



Term 1 Week 6

Yenda Agenda



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Principal Report

Congratulations to our students who represented our school at the Griffith Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival. Their dedication and sportsmanship were on full display, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements!

Today, we celebrate International Women's Day, recognising the incredible contributions of the women in our school community. From our dedicated teachers and staff to the supportive families who encourage our students every day, we truly appreciate all that you do.

We were fortunate to welcome Jayne Gill, our Director, Educational Leadership to Yenda Public School this week. It was a great opportunity to showcase the initiatives we have implemented for our School Excellence Plan (SEP) this year. We had valuable discussions about how these initiatives are already making a positive impact on student learning and wellbeing.

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and progress our students are showing in their learning. Every day, they are growing in confidence and ability, which is why consistent attendance is so important. Coming to school every day helps students build strong learning habits, stay engaged, and achieve their best.

Wishing you all a restful, joyful weekend filled with time to relax and recharge!

Mrs Nicholle Callinan - Principal



Yenda Public School Term 1 2025

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	March 10	March 11	March 12 NAPLAN-Writing	March 13 NAPLAN-Reading	March 14
Week 8	March 17 NAPLAN- Conventions of Language	March 18 NAPLAN-Numeracy	March 19	March 20	March 21 Harmony Day
Week 9	March 24 Young Leaders Conference - Sydney	March 25 Young Leaders Conference - Sydney	March 26	March 27 SRC Crazy Hair Day	March 28 Whole School Assembly 2pm 2/3B & 3/4B
Week 10	March 31	April 1 Riverina Soccer Trials	April 2 School Cross Country	April 3	April 4 PSSA Zone Netball
Week 11	April 7	April 8	April 9 Easter Hat Parade & Family Picnic	April 10	April 11 Last day of Term 1

Dates for your Calendar 2025

Wednesday 21 March

Harmony Day

Saturday 22 March 12 - 5pm

Yenda Prods Family Fair Day @
Memorial Park Yenda

Monday 24 - Tuesday 25 March

Young Leaders Conference - Sydney

Thursday 27 March

SRC Crazy Hair Day

Friday 28 March

Whole School Assembly - 2pm

Items by 2/3B & 3/4B

Wednesday 2 April

School Cross Country

Wednesday 9 April

Easter Hat Parade & Family Picnic



CHANGE: Delivery of our School Newsletter- Yenda Agenda

Our school newsletter is currently available via the school website, email, our school Facebook page, School Bytes and the NSW Education Parent App. Due to the size of the newsletter and ongoing email delivery issues, **we will no longer be sending it via email after the end of this term.**

From Term 2, you can access our newsletter through any of these 4 platforms: the **school website, school Facebook page, NSW Education Parent App and School Bytes.** If you need any assistance with accessing these, feel free to visit the school office- we're happy to help!



NSW Education Parent App

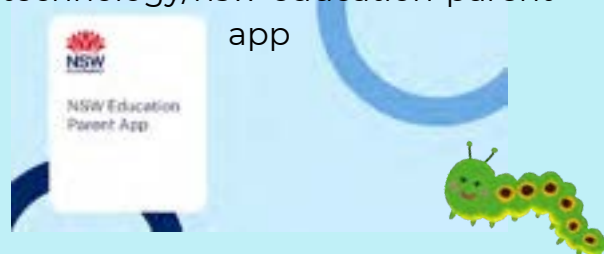
The NSW Education Parent App is an app developed and endorsed by the department, free for schools and parents and carers to use, and is synced with the School Website service (SWS)

Key features of the app for parents and carers include:

- newsletters
- upcoming events and calendar notifications
- emergency notification including school closures
- enrolment resources such as School Finder and Start a new enrolment application
- learning resources such as everyday Maths and Parents and Carers toolkit
- ability to translate default language

For more information:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/technology/nsw-education-parent-app>



Harmony Day



Harmony Day is Week 8, Friday 21 March. All students can wear ORANGE to school on this day. Orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations, so wearing something orange shows support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.





Term 1 Class Assemblies

Yenda PS assemblies start at 2pm, and occur twice a term in the school hall.

Term 1:

Week 9: Friday 28 March

Items by 2/3B & 3/4B



Reminders



School Hats are to be worn every day! If your child does not have a school hat, they will be asked to play under the COLA.



Griffith Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 4th March, 12 students from Yenda Public School attended the Griffith Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre. Many of our swimmers smashed their qualifying times and swam personal best times on the day. Well done to all swimmers who represented our school, we are incredibly proud of your achievements.

