

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 16th Dec
Year 6 Graduation
9am

Wed 17th Dec
PP-6 PBS Reward
Water Fun Day

Thurs 18th Dec
Last day of Term 4
for students

Mon 2nd Feb
First day Term 1
for students PP-6

Tues 3rd Feb
First day of Term 1
for Kindy students



From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community



Last week we had our **Pursuit of Excellence Assembly**. Congratulations to all Pursuit of Excellence winners this year. Two students from each class were awarded with either an academic or citizenship award for pursuing excellence in these areas throughout the year. We also had a Junior and Senior PoE award for each Specialist Learning Area. Well done to those students for your wonderful efforts. Please see inside the newsletter for the list of winners.

The **Student Councillors for 2026** were announced at the Pursuit of Excellence Assembly. Congratulations to: Phoebe Powell (Head Councillor), Campbell Bailey (Head Councillor), Siara Byatt, Phoebe Biglin, Avery Coleman, Judd Paunic, Esta Drew and Ruby Wellstead. We look forward to you representing and leading our students next year.



Today we announced our **2026 House Captains** who will be formally announced at our first assembly in 2026. Congratulations to:

Karrak: Lenny Ross & Maddison Townsend

Kardar: Ben Glazebrook & Laiken Hamilton

Quenda: Jackson Belfield & Florinah Greer Daclan



GENERAL INFORMATION

Principal
Gemma Larham

Deputy Principals
Tristan Mackenzie
Simone Barndon

Ph 9892 5500

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

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

Email yakamia.ps@education.wa.edu.au

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

Website www.yakamiaps.wa.edu.au

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We also announced our **Waste Warriors for 2026** who will be formally announced at the first assembly next year. With so many great applications and commitment to assisting to be a waste wise school, we have divided this role in to Semester 1 and 2. Congratulations and well done to these students.

Semester 1 Waste Warriors: Bridget Newby, Dominic Williams, Jacob Secombe, Demi Stenhouse, Patrick Lawler, Kobi McPherson, Nicholas Blain, Lillian Mosby

Semester 2 Waste Warriors: Rory Parkinson, Emmett Williams, Hudson Patel, Cynthia Ollis, Evette Wilson, Aleiya Ravanal, Ivy Wilkinson, Marlon Giacomelli

Parents will be emailed a link to access students' **Semester 2 Reports** today. If you have any issues with accessing reports, please contact the office staff to assist. It was pleasing to see the achievements and effort students have made this year. Parents, please take the time to read through the report and provide your child with praise for the progress they have made. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please see your child's class teacher.



Next Wednesday we will be having our **PBS Reward Day** for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students who have their good standing. Students will have a day of fun with water activities. Students will be getting wet and will need to wear clothes they are able to get wet in and bring a towel and change of clothes for later in the day if they wish to change. A rashie or tee-shirt and shorts would be ideal.

Thank you to all students who participated in **The City of Albany Christmas Pageant** on the weekend. We had over 50 students and staff representing Yakamia and they looked wonderful their gingerbread themed outfits.

A big thank you to Mrs Kohlen and Miss Scott for coordinating the pageant and to the staff who assisted on the night.



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Last week the government announced a **ban of eRideables at school**. This ban has been instructed from the Department of Education and aligns with the road safety laws. This ban will commence on Monday 2 February 2026.

Please note eRideables and eBikes are also not to be used on school grounds by parents/carers and people over the age of 16. If parents/carers and people over 16 use an eRideable and eBike to visit/attend the school, they are to park it safely at the back of the administration office building, provided they comply with all relevant laws, and are not ride it on school grounds or school paths whilst attending the school.

If you require further information, please see the Road Safety Commission website for information on [eRideable](#) and [eBike](#) laws, penalties, buying guides and safety. Thank you for your support.

At the end of this year we **farewell** Mrs Walsh who has worked in our school for 18 years and will be retiring. We thank Mrs Walsh for her many years of service in education and the positive impact she has made on student learning and wellbeing. We wish you all the best for your retirement.

We are also farewelling Mrs Sandy, Mr Nunn, Ms Bagnall, Mrs Bloor, Mrs Baker, Mrs Fretwell, Mrs Roper and Mrs Dorman. Thank you for your dedication to Yakamia students, families and our school and for making a difference to students lives. We wish you all the best for 2026.



Next week is the **last week of school** for 2025. I would like to sincerely thank all families for your support throughout the year. Our staff value working together with parents and families as partners in student learning and in providing quality education to all students. We look forward to continuing these relationships and partnerships next year. I would also like to congratulate all students for their efforts and working hard to learn and achieve personal goals. It has been wonderful to see the personal gains students have made over the year.

Students commence school on **Monday 2 February 2026**. Next year you will receive a text message on Friday 30 January to let you know what class your child is in. **Class lists** will also be on the Science Room window after 4pm that day. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please ensure you have notified the office so you receive this message.



