

Yetman Public School

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Term 4, 2021

Term 4 School Activities



Rugby League clinics



Remembrance Day ceremony



Posting our letters to Santa



Working in the garden



Education

Principal's Report

We have been following the Department of Education's Term 4 Roadmap - a combination of layered safety measures which allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep our school open (see below). It is wonderful to see that from 8 November 2021 we started to get back to activities that support our curriculum goals. We were lucky enough to secure one swimming day this term with the other days to be completed in Term 1 2022. We invited external providers into our school for activities such as rugby league and yoga (physical education). We will be completing our PE curriculum with Ten Pin Bowling, following our COVID safe risk assessment plan and the COVID plan of the centre.

Throughout 2021 I have been involved in preparing an External Validation (EV) submission. This is a complex evaluation process of the school's performance against the Department of Education's 'School's Excellence Framework' (SEF). The school put forward on-balance judgements of performance with annotated supporting evidence. The EV panel were impressed with our submission and our teaching and learning practices and together we have identified our future directions in the 2022 School Improvement Plan. I would like to thank Mrs Weatherall and Mrs Kilner for all their hard work in assisting me with the EV.

Once again, we will be holding presentation at school with an invitation extended to immediate family members of the current student body. This is in line with current DoE Covid-19 safe guidelines. I understand that the wider school community like to celebrate the achievements of our students with us and we look forward to resuming our community celebrations in future years.

Mrs Charmaine Johnston

NSW Department of Education

Term 4 roadmap

From 8 November

All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.

- School sports allowed
- Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
- Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
- Excursions allowed outdoors
- Dancing and some music classes allowed
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
- Community use allowed (including Parents & Citizens (P&C) meetings).

From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

Stay home if unwell

- Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.



Vaccinations required

- All adults must be fully vaccinated.



Always check in

- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.



Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.



Physically distance

- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.



Maximise ventilation

- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.



Stick to your cohorts

- Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.



For the latest information refer to education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.



Recount of term 4

Yes!! In term 4 we finally got out of a 4 week long lockdown, and this is my last term at Yetman Public School. This term we did lots of tests and revision for maths and all the other subjects, ready for our school reports. Mrs Coleman (aka Mrs Coolman) and Miss Jackson organised a school play for the end of year presentation. The play is called "Who Flung Dung", and of course I am the main character (Furley).

Then this term we also started to play golf for our fitness and sometimes our sport. And we had some competitive games of T-ball. Every game we play, everyone tries their hardest to win.

The school had lots of fun and exciting transition days for the younger kids (Max, Ava, Monica and Olivia). They are joining the school next year and Matilda is finally joining year 3, YAY!

Everyone is so worried but excited for Yetman Rox. Yetman Rox is like our very own talent show. We've all made little presentations and fun stuff to show all the teachers and other students.

The whole school creates lots of new fun activities for everyone to have a go, and we try to be fair and to have so much fun playing together. A couple days ago the school started playing a new game with soft hockey sticks. We haven't made a name for the game yet.

I have enjoyed my time being at this school, but soon I will have to move into high school. I am very nervous but I will try my best.

By Payton

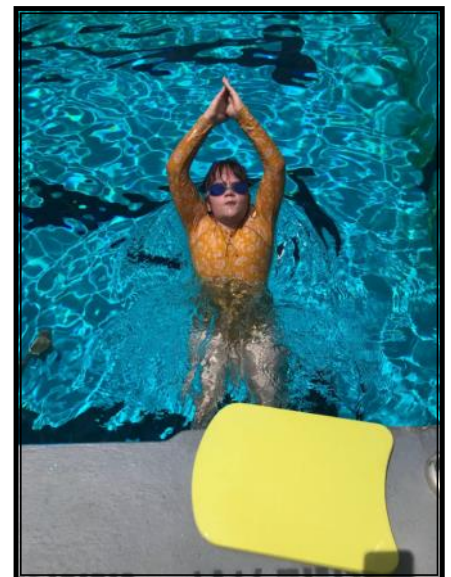


Swimming

Splash, splash, splash! We went to the Warialda swimming pool on the 9th of November. We had to split up into two groups. The Yowies went with Katreana and the All Stars went with Mrs Weatherall. Katreana is a very fun swimming teacher that doesn't put up with any nonsense. The Yowies did freestyle, backstroke, dolphin kick, skulling, froggy, torpedo and safety slide. When we did backstroke I was nervous to push off the wall because I thought that I was going to lean back too far into the water. The All Stars are learning to be water confident including swimming to a blue water mat and Mrs Weatherall and Mr Moncrieff were dragging the mat around the shallow end of the pool and they were practicing bubble arms.

