

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 1st Aug
Room 15 Assembly
Netball Carnival

Wed 13th Aug
P&C PJ & Muffin Day
(K-6)
Thurs 14th Aug - Kindy B

Fri 15th Aug
Staff PL Day
(No students attend)

Mon 25th - Fri 29th
Aug
Book Week

Fri 29th Aug
Book Week Assembly
& Dress-Up Day

Mon 15th - Fri 26th
Sept
Swimming Lessons
(Yr 5 & 6)



From the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 3! A special welcome to the new families who have joined our Yakamia community this term - we're excited to have you on board.

This term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with a range of events and activities planned. Highlights include Book Week celebrations, our Whole School Learning Journey afternoon, the Choir Music Festival, and swimming lessons for our Year 5 and 6 students. A copy of the Term Planner is attached to this newsletter - please check it for important dates and events.

At the end of Term 2, we celebrated **NAIDOC Week** with a range of meaningful activities. Our week began with a special assembly featuring a Welcome to Country by Ms Glenda Williams, a performance by our school choir, and the presentation of our annual Diversity Awards. On Wednesday, students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 took part in engaging, multi-aged group activities that explored Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and traditions. A huge thank you to our AIEO, Lou-Ann Miniter, for her fantastic coordination of the week.

Today, our Telethon Ambassadors hosted a successful **Footy Colours Day** fundraiser. Students dressed in their favourite team's colours and enjoyed a hotdog lunch, all for a gold coin donation. The event was a great success and helped raise valuable funds. Thank you to Miss Scott and the Telethon Ambassadors for organising it. Go ~~Dockers!~~ (CORRECTION: West Coast - editor)

On Monday, we look forward to welcoming our Principal Mrs Larham back from her long-service leave in Italy!

Our next assembly will be held on **Friday, 1 August**, and will be hosted by **Room 15**. All families are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!



Kind regards,
Tristan Mackenzie
Acting Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION

Principal
Gemma Larham

Deputy Principals
Tristan Mackenzie
Simone Barndon

Online Lunch Orders
Wed/Thur/Fri
www.quickcliq.com.au

Breakfast Club
Mon - Thurs 8am - 8:30am

Uniform Shop Hours
Alternate Fridays on even weeks
8.30am - 9am
EFTPOS available
uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com

Ph 9892 5500 **Email** yakamia.ps@education.wa.edu.au **Website** www.yakamiaps.wa.edu.au

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Every Day Counts: How Parents Can Help Boost School Attendance

Did you know that **every day your child attends school helps shape their future?**

Whether it's learning to read, building friendships, or discovering new interests, each school day contributes to your child's growth and success. Unfortunately, when students miss out, they miss key learning opportunities and skills which can affect their learning, wellbeing, and future opportunities.



Why Attendance Matters

Research shows that students who miss school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind academically
- Experience lower self-esteem
- Face challenges in employment and health later in life

Even absences in the early years can lead to long-term disengagement. That's why it's important to build strong attendance habits from the start.

How You Can Help

Here are some ways you can support your child's attendance:

- ✓ **Value education:** Talk positively about school and learning
- ✓ **Build routines:** Set consistent bedtimes and morning schedules
- ✓ **Stay connected:** Engage with your child's teachers and school events
- ✓ **Ask for help:** If your child is struggling, reach out early—schools are here to support you
- ✓ **Celebrate success:** Acknowledge your child's efforts and achievements

Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

Yes – absolutely! You need to let office staff know that your child will be absent from school and the reason why as soon as possible. Prolonged or regular sickness may require a medical certificate requested by the Principal.

What will staff at our school do to help?

- Offer developmentally, socially and culturally responsive learning opportunities to engage students.
- Monitor every student's attendance and work with parents to overcome problems affecting attendance.
- Provide predictable routines to help students know what to expect to reduce anxiety about going to school.
- Talk with you about involving support staff such as and other agencies or organisations to help.

Over the next coming weeks, parents and caregivers will receive letters with their students current attendance percentage. It is important to be aware for future absentees as everyday missed can impact your child's learning. The *School Education Act 1999* also requires student's with *severe at risk attendance 60% or below* to have an attendance plan regardless of reasons for absentees. Please keep in mind, we are here to support your child to be the best they can be and develop skills to be happy, lifelong learners.

Kind regards,
Simone Barndon
Deputy Principal

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Room 34 News

INCLUSIVITY IN ROOM 34!

At Yakamia Primary School, we are focusing on a 'Word of the Week' as part of our Real Schools journey to build our emotional intelligence and develop a life-long respect for other people.

The key word for Week 10 in Term 2, was **INCLUSIVITY**.

In Room 34 we have been practicing including all of our classmates, because all of us are special individuals who have value in our group.



TORI knows that no two people are exactly the same.

ISOBEL found out that people can have different interests, likes and dislikes, and may be good at different sports or hobbies.



AMARA learnt that it's people's differences that make them special and unique.



THEO reminded us that we all have the right to our own opinions and beliefs and this helps to make our school a special place.



NIKLAUS told us that diversity in our community makes our life more interesting.