I wish you a wonderful holiday break and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Kind regards
Gemma Larham
Principal

School News

Pursuit of Excellence Winners

Year	Room	Academic	Citizenship
Year 6	Rm 11	Paniha T	Kyran B
	Rm 12	Elijah F	Hamish B
Year 5	Rm 13	Emily L	Ruby W
	Rm 14	Clara F	Ava S
Year 4	Rm 15	Loki M	Demi S
	Rm 16	Maddison B	Cynthia O
Year 3	Rm 22	Charlie R	Cady D
	Rm 23	Olivia D	Tiffany Y
Year 2/3	Rm 24	Kaiden B	Ruby C
Year 2	Rm 25	Lucy P	Finley B
	Rm 26	Gypsy H	Kacie K
Year 1/2	Rm 33	Ryland L	Harry C
Year 1	Rm 34	Theo M	Maya G
Year P/1	Rm 35	Declan J	Keira F
Year PP	Rm 43	Lenny S	Violet Y
	Rm 44	Amelia R	Aliera N

Specialist Subject	Junior	Senior
Science	Brooklyn M	Odin M
Phys. Ed. & Health	Matteo U	Ben G
Art	Auski B	Willow P
Indonesian		Charlie A



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Science News

Biological Sciences has been awesome in Term 4 as Year 2s have looked at **Life Cycles**. We have grown plants and recorded our observations, we have learnt about plant and animal lifecycles and were lucky enough to have ladybird lifecycles happening on the bush outside the science classroom!

One stage of some lifecycles is metamorphosis - did you know that a butterfly doesn't spin a cocoon, it actually creates a chrysalis which is a part of its body. Wow, metamorphosis is messy stuff.



Year 4 Biological Science has focused on **Producers, Consumers and Decomposers**. We have looked at food chains and food webs moving into decomposers such as insects and fungi. Did you know that all food chains start with a plant/producer and that people are consumers who are often at the top of the food web.

We enjoyed watching dung beetle clips, especially Kung Fu Dung Beetle as part of learning about decomposers.



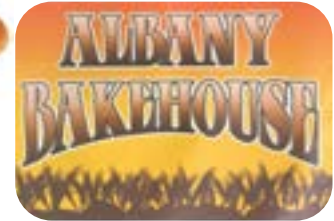
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Breakfast Club

This week was the last of **Breakfast Club** for 2025. We would like to say a big thankyou to all the teachers, parents and community members that have supported us with their time or donations.

Special **thanks** go to Albany Bakehouse, Woolworths Chester Pass and to Foodbank for their ongoing support keeping everyone in Breakfast Club fed. See you all in 2026!



Waste Warriors

Sustainability keeps growing at Yakamia. This year we had so many students that we had Semester 1 and Semester 2 Waste Warriors.

It is now time to farewell these students who have shown initiative and pride in our school doing a great job as Semester 2 Waste Warriors. They are spending their last two weeks training our incoming 2026 Waste Warriors.

We look forward to welcoming Dominic, Patrick, Kobi, Nicholas, Lily, Bridget, Demi and Jacob for Semester 1 and can't wait to see how they help to look after the school.

They will be replaced by Rory, Emmett, Hudson, Cynthia, Evette, Aleiya, Ivy and Marlon in Semester 2.

We were so excited to see so many of our Year 4s write wonderful application letters and be enthusiastic about recycling at YPS.

Thank you to everyone for applying - we can't wait for 2026!



2026 Waste Warriors Semester 2

2026 Waste Warriors Semester 1

P&C News



Join the Yakamia Primary School P&C in 2026!

The Yakamia Primary School P&C warmly invites all parents and caregivers to get involved in 2026.

Our P&C works to:

- Foster cooperation between parents, teachers, students, and the wider community
- Support the school through fundraising and volunteering
- Run the Yakamia School Uniform Shop

Recent fundraising events have included Easter raffles, colour runs, cake stalls, and additional raffles - and we're excited for what 2026 will bring!

We welcome all new members!

Stay up to date by following our Facebook page, and if you'd like more information, feel free to email us or come along to the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Courtney Stenhouse
Secretary



AGM 2026
 Wednesday, 18 February 2026
 Yakamia Primary School


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

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



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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!