I am so excited for the swimming carnival next year!

By Lylah



Mrs Weatherall's News

It has been an extremely busy term with lots of learning, assessing of learning and fun! We have been pleased to welcome our Transition students each week on Wednesdays - we now have four - and they are quickly becoming familiar with our school and classroom in readiness for Kindergarten next year!

We have all loved learning more about space this term in Science. Some weeks we have had our own lesson, sometimes with the Yowies. We have learnt about constellations (and made marshmallow models of some) and made straw rockets before measuring how far they went in maths. With the Yowies we made Oreo moon phases and designed and made our own satellites. It was sad our planned One School North Virtual Day didn't happen because of a problem with the internet but it was so fun for the All Stars to be able to complete our activities anyway despite not sharing them with our friends.



The space theme has continued in Art with artworks about the sun and stars being produced. We are all looking forward to completing some fun Christmas craft in the coming weeks.

We have so much fun and learnt so many new skills playing golf and tee ball, swimming, dance and yoga with Miss Taz and our NRL football workshops.

We have used lots of the salad vegetables, which we have all grown in our school garden in Cooking Club this term. Our chickens are still laying eggs too for us to cook with. Caesar salad and tacos were probably the highlight of our cooking!



I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all again next year. Don't forget to keep up the reading over the holiday break!



Yoga and Dance

“Breath in ,breath out, calm bodies,” whispers Miss Taz as we were on our grey yoga mats. Everyday this week (7) we are doing yoga. In yoga we are learning all different moves. On Monday 15.11.2021 we started learning how to do a really really marvellous dance. I have never seen a dance like it; that is how different it is. There's this cool song to it as well. I have never heard of the song. Everyone is already good at the dance. We learnt the whole dance and everyone is really enjoying it. Years 4 to 6 had to show the other group and they nearly knew the whole dance. Thank you Miss Taz.

By Filippa



Wishing a very happy birthday to:

Lylah - 10 on 14 August

Zac - 10 on 21 October

Payton—12 on 3

November

Claude—6 on 27th

November

and

Lily who will turn 7 on 24
December



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Planting Cotton

This week we did some gardening. We got some cotton seed with herbicide on it from Mr Dight. They are normally white but they are blue because of herbicide. Cotton grows in bushes, not like wheat, barley, sorghum and oats. We dug up all of the beds but before we did that we weeded them. Miss Jackson and I pulled out a weed with huge roots. We made rows that were 100cm or 1m apart. We put the seeds 10cm apart in the first bed, the second bed was the same but we put the seeds 20cm apart to see what the difference will be. We will water the seeds and they need to be watered everyday until they sprout. We found out that our barley has a disease. Miss Jackson looked at the leaves and found aphids and the agronomists said to get rid of it. She will also help us with our cotton to keep disease away.

By James



**Inverell Community Gardens
Community Planting Bee Sunday
5 December 2021**

Who's in for helping to get some more plants in the ground including bottle brush, Eremophila (also known as Emu or Poverty plant) and wattle. We'll be creating groves with these native plants especially for the birds. There will be activities in our vegetable gardens too. We're keen to finish the year well and add to the 300 trees, shrubs and plants we've got in the ground so far. We'll start at 2pm, and there will be a yummy afternoon tea and dinner on offer. It will be a fun day with time for connection, reflection and a good meal together just as the sun sets.

To join in register at <http://bit.ly/PlantingBees>, or contact Jane O'Brien via jane@campfire.coop or 0458 255 232.

