It is with both joy and sadness that I congratulate Ms Foxwell on receiving a permanent teaching position in England, commencing in September. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her well in further developing her career. At this stage I have not secured a replacement teacher and will let you know once this is complete.

On Monday, Luke a youth worker from Community Links commenced an African drumming program with senior students. It was great to watch the students cooperating with each other and most importantly having a great time making music. I am sure the students will continue to enjoy Monday afternoons.

Our professional development program ‘Targeting Early Numeracy’ has commenced. Since our first workshop all students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been individually assessed and placed in a group according to the arithmetical strategies they use to solve questions. New resources have been ordered and we have developed our understanding of the theory behind the program. We look forward to attending our second workshop session during next week. Following this a numeracy consultant will work with students and teachers, further developing our skills and improving the learning outcomes of all students.
From the beginning of this term many schools changed the name of the group they belong to. Yanderra now belongs to the Wollondilly group of schools and yesterday Mr Richard Batty ‘Acting Director Public Schools’ for Wollondilly visited the school. Mr Batty was very impressed with the school environment and the direction the school is taking with learning programs.

With the colder weather many students wear school jackets or parkas to school. While this is suitable it is still necessary for students to wear their school jumper so that inside the classroom where heating is provided students can take jackets off ready to put on when going into the playground.

Congratulations to Eathan on completing five Bee charts.

Please visit the school website on www.yanderra-p for the latest school news. Education Week – ‘Celebrating our Stories’
Sharing stories from the past, the present and the future is a great reason to celebrate education. Think back to ‘the good old days’, experience the now in learning and imagine the future. The stories are rich and varied.
Tomorrow our classrooms will be open from 12.30pm. This will be followed by our School Assembly and then afternoon tea. We hope you can join us and share your stories.

Parent Teacher Interviews
By now everyone should have received their invitation to attend parent teacher interviews. Please remember that interviews are for 10 minutes. If you require a longer interview or are unable to attend on the given day please make a separate time with your child’s teacher.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014
Do you have a child that is starting school next year or do you know someone that is?
Please call into the school office and fill out an expression of interest form.

When to start school
Starting school is a big step. How do you know if your child is ready? This video Kindergarten features teachers discussing this sometimes tricky issue.
Performing Arts
Our dance group is progressing well with their performance item. They will be expected to be available for a school rehearsal, matinee rehearsal and evening performance. The week beginning 26\textsuperscript{th} August needs to be set aside for the Performing Arts. This year a combined schools choir will perform on both nights. Yanderra will have five students in the choir. Choir members will wear their summer uniform. A combined choir practice will be conducted on Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} August at 4pm. Tickets for the evening performance will soon be available. Tickets will cost $12 each. If you have any questions related to the performing arts please speak to me. A note outlining all details will be forwarded home soon.

Canteen News
There is still days to fill in for the canteen roster for this term, if you can only do 1 day that would really be appreciated, your child would love to see you at school.

P&C News
Our P&C Meeting for this term will be held on Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} August. Please put this date in your diary and come along.

Ten tips for tweens who find maths hard
Kids who find maths easy in the early years of school can be turned off quickly if they get confused and can’t work it out. Here are 10 ways to get your tween through the more challenging times.

Homework and assignments
Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child’s home project activities.
The next Blue Light will be held on Saturday, 3 August, Mittagong RSL Club. Ages 4 to 14. Cost $5–00, Mums and Dads welcome.

Library News.

Well done to the students who attended the read-a-thon, held in the library last week. Both Mrs Ainsworth and Mrs Langbien were very impressed with the amount of reading and effort shown by all students.

Pea and ham soup
Unblended and chunky, pea and ham soup's a winning recipe to nourish and warm your growing child during the last month of winter – and it’s perfect for the school lunch thermos. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes/meat-and-fish-dishes/fast-ed-s-pea-and-ham-soup