December Birthdays	
3rd	Shelby W
4th	Brylle G & Demi S
5th	Isla M & Lincoln T
6th	Kaiden B, Cassia B, Tyron K & Destiny M
7th	Callum K
8th	Eleanor B & Tate P
9th	Dakota E & Willow S
10th	Conner J
11th	Dylan L
12th	Allison C
13th	Jaxon H & Harper R
14th	Zya K & Charlotte R
15th	Leo M
17th	Angus B
18th	Amelia R
23rd	Reid P
26th	Kelsie E
27th	Megan O
28th	Matthew S, Creed W & Ryder Y
29th	Cady D
31st	Eden R



Community Notices

HELLO KAYA ZDRAVO HELO AHOJ NI HAO

FIREWORKS 1PM & MIDNIGHT

31 DEC 2025

KAYA 2026

NEW YEAR'S EVE PICNIC & FIREWORKS

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
5PM - MIDNIGHT AT ANZAC PEACE PARK

Presented by Supported by Sponsors Program Presented by

HALLO BONJOUR TA-BLU KIA ORA PRYVIT KON'NICHWA CIAO

CIAO HELLO KAYA ZDRAVO HELO AHOJ NI HAO

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS CREATE THE SPACE

THE WORLD OF A STORY CAN BE AS IMPORTANT AS THE CHARACTERS IN IT.

Black Swan Theatre Company invites young creatives to explore world-building through drama – discover how setting shapes story and brings characters to life!

Together, Healthway and Black Swan are committed to promoting wellness and personal growth through dynamic and inspiring experiences.

No experience is needed – just a sense of curiosity and a love for creativity!

DATES

Monday 19 – Friday 23 January 2026

TIMES

AGES 9-12 9.30am – 12.00pm

AGES 13-16 1.00pm – 3.30pm

VENUE

Albany Entertainment Centre
2 Toll Pl, Albany WA 6330

COST

\$75 for the week (per age group)

Two tickets submitted via a suitable parent in the support of Healthway.



BOOK NOW

EMPOWERING MINDS THROUGH CREATIVE WELLBEING



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355

GRIFFINS NETBALL 2026 TRIALS

\$50 TRIAL REGISTRATION FEE
(\$40 OF THIS WILL BE CREDITED TOWARDS FULL REGISTRATION FOR OUR 2026 SEASON)
MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON PLAYHQ SITE)

A GRADE (YEAR 10 AND ABOVE IN 2026)	B GRADE (YEAR 7 - 9 IN 2026)	D GRADE (YEAR 2 - 6 IN 2026)
TRIAL 1	TRIAL 1	TRIAL
07/02/26	07/02/26	12/02/26
2.30 - 5PM	2.30 - 5PM	3.30 - 5PM
(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 2.15PM)	(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 2.15PM)	(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 3.15PM)
@ ALAC	@ ALAC	@ YAKAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL COURTS
TRIAL 2	TRIAL 2	
21/02/26	21/02/26	
2.30 - 5PM	2.30 - 5PM	
(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 2.15PM)	(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 2.15PM)	

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Community Notices

CHRISTMAS THEMED & SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS

DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

PLEASE NOTE
We're still finalising the program so more events will be added soon. Please keep an eye on our socials for updates.

● 3+ years of age
 ● 5+ years of age
 ● 6-11 years of age
 ● 12-17 years of age
 ● 10-17 years of age
 ● 18-25 years of age

