

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 4th Nov
Hero Day

Thurs 6th Nov
Room 43 Assembly

Fri 7th Nov
Staff PL Day - No students attend
ALBANY SHOW

Tues 11th Nov
Remembrance Day

Fri 14th Nov
P&C Colour FunRun

Fri 21st Nov
Room 44 Assembly

Tues 25th Nov
Interschool Athletics Carnival (Jumps & Throws)

Thurs 27th Nov
Interschool Athletics Carnival

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members



Today was our House Athletics Carnival. It was a wonderful day, and students did a fantastic job doing their best for their team.

Congratulations to **Kardar** for winning the carnival!



	JNR	SNR	TOTAL
KARDAR	485	515.5	1000.5
KARRAK	277	650	927
QUENDA	380	521.5	901.5

A big thank you to all staff for your efforts and support of students. Thank you to Mr MacFarlane for your organisation and preparation of the grounds.

Thank you to the P&C for the cake stall and to all parents who assisted and donated cakes and other goodies for the day.

Congratulations to our individual winners, who will be listed in the next newsletter. These students will receive their medallions next assembly.

Next Tuesday the P&C are holding a fundraiser, **Hero Day**.

Students can dress as a fictional superhero or a real-life hero (someone who is a hero to them) for a gold coin donation. Money raised will go towards new iPads for our school. Thanks for your support.



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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Yesterday we celebrated **World Teachers Day**. I would like to sincerely thank our teachers who work tirelessly to provide the best possible education and care to our students. We appreciate the effort teachers make to know each child and provide them with support and guidance to grow, develop and reach their full potential.

A big thank you also to the P&C who supplied coffees to staff on Thursday to show their appreciation of our teachers. It was a lovely surprise!

As per the previous newsletter, I informed families that our 2026 Term 2 School Development Day will be Friday 24 April, which will be different from other schools in Albany and this will be the day we have Candice present our third year Professional Learning for Real Schools. The other **School Development Days (SDD) for 2026** have now been set by the Albany Schools Network.

These are the SDD for 2026 (students do not attend):

Term 1 - Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January. Students commence Monday 2 February.

Term 2 - Friday 24 April, Week 1 (Yakamia PS only)

Term 3 - Friday 21 August, Week 5

Term 4 - Friday 13 November, Week 5 and Friday 18 December, Week 10

Class Placements 2026

When creating classes for 2026, staff members currently teaching particular cohorts confer regarding placements for the following year taking into consideration the criteria below:

Academic performance; behaviour; social development; social network; gender balance; special abilities; special circumstances e.g. twins, family situation; extra ordinary circumstances; needs of children for whom English is an additional language/dialect or children from non-English Speaking backgrounds; needs of children with disabilities; school psychologist recommendations; written parent submissions regarding a student's educational needs; previous class placements.

Decisions are made with a view to establishing balanced and equitable class groups that will potentially work well together and are based on the professional judgements of staff.

I will only be accepting written placement requests from parents for 2026 based on educational reasons. Educational reasons include: academic, behavioural, social and emotional reasons.

Please note, requests for certain teachers will not be accepted. All written parent submissions will be given consideration, but not automatically accommodated. All requests must be in writing, addressed to Gemma Larham, Principal, Private and Confidential and received by Friday 14 November.

To assist with our planning of 2026 class structures and the school budget, if you are planning on leaving our school at the end of 2025 please let the office staff know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Next Friday 7 November is a **School Development Day**, with no students attending on this day.

This year our Pre-primary students will be hosting their own assembly instead of presenting and item at the Pursuit of Excellence assembly. Our **next assembly** will be hosted by Room 43 on Thursday 6 November. All families are welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards
Gemma Larham
Principal

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Spotlight on Room 35



ROOM 35

We have had a busy start to Term 4 in Room 35.

We began the term with many practices to refine our assembly item at the end of Week 2.

Our theme is Australia and we chose the song **'Home Among the Gum Trees'** by John



It was wonderful to witness the children speak so confidently when using a microphone and perform in front of a large audience. At the conclusion of the assembly we had a wonderful morning tea that saw parents, caregivers and extended family members join us in our classroom.

This term our learning focus and activities will be about animals unique to Australia. We will investigate the features of animals only found in Australia and have discussions about which animal is our favourite and why.



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Science News

This term we are learning about **Biological Science**. As if science wasn't already exciting enough, now we are learning about living things!

