

As the final newsletter of 2015, this is my chance to recap some of our great moments and achievements of the year. With a year so full of learning, social-emotional growth and sporting success, it is hard to know where to start. The Year 6 cohort has compiled a version of a yearbook to capture this year and it will be presented to them at the



STATE RELAY TEAM

Presentation Night.

Our school has excelled in many sporting arenas over the year including: cross country, swimming, tennis, and athletics. We even had our relay team make it to the state athletics carnival in Sydney.

We have marched in the ANZAC day ceremony, held sombre remembrance of the fallen and celebrated with the CWA at their International Day in September. Our school entry for our Italy project has once again won the Gwydir group entry and gone on to be judged at the State level.

We have held various fundraising initiatives and a forging of strong and sustained ties to the wider school community including the CWA, Tharawonga Pre-School, Campdraft committee and Warialda High School

High School.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the dedicated staff of Yetman Public School. Our teaching staff: Mrs. Weatherall, Mrs Delanty, and Mr Avenell, our school administration team: Mrs. Kilner, and Miss Andrews, and our support staff: Mrs Avenell and Geoff Wilkins. These people are the heartbeat of any success that we celebrate this year. To this I add the support of a hard working P&C led by Kelley McCosker. Thank you for all your time and laughs over our time together.

Special mention must be given to the Avenells, Blackhalls, and Year 6 families that are leaving us. We truly hope that you hold this wonderful little community deep in your memories and come and visit us once in a while.



Parent Evening

On Thursday Week 10 (10/12/15) from 3- 4pm, the school is hosting a 2016 Information Session. This session will focus on the work that has been put into the success of 2015, the changes planned for 2016 and an in-depth look at the 2016 School Plan Monitoring Sheets. It would be wonderful if you are able to attend.

Important Information for the next two weeks

Week 10: Swimming Week

Students attend school with their swimming gear under their uniform with school shoes (if needed, students can change at school in the morning). Students get on the buses at 9am and travel to Texas for swimming with their towel, recess, hat, goggles, uniform, sun cream, underwear and thongs. They have two swimming sessions and then travel back for 1:15-1:30pm to have lunch and then move to the hall for play practise. The buses pick them up from the hall and travel home. NO Active After School.

Week 11: Final Week

Students attend school as usual on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday morning the students arrive at school and then complete final preparations for the Presentation Night. They are then taken home via bus at 11AM. Students are due at the hall between 3:45 and 4pm in full school uniform.

Kind regards, Mr. Ben Delanty **Principal**











Fun Day 4







YPS UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 7TH - FRI 11TH	SWIMMING SCHOOL AT TEXAS
THURSDAY 10th	2016 PARENT INFO SESSION 3:00-4:00PM
FRIDAY 11TH	REPORTS COMING HOME
MON 14TH - TUE 15TH	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
WEDNESDAY 16TH	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016 PRESENTATION NIGHT
TUESDAY 2ND	STAFF RETURN FOR 2016
THURSDAY 4TH	STUDENTS RETURN FOR 2016
WEDNESDAY 10TH	YOUNG AUSTRALIA WORKSHOP: GWENDA STANLEY

P&C NEWS

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Remember to send in your item for the Christmas hamper. You would also have received your raffle tickets. If you need another book to sell please contact Katie Dight.

CANTEEN

DECEMBER

FEBRUARY 2016

Today was our final canteen for the year. Thanks to Erica for all her hard work cooking and organising, and all the Mum's who helped out with the cooking and on the roster.

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

Well where has the year gone to? I can't quite believe it is the end of year and we are wrapping it up with swimming, Christmas activities and play practices! I was looking at a photo I took of K-1 at the very beginning of the year this week and reminiscing about how little they looked then. I also looked at our height chart on the door and realised how much they have physically grown! Writing the children's end of year reports also highlights how each and every one of them has grown and developed academically and socially. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach these wonderful children each day and to also have the opportunity to teach Year 2 in the afternoons.

I would also like to sincerely thank Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Cooke for helping out in our classroom this year. Mrs Hamilton has come in almost every Tuesday morning this year to listen to the children read. Mrs Cooke has also come in many Thursdays for reading and to help with maths groups. A big thank you from all of K-1!

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year filled with lots of love and laughs and look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Mrs Weatherall



106-114 Kentucky Street, Armidale Tel (02) 6772 5255 OPENING HOURS: Tue - Sun 10am - 4pm

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09/12/2014 A bit of fun, GREEN, Party food ideas, Recipes

This is a great centrepiece to make for any Christmas party. Plus, it proves once and for all that healthy food doesn't need to be boring! It's easy to make and tastes delicious! Here's how you make it...

Wha+ you will need:

- 1 large carrot
- Toothpicks
- 1 punnet strawberries
- 1 kiwi fruit, sliced thickly, skin on
- · 1/4 watermelon, sliced and cut into small triangles or shapes
- · Black and green grapes
- · 1 orange, sliced or separated into segments (or other fruit of choice cantaloupe,
- pineapple, mandarin and blueberries also work well)
- Star cutter



Me+hod:

- 1. Wash the carrot and all fruit.
- 2. Cut bottom off the carrot so it is flat.

