



Yowah Yarns - Yowah State School Newsletter

TERM 4, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Last Day 2016	2 Dec
First Day 2017	23 Jan
Australia Day	26 Jan

From the Principal

Welcome to our final newsletter for what has been a busy and exciting year!

During Weeks 3 to 8 of Term 4 we were fortunate enough to be able to participate in swimming lessons at Thargomindah Pool, with all of the students at Thargomindah State School. We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to improve our swimming technique, and we especially loved the chance to cool down on those hot Friday afternoons!

In Week 4 we once again joined with other students and staff from Thargomindah, Eulo and Eromanga State Schools for our 'Small Schools are Great Schools' event. While the teachers were learning about different strategies for supporting student learning, the students had the opportunity to participate in two full days of art experiences, presented by the professional art education company Raw Art. The students were able to experiment with many different mediums, including paint, clay and paper.



On Monday 14th November, we were thrilled to once again have a flying visit from the Covenant Players, as supported by Outback Patrol. We were thoroughly entertained by their dramatic flair, and we even got to join in and exercise some dramatic flair of our own. We got to travel to Switzerland, London and even Greenland, all for the sake of chocolate! It was a wonderful afternoon, and we thank Outback Patrol for their continued support of remote schools like Yowah SS.



New Principal

As most of the community would now be aware, Luke and I are leaving Yowah at the end of 2016. We have both thoroughly enjoyed our time in Yowah, and we will miss everyone, especially our students, very much.

I was told during the last week of school that our new A/Principal for the first term of 2017 will be Sharon O'Hare. Those that have been around town a while will know that Sharon has had a long association with Yowah SS, and she's looking forward to being in her new role of teaching principal. Congratulations Sharon!

Key Dates

Please note that the first day back at school for students in 2017 is Monday 23rd January. There will be a Public Holiday for Australia Day on Thursday 26th January. Teaching staff will be working during the week prior to students starting, at the annual Cluster Induction Program at Charleville, and the Principals' Induction in Toowoomba. Please see the attached *2017 School Calendar for Queensland State Schools* for key dates for 2017, keeping in mind that as a western school, we will finish school for the year on December 1st in 2017.

Evening at the Theatre

The highlight of Term 4 was certainly our Evening at the Theatre, our final presentation night for 2017.

The students showed off their dramatic talent in two plays: *The Cheetah and The Sloth*, and *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. They acted, ran, crawled, jumped, sang and cheered with tremendous talent, and we could not have been more proud of their performance. We also want to thank Danny Burnes and Sean Webb once more, for their contribution to our stage as Dangerous Dan the Sports Announcer, and the Commercial Voice. We couldn't have done it without you!

The students also received many awards on the night, and there were a few gifts thrown in for everyone.

Luke and I want to say thank you again for the lovely flowers and chocolates from our P&C. It was so lovely to hear your words of thanks and appreciation, and what a treat to have such pretty flowers in Yowah!

Thank you also to the P&C for the fantastic BBQ dinner following the performance. Your support of our school is invaluable!

The Christmas Hamper and other prizes were drawn on the evening, and the winners were as follows:

Christmas Hamper	Marie Henderson
2nd Prize	Danny Burnes
3rd Prize	Geoff and Kaitlin Hanson
Lucky Door Prize	Ross Janetzki

Thank you very much to all of those that came to support our kids for the evening. Your ongoing support of our students and their learning is very much appreciated.



Evening at the Theatre



Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene.

Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch program, please call our Emergency and Security Management Unit on (07) 3034 6013.



Wishing all of our students, families, staff and community members a Merry Christmas, and very happy and safe holiday break, and we'll see you in 2017!