The **Year 1s** have started off with plants and their external features. We have **germinated snow peas**! Some people had long roots and shoots, some had only just started. We have planted them and some are very tall in our classroom.



We have also looked at the external features of animals. In the picture you can see us pretending to be crocodiles with big snappy mouths!



The **Year 5s** are learning about **structural and behavioural adaptations**. We had fun conducting experiments about one of our adaptations - the opposable thumb. We completed a set of experiments, then repeated them with our thumb taped up so we couldn't use it. It was much more difficult. Interestingly, we all got much better at the activities without our thumb the more we practised - a behavioural adaptation!



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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!

November Birthdays

1st	Kiara C & Parker H
3rd	Riley B
4th	Harper D
5th	Finley M
8th	Arawyn E, Flynn K, Ava P
9th	Matteo U
10th	Jasmine B
11th	Aliera N
12th	Grace C, Ava H, Hugo P & Archer T
13th	Brooklyn M
14th	Connor G, Joshua Y & Tiffany Y
15th	Willow M
17th	Madison L
19th	Krystle I, Arlo M, George P, Lucy P, Sharli P & Claire R
20th	Kai L & Boden M
22nd	Reef B & Kataryna S
23rd	Amelia B & Riley D
24th	Jack R & Jacob W
26th	Phoebe A, Declan C, Clementine C & Lacey P
27th	Brandon W
29th	Amber G & William L



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The MINI: choose from the core food groups and teach children how to make healthy snacks from scratch.



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P&C News

Hero Day

Next Tuesday 4 November is **Hero Day**!

Students may dress as their favourite hero, be it a superhero or a real-life hero, for a gold coin donation.

Donations will help the P&C raise money for more iPads and outdoor games and equipment for students to use.



P&C UNIFORM SHOP

A group photo of six young girls in school uniforms, smiling and posing together.

OPENING HOURS:

Assembly Fridays

8:30am - 9am

Email: uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com

Online orders are packed weekly on Wednesday afternoon.

A square QR code.



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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P&C News

Get ready for the most exciting day on the school calendar - **The Yakamia Primary School P&C Colour FunRun!**

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Colour FunRun, a vibrant, fun-filled event that brings the whole school community together while raising funds for some exciting new projects.

At Yakamia Primary School, our dedicated P&C committee works hand-in-hand with families and staff to enrich the experience of over 420 students. Through fundraising, we provide Kindy bucket hats to help new students feel welcome, operate a low-cost uniform shop, and maintain safe, inclusive playgrounds. We also support physical activity with new sports equipment, nurture wellbeing through breakfast and garden clubs, and invest in inclusive learning resources.

We are currently raising funds for 20 new iPads, and a range of indoor and outdoor play equipment and games for both lower and upper school.

Our students are seeking online sponsorship for their participation in the Colour FunRun, and we'd love your support! Every dollar raised will help us create a better learning environment and experiences for all Yakamia students to enjoy.

How will this fundraiser work? We have partnered with online fundraising company Go Raise It. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends & family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling cash!

How do I sign my child up to fundraise online? Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship from anyone, anywhere!

Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: <https://yakamiaschoolfunrun.goraiseit.com.au/>

Or use the QR Code to visit the hub page:



Click on the **SETUP A FUNDRAISING PAGE** button.

If you need any help, email help@raiseitfundraising.com for direct assistance.

Multiple children in your family? No problem, all children can sit under the same email address. You'll find a button to set up another page while logged in to the fundraising account you created first.

Do I have to sign up for an online account to fundraise? We would love everyone to have an online account as this allows the school to significantly reduce administration overheads. Go Raise It adhere to strict cyber safe guidelines, and this is built into our fundraising website. If you really do not want an online fundraising page, but still want to participate, please check with the school office to see if you can collect cash.

COLOUR FUN RUN!

Friday, 14 November 2025
Yakamia PS Oval

School News

Path to Kindy

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 on the 5th of November 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 9843 0071.



