

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 2 Jun
WA Day Public Holiday

Fri 6 Jun
Room 24 Assembly

Fri 6 Jun
Filming of Kinjarling

Thur 19 Jun
Rm 14 Assembly

Fri 20th Jun
Interschool Cross Country (Yr 3 - 6)

Fri 20th Jun
Choir Breaksea Excursion (AEC)



From the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Last week we held our House Cross Country for Years 3-6. Students demonstrated great persistence and determination in working to achieve their personal best time. Well done to all who gave it their best for their House. The winning House and medallion winners will be announced at our next assembly.

Applications for enrolment to Kindy 2026 are now open. If your child, or a child you know, is turning 4 on or before the 30 June 2026, they are eligible to enrol for our Kindy program. Please see the front office to collect an application form. Enrolments close at the end of July.

Friday the 23 May was P&C Day. To celebrate this day we hosted a special breakfast for our amazing P&C. A BIG thank you to our wonderful P&C members for all the support you give to our school. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who work hard to make our school an awesome place to be for our students. We appreciate all that you do for our school.



Save the date! Monday 16 June 5pm to 6pm we have our second Real Schools parent information session. Candice our Real Schools coach and presenter will provide parents and carers with information and strategies for how parents can implement Restorative Practices at home and how this assists in developing your child's resiliency, confidence, empathy, emotional regulation and at home and school. All parents/carers are invited to this session. A note will be sent home next week with more information and RSVP details. There will be care available for children if required and a free sausage sizzle. We would love to see all parents/carers at this event.

Our next assembly will be hosted by Room 24 on the 6 June. We look forward to seeing families at the assembly. Have a great long weekend!

Kind regards—Gemma Larham



GENERAL INFORMATION

Principal
Gemma Larham

Deputy Principals
Tristan Mackenzie
Simone Barndon

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BSB: 016-510 A/C: 340823089

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www.quickcliq.com.au

Uniform Shop Hours
Alternate Fridays on even weeks
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Breakfast Club
Mon - Thurs 8am - 8:30am

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Special Music Project



Term 2 at Yakamia is a very musical one! The whole school, K-6, will participate in the **Acknowledgement Song Project** by Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse. This is being organised by Breaksea, the City of Albany with Heathway.

In Week 1 Pia and Rachel from Breaksea came to teach us the chorus of the song. We began with a welcome from Uncle Lester, who was very impressed with our singing.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Acknowledgement Song Project offers a unique opportunity for Primary Schools to play a meaningful role leading up to Albany 2026, by singing and acknowledging the Menang Noongar people.

Created by the award-winning composers of Wanjoo, Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse, this new “Acknowledgement of Country” song has been specially written for the children of the Lower Great Southern!

Throughout Term 2 this year, participating schools will have the chance to be part of two incursions—focused on learning the new song and featuring in the filmed music video. The song has been practised during Music lessons in preparation for the filming in week 6.

In June, the Yakamia School Choir will participate in a massed singing event at the Albany Entertainment Centre, to perform the new song alongside Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse. This event will also feature a performance of their new children's musical, Aliwah Bardinar.

On New Year's Eve, families and school communities can gather at the City of Albany's New Year's Eve event to watch the premiere of the music video, showcasing the voices of participating schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to a historic moment and leave a legacy.

On Friday 6 June, the staff from Breaksea will be visiting Yakamia to film our whole school for the Acknowledgement Song project. This will form part of the music video which will be launched at the City of Albany New Year's Eve celebrations on the foreshore and may become available to the wider public.

All students are to wear their red shirts on Friday for the filming, no House shirts. Thanks.

If you have any questions about the project and filming, please come and speak with Mrs Grosshans in the Music Room.

Breakfast & Reading Club Needs You!



We are looking for a volunteer for Wednesday/Thursday mornings at our Reading and Breakfast Club from roughly 8.00 - 8.45am. Come and be part of the Yakamia School Community contributing towards giving students a great start to the day. Please see the front office or Mrs Tierney for more details.

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Garden Gang Update (Season - Autumn/Djeran)

Greetings from The Garden Gang!

It doesn't take long for our seasons to change! Take a look at the trees around our school. They're changing colours and losing their leaves!

The Garden Gang have been keeping busy around the school. In Term One we assisted in the gardens of the early childhood area and Block 3 by pulling weeds and prepared the existing raised garden beds for the nearby classrooms to continue tending to.

There's been a selection of herbs and vegies planted including carrots, beetroot, basil, strawberries, marigolds and also some succulent plants which have created a prehistoric play garden.

Just before Mother's Day, we had a go at mixing dried native flowers, leaves, gumnuts and everlastings, plus some rose petals and special oils and made some gifts.