A special mention to two of our swimmers: Congratulations to Sienna Serafin and Joie Damini for placing in the top 3 for multiple events on the day! Sienna and Joie have qualified for the Riverina Swimming Carnival on Monday. Good luck girls!

A huge thank you to Kylie Pastro and Minnietta Serafin for volunteering their time to timekeep on the day.



**YENDA PRODUCERS
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"Your Partners in Farming"
**Family
FAIR DAY**

*Come and rediscover the history
of Yenda Producers*

Saturday March 22nd | 12-5pm

Memorial Park Yenda

Live music, BBQ, Kids entertainment,
Triple M broadcasting live and market stalls

*Celebrating
100 years in 2025*

Introducing Yenda Public School's

School Administration and Support Staff



Tanya Cornale

I have three girls aged 22, 19 and 18, and I love watching them play all different types of sport.



Vicki Gooda

I love to travel. My Last adventure was to Italy in 2024. In my spare time I love to do craft.



Tammy Hirst

When I was in primary school, my twin brother and I had some photos taken that ended up in two different farming books.

Home School Liaison Officers



Jan Kitchingman

It is so wonderful to be based at YPS in my role as Home School Liaison Officer and to be part of the dedicated staff. This is my 47th year that I have been working for the Department of Education and each day is just as exciting and challenging as when I first began my career.



Kirsty Rowston

I really love my new position assisting students and families with school attendance, all whilst still being able to interact with the wonderful students and staff of Yenda Public School. When I'm not working you will find me in many corners of lots of different netball and football grounds with my husband cheering my loudest for those who call me Mum.

General Assistants



Neil Grant

I like to relax, having a BBQ with friends, cold drinks and games.



John McMahon

I love spending time with my grandkids. They make me so happy!



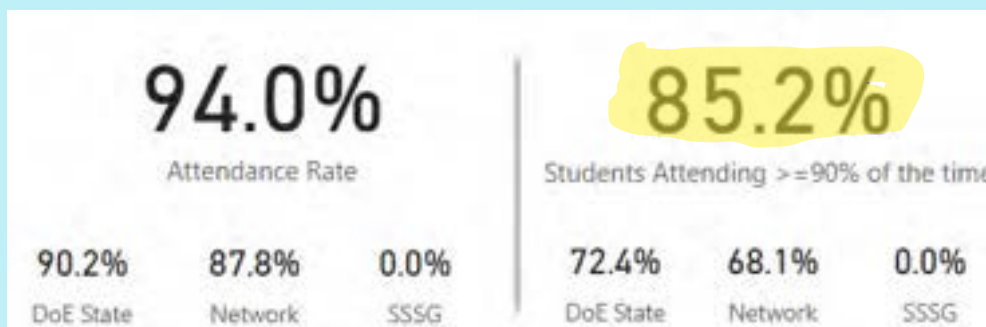
School Attendance Matters



Yenda PS-Week 5



Yenda PS-Week 6



Department of Education (DoE) deems satisfactory attendance as **90%**.

Our goal is to have 90% of students attending 90% of the time!

Let's work together to make this happen!

International Women's Day

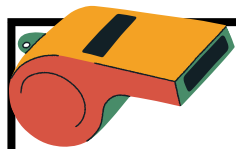


Today, we recognise and celebrate the incredible women who make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow. These women inspire, lead, and nurture our students every day. Their hard work, kindness, and commitment make a difference in the lives of so many.

This International Women's Day, we say a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful women in our school community—you are valued and appreciated!



Term 1 Class PE Timetable



	KQ	1V	2/3B	3/4B	5/6P
Week 7	Thursday 13 March	Monday 10 March	Tuesday 11 March	Tuesday 11 March	Wednesday 12 March
Week 8	Thursday 20 March	Monday 17 March	Tuesday 18 March	Tuesday 18 March	Wednesday 19 March
Week 9	Thursday 27 March	Monday 24 March	Tuesday 25 March	Tuesday 25 March	Wednesday 26 March
Week 10	Cross Country	Cross Country	Cross Country	Cross Country	Cross Country
Week 11	Thursday 10 April	Monday 7 April	Tuesday 8 April	Tuesday 8 April	Wednesday 9 April

Full sport uniform is to be worn on these days.



Touch Football Trials

Touch Football trials were held today at Collina Oval.

Skye Evans, Stella Forster and Phoebe Vearing all demonstrated their amazing touch football skills, however were unsuccessful in making the next round. Congratulations to Joie Damini and Sienna Serafin who were successful, and will now try out for the PSSA Riverina team.





