

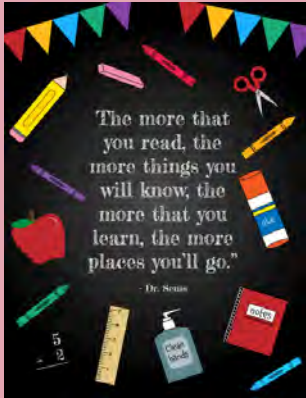
DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 27th Feb
Room 16 Assembly

Mon 2nd Mar
Labour Day Holiday

Wed 11th Mar
NAPLAN commences
Yrs 3 & 5

Fri 13th Mar
Room 11 Assembly



From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members



This week we held our House Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Quenda for winning the Carnival. It was wonderful to see all student achieving their personal best and demonstrating great sportsmanship throughout the carnival. Well done to all students for your efforts and working as a team for your House. Thank you to all staff and parents for your support on the day, and to Mr McFarlane and Mr Mackenzie for the coordination of the event, we appreciate your efforts.

At our last assembly we presented our House Captains and Waste Warriors with their badges. Well done to these students. We look forward to seeing the great things you will do in your roles this year.

House Captains:

Karrak: Lenny Ross, Maddison Townsend

Quenda: Jackson Belfield, Florinah Greer Daclan

Kardar: Ben Glazbrook, Laiken Hamilton



Waste Warriors for Semester 1: Bridget Newbey, Jacob Seccombe, Dominic Williams, Demi Stenhouse, Patrick Lawler, Kobi McPherson, Nicholas Blain, Lillian Mosby.



Thank you to parents for attending class meetings this week, it has been great to see families coming along to meet their child's teacher. These meetings allow you to connect with the teacher and be informed about the expectations of classrooms and our school. If you were not able to attend, please talk with your child's teacher so you have an understanding of class routines, expectations and learning. Please also communicate any important information about your child to their teacher so they are able to support them in their growth and development.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Principal

Gemma Larham

Deputy Principals

Tristan Mackenzie
Simone Barndon

Online Lunch Orders

Wed/Thur/Fri
www.quickcliq.com.au

Breakfast Club

Mon - Fri 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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Continued:

YPS School Board

Next week we have our first School Board meeting and the board will be reviewing our budget for 2026. We currently have two vacancies for a parent representative and one community representative to join our School Board for 2026. The School Board at Yakamia PS is a proactive group of parents, staff and community members who focus on school programs and the needs of our students.

The School Board plays an important role in establishing and reviewing directions of the school, endorsing the school budget and evaluating school performance. All members voices are valued and we strive to provide the best opportunities for our students at Yakamia. Representatives are appointed for a three year tenure. Meetings of the Board are held twice a Term after school from 4pm for one hour.

All members must complete a Nationally Coordinated History Check through the Departments of Education’s screening unit before commencing. There is no cost for this check and you will be sent a link to complete this once you have nominated.

Any parents or community members who would like to nominate for a position on the board are to complete a nomination form attached with this newsletter, or collect one from the front office to complete. Nomination forms are due back to the front office by Friday 27 February 2026. New members will commence their membership at the 26 March meeting. We would love to see new people joining our Board and supporting our school and students.

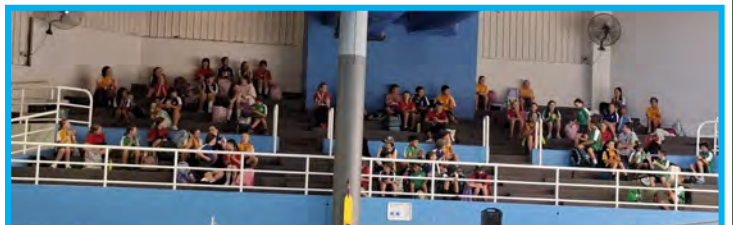
Our next assembly will be hosted by Room 16 on Friday 27 February. We welcome all families to come along.