3. Insert toothpicks all around the carrot (see pic, above). Cut off ends of some toothpicks so that they are different lengths.

 Wash all fruit and skewer onto ends of toothpicks, adjusting lengths of toothpicks as necessary.

5. Be creative, use as many fruits as you like. Add more toothpicks as you need them.

6. Finish by cutting a star shape out of the watermelon and placing this on top of the tree. Use a toothpick to hold it in place.





SUMMER KIDS' CAMPS

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

✓ New friendships ✓ Fun ✓ Great value ✓ Safe

Summer is all about having FUN in the great outdoors. There is no better way for kids to jam-pack their school holidays with adventure and excitement than by attending a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp.

Choose from day programs and residential camps to Duke of Edinburgh's Award journeys. Activities include raft building, mountain biking, flying fox, giant swing, cookouts and more. With so many programs on offer, you'll be sure to find a camp your kids will love.

Kids' day camps start from \$50. Residential camps include 24-hour supervision, accommodation, meals and activities, and many offer supervised transport to and from Central Station, Sydney.





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Whole Week Christmas Workshops

Drama

with Pauline Clyne





Art

with Carolyn Ferguson







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with Robyn Stiller



Craft with Naomi Griffiths



Book into ONE activity for the WHOLE WEEK. Monday 14th December–Friday 19th, 9am till 12pm Workshops include all materials & Morning Tea - \$175 & Complimentary Students Entry to the CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME & ART EXHIBITION Friday 19th

Email: thesundial.info@gmail.com or Naomi 0419 643 986 or Carolyn 0408 740 741



Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$69 for school-aged children and \$49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THREE SISTERS ECO FARM

"On behalf of Three Sisters Eco Farm, Coolatai - we would like to wish a handon-heart-hearty acknowledgment to the community that have lent their time, skills and sheets of corrugate to the making of our free-range community venue. Have the happiest of Christmas' and New Year.

It has been our privilege to watch individuals, friends and families come together from all walks of life, and from all areas of the region- to contribute to an idea of people loving people in an environment that is playful creative and smart. This year has seen the development of The Community Supported Egg Shop, the Workshop Kitchen, The Cottage Garden and the beginnings of our new micro piratey, vagabondy Petting Farm "Knowers Arc" - taking care of beloved community pets that need rehousing.

This is a movement not for economic profit or cultural change or social politics (that's mostly kept in the chicken coop) – this is a movement of the heart. A simple notion that money maybe is an illusion and the real economy is in people power. People power and endless cups of tea. People power, endless cups of tea and grandma blankets. We can't wait to see what next year brings.

In 2016 we ask you....What Is It? What is Three Sisters Eco Farm? After all, it is your imaginations that are building a future by design. Recycled, salvaged, donated and sourced from the ground. A future that is unlimited and ripe with hearty potential. Get involved: www.threesistersecofarm.com

Happy Christmas to all our friends (and future friends) in Coolatai, Wallangra, Ashford, Warialda, Bingara, Gravesend, Moree, Inverell, Yetman and the broader region. It is our privilege to be in the shire and surrounded by some of the most masterful minds we have ever come across. Go the Bush!

Big Love Kelly Jones + Three Sisters Eco Farm"

Year 2-3-4 with Mrs Delanty

I finally can ask "is it really week 9 Term 4?" I want to thank my amazing group of children who I have had the absolute pleasure and honour to teach in 2015. This group of children make me smile and want to work harder. I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of the nine children in my class. I have loved watching them strive to achieve their goals. Their dedication to being responsible learners has amazed me. They have worked so hard all year and I can now sit back and take pleasure in seeing them not only physically taller but stronger in their confidence, determined to learn and do their best and watch how kind they are with one another.

Each child has achieved many milestones this year in their learning: from writing neater, to practicing their spelling, writing stories with more detail and learning their multiplication times tables.

We are all ready for our play. Our costumes are sorted and our lines are perfected. Let's see what the night brings.

The children had a wonderful time at the Fun Day! They enjoyed the games, slippery dip and the disco. To top it off they cooled off with an icy pole at the end of the day. I am enjoying watching the children play together, chatting and laughing in preparation for Christmas. They have all been very thoughtful making lovely things for loved ones. The children are enjoying singing Christmas songs and making Christmas decorations. We will miss our Year 3 and 4 students who we say goodbye to at the end of this year. They are however, ready for the challenge of the 'big' class with Mr Delanty. I wish each of them all the best for their future in their learning.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2016! Blessings to you all.





WHAT DO THEY SING UNDER THE OCEAN DURING THE WINTER?

CHRISTMAS CORALS!

Watermelon Christmas tree

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06/11/2015 A bit of fun, Crunch&Sip, GREEN, Party food ideas, Snacks

Makes 6-8 trees.

