

# Yetman Public School

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## From the Principal's Desk

With Term 4 drawing to a close we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our wonderful students at presentation night. The highlight of 2019 was the K-6 excursion to Dubbo. Learning outcomes in science and history were supported through visits to the zoo, the observatory, the Royal Flying Doctors service and the Old Dubbo Gaol. Students used their 'You Can Do It' keys to demonstrate confidence and resilience in organising themselves and their belongings for the three days. All students displayed impeccable manners at each venue and many people commented on what a lovely group they were.

Another highlight of the year was our commitment to strengthening collaborations with other small schools. We have engaged in school visits, video conferencing and learning with Tulloona, Gum Flat, Fairfax and Bonshaw Public Schools through our One School North network. We will continue with this alliance in 2020. We have also forged a STEM connection with North Star Public School through visits and we look forward to more STEM days in 2020. Through our small school networks we will be developing further sporting opportunities and experiences.

In 2020 we will be introducing a new instrumental program. Students will be invited to learn the violin, guitar or piano and we will look forward to performing our new skills during the year.

On behalf of the staff I wish all students, parents and families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Kind regards,  
Charmaine Johnston  
Principal

## Penpals

We have been writing to our pen pals at Toobrac Primary School in Victoria during the year. We found our pen pals through the Australia Post Pen Pal Program. We received our first letters from them in November, and then we sent them Christmas Cards. All the students love receiving letters and writing to their new friends.



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# P&C NEWS



Thanks to everyone for their support throughout 2019. I am looking forward to seeing you all at Presentation Night. On behalf of Yetman P&C I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards,

Amanda Frankcom (Vice President)

## GREAT NEWS

**We've just received a  
Woolworths Junior  
Landcare Grant!**



We've been successful with our application for a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our bush tucker garden. We will be researching and planting Indigenous bush tucker plants that will thrive in our environment.

Yetman Public School is one of six hundred and seventeen primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow Australia's next generation of environmental champions.

The grants are being funded with money made from the sale of the Woolworths recyclable Bag for good™ which was launched in 2018 when the supermarket stopped using single-use plastic bags.

The children and teachers are looking forward to working and learning from this project and we'll keep you updated on the results.

To read more about our project and others, go to <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/woolworthsgrants/maps>

# stay well



***Children should have a  
regular check-up.***

***Book your child in for  
a dental check-up  
these school holidays!***

**Call 1300 651 625 to book an  
appointment for your child**

Hunter New England Oral Health provides **FREE**  
dental care for **ALL** children under 18 years of age



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# YETMAN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER	FRIDAY 13	'YETMAN ROX' MUFTI DAY + COMMUNITY BBQ - 12:30PM
	TUESDAY 17	SCHOOL PARTY DAY
	WEDNESDAY 18	FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2019 PRESENTATION NIGHT 5PM
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
FEBRUARY 2020	MONDAY 3 + TUESDAY 4	STAFF RETURN TO SCHOOL
	WEDNESDAY 5	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
	FRIDAY 14	MACINTYRE SWIMMING CARNIVAL IN GOONDIWINDI

## THANK YOU!

We would like to send a very big thank you to Virginia and her wonderful team of helpers at **Care Goondiwindi** for the Christmas hampers they sent into the school for our families. Thanks to Food Bank, the Black Dog Institute, Coles and Carlton United Breweries for their contributions to these hampers. Virginia has asked us to let everyone know that Care Goondiwindi will open at their premises in Troy Street Goondiwindi from 9am to 12 noon next Wednesday to anyone who would like to pick up a 20kg bag of dog food.

Another big thank you goes out to Leanne Thompson and **County Burnett CWA** for coordinating the distribution of Christmas parcels for the children in our area. We look forward to giving these out at our 'Yetman Rox' function tomorrow.



## From your Library



What a great year we have had in the library! Lots of books have been borrowed and talked about. It is wonderful to see students recommending the books they have enjoyed to their friends. If you still have library books at home, remember to bring them in before the holidays.

