PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

At Yoogali Public School we are Safe, Respectful Learners!

As you read this edition of the Yarn, I’m away on Long Service Leave having a holiday with my family. Mrs Callinan will be relieving Principal and teaching 2R in my absence. I’ll be back at school on Thursday 19th November.

Staffing 2016

I would like to inform the community that I will not be at Yoogali Public School next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here getting to know our wonderful students, staff and families. As you know I travel from Carrathool each day (approx. 100kms if there’s no rain and I can use the dirt road) and this daily travel is proving to be too much for myself and my family.

Our Director has appointed Lucia Gargaro to be relieving Principal in 2016. Lucia is a very experienced principal and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills with her. She will be visiting our school regularly in the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition for staff and students into 2016.

It is also with a touch of sadness that Mrs Nikki Callinan will not be at Yoogali next year, but has taken leave for 12 months. Mrs Callinan has proven to be an extremely valuable staff member over many years. Her commitment to the students is outstanding. We will miss her and the experience, support and commitment she displays to help our students be the best they can. We wish her all the best.

On some happy news, congratulations to Mrs Sarah Rinaldo, her husband Shane and son Brody on the safe arrival of Indianna Anne. She arrived at 2:55pm on Monday 26th October. The whole family is overjoyed and doing great. Can’t wait for our first visit.

Healthy Students – Whooping Cough

A message from the Health Department

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.
Children with symptoms should see a GP. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines. Public health units can provide advice to schools managing whooping cough outbreaks. Also see information on the School Based Immunisation Program.

**Fruit and Veg Month News**

Yoogali Public School students had the fantastic opportunity of participating in Fruit and Veg month during September. Students were encouraged to bring in fruit and vegetables during fruit break in order to receive a voucher, to go in the running to win some awesome prizes. Congratulations to Jayden Lawlor for winning one of 3 Mini iPads within New South Wales! This proves it doesn’t matter the size of the school! You have to be in it to win it!

Miss Gordon

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**CALENDAR**

**TERM 3**

**WEEK 5**

Wednesday 4th November - Swimming Lessons  
- Kinder Orientation  
11.30am - 3.10pm

Thursday 5th November - Middle School Yr 6  
Wade High School  
8.50- 10.10  
- Debating Competition  
Beelbangera Public School

**WEEK 6**

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

Wednesday 11th November - Swimming Lessons  
- Kinder Orientation Day

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

**WEEK 8**

Wednesday 25th November - Swimming Lessons  
- Beach to Bush  
2-3pm

Thursday 26th November – Wade High School Orientation  
Yr 6 all day

Friday 27th November - Planet Rhythm Workshop  
9.30am  
- Assembly 2.30pm Library
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Friday 30th October

1B - Being Respectful  Mia McCoustra
   Being Safe        Rohan Burns
   Being a Learner   Assunta Marando

2R - Being Respectful Cameron Burns
   Being Safe        Josh Cumberland
   Being a Learner   Paige Sergi

3GD - Being Respectful Caprice Crowe
   Being Safe        Anthea Soligo
   Being a Learner   Brody Martin

Assembly Awards
Krystal Mackenzie and Alex Victor

PBL Award
Brody Martin won the canteen voucher.

Citizenship Award
Kyla McCoustra

Principal Award
Chaise Sergi and Brandon Burns

Birthdays
Deegon Byrne  28th October
Assunta Marando  29th October
Rosa Marando  29th October
Kendra Knight  5th November
Demi Whitehead  8th November

1B NEWS

1B have been creating art based on the story ‘The Little Polar Bear’. We have some amazing polar bears to hang in our room as well as writing based on our polar bears. Students wrote, edited and published their work which will be displayed with their pictures.

2R NEWS

We had a busy classroom in 2R this past week! We herded up all our knowledge about collective nouns and created our own whole class fictional book in Literacy. Within Numeracy, strategies and memory of multiplication sums were our focus for the majority of the week. It was great to see it clicking with some of the younger students in the class and the Year 4 students excelling. The students also participated in a number of hands on activities including a volcano experiment, dot painting and researching specific dinosaurs.

As this was my last week at the school, I’d like to thank the staff for their valuable guidance and assistance as well as thank the beautiful

Assunta’s Polar Bear

James’ Polar Bear

My polar bear name is Josh and he can jump.
by Travis.

My polar bear is named Zori. She likes to eat fish, she is 5 years old. She is white she is slow and big. She loves me.
By Brandon

Mrs Burton.
students in 2R who have made my experience thoroughly enjoyable.

Miss Tyson

3GD NEWS

Students have enjoyed participating in a variety of lessons based around our focus ‘Marvellous Mistakes’ and overcoming challenges to achieve our goals. Students have been learning about different artists within the world who have overcome serious illness and disability to still produce awesome work through their determination. All the students enjoyed creating portraits using their left foot like artist Christy Brown. During HSIE we have begun our historical inquiry to look at the marvellous mistakes of inventors such as Thomas Edison and the challenges and determination of Indigenous peoples such as Charles Perkins.

Miss Gordon

Leukaemia Foundation
Light the Night

Friday 6th November
Willow Park, Griffith

BBQ, refreshments for sale, entertainment and face painting.
Bring a chair or rug and even your pets.

5pm   Event & Lantern Sales
5pm   On-stage Entertainment
7.45pm Lantern Lighting Ceremony
8pm    Light the Night Walk Starts
8.30pm Event Concludes

More information:- Virginia Tropeano
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Summer Reading Fun for Students Starting School in 2016

More suggestions of books students starting Kindergarten in 2016 may enjoy.

Grandpa and Thomas by Pamela Allen This and That by Mem Fox and Judy Horacek
Imagine by Alison Lester
Why I love Australia by Bronwyn Bancroft Rose meets Mr Wintergarden by Bob Graham
How the sun got to Coco’s house by Bob Graham
Starting school by Jane Goodwin and Anna Walker
All through the year by Jane Goodwin and Anna Walker
Today we have no plans by Jane Goodwin and Anna Walker
Amy and Louis by Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood

More titles will be published in later Yarns