MAYA understands that lots of people originally came from different countries to the country they live in now, or their families did.



ANDREW helped us discover that if someone looks, acts, behaves or speaks differently to us, we should appreciate it!



The kids in our class are all different and so much fun... that's why they're **THE BEST!**



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This term in Chemical Sciences, the **Year 2s** have been learning about **MIXTURES**. So much fun to be had, so much mess to be made! We have explored what makes a mixture, what things combine and what doesn't and even how we might separate mixtures.



In **Year 4**, we have been looking at different **MATERIALS**. What materials are fit for purpose, do they leak, soak or repel water and how do they break down?! Materials have so many properties, we have to get the right material for the right job!



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July Birthdays			
1st	Elouise A & Myla W	18th	Imogen D & Olivia R
2nd	Hudson P	20th	Farren C & Lachlan M
3rd	Elijah F, Selina K & Mya W	21st	Arthur M
5th	Isla P	22nd	Jett S & Leah W
6th	Gypsy H, Theo M, Wayde P, Winter S	23rd	Austin M
7th	Hartley S	25th	Joe N
8th	Jackson B	26th	Ava B & Jarrad M
9th	Lenny R	27th	Kaliera B, Julian B, Stephanie B, Harley B & Olive C
10th	Emily L & Jhye W	28th	Samantha G
12th	Isla B & Ziggy C	29th	Lenny S
15th	Sophie M	30th	Tori B & Cleo G
16th	Caleb P	31st	Nicholas B & Hugo S
17th	Ben C & Kayden 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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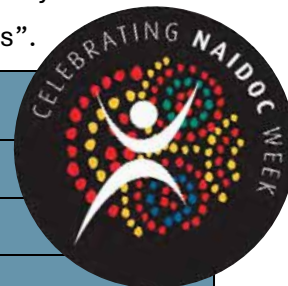
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NAIDOC WEEK

The following students were chosen to receive a Diversity Award at our NAIDOC Assembly for:

“Showing respect and understanding for cultural diversity and being inclusive of others”.

Diversity Award Recipients - 30th Jun 2025			
Room 11	Kyran B	Room 26	Gypsy H
Room 12	Opal K	Room 33	Kai L
Room 13	Sophia B	Room 34	Logan W
Room 14	Ava S	Room 35	Ella G
Room 15	Demi S	Room 43	Myla W
Room 16	Cynthia O	Room 44	Winter S
Room 22	Kobe W	Music	Esta D
Room 23	Harper W	Science	Eli M
Room 24	Kayla B	Phys. Ed.	Jesse B
Room 25	Celeste T	Indonesian	Brooklyn B



Honour Certificate Recipients - 4th Jul 2025			
Room 11	Sam D & Paniha T	Room 24	Arlo M & Austin M
Room 12	Elijah F & Reef B	Room 25	Mac P & Jessica M
Room 13	Bohdi A & Bailee B	Room 26	Kaliera B & Hayley R
Room 14	Campbell B & Florinah G	Room 33	Ella W & Mya W
Room 15	Tex R & Avah F	Room 34	Cleo G & Daniel L
Room 16	Silas B & Ivy W	Room 35	Lia L & Margot B
Room 22	Hannah F & Charlotte R	Room 43	Quinnton G & Harlow B
Room 23	Eve N & Jaxon B	Room 44	Amelia R & Hartley S

Reading & Breakfast Club Needs You!

**VOLUNTEER
NEEDED**

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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Recycling at Yakamia

At the end of each term the Waste Warriors collect up all the batteries, pens and textas and sort them ready for recycling. Last term we recycled 4kgs of pens and textas and 7kgs of batteries at

Did you know you can make donations to our Containers for Change?

Bring your 10c containers to school and drop them off in the Containers for Change bin in the hall. Or you can use our member number - **C10337010**, when you drop them off at a collection point to raise money for our school.



MEMBER NUMBER

YAKAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

C10337010



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

Yakamia P & C (general):
yakamia.pc@gmail.com

Uniform Coordinator:
uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com

Follow Yakamia Primary School P&C on Facebook for all of our latest news and events!

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Call for Book Week resources! Can you help?

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



BOOK WEEK BOOK NOOKS

Each year, in the library, as part of Book Week celebrations, families can create a Book Nook to be displayed on the library's bookshelves.



RULES

in 2025!

- The size of the Book Nook must not exceed 26cm in height and no wider than 30cm. (to fit on the library shelves)
- Create a 3D scene from your favourite book
- Place a clear cover on the front to stop any accidental touching
- Entries close **Thursday August 21**. Deliver to the library.

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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 our next 'Path to Kindy - Meet and Greet' on the 30th of July at 9:15am.

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.

Read stories, sing songs, have fun with activities and build skills ready for Kindy in 2026

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Child and Parent Centre Mount Lockyer

PATH TO KINDY

TERM 3

Helping little ones to thrive, build connections and transition to Kindy for 2026

Details:

- ✓ Yakamia Primary School Room 45
- ✓ 9:15am to 10:45am
- ✓ Every Wednesday in Term 3, starting Week 1 - 23rd of July
- ✓ Child must be accompanied by a Parent, please bring snacks for your child and water

Contact The Child and Parent Centre- Mount Lockyer for more information on:

9843 0071 or email cpc@wanslea.org.au

Or Yakamia Primary School on 98925500

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Grandcarers' Monthly Morning Tea

Are you caring for grandchildren in Albany or the Great Southern?

