

Dear Parents and Carers,

The students and staff of Yanderra have packed a great deal into the last two weeks at school. Last week we celebrated Public Education during Education Week. I was once again astounded by the brilliant support of our wonderful community with over 80% of our students having a parent or family member attend the open day. Your attendance was extremely appreciated more than you know.

The theme for this year's Education week was "Today's schools creating tomorrows world". It was great for the parents and family members to see their loved ones applying the skills required to be a global citizen of tomorrow's world. Students and visitors actively participated in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities, robotics – using the beebots and coding tasks. This was followed by an awesome dancing performance by our dance troupe. The excitement and joy on the girls and boys in the troupe was priceless and they have worked extremely hard to learn the choreography. Well done to all of our dancers.



Another highlight of the day was the very successful "Parent Forum". The forum was well represented with 50% of the students represented. The parents discussed the school vision, school plan, school improvement, school successes and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). The forum was a great opportunity for parents to share their thoughts, ideas and visions for their school and to gain a better insight understanding of the direction Yanderra PS is taking moving forward.

Last week we welcomed Hillside Public School to Yanderra PS to participate in a Touch Football State Knockout game. Our students were extremely excited, nervous and eager to impress their peers – the Yanderra cheer squad. The game was played in great spirit and the lead changed several times. Both teams scored some fantastic tries and it was 7-6 with minutes remaining. In the last few minutes Hillside scored a try to clinch the game 8-6. Our team were valiant in defeat and never stopped trying. I was one very proud coach

and Principal; the team were very gracious in defeat and the sportsmanship they displayed was admirable. Despite the score, this was another great experience for the students, with many never playing Touch Football before, they definitely surprised me with how much they improved and how well they played.



Our beautiful school acknowledged the success of a number of students last week at the school assembly with the several Silver and Gold awards presented. This highlights the amazing behaviour, respect and learning taking place at the school. I am looking forward to next weeks Celebration of Learning assembly where we will present some worthy recipients with the prestigious honour badge. All parents and family members are more than welcome to attend, 2.30pm on Friday 24 August.

In some great news the Yanderra PS community has supported our two student leaders in their quest to raise money for their farewell by collecting recycling and cashing it in for money. Last week we cashed in \$28 worth of cans, bottles and poppers. This was followed by a lovely generous donation of \$19 from the Willis family who cashed in their own recycling and donated the money. If you have any recycling please bag it up, hand the bags to Amy or Georgia and they will give your child a raffle ticket for every 10 recyclable products. The tickets go into the draw to win a Free Lunch to the value of \$5.00 kindly donated by the school canteen.

Exciting times are about to take place in our spare room.... Mrs Hayes has been working "Overtime" preparing the spare room for our newest program, the "Little Learners" group. Our school has extended an invited to families in the community with young children. Little Learners will be a great opportunity for families to come together once a week (Mondays 10.00 – 11.00am). The parents and children will have the chance to meet other locals and form friendships, share stories and engage with their child in fun activities. Mrs Hayes is excited and a little nervous, but together I am sure we can make this a success.

The students at Yanderra PS were extremely fortunate this week to meet an award winning, renowned children's author, Jacqueline Harvey. Jacqueline visited the school on Wednesday to share her amazing stories and writing journey. Jacqueline was extremely passionate, insightful and very funny. This was a great educational experience and one I hope was inspirational for the students.

Finally, yesterday was a great day, it was our school Athletics Carnival. The students, staff and support crew (the families) went over to Tahmoor sports ground and competed / participated in the track and field events. We were joined by Buxton Public School which added to the atmosphere and provided our students with some new competition, new friends and the opportunity to push themselves to achieve their personal bests. Every student challenged themselves, they achieved personal best times and distances and performed superbly outside of their comfort zones. It was awesome watching them mingle, make small talk and make some new friends. The joy on their faces, the desire to excel and the sense of achievement was evident for all to see, regardless of the results. I was extremely proud of our students today, the way they represented Yanderra PS brilliant, congratulations and thank you. A massive thank you to our was support crew – your support is often thankless, but it is duly noted and appreciated by all of us.

Wow! What a fortnight!... I wonder what is going to happen in the next two weeks???

Finally, if you have any concerns or any positive feedback, please contact the teaching staff or office. If we don't know about issues we can't help, working together is very important and we value the partnership between members of our school community.

Mr Harris Principal

Education Day at Yanderra P.S.

Facebook

Yanderra Public School is now on Facebook please like, join us. I will start to post photos of the wonderful events and educational experiences we celebrate at Yanderra. I can only post photos of those students that have returned their notes permitting us to post their pictures.

Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date : <u>Saturday 25th August 2018</u>

Times : 4pm to 6.30 pm

Cost : \$5.00 per child 4 - 14 years

Parents and children under 3 free.

Thank you

Chris and Sandra Roberson and the committee of Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Phone - 0412 321 555.

W112 Class

This term K/1/2 celebrated 100 days of learning for 2018. As part of the celebration the students took part in a number of activities based around the number 100.

I can not believe how much the children have learnt in the past 100 days of learning and can not wait to see how much they can learn in the next 100 days. In the past 100 days of learning:

I have learnt how to read and add numbers. Maxwell

I have learnt how to use jump strategy to add numbers. Mila

I have learnt how to use split strategy to add three digit numbers. Ashton K

I have learnt how to use adjectives in my writing. Tyson



A tower made from 100 matchsticks.



The number 100 made from 100 blocks.



A wall from 100 cups.

Enroling now!!! Kindergarten 2019

Does your child turn 5 before July 31 2019? If so it's time to enrol. Contact the school office for an enrolment form. 4684 1377 or yanderra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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