PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

At Yoogali Public School we are
Safe, Respectful Learners!

Home Learning
A note was sent home last week informing our families about a change to the current Homework system. Beginning in Term 3 as a school we will be embarking on a new approach to Homework. Homework will now be called Home Learning and as a family you can choose whether or not you wish for your child to participate. Home Reading will still be expected from all students and is NOT optional. Please make sure you return the slip to your child’s classroom teacher by Wednesday if you would like to continue to receive Home Learning.

Social Media
When we talk about social media with our students most students automatically assume social media=Facebook. Facebook is one of the best known social media applications amongst our students, however, in actual fact social media extends across many applications including Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Snapchat and Kik just to name a few.

While social media has a significant place in schools, it is no different to other forms of publishing in terms of defamation, and the fact that social media can assist broadcasting it further adds risk.

Five things you should know about social media defamation:

1. In general terms, defamation occurs when a person intentionally spreads information about another person, group of people, or organisation that damages their reputation, or can make others think less of them.
2. Defamation is actionable regardless of the medium. A person can be defamed, for example, in print, through photos and on the internet.
3. Defamation cases involving the internet and social media are relatively new, but the same principles apply.
4. A person who did not create the defamatory material, but only shares it (for instance, by “retweeting” a tweet), can also be found liable of defamation.
5. There are several defences to defamation, including that the statement was true, or that it was an expression of...
an honest opinion. Consequently, you may be liable for defamation if you spread information which constitutes a hurtful and untrue statement of fact about another person.

The best thing to do if you are accused of defamation is to take down the offending post, and offer an apology.

As school holidays are fast approaching please encourage your children to follow the approach we are teaching them at school which is the THINK acronym before posting anything on social media.

T – is it TRUE
H – is it HELPFUL
I – is it INSPIRING
N – is it NECESSARY
K – is it KIND

Digital foot prints are always left regardless of the removal of a post. It is important to teach our children to THINK first!

Semester One Reports and Parent / Teacher Interviews
Staff and students have been busy completing assessments in a number of areas to update each child’s progress throughout the semester. Written reports will be sent home on Monday 22nd June for each student. Please take the time to read and discuss these reports with your child.

Personal interviews with your child’s teacher will be held on Wednesday 24th June, from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. This is a great time to discuss your child’s progress towards their learning goals as well as their social development.

Teachers will try to accommodate requests as best as possible, also allowing for the fact that parents will need to see a number of teachers because of the many siblings we have at school.

If you are unable to schedule a time on this date, please contact the office and we will arrange a suitable time to speak with your child’s teacher.

CALENDER

Term 2

WEEK 9
Thursday 18th June - Middle School Yr 6 Wade High School 8.50- 10.10

WEEK 10
Monday 22nd June - Reports sent home

Wednesday 24th June - Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thursday 25th June - “Frozen” Disco 6-8pm School Library

Friday 26th June - Assembly 1B item 2.30pm Library

- Last Day Term 2

TERM 3

WEEK 1
Tuesday 14th July - Students return

WEEK 2
Tuesday 21st July - P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 24th July - Small Schools Athletics Carnival West End Oval - NO ASSEMBLY

WEEK 3 - Education Week

Major Excursions

K-2  Altina Wildlife(Postponed due to weather)

3-4  Borambola Sport & Recreation Camp (19th – 21st August)

5-6  Canberra  (7th – 9th October)

Notes for final costs will be sent home before end of term. Payment instalments can be made at any time.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Friday 12th June
1B - Being Respectful
   Being Safe
   Being a Learner
   Assunta Marando
   Nate Sergi
   James Atkinson

2R - Being Respectful
   Being Safe
   Being a Learner
   Tobie Thornton
   Paige Sergi
   Kyle Earl

3GD - Being Respectful
   Being Safe
   Being a Learner
   Katrina Draper
   Demi Whitehead
   Anthea Soligo

Assembly Awards
Sabastian Barbaro and Abigail Cumberland

PBL Award
Students have been receiving raffle tickets in the playground for displaying PBL values of – Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being a Learner.
The raffle was conducted at Friday Assembly with Zephyr Byrne being the winner of the canteen voucher.

Sportsmanship Award
Caprice Crowe

Citizenship Award
Jessica Carnell

Principal Award
Cameron Burns

Birthdays
Alex Sayers  9th June
Sabastian Barbaro  21st June
Nate Sergi  29th June
Cameron McDermott  1st July
Brandon Burns  4th July
Jordon Bartolo  9th July
Daniel Morris  11th July

Attendance Matters

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

1B NEWS
I am so proud of the work that K/1 have put into their learning this semester. It has been wonderful to look at their progress in so many areas and see them learn and have fun.

We were so excited to be heading to Altina for our excursion until the rain came along. I am sure we will all enjoy it when we do get to go next term.

K/1 have been practising a play we were hoping to present at last week’s assembly, but unfortunately I had to travel to Wagga. We will now present this play at assembly next week.

Lizette Burton
**2R NEWS**
2R have continued their learning about the rainforest and learning about a particular animal. Our powerpoints on these animals are amazing and they can’t wait to show them to everyone.

In Visual Arts 2R made paper plate toucans. Everyone enjoyed making these and they are now proudly displayed at the back of our classroom. We wrote procedures on how to make your own paper plate toucan. Below are a few photos of our paper plate toucans.

Mrs Rinaldo & Mrs Bevan

**3GD NEWS**
3GD have had a very busy term! During Literacy and HSIE students have been reading and focusing on the text ‘My Place’ by Nadia Wheatley, investigating the different changes in society over time both environmental and cultural. They have really enjoyed researching different celebrations and watching the short clips based on the text.

In Visual Arts students have been learning how to use pencil and show perspective, recreating real life objects e.g. portraits. Students have done an awesome job!

Mrs Damini & Miss Gordon

**PBL**
Students at Yoogali School have been learning about the three values being respectful, being a learner and being safe in the classroom as part of our Personal Development/Health Lessons. In the last couple of weeks students have been focusing on the expectations ‘being on time’, and ‘walking safely on the pavers and cement’. Congratulations to Zephyr Byrne for receiving the Canteen voucher for demonstrating positive behaviour in the playground!