08/05/25 – “Today we made potpourri. It was a sunny morning and Mrs Wakefield brought some dried rose petals from her garden. We chose a selection of flowers and nature bits and then put some essential oils onto the flowers and put them into a small bag with ribbon.” - Claire.

Noah chose native leaves and flowers, rose petals, gum nuts and everlastings. A few drops of lavender oil and geranium oil. “My nan loves roses.” - Noah.

Thanks Mrs C for the fabulous idea and providing treasures from your garden for us to share. Special thanks to Mrs Williams for providing the cute organza bags. We love to re-use and recycle.

Next time you go for a walk, or visit the garden, keep an eye out for some of your own treasures like we've mentioned. Once dried, you can add a few drops of your favourite essential oil (ask an adult) or perfume, massage together and place in a bowl or a cloth bag and hang in your room, your wardrobe, or make as a gift.

Get creative, use your senses and have fun!



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Sustainability at Yakamia

Every week, students at Yakamia try to be more sustainable by participating in Waste Free Wednesday.

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

One of our initiatives is to encourage students to take home food scraps where possible and put them in the FOGO. Why bring food scraps home rather than put them in the bin at school, I hear you ask?

Lauren Goodheart is a Resource Recovery Specialist at Australian waste management company Cleanaway. She says, "Instead of sending scraps to landfill, FOGO ensures they're put to good use. When dumped at the tip, FOGO waste releases dangerous amounts of methane. By recovering food and garden waste, we can transform it into nutrient-rich compost that enriches our soil rather than contributing to harmful methane emissions. By embracing FOGO and having a 'reduce waste' mindset, we create a system where waste isn't discarded – it's given a new life."

The Waste Hierarchy

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1. Prevention
 2. Reduction
 3. Re use
 4. Recycle
 5. Responsible disposal



Thankyou to all parents that let their students bring home food scraps to go in the FOGO.

You are helping to reduce landfill which is a win for everybody!



Call for Book Week resources! Can you help?

Help!
CALLING FOR DONATIONS...
SUITCASES

We are looking for donations of old suitcases in good working order for Book Week

If you are able to help, please see the Office, Miss Scott or Mrs Barndon

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We are looking for old , good condition suitcases for Book Week. If you are able to help, please see Mrs Barndon or Miss Scott.

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Honour Certificate Recipients - 23rd May 2025

Room 11	Genevieve B & Aiden T	Room 24	Kaiden B & & Madison L
Room 12	Eli M & Jenaya W	Room 25	George P & Ella S
Room 13	Ella F & Emily L	Room 26	Mia W & Daisy W
Room 14	Conner J & Esta D	Room 33	Aria Y & Cassia B
Room 15	Parker H & Mya L	Room 34	Amelia M & Theo M
Room 16	Dakota E & Hudson P	Room 35	Arrianna G & Sammy B
Room 22	Odin M & Ryder Y	Room 43	Dustin F & Finley M
Room 23	Tiffany Y & Emily H	Room 44	Aleenah K & Skylar B

P&C UNIFORM SHOP



OPENING HOURS:

Assembly Fridays
8:30am - 9am

Email: uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com

Online orders are packed weekly on
Wednesday afternoon.



Yakamia P & C (general):

yakamia.pc@gmail.com

Uniform Coordinator:

uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com

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June Birthdays	
2nd	Declan F
3rd	Georgia B & Taylah M
4th	Marcus B, Abby M, Alorah R & Haiven W
6th	Zaylah R
8th	Kyran B & Loki M
10th	Connor J
13th	Olivia G, Sherrie Anne I, Zahlia W & Raiden W
15th	Jemima A, Charlotte H, Lily M & Bridget N
16th	Macy C, Stella I, & Harry T
19th	Lia L
20th	David E
21st	Melody T
22nd	Ivy W
23rd	Shem F & Ben G
26th	Tex R
27th	Genevieve B, Isabella B & Maddison W
29th	Jayke P

Telethon Birthday Boxes

Do you have a child celebrating a birthday soon? Want to let them celebrate at school, but a bit short on time? Our Telethon Ambassadors are here to help!

For just \$25, the Ambassadors will deliver a Birthday Box to your child's class on the morning of their celebration.

Boxes can include either a cupcake for each child in the class or a jelly cup each.

If you would like to order a Birthday Box for your child, please complete the form which can be collected at the office and return it to school with payment at least 5 days before your child's birthday. Thank you for supporting Telethon 2025!