Kind regards

Gemma Larham

House Swimming Carnival Results 2026

Winners	
Year 4 Champion Girl	Tiffany (Quenda)
Year 4 R/Up Champion Girl	Macy (Quenda)
Year 4 Champion Boy	Ryder (Quenda)
Year 4 R/Up Champion Boy	Austin (Quenda)
Year 5 Champion Girl	Demi (Kardar)
Year 5 R/Up Champion Girl	Evette (Karrak)
Year 5 Champion Boy	Hudson ((Quenda)
Year 5 R/Up Champion Boy	Jesse (Kardar) & Bronson (Karrak)
Year 6 Champion Girl	Ruby (Karrak)
Year 6 R/Up Champion Girl	Phoebe (Karrak)
Year 6 Champion Boy	Adam (Quenda)
Year 6 R/Up Champion Boy	Ben (Kardar)



Final Results		
	HOUSE	POINTS
1st	Quenda	196
2nd	Karrak	173
3rd	Kardar	116



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Room 12 News

Yakamia Primary School "For Sale"

For our first assembly of 2026, Room 12 used reasons why our school is outstanding, unique and beautiful to "sell" Yakamia Primary School. With our Real Estate characters on, we shared what makes our school stand out. We've put together a list of the things we enjoy the most at Yakamia PS.

The best "selling point" of our school is...



Emily-The sports carnivals, they're fun for all the houses to come together.

Shelby-The six square court is fun to play at recess and lunch and there's always new people playing.

Jett-The oval because it is big and has a lot of space to run around on.

Shelby-Four/six square courts because it's fun to play at lunch and recess.

Zac-The oval because there's footy goals and soccer goals and it's very fun to spend time with your mates.

Tommy-Maths because it's getting more and more fun every time.

Asia-The parallel bars on the oval because it actually makes recess and lunch fun. I do flips and tricks on them.

Imogen-Lee-The "three yellow bars" on the oval are the best because I can do tricks on them during breaks.

Lincoln-The creek is peaceful and calming, making it the best part of the school. I like to hang out at the creek.

Jackson-The best part of the school, I think, is the oval because there are footy goals and soccer goals and lots of room to run around and play.

Heidi-The four square courts because it's fun to play.

Ava-My favourite part of the school is art lessons, it's very calming.

Conner-My favourite part of the school is the oval because it is very spacious.

Avery-The highlight of Yakamia is the library because it's peaceful and the wonderful Mrs Wilkes is always there to help.

Adam-I love the swimming carnival because you get to go the pool and swim all day!

Clara-I enjoy the four square courts because it's super fun and it's competitive.

Sophia-I like the library because it's so quiet and I get to see Mrs Wilkes.

Sammy-I enjoy crochet club, you get to be with other kids and learn from each other.

Isla-The most incredible part of our school is the music room because of how friendly and open the space is.

Lenny-I like the spacious oval, it has soccer goals, footy goals, a cricket pitch and nets.

Michael-The wooden playground, there's a bunch of rocks which makes it better for games.

Sol-My favourite part of our school is the four square courts because I laugh a lot playing with my friends.

Campbell-Interschool swimming is the highlight of the school because you get to go and have fun with your friends whilst doing sport and it's a little bit of competition.

Esta-The music room is the best part of the school because you can have lots of fun with the musical instruments and choir.

Farren-The best part of the school is Mr Mac's sport teaching because he's really energised and teaches us good skills and sports.

Maddi T-My favourite part of Yakamia is sport with Mr Mac because he makes it fun with games and activities.

Maddi W-Glenn's classroom is the highlight of the school because of all the fidgets and interactive things he's got in there.

Brock-The basketball court is the best because it lets us play basketball.

Yakamia Creek Restoration

Have you heard and seen all the earth moving equipment behind the school at Yakamia Creek?

