

# Yetman Public School

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**Week 3, Term 4      Thursday 22 October, 2015**

We have had a very busy start to Term 4 and I find myself moving around looking at the Year 6 cohort and hardly believing that in a few short weeks, they will be leaving us. As with everything, they have grown and changed and now must be set free upon the rest of society. The K-2 group travelled to Bingara to be part of a captivating rendition of Snow White, our Small Schools Relay Team travelled all the way to Sydney to compete in the State Athletics Carnival, teachers are coming to tell me about students that are already attaining improvements in reading and mathematics, and the warmth of summer has begun to bake our playground.

## **Environmentors Visit**

On Friday Week 2, the school was visited by an elite environmental education team: the Environmentors! The students were captivated by an engaging session on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle for the K-2 group and how to reduce waste in our school including school lunches for our Year 3-6 cohort. We thank Hailey and the Inverell Shire Council for coming to our school and helping us learn more about what we can do every day to help our lovely environment.

## **Yetman Relay Team Goes to Sydney**

On Thursday, Week 2 the YPS Small Schools Relay Team was lovingly transported all the way to Sydney to compete in the State Athletics Carnival. An 'Awesome Foursome' appeared nonchalantly on the warmup track in the early hours of Thursday morning. Charles had suffered the most on the trip down, sufficing on half a lettuce leaf (not even that Mr Delanty!) during the gruelling 8 hour journey. The team jogged, stretched and then began an unflappable approach to 2015 victory.

With bated breath, the parents (and entire stadium-filled crowd) witnessed our team gallantly move out onto the track for the heats. The starter called: On your marks.....set.....phhffffffffff! (no gun, just a 'phff' in a microphone) and Hunter ran like the wind! He passed the baton to Charles, who moved like lightning down the far side of the track, Bill was ready and the change was spot on.....Bill flew around the corner in fifth place and handed it to William, as he exploded into the home straight we left our seats to see the team come a resounding fourth-place in their heat. The mood was one of shock! It was only the first of three heats! There are 21 schools in this competition and we only came 4<sup>th</sup>!! Thankfully, we managed to keep it together and await the postings of the timed heats.....

Unbelievably, we were ranked 7<sup>th</sup> fastest in the state with a blistering time of 1:00.80! It seemed that the administrators' placed the fastest teams into our heat. Well, our now buoyant boys were ready to take out the championship. With renewed vigour, the boys awaited their semi-final. They moved to the marshalling area and I dialled into the school on Skype. The school watched as our heroes bolted around the track again to a faster time of 1:00.30 but a placing of 5<sup>th</sup> in their semi. The students cheered the boys on live (despite the placing) and demonstrated our resounding Yetman spirit by spruiking their magnificence to the team! No-one can doubt the incredible effort of the boys and I congratulate them wholeheartedly for achieving what some kid's only dream of getting to be a part of in the first place! Small Schools are THE BEST SCHOOLS!

## Whole school scope and sequence for the next three weeks

Key Area	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
<b>Literacy /Grammar &amp; Punctuation</b>	Group and Phrase Level – Noun and Verb Groups, adverbial phrase	Group and Phrase Level – Noun and Verb Groups, adverbial phrase	Word Level – Nouns, Articles, Adjectives, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Prepositions
<b>Numeracy</b>	Addition & Subtraction (K-Yr4) Fractions, Decimals & Percentages (Yr5-6) / Time	Patterns and Algebra	Volume and Capacity
<b>Behaviour</b>	Resilience	Persistence	Confidence

Kind Regards,

Mr. Ben Delanty  
**Principal**

**A very big thank you to all the children and parents for their wonderful support of Operation Christmas Child.**

**The 4 packed boxes from Yetman Public School will be tracked to their destination and early next year an email will be sent which I will forward on to the school so we will know where the boxes went.**

**I'm sure children receiving these boxes will be thrilled. Many have never received any gift before.**

**Thank you all for your generosity and willingness to be a blessing to others.**

**God bless.**

**Jenni Avenell**

**SRE teacher.**



# YPS UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER	MONDAY 26th	SCHOOL PHOTOS and AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
	THURSDAY 27th	CANTEEN + DOLLARMITE BANKING
	FRIDAY 30th	MUSIC TRIO AT YPS
NOVEMBER	MONDAY 2nd	AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
	THURSDAY 5th	CANTEEN + DOLLARMITE BANKING
	MONDAY 9th	AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
	THURSDAY 11th	CANTEEN + DOLLARMITE BANKING

## P&C NEWS

### MEETING

There will be a P&C Meeting in the library at 1pm on Thursday 5th November. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Kelley McCosker, President

### CANTEEN

A few changes to the menu in Term 4 and a new roster for canteen see attachment.

