

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 26th May
National Sorry Day

Thur 28th - Fri 29th May
School Photos

Mon 1st Jun
WA Day Public Holiday

Tues 9th Jun
Real Schools
Parent Evening Session

Fri 12th Jun
Room 24 Assembly

Fri 19th Jun
Interschool Cross
Country



From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community,

Today we celebrated **P&C Day** with a special breakfast for our P&C members. I would like to thank our P&C members for all the work they do for our school and students. The support we receive from the P&C makes such a difference to our school, with their focus on providing much needed resources and playgrounds for our school. Thank you!



School Officer, **Ms Sheridan Crofts**, will be finishing at Yakamia next Tuesday 26 May. A new opportunity to work at Albany Senior High School has come about for Ms Crofts and we wish her all the best as she pursues a new position at ASHS.

Thank you for all of your work and support for our students, families and staff. Mrs Kirsty Walmsley will be our School Officer while we prepare to advertise the position.



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 - Fri: 8am - 8:30am

Uniform Shop Hours

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

Website: www.yakamiaps.wa.edu.au

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

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Continued:

At the beginning of the year a Connect notice was sent providing parents with **'Important Dates'** for the year. There have been a couple of changes made, and a revised note will be resent on Monday. The main change that parents need to be aware of is Swimming Lessons in Term 3 (Weeks 1 & 2) will now be for Years 4 - 6, and those in Term 4 (Weeks 1 & 2), will now be for PP - Year 3. The other change to note is for parents of Choir students. The Music Festival will now be in Week 9 on Wednesday 16 September. Mrs Grosshans will put out more information regarding the Music Festival in Term 3.

Next week we have **School Photos**. Block 4 (Rooms, 46, 45, 44, and 43) will be having their photos on Thursday 28 May. The Term Planner noted that Room 45 was Friday BUT this has been changed and Room 45 will now be on Thursday. Sibling photos will also be on Thursday.

Years 1-6 will have their photos on Friday 29 May, along with any catch-up sibling photos. Please have your child bring back their envelope (even if you are not purchasing photos) by Thursday.

All students must be in their school uniform of red top and green bottom and Year 6 students are to wear their leavers shirts.

Please no House shirts on this day, thanks. The P&C Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30am -9:30am on Wednesday 27 May for any last minute purchases for photo day.



In Week 7, Wednesday 3 June, our PP-Yr 6 students will be participating in a **Musica Viva** incursion. The trio of musicians will be entertaining and teaching students about 'Music of the World', and students will continue to learn from this experience in their music class. Thank you to Mrs Grosshans for organising this incursion. There will be no cost involved for families.

Monday 1 June will be a **Public Holiday** - have a safe and relaxing long weekend!

Kind regards
Gemma Larham
 Principal



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 uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com

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 Primary School P&C
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School News

Netball Carnival

On the 8th May, Yakamia PS sent six teams to the **2026 West Coast Fever Great Southern Primary School Cup**. This is the first time in a while that the carnival has been held in Albany so more students were able to attend than when we go to Katanning.

Student behaviour, attitude, sportsmanship and participation was wonderful as always. I know the teachers were incredibly proud to be associated with these students, their dedication to training and their improvement on the day was outstanding.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to the parents that came along and helped - Hayley Bolton, Sarah Tieman, Robyn McDonald and to those that came to support.

Many thanks to Miss Mia and Miss Ruby who came to be coaches and to the girls from NASHS who came to be umpires - Hannah Patterson, Daniella Petrovai, Aida Reid and Bonnie Musgrave.

Last but not least, the wonderful staff at Yakamia who help to make this happen, teachers from the senior block who gave up lunchtimes to train and to Emily Drew, Amy Padfield, Reini Henrickson and Simone Barndon who came on the day. Also to the teachers at school who took on Year 6 students that stayed behind as helpers in their room, Ms Nichols, Mrs Belfield, Mrs Wood and Mrs Wright.

Team work makes the dream work, many thanks to the Yakamia community. **Mrs Tracy Tierney - Excursion Coordinator**



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School News

Room 22

Spotlight on Room 22

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This Term, Room 22 has been busy planning and rehearsing our assembly play, taking audiences on a wacky and wonderful tour around **Western Australia!** Through lots of teamwork, creativity, and laughter, students helped bring famous WA landmarks to life with humorous plays on words and entertaining performances.