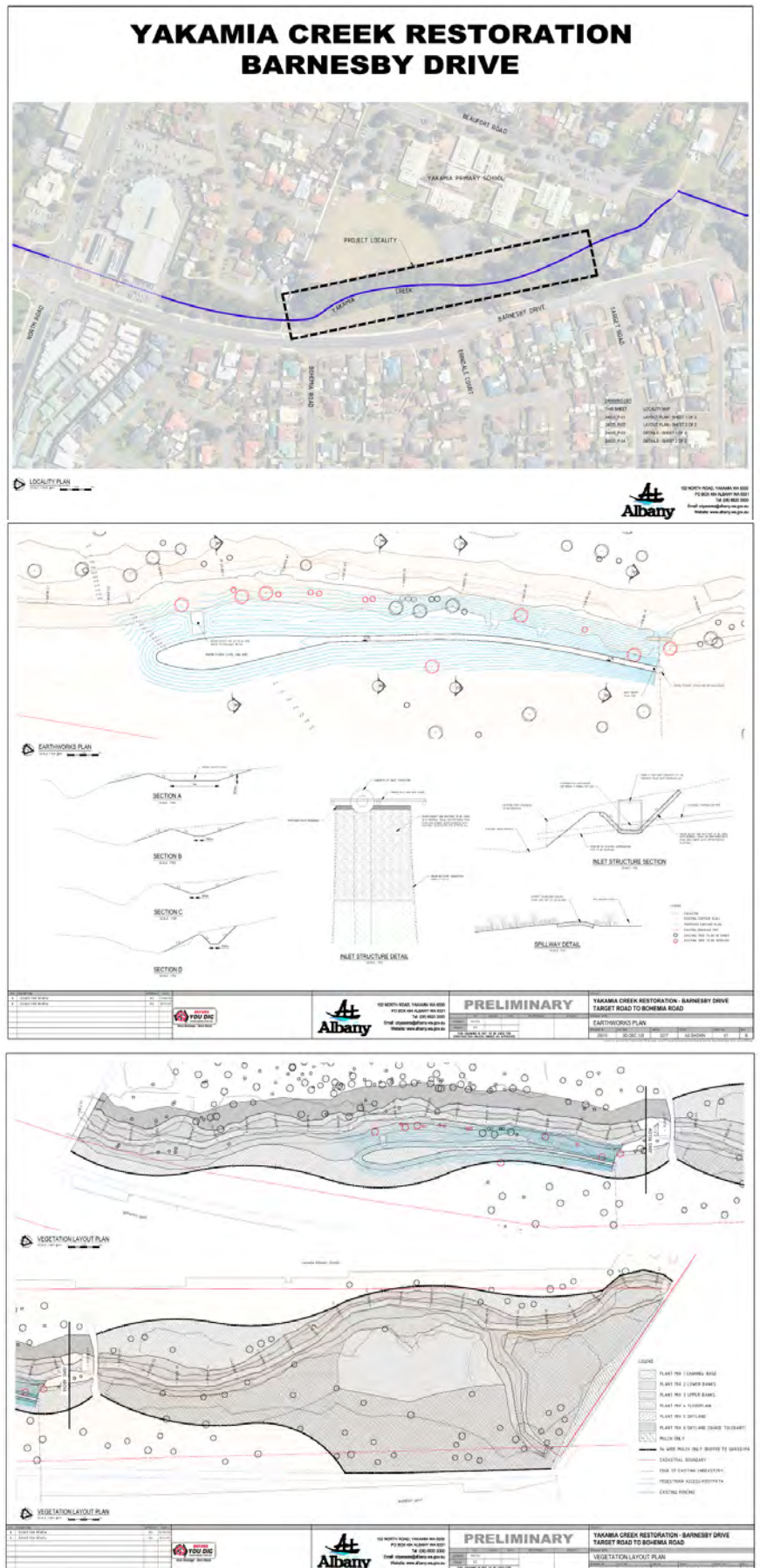
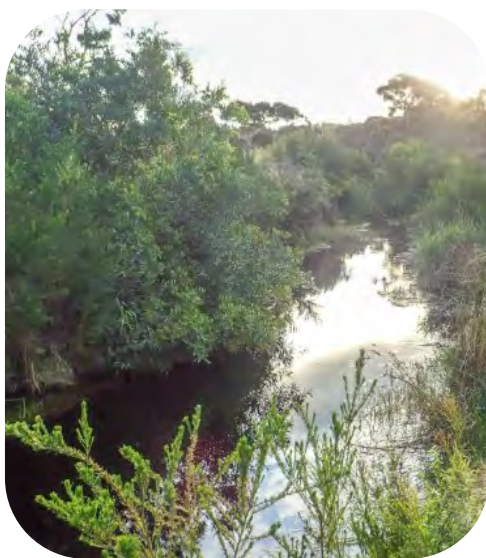
The City of Albany along with South Coast Natural Resource Management are restoring this section of the creek to improve water quality, increase natural habitat and support biodiversity.