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Fostering Independence

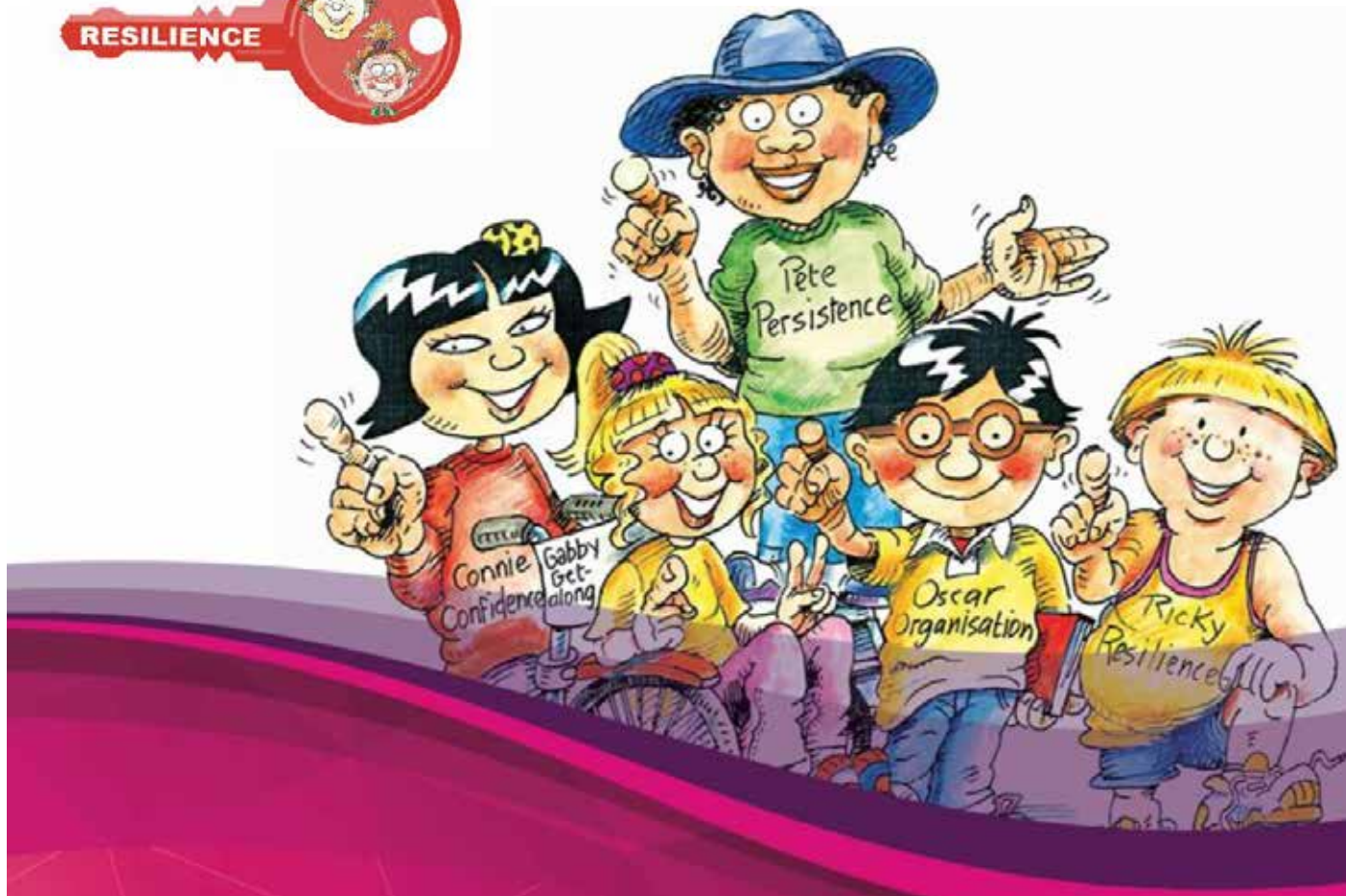
Fostering independence in young children is essential for their overall development, particularly in strengthening cognitive abilities, motor skills, and social-emotional growth.

When children are given opportunities to take on simple responsibilities, such as carrying and unpacking their own school bag, they begin to build a sense of autonomy and self-confidence. These everyday routines enhance problem-solving and memory, while also supporting physical coordination. For instance, lifting and positioning a school bag helps develop gross motor strength and balance, while tasks like unzipping compartments and retrieving lunchboxes improve fine motor skills.



At home, independence can be fostered through activities like dressing themselves, setting the table, tidying toys, or pouring drinks under supervision. These experiences empower children to take an active role in their daily lives, nurturing qualities such as resilience, confidence, organisation, and persistence.

Values which are familiar to the students of Yakamia Primary School through the *Get It Right! Education* social and emotional learning program. By nurturing these skills both at school and at home, we lay the foundation for lifelong learning and personal growth, empowering children to approach new challenges with confidence and independence.



