just for the day or as long as needed to achieve them. We have green learning goal badges which are all about being a LEARNER. Yellow learning goal badges which are about being SAFE and purple learning goal badges which are about being RESPECTFUL. Our learning goal badges align with our Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations and values and utilise effective habits for learning.

On arrival at school each student can collect one or two badges from the front office. All students must have at least one LEARN (green) badge. They can then choose a second badge. The second badge can be a LEARN, SAFE or RESPECT goal.

We will be introducing all of the badges slowly. Each week we will add more learning goal badges for the students to choose from. We have begun this week with six. The six goals we have started with are:
LEARN – Managing Distractions
LEARN – Making Links
SAFE – Self-regulation
SAFE – Personal Space
RESPECT – Positive Language
RESPECT – Effective Listening

Mrs Damini 😊

1B NEWS

Our red mailbox and some of our letters

K/1 have been very excited this term as we have a new red mail box in our room! We send and receive letters and are learning about how to address envelopes with sender and receivers’ details. Students are writing wonderful messages and improving in their writing while having fun.

Students are also learning more about numbers during numeracy and are able to tally, match groups to numbers and Year 1 are learning about hundreds, tens and ones.

Mrs Burton.

2R NEWS

Hi Yoogali Public School community! My name is Miss Tyson and I am a 4th year CSU student on placement at your fantastic school for the next two weeks. I have been working in 2R where we have been exploring the exciting world of dinosaurs this week. Within this theme, the students have been working on time in numeracy and their questioning skills in literacy.

Thank you to all of the staff and students who have been so welcoming. I am very much looking forward to working and learning here. Don’t be afraid to say hello if you see me around!

Miss Tyson

3GD NEWS

The Year 5 and 6 students returned from their Canberra excursion with lots of new experiences to share. The students who remained at school also had lots of brilliant learning experience whilst the 5/6’s were away and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with students and teaching staff from the other classes. They especially enjoyed having special one on one time with Miss Gordon.

This week we have gotten stuck into learning about the human brain and what an outstanding organ it is. We are learning about stretching our
brain like a muscle in order for it to grow and in order for us to learn more.

Over the coming weeks of this term we will be having a variety of successful community members visit our classroom and our school to talk about their learning journeys and what we are calling their ‘marvellous mistakes’.

We are learning to value our failures and using them to grow (being growth-minded). This has been a challenging concept for some of the students to grasp but we are making progress which I am extremely proud of.

Mrs Damini 😊

### 2016 Kindergarten Enrolments

Any parents with children who are beginning Kindergarten in 2016, please return your child’s enrolment form and necessary documentation as soon as possible to the Front Office. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

### Summer Reading Fun for Students Starting School in 2016

This selection is a small suggestion of books students starting Kindergarten in 2016 may enjoy.

Read to your child as much as you can. These suggested books are all highly engaging for young children, they have quality language and play with words and ideas.

Read the same book to your children many times because with each reading children become more familiar and learn from the repetition. Can you read to your child 5 times a day?

This is not a definitive list; it has been compiled as a starting guide for interested parents and caregivers. Your local library, school library and bookshops are also full of inspiration.

**Elephant and Piggie series** by Mo Willems
**Green eggs and ham** by Dr Seuss
**The cat in the hat** by Dr Seuss
**Hop on Pop** by Dr Seuss
**I went walking** by Sue Williams and Julie Vivas

More titles will be published in later Yarns.