Justin and Bronte from South Coast NRM showed Mrs Larham and myself what's going to be happening.

One of the features will be a "frog bog" which will help to improve the quality of stormwater run off and create a new wetland. Weeds will be removed and then there will be extensive planting of natives and sedges. Yakamia Primary will help with planting some of the trees mid Term 2.

We can't wait to be involved. Watch this space for more information.

Mrs Tierney



Yakamia Creek Restoration

RESTORING UPPER YAKAMIA FOR BIODIVERSITY AND PEOPLE

Justin Benson (South Coast Natural Resource Management)



Yakamia Creek

Yakamia Creek is a **highly modified urban waterway** running through the most developed catchment on the South Coast of Western Australia. Decades of degradation have impacted not only its ecological health, but also the cultural, social, and recreational values it once provided.

Our Project

In partnership with the Australian Government, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, and the City of Albany, South Coast NRM is leading a four year project to **restore the creek's upper reach** and reconnect the community with this important natural space.



On-ground Action

By February 2028, we will design and install **two living wetlands and one living stream**, re-establishing 1.2 ha of local native plant species to shift the ecological trajectory of an urban waterway and support biodiversity within an altered landscape.



Key Outcomes

Biodiversity

Reconnect existing riparian vegetation and create additional **habitat and food sources for native animals**, particularly threatened species:

- Western ringtail possum
- Carnaby's black cockatoo
- Baudin's black cockatoo
- Forest red-tailed black cockatoo



Water

Establish plants, pools, riffles, and other features to **restore natural processes** and improve water quality, benefiting the creek and the estuary downstream:

- Trap sediment
- Absorb nutrients
- Reduce water temperature
- Stabilise banks



Community

Enhance the quantity and quality of public **'green and blue spaces'** in the area, making them healthier and more enjoyable places for people:

- Engage the community
- Raise awareness
- Increase accessibility
- Allow interaction with nature



Up Next...

Our site design process is incorporating expert review and community consultation. On-ground works are scheduled to begin in early 2026 at **Whidby Street living wetland** and **Barnesby Drive living stream**, with **Dunn Park living wetland** set to follow in 2027. The community will be able to participate through fauna monitoring, planting days, and other activities. For more information contact JustinBenson@southcoastnrm.com.au



Australian Government



Government of Western Australia
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

This project is funded by the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust under the Urban Rivers and Catchments Program, with financial and on-ground support from the City of Albany. This project is a part of Healthy Estuaries WA – a State Government program that aims to improve the health of our South West estuaries.

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School News

Tips for Healthy Eating

Healthy snacks provide students with sustained energy through out the day.

Here are some examples of what snacks you could pack. Please remember to put an ice-pack with food to keep it cool and safe to eat.

Packed with Goodness.

What does a healthy snack look like?

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



Learn more at crunchandsip.com.au

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Honour Certificate Recipients - 13th February 2026

Room 11	Florinah G & Vaughn C	Room 24	Daisy W & Kai L
Room 12	Asia F & Jett H	Room 32	Maya G & Logan W
Room 13	Taylor W & Tex R	Room 33	Zahlia W & Shem F
Room 14	Nicholas B & Dakota E	Room 34	Winter S & Aleenah K
Room 15	Celest T & Bryce N	Room 35	Rose B & Nolan P
Room 16	Cody R & Macy M	Room 43	Brielle B & Hudson B
Room 22	Raiden W & Alexia K	Room 44	Ellie O
Room 23	Mia W & Owen C	Room 45	Eleanor B & Alorah R

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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 2026!



Reading & Breakfast Club Volunteering

We are looking for volunteer for our Reading & Breakfast Club. It runs Mondays to Thursdays each week from roughly 8:00am - 8:45am.

