PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back to Yoogali Public School for the 2015 school year. I trust you have had a wonderful time with your children over the holidays. It’s great to see everyone back healthy and excited for another year.
A special welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families. They have all settled in well to school and class routines.

It was wonderful to see everyone in their uniforms looking so smart, especially our senior students who are setting a fine example for all of our students.

Last Wednesday evening we held an Information Night at school to let parents and carers know about some important changes to our school routines and to keep them updated on future directions. Thank you to those families who were able to attend. I hope it was a worthwhile time. If you were unable to attend a note summarising what was discussed has been sent home.
Thank you to all parents for returning the beginning of the year notes so promptly! Also thank you to those who have paid their voluntary contributions and brought in glue sticks and tissues.

ICAS Competitions
If you are interested in your child sitting an external competition in Computers, Science, Spelling, English, Writing or Maths please see Mrs Bevan or Mrs Callinan for more information. There is a fee of $9-12 per entry.

CALENDER

WEEK 3
Thursday 12th Feb -  Middle School Yr 6
Wade High School
8.50- 10.10

WEEK 4
Tuesday 17th Feb – Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Yrs 2-6 Griffith Aquatic Centre
-  P & C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 20th Feb  – Assembly (3GD item)
Yoogali PS Library
2.30 – 3.10pm

WEEK 5
Thursday 26th Feb -  Middle School Yr 6
Wade High School
8.50- 10.10

– Griffith Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival

Friday 27th Feb  – Clean up Australia Day Schools

WEEK 6
Friday 6th March - Assembly (2R item)
Yoogali PS Library
2.30- 3.10pm

WEEK 7
Thursday 12th March - Middle School Yr 6
Wade High School
8.50- 10.10

- Selective High Schools Exam
Birthdays
Zahra Ingold 9th January
Jayden McCoustra 21st January
Brandon McDermott 23rd January
Josh Brennick 16th February
Kyla McCoustra 21st February

SPORT
The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 17th February at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. The carnival is for students in Year 2 - 6. Could all children please return their notes indicating if they are participating or not by Thursday. Parents are welcome to attend and support the school, please note that they will need to pay entry at the pool.

1B NEWS
Welcome to Kindergarten and Year One for 2015!

We have had a busy start to the year with learning about what we do at school, in and out of the classroom.

To start the year we are reading Fairy Tales, with our first story being ‘The Three little Pigs’. After reading we made houses out of sticks, straw and bricks and then blew them down with a hair dryer which was fantastic fun!

Year One are proving to be wonderful role models who assist with our new students every day.

Lizette Burton

2R NEWS
Ahoy me hearties!

Welcome back everyone! 2R have had a fantastic and busy start to the year.

This term in 2R we are having a beach theme throughout all our KLAs. Our classroom is already to look like a beautiful seaside resort.

In Creative Arts we have begun to learn to play the keyboard. All students have been very enthusiastic and have already made fantastic progress on learning their first song. 2R look forward to showcasing their talents in the future.

Mrs Rinaldo & Mrs Bevan

3GD NEWS
What an exciting start to the school term and 2015. Students have settled in well to their new classroom.

In Literacy students have begun reading the text ‘Hitler’s Daughter’ by Jackie French and studying the way in which she changes fact and fiction. Students have begun writing about real and imaginary events considering the reader of their text. 3GD has been introduced to new vocabulary which has begun to feature on our vocabulary wall in the classroom. Students are using these words to make their writing more interesting.

In Mathematics we have been learning new concepts to do with whole number and playing games to extend our expanded notation strategies. Last week we began looking at 2D shapes, the way these change formation and learning new words to describe this process.

Miss Gordon
PBL
Yoogali Public has begun to implement our PBL program which stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning.

‘PBL is a broad range of strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behaviour’. It allows students to learn the expectations of a school setting.

As part of this program the school community has come up with 3 key values

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be a Learner

The students will spend the next few weeks studying these values and how they are a part of the school setting especially in the playground.

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

Griffith Netball Association

Rego Day 21st February for Junior & Senior Competitions
Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm
Where: Southside Leagues Club, Griffith
Cost Juniors: $95 each player
Cost Seniors: $110 each player
Team Bond: $100

Net Set Go registrations for 2015 will be online. Please see the web page :- www.griffith.netball.asn.au

Rego forms available at GB Sports and Athlete's Foot. If you would like emailed to you please message us your email address. Sorry we are still having some hiccups putting forms on the website.

Remember each team is required to supply a suitably qualified umpire.

Any questions please email: griffithnetball@gmail.com