30-10-15 NRMA Science & Road Safety Day - BRING YOUR HELMET
4-11-15 Early Action for Success Conference
6-11-15 Year 6 Market Day Afternoon 2pm to 3.25pm
11-11-15 Remembrance Day Assembly

It is with pleasure that I inform you that our wonderful Fairy Garden has won 3rd place in the Best School, Wollondilly Garden Competition. Our prize of $50 will be used to purchase more plants for the garden. Let’s hope that when we replace the furniture it will be safe from vandalism.

Well done to our new Kindergarten students for 2016. They settled in quickly and participated in our L3 program demonstrating their readiness to learn. In the playground they all enjoyed playing with their big brother or sister or finding a new friend. Thank you to Mrs Frank and Mrs Carlyon for making our new students feel special and organizing their booklet. It is important that all new students provide a copy of their Birth Certificate and Immunisation Transcript to the office so they can be enrolled with the Department of Education. Thank you to Mrs Grindrod for attending the Parent Information session.
It is with disappointment that I have to mention 'bullying behaviour' at this great school. It has been brought to my attention that certain students are displaying bullying behaviour towards other students. Bullying is not acceptable and certainly not tolerated at this or any school. All children have the right to feel wanted and part of a school community, not isolated or victimized. As parents I ask that you talk to your children about bullying behaviour and becoming resilient. Please reinforce the strategies of saying no, walking away and seeking help. We all have a responsibility to 'TELL' and look out for each other. It is also not acceptable for parents to bully students in or around the school. In relation to cyber bullying the best advice is don’t access social media and monitor what your children do at all times when using devices. Please visit the school website on http://www.yanderra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to view policies and information about Bullying.

To support their Farewell event, Year 6 will be holding a fun market afternoon on Friday 6th November from 2pm. There will be spider drinks, face painting, coloured hair spray, cakes, balloon sculptures, tattoos, guessing competition and ice-creams. All students are asked to bring their pocket money and enjoy the fun. Items and activities will range from $1 to $3. Year 6 hope you will support this fun activity.

Congratulations to Tristan, Jordan, Kobe, Luke J, Tuniaya, Patrizia, Isabel, Cody, Kallen and Brandon M on receiving your Principal’s Award. Congratulations to Lilly, Lochlan and Liam on achieving your Silver Award. Congratulations to Leah and Tianna on achieving your Gold Award. It is encouraging to see so many students being Respectful, being Safe and being a Learner. Our respectful trophy winners for this fortnight have been Leah and Luke M.
NRMA Science and Road Safety Day
Tomorrow the NRMA roadshow 'Ute' will be touring our school. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in workshops and activities that will promote road safety. Students are asked to bring their bike helmets to school. Parents are invited to attend the day so please place this day in your diary and come along and enjoy the day. There will be three sessions throughout the day. The first session from 9.30am to 10.30am will be for Years 3 and 4, session 2, 10.30am to 11.30am will be for Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 and the last session, 12.15pm to 1.20pm will be for Year 5 and 6.

Canteen News
Our canteen opens each Monday and Friday with the support of a small group of parents and grandparents. If you can help on any canteen day please add your name to the roster. A roster for Term 4 is available. Tomorrow, the canteen will celebrate 'Halloween' selling spooky treats which will surprise all students. Please remember to pack some extra money.

P&C News
Our next family pub night will be held on 13th November. Please put this in your diary and make it a family fun night. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd November. We hope to see you there.

Don’t forget to start making your donations to the end of year raffle. With your support we can make this our best raffle and help the school update and extend readers and purchase much needed laptops. All donations can be left at the office.

Raffle
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
Parenting tip: Foster the idea of practice and mastery.

Some children believe that they are either good at something or they are not good at it. They may try it once or twice, but failure will make them give up. Other children have been taught by their parents that to succeed is to practice. These children have parents who have emphasised the importance of learning through mistakes, setbacks, failures, and practice.

Studies show that children who believe they’re no good at something often won’t even try. But children who believe that to be good at something requires practice and hard work are willing to get stuck in, make mistakes, and keep trying until they get it right.

By teaching your children that if they keep trying they can do anything, they will persist, master, and succeed!
There were a few hiccups with parking, thankfully they were solved fairly easily and safely and added to the excitement of the day. We had a lovely picnic in the park across the road from the Theatre with several other schools before the show. Fortunately the students had bought their lunch and drinks as the food and drinks from the show were rather expensive.

The musical was one of the best I have seen with a superbly talented cast. The students all enjoyed the musical, here are some of their thoughts:

“I didn’t like when it finished.” Jack
“I liked everything about it, there is nothing I did not like.” Tianna
“I liked when Miss Trunchball ran away and they happily ever after.” Amarli
“My favourite character was Matilda as a baby girl.” Olivia
“I liked everything about it.” Riley

I’m sure the students will be singing the wonderful songs from the musical for years to come. I have no doubt many wonderful memories were made from their excursion to Matilda The Musical.

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