What to bring: All materials will be supplied, and you are welcome to bring your own gloves if you have them. Please bring your own water bottle and wear closed in shoes and a hat.

“When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope”

Wangari Maathai



How can you encourage your family to eat enough fruit and veg?

It's simple! Include fruit or veg at every meal and snack.



1. **Include fruit at breakfast** such as mashed banana on toast or fresh or canned fruit on cereal
2. **Add veggies to breakfast** with baked beans, sliced tomato or avocado on toast
3. **Make a fruit (or veg!) breakfast smoothie.** Try this recipe - healthy-kids.com.au/recipes/fruit-smoothies/
4. **Put out plates** of ready-to-eat fruit and veggies at snack time
5. Try **veg-centric lunchbox winners** like cucumber, carrot and/or avocado sushi, vegetable pizzas and veggie patties
6. **Add grated veggies to your cooking,** and try adding an extra serve of veggies at meals
7. Offer **fruit as dessert**

NEED MORE:

For more tips check out: healthy-kids.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FruitAndVegTips.pdf



Local Trades Scheme

hipages, in partnership with the NSW Government, is making it easier for tradies to access planned maintenance jobs at public schools with the Local Trades Scheme.

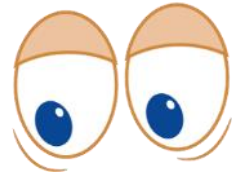


Jobs for local electricians are available at our school now!

The LED Lighting Upgrade Program needs local electricians to install upgraded lighting at our school and potentially others in our local area. The Department is hiring electricians to do this work **right now**. If we have electricians in our school community, register for the Local Trades Scheme, which is where the jobs are posted. Registration is free.

To find out more visit Local Trades Scheme (<https://hipages.com.au/tradie/about-nsw-department-of-education-maintenance-scheme>)

From your Library



It is almost the end of the year, and I have been preparing for Christmas. I hope you like my decorations! I have also chosen all my book prizes for the end of the year and am very much looking forward to seeing what you all think of my choices. I am also looking forward to welcoming our Kindergarten students for 2022 and learning what their interests are.

Could everybody please return their library books and any home readers to school by Monday 6 December.

Enjoy reading the Yowie's poetry below - they have been creating poetry from observations in nature using personification, simile, hyperbole and metaphors.

Storm

by Payton

Pounding rain
Thick mud
Falling trees
Broken branches on roads
Flooding waters
Strong wind
Cold weather
Teary faces
Popping lightning
Loud thunder



Chicken

by Filippa

Brown, cute
Walking, running, cheeping
Eggs, widely, beaks feathery
Pecking, beginning, crowing
Fluffy, fast
Coop



Lagoon

by Zac

Stinky, smelly
Flowing, splashing, still
Bank, shore, mould, ducks
Brown, black, dirty, splash
Splash, pound
Wet



Lagoon

by James

Wide, long
Still, shrinking, evaporating
weed, logs, ducks, snakes
Lower, flowing, splashing
wet, colourful
dam

Magpie

by Stevie



Tall, Fearless
Hunting, breeding, feeding
Feathers, beak, claws, wings
Mothering, flying, travelling
Old, elegant
maggie

Leaves

by Lylah

Dry, crunchy
Old, rough, veins, brown
Small, exquisite, growing
Miniature, crumbly
Nature



Bandana Day

Yay, Bandana Day is here! Lily and I brought 2 bandanas and made a gold coin donation. So did everybody else at school. We made \$263 for Canteen. I wore my Bandana all day to show I cared for the children in the hospital. Canteen helps people cope with cancer and to explore their feelings about cancer and to connect with other younger people. Younger people develop resilience and can rebuild the foundations that crumbled beneath them when cancer turned their life upside down. That is how Canteen makes a difference.

By Zac



Coding in the All Stars classroom



Lunchtime cricket



Three of our transition students for 2022

Stay sun safe and hydrated



**Slop on
some
sunscreen**



**Seek
shade**



**Wear
protective
clothing**



**Avoid peak
times**



**Drink
plenty of
water**



**Wear a
hat and
sunglasses**



School banking update.

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