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

DEPARTMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Child and Parent Centre Mount Lockyer

PATH TO KINDY

TERM 4

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

Details:

- Yakamia Primary School Room 45
- 9:15am to 10:45am
- Wednesdays Week 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
- 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

YAKAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Respect Engagement Excellence

Honour Certificate Recipients - 24th October 2025

Room 11	Joe N & Madison C	Room 24	Kaiden B & Madison L
Room 12	Claire R	Room 25	Jessica M & Hazel W
Room 13	Jett H & Mason P	Room 26	Connor G & Gracie S
Room 14	Farren C & Sherri Ann I	Room 33	Harry C & Cassia B
Room 15	Sharli P & Jesse B	Room 34	Isobel H & Zahlia W
Room 16	Angus B & Eden R	Room 35	Jaxon H & Shem F
Room 22	Kobe W & Brooklyn R	Room 43	Myla W & Lenny S
Room 23	Leah D & Harper W	Room 44	Elijah J & Aleira N

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Community Notices



Parenting
Connection WA

Creating Toileting Masters

Toilet train your toddlers with confidence.
Free workshops for parents & carers of children 2-6 yrs.

Session 1: Getting Started

Monday, 10 November | 1 - 2:30pm

Signs of readiness, potty/toilet set up, language and role modelling, involving the child and reasonable expectations.

Session 2: Tackling Toilet Training Problems

Monday, 10 November | 6 - 7:30pm

Focusing on issues that commonly arise and how to tackle them, such as constipation, withholding, and poo refusal on the toilet.

Please specify which session you would like to attend.
Limited creche available for afternoon session only.

Child and Parent Centre-Mount Lockyer
Humphreys Street | Albany
Bookings essential.

E: GreatsouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au | T: 0448 137 192



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Child and Parent Centre
Mount Lockyer



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Tiny Tots First Aid

For parents & caregivers of babies and toddlers



You are invited to this free information session. Further protect your toddler or infant by learning the skills to perform CPR, and how to respond to a range of other childhood related illnesses and injuries.

- These FREE workshops are capped at 10 parents
- Newborns in strollers are welcome to join with the parent.
- Creche available.

Thursday 6 November | 11am - 12noon
Wanslea Office, 26 Prior Street, Albany
Bookings essential

E: GreatsouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au
T: 0448 137 192



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Mount Lockyer



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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 | 2 November 2025

Child Parent Centre – Mount Lockyer

Humphreys Street, Lockyer

Please RSVP for catering: Jody 0448 979 059



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Child and Parent Centre
Mount Lockyer



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Grand Carers'

Monthly Morning Tea

We would like to invite you to morning tea. Connect with other grand carers in the community and learn more about the services available to support you.

Come and enjoy a home made morning tea made by our local CWA members.

Mon 10:30am - 12.30pm | 3 November 2025

CWA Albany Branch, 94 Serpentine Rd

Please RSVP for catering

Jody 0448 979 059



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Understanding the Adolescent Brain & Behaviour

A FREE Online Workshop for Parents of Pre-teens and Teens

This workshop focuses on empowering parents to connect with their teens during emotional moments, fostering stronger relationships and improving emotional competence in both parent and child. It equips parents with skills to understand their teen's emotional experiences, show empathy, and build intimacy.

You will learn:

- About the brain and the changes during the teenage years
- The importance on your relationship with your teen
- How to emotional coach

Online workshop. Bookings essential.

Starting Wednesday 5 November 2025 | 6 - 8pm

Online via Zoom

Book online: <https://bit.ly/45jUleL>

Enquiries: T: 0448 137 192 E: GreatSouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au



Get up to \$500 for education costs

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

To be eligible, you need to meet 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



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1300 610 355



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



Parenting with Presence – Calm for Busy Mums

Join us for a FREE parenting workshop designed to help mums build emotional regulation skills and strengthen connection with their children.

You'll learn simple, body-based tools to calm your own stress, model regulation, and create a more peaceful home environment.

Topics of discussion:

- How your stress affects your child's emotions and behaviour
- The role of self-regulation and co-regulation in parenting
- Simple ways to model calm and safety for your child
- Practical calming tools to use in everyday parenting moments
- A guided sequence to help you and your child reset together

Facilitator:

Lee Tomlinson is a certified somatic trauma-informed wellness coach and Pilates instructor. She helps mums understand their nervous system and use practical regulation tools to strengthen connection and calm in parenting.

When & Where:

Friday 10 - 11am 24 October 2025

Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre, North Road, Albany

To book:

Contact Margot Morgan at WANSLEA on 0448 137 192

Lee Tomlinson on 0429 095 980 to book your spot!



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PLAY HER WAY

FREE
8 WEEK
PROGRAM

**ALBANY GIRLS ONLY CRICKET BLAST
REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

This program runs for just one hour, on a Monday from 4-5pm for Girls aged 4-10 starting 3rd November 2025

To register scan the QR code or head to <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/65e526>



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