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YETMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 3 Term 4

Tuesday 23 October 2012

From the Principal's desk...



State Athletics

Liam and Deuchar travelled to Sydney last week to compete in the state athletics competition.

Unfortunately Deuchar's events were on at the same time so he had to try and run 800m and high jump concurrently. Deuchar did his best and we are very proud of his efforts.

Liam once again met his friend Matua in the high jump who is 6ft tall. Liam jumped beautifully and came 5th overall. An excellent effort as 41 boys started and there were still 40 left after 1.40m. After such an excellent result, long jump the next day was a bit of a letdown.

Both boys have to remember that they did an amazing job to get to state in the first place, as they have both made it to state on three different occasions this year I think they forget how special and talented they are, it has all become common place for them.

I was very proud to hear Yetman Public School announced again this year over the loud speakers as Liam was introduced to the stadium as one of the top 8 finalists.

WHAT'S ON?

Wednesday 24 Oct
School Photos

Wed 24-Fri 26 Oct
Charna away at
Principals'
Conference

Thurs 25 Oct
- CANTEEN
- Dollarmite Banking

Friday 26 Oct
World Teachers Day

Thursday 1 Nov
- Music Count Us In
- CANTEEN
- Dollarmite Banking

Friday 2 Nov
CanTeen Bandanna
Day

Tuesday 6 Nov
Melbourne Cup Race
Day

Thursday 22 Nov
Year 5/6 FUN DAY

Write 4 fun

When we entered this competition we did not realise that it was a marketing program. If your child entered the competition they should have now brought home their story or poem for you to read. You can then decide if you would like to go ahead and have your child's work published.

Principal for 2013

As you are all aware I am returning to live on our property next year and will become the Principal at Boggabri Public School. Those of you who were with me as I tried to make the decision to leave will know how I agonised over going home or staying here in Yetman. My family and I have loved being here in Yetman and would have been very happy to stay, however, Boggabri was the only school I would have left for and it became available earlier than I anticipated.

I believe that the position for the Principal at Yetman will be advertised shortly and the outcome will be announced to the community mid-November.

School Photos

Tomorrow is school photo day and the photographers are due early in the morning. For the school photo could all students please be in the polo shirt and black shoes (I realise that some people are not wearing black shoes at present for various reasons but if they could just wear a pair for the photos that would be great).

If you would like your child in the dress or shirt for family or individual photos please pack the uniform and we will let them get changed after the school photo.



Teddy Bears Picnic

Thankyou to everyone who joined us or donated money for the Teddy Bears Picnic. The children had a lovely time carting their favourite bears around and we raised over \$100 for Westmead Children's Hospital.

Canteen Upgrade

We are currently waiting for quotes on upgrading the canteen area. I am hoping that this project will be at least started before the end of the year. I am also intending to submit an application for a grant through the Stephanie Alexander program.

Solar Panels

At the end of last year we were successful in our application to have solar power in the school. We are hoping that the solar panels will be installed at the end of October.

Fish Pond

Thankyou to everyone who supported or returned their ideas about the fish pond. The majority of families thought that it was best to make the pond into a garden and take off the grate and plastic covering. Cindy has kindly donated some plants which we think will work in this area and they will be planted out this week. Thankyou to our council for delivering some top soil for this and our other gardens.

Our new frog ponds have been installed (in interest groups) around the grounds and have begun to attract frogs and will hopefully be more successful than our old pond.

Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Weatherall for organising these.

Charna



The Australian Organisation for
Young People Living with Cancer

Bandanna Day Friday 2 November

“CanTeen provides support for young people aged 14-24; from the moment of a cancer diagnosis, through treatment and beyond.

“Cancer affects one in two families. The chances are that you know someone who has been affected. A diagnosis is devastating for anyone – which is why CanTeen aims to support any young person living with cancer. Their programs are tailored for ‘patients’, ‘siblings’, and off-spring’ and those dealing with death and loss.” www.canteen.org.au

YPS has bandannas and pens for sale. We will be selling them from now until the 2nd November. The bandannas are \$4 and the pens are \$3. On Friday 2nd November everybody can wear their bandanna to school. More information about CanTeen and how the money is spent and the types of support that are provided for young people, is available on the CanTeen website.

P & C /CANTEEN NEWS

Just wanted to thank all those who were able to volunteer themselves to help at the Campdraft over the weekend. A big thankyou to those who spent so much of their time with preparations beforehand, whether cooking, shopping for supplies or hauling BBQ's to and fro, etc etc. It is a huge effort and it is very much appreciated. I also want to thank Teresa's sister, Mel and friend Stephen, who were visiting from Brisbane and happily helped us out all day and into the night on Saturday. I do hope they come back to Yetman to visit again and have not been scared off from the long days work! To those who sent their baking in, a big thankyou also.