Have a great holiday everyone, and please find time to do some reading. I look forward to hearing about your reading adventures when we return to school in 2020.



# K-2 All Stars News

What a busy end of term we have had with final assessments and learning taking place, swim school and now Christmas activities and Yetman Rox and Presentation night practices happening.

I am so proud of all the All Stars efforts throughout the year and also at swimming. So much progress has been made by each student in their own way.

It has been lovely to be able to spend some time with our incoming Kindergarten students Clancy, Lily and Ted, this term. I know they are all going to settle in well to school life at Yetman Public School.

I wish you all a very happy Holiday and Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again next year!



## Good for Kids good for life

### TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES

Looking for fun activities for the kids?

Why not try some **Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games**

**Thirring-Nunna** 'thir-ring-nun-na' is a hide and seek game that is played by the Aboriginal children in Queensland.



One player is the 'seeker' and the other players hide. Once hidden, the players are not allowed to move from their places.

The seeker searches for the hidden players.

When players are found they can help the 'seeker' to find the other players.

Source: Yulunga Traditional Games - sportaus.gov.au/yulunga

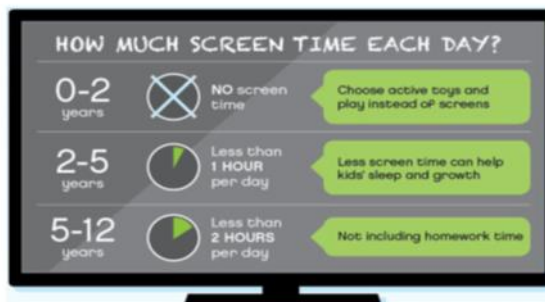
## Good for Kids good for life

### TURN OFF SCREENS AND GET ACTIVE!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

How can parents help?

- Ensure kids have at least one hour of physical activity a day.
- Limit kids total screen time to less than 2 hours per day.
- Remove TV sets and computers from your child's bedroom.
- Encourage other types of fun that include both physical and social activities, like walking the dog or joining a sports team.



Source: Make Healthy Normal and the 24hour Movement Guidelines



## 10 Tips for Surviving School Holidays

While school holidays are a welcome break from the busyness of school routines, there is never a break from parenting. The following tips will help you have fun and connect with your kids so you make the most of the school holidays:

### 1. Plan

- Get your kids involved in making a list of activities that they would like to do
- Plan for good and bad weather
- Schedule down time and time out as well as time for one-on-one and family group activities

### 2. The best things in life are free

- Make sure the list includes plenty of free activities such as picnics, bike rides, trips to the beach, the local library and the great outdoors

### 3. Boredom is good

- Unstructured time and time away from electronic devices is good for young minds

### 4. Use opportunities to teach new skills and self reliance

- Not having the pressure to rush out the door in the morning can allow for kids to develop new skills such as getting their own breakfast and lunch, taking the dog for a walk or going to the shops by themselves



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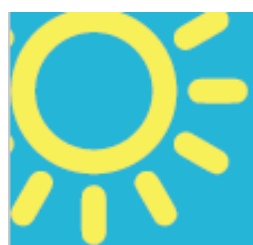


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**Swim School 2019**



# Summer Writing Club For Kids

**35 BOREDOM BUSTING** creative  
writing challenges over summer!



- Beat boredom and become a better writer
- Sign up anytime
- 1st challenge available from December 16th
- New challenges unlocked daily
- Access challenges online anywhere, anytime
- Improve creative writing skills while having FUN
- Awesome Christmas Gift idea
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# School Holiday Activities

## Free activities for primary school students at **The Reserve Bank Museum**

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a closer look at the new \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

### **Cost:**

Free (Registration essential)

### **Booking Information:**

- Expressions of interest are now open for the Summer school holiday period.
- For further information, session times, and to register your child please visit the Museum website.
- Registrations will close on 10th January at 5.00 pm.



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