Erica Holcombe, Canteen Co-ordinator

For more great photos that we didn't have room for in our newsletter, go to

<http://www.yetman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

# K-1 with Mrs Weatherall



K-2 had a wonderful excursion to Bingara on the 9<sup>th</sup> October to see the live show 'Snow White and the Seven Cool Dudes'. This interactive pantomime was enjoyed by all and K-1 was certainly able to compare and contrast it with our traditional story versions of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves in our English lessons. In a twist to the traditional version, six of the Cool Dudes had gone missing and as the international rapping competition was soon to be conducted, our very own Thomas was asked to audition for a position in the rapping team. For his efforts he received a sticker officially proclaiming that he is a "Cool Dude"! The handsome prince was found to be in the audience and a very lucky young man from Bundarra got to 'marry' the

beautiful Snow White, much to the envy of our boys! Mrs Delanty and I would like to thank all the children for their great behaviour during the trip and at the park, as well as at the performance.





Over the next two weeks in English K-1 will be following up on the Environmentors workshop that we participated in last Friday, which looked at reducing, reusing and recycling our rubbish. K-1 will be researching recycling and making posters about this topic. This incorporates our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning focus this term of sustainability.



Already the class has decided that we could reduce our classroom rubbish by reusing and recycling our food scraps. We now have a special bin set up in our room, which some very lucky local chickens will benefit from.

We have also enjoyed the Netball clinic this week and look forward to hearing and seeing the Music Trio next Friday. We are so lucky to have these extra opportunities in our small school!

Next Monday afternoon K-2 will be joined by Years 3-4 for a walking excursion around Yetman village as part of our study of built environments. We will be looking at some of the buildings in Yetman and discussing their purpose. We will also discuss how the purpose has influenced the design of the building. We will also be making drawings of these buildings. Any parents interested in joining us are more than welcome.

Year 1 parents will have noticed a change in their child's homework this term. Some of the changes, like spelling sentences, came about after discussion with the children. Timetables are to help ready them for the challenges of Year 2 mathematics. Maths Online revision sheets are consolidation of work they have doing throughout the year both in class and on the computers. Reading and spelling homework are still a vital part of homework each day. If you have any concerns about homework, please contact me to discuss this.

At Yetman PS some of the children make regular deposits to their Commonwealth Bank accounts through the Dollarmite program. As a thank you to the school for doing this, the Commonwealth Bank donated some prizes for us to run a competition in the school. Mr Delanty decided to have a surprise maths test in each class based on money. The top 'money mathematicians' in each class were Caitlyn Leeson, Demika Cau and Oscar McCosker. In the Year 2-3-4 class, Natalie Delanty and Chris Read ran an extremely close second and were presented with Commonwealth Bank moneyboxes.



# Unveiling of the Yetman School & Community Pavers

Finally after many years of coordination, the Yetman School & Community personally engraved pavers have been laid !

Please be a part of the official unveiling.

*When:* Thursday afternoon, 5th Nov 2015  
*Time:* 3pm  
*Where:* Yetman Public School

Afternoon tea by the P & C will follow the unveiling.

We look forward to seeing your family's name being placed in history.

*Regards*

*Kelley McCosker*

*Yetman School P & C President 2015*

*Mob - 0429 404416*



# Year 2-3-4 with Mrs Delanty

Welcome back to school for Term 4. The Yr 2,3,4 class is busily learning our lines for the end of year performance. They are all very excited about their parts and eager to be the best they can be in their roles. In addition to this we are preparing for our next round of assessing which will begin in the upcoming weeks. These assessments and day to day work along with observations come together to assist me in a formal mark for the children which will be on their report card at the end of the year. I am very proud of each and every one of the children in my class. Their hard work and striving for success is paying off and I'm ecstatic with the amazing work coming through from the children.

In English we have had a big push to get our creative writing skills on fire with writing imaginative texts. We have enjoyed brainstorming in our groups for ideas to come up with some very interesting stories. We also have been enjoying our class novel 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl a very amusing book that has some of the children shshhiivvverrrrr in their seats during the reading time. I enjoy watching their expressions while I read to them seeing them creating a mental picture in their minds to what they see happening through the story. We are also continuing with our oral presentations. I have no problems with volunteers willing to share what they have written all the children enjoy sharing their funny stories with their peers. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn from one another.