Serve these cute watermelon Christmas trees at end-of-year class parties.

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1/4 of a watermelon

Me+hod:

- Slice the watermelon into triangles of 2cm thickness and 10 cm base width, leaving the rind on.
- 2. Trim the rind of each triangle to make a tree stump.

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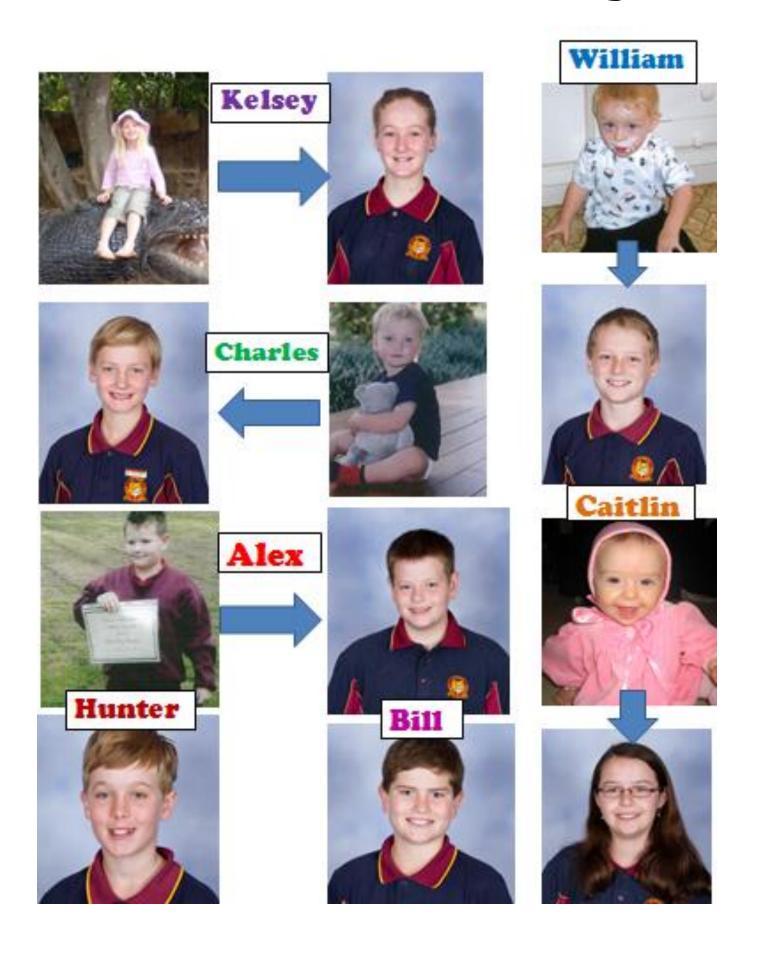
Ensure the tree stump is thick enough so that little hands can use it to hold the tree without it collapsing.

We have provided the serves based on 1/4 of a watermelon as this is often how it is sold. Modify the amount of watermelon you need based on how many trees you want to make.



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Year 5-6 Class Page



CAPTAIN REPORTS

It is now almost the end of the 2015 school year and also nearly the end of my primary schooling. I have spent every year of school at Yetman and loved every second of it. This year has gone so quickly and I still remember standing out the front on my first assembly. My year group has all got along so well with each other and are always playing around together outside and working together in the classroom. The Fun Day on Thursday was a great example where everyone had a great time while still being sensible and we worked up enough money to go on the Leavers Day to Inverell and had a game of bowling and laser tag which was so much fun. One of the highlights of the year was when we went to Lake Ainsworth and stood up on top of the heads and looked out over an amazing view while having para-gliders flying around us. I have had an amazing time at Yetman Public School and wish everyone the best of luck next year in 2016.



Charles Dight School Captain

This has been such an amazing year and I have loved every second of it. Yetman is the best school ever! I have truly enjoyed being YPS Vice-Captain - it gave me so much confidence in myself and about my future. I have valued the community and I have relished becoming a leader. I want to thank all the teachers for teaching me so much and being the best role models. I would like also thank all the staff for everything they have done as Yetman wouldn't be running if we didn't have such astonishing staff. And lastly I want to thank all the students at Yetman. They have been so encouraging and caring I couldn't ask for a better bunch of friends. The school is so looked after every kid should get to be educated in a school like Yetman. It is a neat and tidy small school that has provided a fantastic education to hundreds of kids. I will definitely miss it.

Kelsey Blackhall Vice-Captain

Happy Birthday to Toby Moore - turning 10 on 15 December Fred Brennan - turning 7 on 15 December

Thomas Pender - turning 6 on 5 January



Week 6: <u>Confidence</u> Olivia, Lily, Alexander





Week 7: <u>Getting Along</u> Shelby Blackhall Hunter Moore Sophie Pender

Week 8: <u>Organisation</u> San Cau Natalie Delanty Bill Brennan