As part of our learning, we developed our mapping skills by locating destinations across Western Australia and exploring how far and wide our journey would take us. Students used their keen research skills to uncover interesting facts about places such as Lucky Bay, Wave Rock, Rottnest Island, Ningaloo Reef, Karijini National Park, and the Valley of the Giants, which were woven into our performance. We also enjoyed listening to classmates share their own experiences and memories of visiting these special places.

To inspire our learning, we read **Are We There Yet?** by Alison Lester and **Dirt by Sea** by Michael Wagner.



These wonderful stories helped spark rich discussions about travel, landscapes, and the unique beauty of Australia.



Students also created brilliant postcard-style artworks inspired by the locations featured in our play, showcasing both their artistic talents and their growing appreciation for our amazing state.

Room 22

highly recommends exploring our incredible state of Western Australia - there is so much to discover!

We have also collaboratively created some acrostic poems about our star attractions that we would love to share with you.



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School News

Science News

Year 4s are learning that **processed materials**, including fibres, metals, glass and plastics, are made from **raw materials**, such as wool, ores, sand and oil, and have a range of physical properties that influence their use.

There needs to be lots of great adjectives for describing materials, so after some vocab work, we could use words like absorbent, rigid, opaque and flexible in our work. We investigated gloves - they are made of many different materials depending on their purpose. Lately we have been testing absorbency, which materials leak, soak or repel? What properties will be investigated next?!



Eat a RAINBOW of vegetables everyday!

Different coloured vegetables provide different nutrients for growing bodies. Supplying kids with lots of different coloured veges and fruits each day is the best kick-start we can give them for health, growth, and concentration in the classroom.

RED

Cherry tomatoes, radish, red capsicum, red apple, plums, strawberries

ORANGE & YELLOW

Corn, yellow capsicum, apricots, kiwifruit, carrots, pumpkin

WHITE & BROWN

Cauliflower, mushrooms, white rice, potatoes, bread

GREEN

Spinach, green beans, peas, broccoli, green capsicum, kiwifruit

PURPLE

Purple grapes, purple capsicum, blueberries, plums, blackberries



Put some CRUNCH into your day!

Australian children are not eating enough vegetables. Primary school aged children need between 4 and 5 serves every day. Eating vegetables will benefit:

- bones and joints
- heart and circulation
- skin
- brain and nervous system
- hydration
- vision
- energy and metabolism
- immunity

AND they taste great!



Why not pack some fresh veges for Crunch&Sip?
Try carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, snow peas, broccoli and cauliflower pieces, celery or cucumber.



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Science News

Chemical Sciences are so much fun (but a lot of prep and cleaning up!) That is the strand we are learning about this term in Science.



The **Year 3s** are learning about the observable properties of liquids and solids and how adding to taking away heat can lead to a change of state.

Did you know that liquid takes the shape of its container? We poured water into three different containers to investigate this -the water's shape changed but not the volume. Some liquids flow better than others, this is known as viscosity.

We tested how quickly different liquids can race to the bottom. The results didn't change much when we heated or cooled the liquids.

Chemical sciences are awesome!

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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FOR RECONCILIATION

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AUSTRALIA

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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!

All students are invited to enter The Premier's Visual Art Challenge for Telethon

Create a piece of artwork that shows:
what are you and your school
doing to help make a difference
for sick kids in WA?

Think Silly Sock Day, Footy Colours Day, Birthday Boxes, Pizza at the Disco, sausage sizzles, Wacky Hair Day.....

If you have an idea for a piece of artwork, come to the ART ROOM on Wednesday lunchtime and our Telethon Ambassadors can help you get started!

All work must be child's own. Children may work in groups to complete artworks. Parents/carers will be asked to sign a permission form before any artwork is submitted.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

4th	Pia S	15th	Heidi S & Aria Y	24th	Amelia M
8th	Theo H & Bodhi S	16th	Judd P	25th	Brett C & Rhodri F
9th	Avah K, Dominic W & Emmett W	17th	James H	27th	Ruby-Rose J
10th	Amelia B & Casey O	19th	Stella M	29th	Sammy C & Blade L
11th	Jacob S	20th	Halia H & Archer W	30th	Jordy G
12th	Skylar B	21st	Gracie C, Celest T & Kendelle W	31st	Kha'Shea L & Ella S
14th	Liam R	22nd	Mallik E & Evie F		

School News

Stay & Play Sessions - Join Us in Term 2!