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BOOKING REQUIRED	COST
1 - 15 DEC		Albany Public Library	Letter to Santa	Pop a letter to Santa into Santa's Mailbox Include your child's name and wishes and a return address for a reply.			
THURS 4 DEC	10:30am - 11:30am	Albany Public Library	Christmas Storytime	It's our job to bring the excitement, stories and magic of Christmas to your little ones, join us for a Christmas Storytime, craft, colour and face painting.	3+ years	REGISTER HERE	FREE
THURS 11 DEC					3+ years	REGISTER HERE	FREE
THURS 11 DEC	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Albany Public Library	Christmas After School Craft	Enjoy a fun afternoon crafting with the kids to add some fun decorations to your home. Make your own foil cards to share with your favourite people and a mini Xmas Tree.	5+ years	REGISTER NOW	FREE
MON 22 DEC	9:00am - 10:30am	Camp Guarunup	Archery	Test your aim and have some fun learning archery.	10 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$10.00 pp
	11:00am - 12:30pm						
1 - 31 JAN		Albany Public Library	Summer Reading Guest	Register for holiday reading adventures for a chance to win epic prizes Log Online on Beorstack for Xtra local rewards and badges REGISTER HERE			
MON 5 JAN	10:00am - 11:30am	Vancouver Arts Centre	Mixed Media Poster Art - Personalities	Create a poster with Julie Tulp using collage, paint, fabric & quotes. Price includes all materials.	12 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$20.00 pp
THURS 8 JAN	9:00am - 12:00pm	Vancouver Arts Centre	Darkroom Impressions Photogrammetry	Create photographs, edit digitally, and print 5x7" photos. Price includes all materials.	6 - 11 years	BOOK HERE	\$40.00 pp
SAT 10 JAN	9:00am - 12:00pm	Vancouver Arts Centre	Pixel Free Photography	Make pinhole photos with a box, develop in darkroom, print digitally. Price includes all materials.	12 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$40.00 pp
MON 12 JAN	9:00am - 11:00am	Vancouver Arts Centre	Decorate a T-Shirt & Pencil Case	Make pinhole photos with a box, develop in darkroom, print digitally. BYO white t-shirt	12 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$20.00 pp
TUES 13 JAN	10:00am - 12:00pm	Vancouver Arts Centre	Learn to Draw Faces	Master features, light, colour & textures with pencils & watercolours. Price includes all materials.	6 - 11 years	BOOK HERE	\$20.00 pp
	1:00pm - 3:00pm				12 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$20.00 pp
	5:30pm - 7:30pm	National Anzac Centre Forts	LaserScope	Laserscope at the Forts is back! Navigate through the bush surrounding the historic National Anzac Centre's tunnels and fortifications, strategizing with friends while dodging laser beams.	10 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$20.00 pp
WED 14 JAN	5:30pm - 7:30pm	National Anzac Centre Forts	LaserScope	Laserscope at the Forts is back! Navigate through the bush surrounding the historic National Anzac Centre's tunnels and fortifications, strategizing with friends while dodging laser beams.	10 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$20.00 pp
FRI 16 JAN	9:00am - 10:30am	Vancouver Arts Centre	Make a Terracotta Dinosaur	Create your own clay dinosaur and learn handbuilding pottery skills. Price includes all materials.	6 - 11 years	BOOK HERE	\$30.00 pp
SAT 17 JAN	8:30am - 6:00pm (Multiple sessions throughout the day)	Youth Challenge Park	Freestyle Now BMX Coaching	Freestyle Now are back in Albany to coach BMX, skating and scooter workshops! Perfect for young people of all skill levels, these sessions combine expert coaching with hands-on practice to help you develop your skills and boost your confidence on wheels. Beginner and Intermediate Workshops throughout the day. Use the booking link for more information.	10 - 25 years	BOOK HERE	\$5.00 pp
	9:00am - 11:00am	Vancouver Arts Centre	Make a Terracotta Octopus	Create your own clay octopus and learn handbuilding pottery skills. Price includes all materials.	12 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$30.00 pp
MON 26 JAN	8:00am - 10:00am	Middleton Beach / Binlup Festival	Surfing Lessons	Binlup Festival! Surf Lessons! Ready to ride the waves on Australia Day? Learn to Surf with Due South Surfing Academy at the Middleton Beach / Binlup Festival.	10 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$22.00pp
	10:30am - 12:00pm						
THURS 29 JAN	7:30am - 9:30am	Muttonbird Beach	Surfing Lessons	These surfing sessions offer a chance to learn to surf in a safe and fun environment, accommodating complete beginners through to intermediate surfers.	10 - 17 years	BOOK HERE	\$22.00 pp
	10:00am - 12:00pm						

Found an event you are interested in? Make sure you book if required. For more information on an event, please contact the City of Albany.

City of Albany - Community Development
T: 4820 3000

Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre (ALAC)
T: 4820 3400

Albany Public Library
T: 4820 3600



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Term Planner



Yakamia Primary School TERM FOUR 2025 STUDENT PLANNER

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	13 October Students Resume	14	15	16	17 Loud Shirt Day - Telethon Ambassadors Newsletter
2	20 October	21	22	23 World Teachers Day	24 Principal Network Mtg Rm 35 Assembly Kindy A& B attend
3	27 October	28 House Jumps & Throws and 800m	29 Path to Kindy	30 School Board Mtg 4pm	31 House Athletics Carnival PP-Yr 6 Newsletter
4	3 November	4	5 Outdoor classroom Day Kindy A Path to Kindy	6 Outdoor classroom Day Kindy B Rm 43 Assembly	7 STAFF PL DAY No Students Attend ALBANY SHOW
5	10 November	11 Remembrance Day Finance Mtg 3:30pm	12 Path to Kindy	13	14 P&C Colour Run TBC Newsletter
6	17 November	18	19 Path to Kindy	20	21 Rm 44 Assembly Kindy A& B attend
7	24 November	25 Interschool Jumps and Throws Carnival	26 Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea Path to Kindy	27 Interschool Athletics Carnival	28 Kindy 2026 Orientation Mtg 9am Newsletter
8	1 December	2	3	4 Pursuit of Excellence Assembly 9am School Board Mtg 4pm Open Mtg	5 Christmas Pageant (Saturday) Yr 6 Orientation Day at NASHS Kindy A& B attend
9	8 December	9	10 Kindy A End of Year Celebration 2pm	11 Kindy B End of Year Celebration 2pm	12 Pre-Primary Portfolios to go home Sem 2 Reports on Connect for Parents Newsletter
10	15 December	16 Yr 6 Graduation 9am	17 P&C Christmas Raffle	18 Students last day	19 Staff PL Day – no students attend

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