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Kindergarten Enrolments for 2026 are OPEN!

Yakamia Primary School is fortunate to be working in partnership with the Child and Parent Centre Mount Lockyer to support the transition to school. If you have already submitted your child's enrolment or plan to shortly, please come along to

Path to Kindy is a wonderful program offered in Term 3 and 4 to build connections with other children, families and Yakamia Primary School. The program has developmentally appropriate activities guided by the amazing CPC.

It's a great place to start when transitioning to Kindy! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Barndon or The Child and Parent Centre on 98430071.



  Child and Parent Centre
Mount Lockyer

**Meet & Greet
PATH TO KINDY
TERM 2 2025**

Join us for a meet and greet to see what
Path to Kindy is about!
Read stories, sing songs, have fun with
activities and build skills ready for Kindy
in 2026

Details:

- ✓ Yakamia Primary School
- ✓ 9:15am to 10am
- ✓ 11th and 25th of June 2025
- ✓ Child must be accompanied by a Parent

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Contact The Child and Parent Centre- Mount Lockyer on:
9843 0071 or email cpc@wanslea.org.au

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ADHD Parent Training Program

For parents of children with ADHD

Join Susan Hughes (Master of Education), an accredited coach with lived experience for this FREE parenting series. This principle-based course covers:

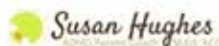
- Up to date information on ADHD and how ADHD impacts on your child's ability to carry out daily tasks
- What does being a "good enough parent" mean today?
- Parenting strategies and tools which are known to work with ADHD
- Managing defiant behaviours and setting boundaries
- Understanding how your emotions impact how you parent

Session 1 & 2: 17 May 9.30am - 2pm (Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre). Morning tea & lunch included.
Session 3: 24 May 9.30am - 12 noon (online)
Session 4: 31 May 9.30am - 12 noon (online)

FREE – Bookings Essential.
Creche provided subject to availability.
T: 0448 137 192
E: GreatSouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au

When: Saturdays AM
17 - 31 May 2025
Where: Rainbow Coast
Neighbourhood Centre,
Albany and online

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ONLINE WORKSHOP

Learning to use the Toilet



Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet.

This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet.

EVENING SESSION

Date: Monday 19 May OR
Monday 23 June
Time: 8pm to 10pm

LUNCHTIME SESSION

Date: Monday 26 May
Time: 12pm to 1pm

Scan the QR code to register for a workshop in the series. You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. We would recommend downloading the Webex app ahead of the workshop for the best experience. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.



Albany Senior High School

2026 ENROLMENTS - OPEN

Albany SHS is now accepting
2026 student enrolments.
Submit applications by
3.30 pm, Friday, 25 July 2025.

08 6821 1700

www.albanyshs.wa.edu.au

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BOYS
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BOYS
9:00AM - 10:30AM

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Yakamia Primary School TERM TWO 2025 STUDENT PLANNER

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	28 April Students commence 2026 Kindy Applications for Enrolment Open	29	30 P&C meeting 8:15am in the Library PP-Yr 4 Swimming Lessons	1 May Breaksea Music incursion P-6 NEWSLETTER	2 Staff PL Day: Real Schools – no students attend
2	5 May PP-Yr 4 Swimming Lessons	6	7 P&C WACSSO training session 9am at YPS Kaboom Incursion P-6	8 Mother's Day Raffle	9 Orienteering
3	12 May Book Fair PP Mother's Day Event	13	14	15 <i>Yr 5 camp note & payment due</i> School Board Mtg 4pm	16 Rm 13 Assembly Newsletter
4	19 May	20	21	22	23 House Cross Country Yr 3-6 (11am start) P&C Day Rm 22 Assembly Kindy A& B attend
5	26 May National Sorry Day National Reconciliation Week	27	28 Year 5 Camp	29	30 Newsletter
6	2 June WA Day Public Holiday	3	4	5 <i>Yr 6 camp note & payment due</i>	6 Rm 24 Assembly Kindy A& B attend
7	9 June	10 NASHS Visit at YPS for Yr 6 - 9am	11	12	13 Newsletter
8	16 June REAL SCHOOLS Parent session evening	17	18	19 Rm 14 Assembly School Board Mtg 4pm	20 Interschool C/Country Choir Breaksea Excursion AEC Kindy A& B attend
9	23 June Year 6 Camp	24 NASHS Parent Orientation night 5:30-6:30pm at NASHS	25	26	27 Newsletter
10	30 June NAIDOC Week NAIDOC Assembly (Diversity Awards)	1 July	2	3 Semester 1 Reports on Connect	4 NASHS Enrolment Applications Due Good Standing Reward Rm 34 Assembly Kindy A& B attend

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