NEW

YAKAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Spirit & Support Together

STAY & PLAY

TERM 2 2026

Helping little ones to thrive through play

Details:

- Yakamia Primary School: ECE Room 46
- 9:15am to 10:30am
- Wednesdays Week 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10
- 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

Uplift.  Child and Parent Centre Mount Lockyer 

We are excited to invite families with children who are younger than school age to our **Stay & Play** sessions, beginning Week 2, Term 2.

These weekly sessions will run every Wednesday from 9:15am to 10:30am in Room 46.

Facilitated by our wonderful team from the Child and Parent Centre (CPC), Stay & Play focuses on fun, connection, and learning through play. Each session provides opportunities for children to explore, create, and develop early learning skills, while parents and caregivers can enjoy quality time together in a relaxed environment.

Please note that parents and caregivers must accompany their children during the session.

Please contact the Child and Parent Centre: Mount Lockyer on 9843 0071 or email cpc@wanslea.org.au or Yakamia Primary School on 9892 5500 to RSVP.

We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones for a morning of play, learning, and community connection!

Registration is now open for this year's **Premier's Reading Challenge!**

From 23 March to 12 June 2026, students from Kindergarten to Year 12 can discover the joy of reading and log their progress for a chance to win weekly prizes.

Visit:
premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au
for more information.



Department of Education Premier's Reading Challenge *reading with love you anywhere*

Premier's Reading Challenge is back for 2026!

A young girl is sitting on a couch reading a book, with a large purple monster character behind her.

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FRED HOLLOW'S HUMANITY AWARD

Nominate a Year 6 student who is following in Fred Hollows' footsteps. The Fred Hollows Foundation is calling for principals, teachers, parents and community members to nominate students for the **2026 Fred Hollows Humanity Award**.

**FRED HOLLOW'S
HUMANITY AWARD**

Do you know a Year 6 student who is a force for good in their community?

Log into hollows.org

SCAN TO NOMINATE TODAY

The Fred Hollows Foundation
Specsavers

The Humanity Award celebrates Year 6 students who lead by example in their everyday lives, reminding us that no act of kindness is too small to be acknowledged.

Nominations are now open and close 11.59 pm, Friday 24 July 2026. To nominate a student, scan the QR Code on this page.

Each year, one outstanding nominee from each state and territory is selected as a **Junior Ambassador** for The Foundation. And every nominated student will be recognised with a certificate.

Specsavers will generously donate \$50,000 on behalf of the Junior Ambassadors to help The Fred Hollows Foundation continue its work to end avoidable blindness globally.

Community Notices

PLAY
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Schools

FUNDING NOW OPEN!

APPLY TODAY FOR THE NEW
PLAYVOLLEY SPORTING
SCHOOLS PROGRAM
OPEN 18 MAY - 5 JUNE

Apply Now!

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Albany Then & Now



Photography Competition

Help celebrate the Albany 200th Bicentenary by capturing our region through your lens.

The Albany Then & Now Photo Competition invites photographers of all ages and abilities to submit images that reflect the spirit, history, and changing landscapes of Albany. Your photo may explore a moment in time, a place transformed, or a creative interpretation of Albany's 200-year journey.

COMPETITION CLOSING | 7th June 2026

ENTER TO
WIN PRIZES

Categories

- Aerial
- Artistic
- Portrait
- Landscape

*Photographers can enter one photo per category

Age Groups

Primary School (Ages 5-10)
High School (Ages 13-17)
Adult (18+ years)

To Enter

Submit your photo, caption, and entry details to greatsouthern@museum.wa.gov.au

REGISTER NOW



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Patchwork and Quilting Junior Entry Categories

Junior A
6 - 11 yrs

Junior B
12 - 17 yrs

Bag	Patchwork and/or quilted Max. size 35cm (H) x 30cm (W) Handles extra
Cushion	Patchwork and/or quilted Max. size 45cm square Handles extra
Place Mat	Patchwork AND quilted Max. size 42cm (L) x 35cm (W) A3 paper size
Pot Holder	Patchwork AND quilted Max. size 25cm square May be machined or hand-sewed

WIN A \$25
THE EMPTY
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VOUCHER!