I'm very impressed with the dedication by the Yr 2,3,4 children to learn their times tables. They have been practicing these each maths lesson and at home for homework. This maturity to their learning has developed into responsible learners who are loving learning and enjoy being challenged.





For homework I have begun to send home a problem solving sheet. These word problems may be tricky for the children. Please feel free to sit down with your child and enjoy the challenge they will love having this time with you. These word problems are a fabulous way to encourage reading and reading for understanding. The ability to comprehend a word problem and break the problem down into parts is crucial to completing the question. Please encourage your child to read the question aloud to you, circle the numbers whether 3 or three for example and any key words then establish what the question is asking us to do. For instance are we to 'find the difference' this phrase we understand means to take away or 'find the sum or total' is to add.

## ART NEWS



We have had a fun year in Art this year at Yetman School. In Art we have enjoyed all varieties of expression from drawing to music to expressing ourselves in dancing and singing. We have enjoyed painting on our canvases that were displayed at the Inverell Art Gallery and in Goondiwindi for the Show. The children had fun travelling to the Wallangra Community Hall for the Music and Art Workshop.

We are all very excited about the school kiln. The kiln is officially up and running! We have already put it to use and I look forward to some great master pieces coming through in the upcoming weeks. I have put in a special order for the children so they can begin to put something special together for the Christmas tree.



# Year 5-6 Class Page

Over the last three weeks we have written some scary stories and some sad stories. This week we have started to plan and map out our school year book. Over the last few weeks we have had some hysterical attempts at practicing our new play. During Week 2 Mr Geoff brought in a baby bird! He fed it a special mix of bird chum, it even did a dance!

Because Halloween is coming we decided to write some scary stories, here are our example from Mr Delanty and some snippets:

The putrid stench that rose from the mist beneath the Yetman Bridge belied a creature that would be the demise of the happy and vibrant township. Swollen, puss-filled tentacles emerged from the mist and helped to claw the beast up and out of the murky waters.

After school was finished, after all the teachers left, something magical but horrible happened. In the dark locked up science lab the Venus flytrap grew bigger and bigger and bigger. The flytrap was now a hungry man eating plant. It was out of control it seized all the liquids, which was a big mistake. The man eating plant began to multiple it began vomiting up hundreds of little plants that began to grow. The little ones jumped out of the flimsy glass door hungry for blood.



# CAPTAIN REPORTS



Last week on Wednesday Hunter, Bill, William and I got in the car and started the long trek down to Sydney for the State Athletics Carnival. We had all made it through for the 4x100 relay and didn't run until Thursday but it was all defiantly worth it. Our first race was at about 11:30 and we did very well coming 4<sup>th</sup>. We then proceeded through to the semi-finals and then came 5<sup>th</sup> but missed out on the finals by one place coming 10<sup>th</sup> overall. We are all so proud with how we went and the travel home was very enjoyable knowing it was all over.

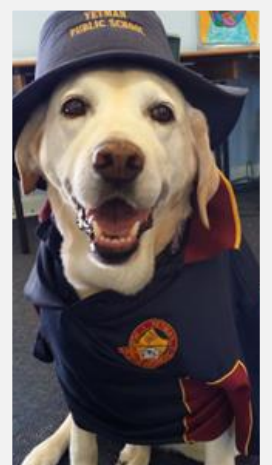
Charles Dight

I can't believe it is already term four! We have had a very exciting start to this wonderful term. The K/1/2 went on an excursion to Bingara to watch the performance: Snow White and the Seven Cool Dudes. After that the four boys William, Charles, Bill and Hunter went all the way to Sydney for State, good job boys. Then the Environmentors came to our school to talk to us about the different ways in which we can help the environment. After that a netball clinic came to our school to teach us some netball drills and skills. It is also so lovely to see everybody being so polite and getting along with each other so well. Yetman is truly the best school ever!

Kelsey Blackhall



One bright sparks' way to increasing student numbers at our school!





# Happy Birthday to:

Alexander Holcombe - turning 12 on 22 October

Hunter Moore - turning 11 on 27 October

Sam Cau - turning 7 on 6 November

Oscar McCosker - turning 7 on 8 November

**YCDI**  
Awards!

**Week 9 Term 3:**

Resilience

Chris Read

Bill Brennan

Shelby Blackhall



**Week 10 Term 3**

Persistence

Ellie Pender

Sophie Pender

Kelsey Blackhall



**Week 1 Term 4:**

Confidence

Lily McCoker

Bill Brennan

Ethan Cooke



**Week 2 Term 4:**

Getting Along

Sophia Moore

Ellie Pender

Caitlyn Leeson