



# Yowah Yarns - Yowah State School Newsletter

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Regional Cross Country - St George	27 May
Small Schools are Great Schools days at Thargo	6-8 Jun
Last day of Term 2	24 Jun
Yowah SS Open Night	9 Jul
First day of Term 3	11 Jul

## From the Principal

**We've been enjoying a busy term so far, with lots of events and new things to keep us busy.**

**We have been so blessed and excited to welcome a new family into our school this term. The Lawson children have been welcomed with open arms, and we've loved having some new friends to play with and learn from.**

**On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May we all drove to Thargomindah for the District Cross Country Carnival. Students who are turning 9 or older this year are able to compete in the district events, with students who turn 10 or older this year being eligible to go on to the regional competition, should they receive first or second in their race. Riley Webb ran a superb race, and placed second for his age group. Riley will be representing Yowah SS at St George this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, and we are so proud of his efforts.**



**All of our students represented Yowah SS with pride at Thargomindah, with Mark and Telika Lawson both putting a stellar effort into their runs. The 9 and 10 year olds ran 2km, and the 11 and 12 year olds ran 3km for their race. This is a mighty long way to run! I congratulate all of our runners for their efforts, and also commend the Year 3 students for their delicious contributions to the catering for the day. I also want to thank Linda Kirkpatrick for her support throughout the day.**

Our curriculum has been keeping us busy as always. One highlight of our lessons in recent weeks has been our focus on poetry for the Year 3 and 4 groups. Our Year 4 students have been learning specifically about humour in poetry, and have enjoyed learning about language features such as rhyme, onomatopoeia, and alliteration, and how these can work to create a humorous poem.

On the weekend of 7-8<sup>th</sup> May, we were fortunate enough to welcome the students, staff and parents of Shearwater, The Mullumbimby Steiner School to Yowah, all the way from Byron Bay. The students were treated to many activities, such as bird-watching, a tour around The Bluff, polishing and of course, fossicking! Our students had a great time making many new friends, and we thank our P&C, and all those from the community who were involved, for welcoming these eager young children to our town, and showing them the great things Yowah has to offer.



Last Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, we welcomed Joe and Cosette of the Covenant Players, to Yowah State School. We were thoroughly entertained by their dramatic performances, and we loved getting involved and showing our flair for the stage. The most important things that we learned from the Covenant Players, were the values of friendship, honesty and hope.

Thank you to Outback Patrol for continuing to provide these visits and performances for small schools out west. We are so limited sometimes with access to opportunities and experiences such as these, so we really appreciate the efforts of those that come out to bring those opportunities to us.



## Small Schools are Great Schools

As mentioned in our Calendar of Events on the front page, we will be attending a Small Schools are Great Schools (SSGS) event at Thargomindah State School, from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Parents will be receiving more detailed information about this shortly, but the days will involve lots of physical education activities for students, as well as a chance to continue to build relationships with the students at Thargomindah SS. These days will also provide opportunities for our teachers to engage in professional development, and join in a broader professional learning community, so that we can continue to increase student learning outcomes, and achieve the moral imperative of the Department of Education: Every student succeeding.

If parents have any questions about these days, please contact the school for more information.

### Principal Movements

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May Brisbane	Leadership development conference
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Eromanga	LEM Phonics professional development