Certificates for
1st, 2nd and 3rd
places!



Ages 9 - 14

About
FACE
Kids
2026



About FACE Kids
returns for 2026!

- Four-day choral day-camp
- Located in Albany
- Meals - fully catered
- Three trained vocal coaches

School Holidays
July 14- 17

Choral Director
Sue Findlay

Registrations
close
MAY 19th

Children will learn

- Vocal technique
- How to read a musical score
- Choral ensemble skills
- Three-part harmony singing


Other activities include

- Games
- Archery Tag
- Zonk Challenges
- Prizes
- Memorable public performance



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Parenting
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ADHD Families' Support Group Morning Tea

Come along, bring your kids and enjoy the morning with other families. 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 | 7 June 2026
Child Parent Centre – Mount Lockyer
Humphreys Street, Lockyer

Please RSVP for catering: Jody 0448 979 059

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Grand Carers' Monthly Morning Tea

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

This month's guest speaker will be Suzi from **Services Australia**, she will be sharing information on the **Financial Information Service**, which is a free, independent and confidential education and information service

Mon 10:30am - 12.30pm | 8 June 2026
CWA Albany Branch, 94 Serpentine Rd
Please RSVP for catering: Jody 0448 979 059

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2 FREE Parent workshops in Albany

with Tammy-Anne, "The Mind-Brain Lady" & Todd, "The Mindful Man"

Yes! You CAN Manage Your Child's Behaviour

For all Parents, Carers & Educators (Kids welcome too!)



When & Where
Child and Parent Centre
Humphreys St, Lockyer
Date: Wednesday 3rd of June
Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

What to Expect
Discover how to Promote Positive Behavioural Behaviour with Natural, Holistic Practices. This workshop is all based on fascinating, cutting-edge, Mind-Brain-Heart science.

Happy, Healthy, Smart Zumba Dance Fitness

For Parents to do with their children aged 5-12



When & Where
Child and Parent Centre
Humphreys St, Lockyer
Date: Wednesday 3rd of June
Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

What to Expect

- One Hour Zumba Fitness Workshop
- Learn how our brain works, grows and gives best
- Healthy, happy, smart choices to regulate emotions
- High-energy wholesome music & exciting visuals
- Strategies to improve physical & mental health, and learning
- Confidence, Coordination & Parent-Child Connection

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL - To register, go to: www.abovebeyondeducation.com/albany

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Term Planner



Yakamia Primary School TERM TWO 2026 STUDENT PLANNER

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	20 April Students commence 2027 Kindy Applications for Enrolment Open	21	22 P&C meeting 8:15am in the Library TBC	23 ANZAC Assembly 9am Newsletter	24 Staff PL Day – no students attend REAL SCHOOLS
2	27 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	28	29	30 P&C Colour Fun Run	1 May Yr 5-6 Orienteering Rm 13 Assembly
3	4 May	5	6	7	8 Netball Carnival Mother's Day Raffle rec Kindy attend Newsletter
4	11 May Book Fair	12	13	14 School Board Mtg 4pm	15 House Cross Country Yr 3-6 (11am start) Rm 22 Assembly
5	18 May	19	20	21	22 P&C Day Breakfast 8am (and meeting) Kindy attend Newsletter
6	25 May Staff Meeting 8-8:15am	26 National Sorry Day	27 National Reconciliation Week	28 Fotoworks K-K/P (Rms 46, 44, 43) and Sibling photos	29 Fotoworks Years P/1-6 and staff photo (Other Albany Schools PL Day)
7	1 June WA Day Public Holiday	2 NASHS Visit at YPS for Yr 6 - 9am	3 Musica Viva Yr 6 camp notes & payment due	4	5 Kindy attend Newsletter
8	8 June	9 REAL SCHOOLS PL Parent session evening	10	11 School Board Mtg 4pm	12 Rm 24 Assembly
9	15 June	16 NASHS Parent Orientation night 5:30-6:30pm at NASHS TBC	17	18	19 Interschool CrCountry Kindy attend Newsletter
10	22 June Year 6 Camp	23	24	25	26 Rm 34 Assembly
11	29 June NAIDOC Week NAIDOC assembly (Diversity Awards)	30	1	2 Semester 1 Reports on Connect for parents	3 NASHS Enrolment Applications Due Good Standing Reward Kindy attend

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