Join us for a FREE morning tea and connect with other grandcarers in the community and learn more about the services available to support you.

Thurs 10:30am - 12noon | 3 July 2025
CWA Albany Branch, 94 Serpentine Rd, Albany
Wed 10:30am - 12noon | 6 August 2025
Wanslea Albany, 26 Prior Street, Centennial Park
Please RSVP for catering
Margot 0448 137 192 or Jody 0448979059



ADHD Families' Support Group Sausage Sizzle

Come along, bring your kids and enjoy the morning with other parents. Together we can fill our toolbox with information, resources and strategies to better support our children and each other.

For parents and caregivers of children with/or suspected ADHD.

Sunday 10am | 27 July & 24 August 2025
Where - Child Parent Centre – Mount Lockyer
Humphreys Street, Lockyer
Please RSVP for catering: Jody 0448 979 059



Circle of Security Parenting An 8-week Relationship-Based Parenting Program

Circle of Security Parenting (COSP) is a FREE 8-session series that focuses on supporting and strengthening parent-child relationships and teaches new ways to understand and respond to your child's needs. It is based on decades of attachment research, and how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

You will learn to:

- Understand your child's emotional world & emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem

Free morning tea and creche (bookings essential)

ALBANY
Starting Monday 4 August 2025 | 9.30am - 11.30am
Wanslea Office, 26 Prior Street, Albany
Bookings essential: <https://bit.ly/COSPALB>
Enquiries: 0448 137 192 | E: GreatSouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au



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Help kids reach every Smilestone.

18 months to 6 years
Brush with kids' fluoride toothpaste and floss between teeth that touch. Have regular dental visits.

From 6 years old
Use adult fluoride toothpaste. Have regular dental visits.

From 8 years old
Support children to brush and floss on their own. Have regular dental visits.

DENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Teeth

Get up to \$500 for education costs

saverplus
Saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and **ANZ** will match it up to \$500.

To be eligible, you need to meet all of these requirements:

18 years or older	A regular income (you or your partner)	Attend free online financial education workshops	Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year	Current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

EXPLORING CREATIVITY THROUGH A PROHIBITED CULTURE

PRESENTED BY A COLLECTIVE OF NOONGAR ARTISTS

8 AUG - 15 SEP

Woorin Cultural Centre
100 Woorin Road, Woorin, WA 6108
M.F. 10.00am

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EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

WAAPA Albany Diploma of Music Q&A

Tuesday 26th August 2025 | 5pm - 5:45pm
Albany Port Theatre - 256 Princess Royal Drive, Albany

Calling all Rockstars of the Great Southern! Get ready to amplify your music journey because WAAPA is turning up the volume and bringing its Diploma of Music course right to your backyard in Albany!

Come along to our Q&A evening where you can learn about the course and have all your questions answered by the WAAPA staff in person.



Free Event | All Welcome
Register Here



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Yakamia Primary School TERM THREE 2025 STUDENT PLANNER

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	21 July Students commence Term 3	22 Fotoworks Kindy B Group & PP	23 Path to Kindy commences Fotoworks Kindy A Group & 1-6 Plus siblings	24	25 Footy Colours Day (Telethon Ambassadors) Newsletter
2	28 July	29	30	31	1 August NETBALL CARNIVAL Rm 15 Assembly Kindy A& B attend
3	4 August	5 Yr 4 PEAC Testing	6	7 PEAC Catch up (7-15") School Board Mtg 4pm	8 Semester 2 Census Science Week Buddies Principals Day Newsletter
4	11 August	12 NASHS Visit Rm 11 9-11am	13 P&C - PJ and Muffin Day K-6	14 (Kindy B) PJ and Muffin Day Rm 23 Assembly	15 Staff PL Day – no students attend
5	18 August K/P Albany Library excursion	19 K/P Albany Library excursion	20 NASHS Visit Rm 12 9-11am	21 Dockers Shield	22 Newsletter
6	25 August Book Week Theme: Book an Adventure	26 Dockers Cup	27 Diane Wolfer Incursion Yr 1-6	28	29 Book Week Assembly Kindy A& B attend
7	1 September EA and Support Staff Day Staff Meeting 3.30pm	2	3 Rm 43 and Kindy B Fathers Day Basketball Carnival	4 Rm 44 and Kindy A Fathers Day	5 P&C Father's Day Raffle Newsletter
8	8 September	9	10 Music Festival	11 School Board Mtg 4pm	12 Rm 25 Assembly Kindy A& B attend
9	15 September Yr 5&6 Swimming Lessons	16	17	18 Whole School Learning Journey 4-6pm	19 Newsletter
10	22 September Yr 5&6 Swimming Lessons	23	24 P&C Disco TBC	25	26 Last Day of Term 3 Good Standing Reward Rm 33 Assembly Kindy A& B attend

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