Come and be part of the Yakamia Primary School Community and help give students a great start to their day.

Please see the office or Mrs Tierney for details.



February Birthdays

5th	Summer T
8th	Stormy V
9th	Alexia K
10th	Mason P & Maisyn W
12th	Bayla C & Eve N
14th	Ebony B & Lily H
17th	Mya L
19th	Adam T
20th	Clara F
21st	Jaliya G & Riley H
22nd	Florinah G, Toby U & Logan W
24th	Rylie B & Kobe W
25th	Hudson B & Patrick L
26th	Cooper B, Paige M & Adam Y
27th	Odin M, Rachel U, Ruby U & Harper W
28th	Charlie R & Sadie W



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P&C News

P&C Annual General Meeting Update

The P&C held their AGM this week. Thank you to all those people who came along - we loved seeing you there. The P&C Committee for 2026 are:

President: Lauren Browne

Vice President: Sarah Clancy

Secretary: Kristy Treen

Treasurer: Sharon Fiander

We're looking forward to working with our new 2026 P&C.

Uniform Shop

Please be reminded that the uniform shop is open on **fortnightly Fridays** (even weeks) on Whole School Assembly days between 8:30am - 9am.




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 and events!



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Yakamia Primary School PBS - Our Whole School Expectations



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Whole School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I demonstrate resilience I wear school uniform I follow instructions promptly I make positive choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We play safely and fairly We celebrate personal and school achievements We walk under cover We interact respectfully 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recycle and are a sustainable school We care for the school grounds We walk bikes and scooters on school grounds
Learning Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I do my personal best I ask for help I am organised for the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We listen attentively We allow others to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We take care of classroom and prac space property
Break Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I ask the duty teacher for help I am sun safe I am on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We follow rules in games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We treat all equipment with respect

Community News

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Parenting
Connection WA

Grand Carers' Monthly Morning Tea First Monday of the Month

We would like to invite you to a free morning tea and connect with other grand carers in the community.

Anglicare WA Financial Counselling will be joining us this month. Erin and Raechel will provide information and assistance with many services you may be eligible for, such as Centrelink, Foodbank, school support and more.

Mon 10:30am - 12.30pm | 9 March 2026
CWA Albany Branch, 94 Serpentine Rd
Please RSVP for catering
Jody 0448 979 059



OPEN DAY & MARKET STALL

SAT 21 FEB 2026

9 AM TO 1 PM

FREE ENTRY

Come and join us for a Market stall with lots of items to purchase

Hand made items

Plants

Books

Clothing

Furniture

Bric a brac

\$ 5 coffee and cake

You can book a tour of our home to book please call 0419 856 664

CraigCare 19 Beaufort Rd YAKAMIA
entry is via the second gate follow the signs
additional parking across at Yakamia Primary



ALBANY LIGHT OPERA AND THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS:

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MAY 2026

ALBANY PORT
THEATRE

PRINCESS ROYAL DRIVE, ALBANY WA
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Disabled Surfers Association Great Southern 2026 'Let's Go Surfing' Mornings

Participants of All-Abilities/ages

Saturdays - Middleton Beach, Albany

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Jan 10th, Feb 14th, March 28th, April 18th

Collect arm bands from 9am, in water 9:30am -11.30am
12 noon - presentations and FREE BBQ

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE

<https://events.humanitix.com/disabled-surfing-great-southern-surfing-mornings>

Available beach wheelchairs, wetsuits and accessible changing facilities.

www.facebook.com/DisabledSurfersGS

www.instagram.com/disabledsurfersgs



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Financial Counselling



Who We Are
Justine – Financial Counsellor & Team Leader for Great Southern
Erin – Financial Counsellor – Albany
Kate – Financial Counsellor – Katanning
Alan – Financial Counsellor – Manjimup
Raechel – Financial Capability Worker – Albany



What We Can Do

- ✓ Budgeting support
- ✓ Negotiation of outstanding bills
- ✓ Help Create saving strategies
- ✓ Advocacy with creditors
- ✓ Referrals for legal or specialist advice
- ✓ Information on bankruptcy and superannuation
- ✓ Contract reviews for fairness and legality
- ✓ Ensuring access to all financial entitlements

We have extensive knowledge of available assistance and referral pathways.