It has been a very successful fundraiser making a profit of approximately \$2500.00. (We still have some invoices to come in) In addition to this, and to our surprise, the Yetman Campdraft Committee very generously donated \$1000.00!! So that is \$3500.00 to put towards the benefit of our kids and the school.

A very special thankyou to the Tully's for supplying the meat. Thankyou to Tom Kilner and Jenny Jackson, for not only the use of their cold room all weekend, but also delivering and collecting it from the grounds, all free of charge!! It was a wonderful help not having to collect a cold room from Goondiwindi this time, thankyou!

A big thankyou also to the Campdraft Committee for taking tables and chairs to the grounds for us and making sure that the generators were always supplied with fuel to keep the cold room cool and all our electrical appliances working!

Thankyou also to the CWA ladies for coming in to save our weary legs on Sunday. We were all well and truly tired out by then and very happy to see you arrive.

Thankyou again to everyone. Until next time,
Rowy.

K1 - 2 Chicken visit



Last week Marie Crumpton brought in some little chickens for us to look at. They were black and they like to be warm at night. They were fluffy and their wings were very small. One flew out of my hands!

By Bill Brennan



Elisabeth



Charlie

ARMIDALE



Lily

Charles



Last term Elisabeth, Charlie, Charles and I travelled to Armidale with Mrs Dight to the Spelling Bee at Martins Gully School. There were lots of other students from schools in our region competing as well.

We were all nervous but performed pretty well when we got up on stage.

The spelling bee was a great experience for all of us and thankyou very much to Mrs Dight for driving us there and back!

By Lily Hamilton



**CODFISH HOTEL
MELBOURNE CUP
LUNCHEON**

TUESDAY 6TH November

from 12 midday onwards

Come along and join in our luncheon of various meats and salads followed by desserts and a free glass of wine.

Cost is \$15 per head.

Prizes for: Best dressed person

Best hat

Lucky door prize

Sweeps are available at the bar:

\$5, \$2, & \$1

Bets can be placed at the bar.

RSVP by 31st October 0746 753100

or email: codfishhotel@gmail.com



The Goondiwindi & District Tennis Club
would like to invite you to a
good old fashioned evening of social tennis!

Saturday 10th November 6pm

3 courts for adult tennis

2 courts with hotshots' nets and balls for kids

Club racquets available for kids

This is an evening for all club members and anyone else
who would like to join us for an active and social evening.

Meat provided, bring a salad to share.

BYO drinks

\$5 per person, \$15 per family includes courts, balls, meat
and desert.

RSVP Anna Power 46754 699

Mel Gilbert 0428 982 314

Warialda Junior Touch Football

Where: Warialda Recreation Ground

Date: Fridays at 5.30pm

For all boys and girls Kindy to Year 6

Cost: \$20 per child

You must have a parent or guardian to sign you in!

For more information contact Teresa Hall 0427001144

The Role of the Chaplain...

Hi. My name is Dan Avenell and I am chaplain for the Yetman School Community. I am employed by GenR8 Ministries, funded partly by the Federal Government and partly by the Boggabilla Anglican Parish, and work under the direction of our school principal. In broadest terms, my brief is to be a positive role model and facilitate pastoral care with the school community; provide support and guidance in matters of religion, values and ethics; support students exploring their spirituality, regardless of the student's faith or beliefs; provide support in cases of bereavement, difficult family relationships, or other crisis and loss situations; assist and pastorally care for at-risk students; participate in and/or facilitate camps and activity programs; and refer students to more specialised support such as counsellors as the need arises.

On a more daily basis I assist students with their literacy development, and spend most lunch breaks getting soundly beaten in ball games. In the afternoons, if I am not in class I will likely be tending a fledgling vegetable garden, or creating number lines and snakes. Keep your eyes on the concrete for further developments. I have been to one P&C Meeting so far, and two school events. On every occasion and every day I am always made to feel welcome. I look forward to getting to know the whole school community, and working with you, so that school can be the best possible experience for all our students.

God bless

Dan Avenell

Operation Christmas Child

Children in the Scripture classes at Yetman Public School have contributed enthusiastically to *Operation Christmas Child*. The gift-filled shoe boxes are among 300,000 others that are being sent to South-East Asia and the Pacific Islands, from Australia and New Zealand. The shoe boxes are small acts of love that bring joy to the lives of children who are victims of war, poverty and natural disasters, and reach children and their families with the Christmas message of **God's gift of hope**. Thank you to parents and children for your generous support and Christian love.

Jenni Avenell
SRE TEacher



CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Congratulations to Liam and Deuchar for going great at the State Athletics Carnival. We are all very proud of you!

On 22 November we will be having our Year 5/6 Fun Day. Make sure you bring in some money and swimmers. That day we will also be holding a talent show. You can do whatever you are pro at like dancing, singing, juggling or even sculling fizzy drink! It doesn't matter what so come prepared!

Ted Hamilton - Community Captain



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

*Alexander Holcombe
turned 9 yesterday, and
Di Sweeney celebrates
her birthday today!*