How We Can Help

- ✓ Assess your overall financial situation
- ✓ Assist with budgeting
- ✓ Present options and strategies for financial issues
- ✓ Provide support and advocacy, especially for bill payment difficulties
- ✓ Equip you with tools to improve your financial wellbeing
- ✓ Translate industry speak to normal language



What We Don't Do

- ✓ Financial planning
- ✓ Accounting services
- ✓ Legal advice
- ✓ Tax services



Who Can Access Our Services & Cost

- ✓ **ANYONE** can access financial counselling
- ✓ **FREE** of charge
- ✓ No income testing



What You Can Expect From Us

- ✓ Confidential, non-judgmental support
- ✓ Accurate and relevant financial information
- ✓ Help with immediate issues and ongoing support
- ✓ Advocacy solely in your best interest
- ✓ Support based on your decisions and goals
- ✓ Relief from financial stress through understanding and assistance

What We Expect From You

- ✓ Take responsibility for your debts
- ✓ Engage actively with our service
- ✓ Provide necessary documentation
- ✓ If we negotiate on your behalf:
 - Avoid separate arrangements with creditors
 - Make agreed repayments
 - Inform us of any payment issues or changes in circumstances
 - Maintain regular contact



Education

- ✓ Run targeted workshops or information sessions to small or large groups

Contact
 Albany Reception 9845 6666
 albanya.reception1@anglicarewa.org.au

JACOB'S SQUAD
 8km COMMUNITY WALK
 SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2026
 STARTS 10AM
 MIDDLETON BEACH TO EMU POINT RETURN

WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS TO CELEBRATE JACOB

Sausage Sizzle
 Spot Prizes
 Raffle

WALK FOR JACOB

To Register



EARLY BOOKING PRICES
 BOOK BY 14th FEBRUARY
 \$15 PER PERSON
 \$50 PER FAMILY OF 4

Proudly Supporting
 UP ALLnight
 Proudly Supporting Ronald McDonald House WA

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/D1JJZ](https://www.trybooking.com/D1JJZ)

Yakamia Junior Soccer Club

Season starts Term 2 - 2026
 Nominations Close 25/02/2026

Fees for 2026	U7	U8 to U11	U12 to U13
Kids Sports Available	\$100	\$135	\$155
Girls playing both	U7		U8 to U11
Girls comp and Mixed	\$130	\$175	

Register as soon as possible via email
 yakamiasoccerclub@gmail.com

Include your child's
 Name
 Date of Birth
 Gender



Expression of Interest 2026

Term Planner



Yakamia Primary School TERM ONE 2026 STUDENT PLANNER

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Feb Students' Commence	3	4	5	6 Newsletter
2	9 Feb	10	11	12	13 Rm 12 Assembly Kindy attend
3	16 Feb Class Parent Mtgs (Wks3/4)	17 House Swimming Carnival Yr 4-6	18 P&C AGM – 3:30pm in the staffroom. All parents welcome	19	20 Semester 1 Census Newsletter
4	23 Feb Class Parent Mtgs (Wks3/4)	24	25	26 School Board Mtg 4pm	27 Rm 16 Assembly Kindy attend
5	2 March Labour Day Public Holiday	3	4	5	6 Yr 4-6 Cricket Carnival TBC Newsletter
6	9 March	10	11 NAPLAN Yr 3-5 →	12 Yr 6 Solar Car Challenge	13 Rm 11 Assembly Kindy attend
7	16 March NAPLAN	17	18 Harmony Day (PP-6)	19 Kindy Harmony Day & Ride 2 School Day	20 Ride 2 School Day → Newsletter
8	23 March	24 <i>Easter Raffle tickets sent home</i>	25	26 Div 1 Interschool Swimming Carnival School Board Mtg 4pm	27 Rm 15 Assembly Kindy attend
9	30 March Fun Run notes home	31 9am: ECE Easter Hat Parade	1 April Easter Raffle 9am	2 Newsletter	3 Good Friday