Artwork by Matt Ottley

NSW Department of Education

2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**

Challenge opens
Monday 24 February

**Challenge closes
for student entries**
Friday 22 August

Digital Partner



Supporter



The banner features a soft, painterly background of clouds in shades of blue, white, and yellow. On the right side, there is an illustration of a child sitting on a large, open book, reading. The child is wearing a green shirt and blue pants. A small blue jellyfish is floating nearby. The text '2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge' is prominently displayed in the center in a bold, dark blue font. In the bottom right corner, there is a small credit: 'Artwork by Matt Ottley'.

2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Artwork by Matt Ottley

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Yenda Public School is excited to be participating!

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. This year, students in K-2 at YPS will be completing the challenge at school.

Students in Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Students in 3-6 at YPS will be completing the challenge at home to encourage independence.

If a book is from an approved PRC series, students can enter up to 5 books as Challenge books, and can read up to 10 other books from the same series as Personal Choice books. More information on the rules of the Challenge can be found [on the PRC website](#).

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by **Friday 22 August 2025** in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's [Student Experience site](#) using their DoE username and password, or can log into the site via the Student Portal. If your child does not know their DoE username and password, please speak with your child's classroom teacher. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found [here](#).

K-2 classroom teachers will record the list of titles read at school and will be submitted on the students' behalf.

3-6 students are encouraged to record their reading online. If students would like a hardcopy of the Personal Reading Log, they can be found in the front office. Students using the Personal Reading Log will still be encouraged to record their reading online. If assistance is required, please speak to the PRC coordinator/s.

How can students find books on the NSW PRC lists?

At Yenda Public School, there are many PRC titles available for students to borrow in the school library. These titles can be identified by the following stickers:



What certificate can students receive for completing the NSW PRC

Year of completing the challenge	Certificate awarded
First year	Challenge completion certificate
Second year	Challenge completion certificate
Third year	Challenge completion certificate
Fourth year	Gold certificate
Fifth year	Challenge completion certificate
Sixth year	Challenge completion certificate
Seventh year	Platinum certificate
Eighth year	Challenge completion certificate
Ninth year	Challenge completion certificate
Tenth year	Challenge completion certificate
Only Year 9 and 10 students are eligible. Year 9: Every year from Year 3 to Year 9 inclusive OR Year 10: Seven years completing the Challenge between Year 3 and Year 10 (please see rule 11b below).	PRC medal and Challenge completion certificate.

Mrs Lisa Brown and Mrs Olivia Cunningham (Term 1)

PRC Coordinators at Yenda Public School

A quick guide for logging books:

1. Log into the Student experience site using your DoE student username and password.
2. Use the blue search bar to search for books you have read.

Or just looking for a particular book?

Search by Title, Author, ISBN or PRCID

Search

- 2a. If the title appears, click "Add to Reading Log" to add it as a PRC book.



- 2b. If the title does not appear, you will need to enter it as a personal choice book. To enter a personal choice book:

1. Click on the icon in the top right hand corner:
2. Click on "My reading log"

Home Rules Log out

1/30 books read

Book Worm

Search a PRC Book

My Reading Log

Challenge History

1. Fill in the book details under the "Add a Personal Choice book" field and click "add"

Add a PRC book

Add a Personal Choice book (Added 0 of 10 max)

Search a PRC Book

Add

The Curle Society

Heather Einhorn

Add

If you have any issues with logging books, please speak to Mrs Brown or Mrs Cunningham.

P&C & 2025 AGM MEETING

ALL
WELCOME!

25 MARCH 6PM
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Yenda Public School P&C has teamed up with Mick's Bakehouse and would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase their delicious Hot Cross Buns and lamingtons and make a fantastic profit for our school. These Hot Cross Buns and lamingtons are a generous size and freeze well. So please ask your friends, neighbours, and family. The more Hot Cross Buns and lamingtons we sell, the more money we raise for our school! Order forms have been sent home with students.

Hot Cross Buns are \$10 per pack and lamingtons are \$18 per pack.
Orders need to be finalised and into school by FRIDAY 28th MARCH 2025.



Canteen Roster Term 1 2025

Thank you to our parent and family members who volunteer their time to assist in our canteen. If you are rostered on at the canteen and are unable to make your shift, please contact Amanda Charles on 0421570077

Wednesday

12 March	1.15pm-2.15pm	Tara Betts
19 March	1.15pm-2.15pm	Lisa Badoco
26 March	1.15pm-2.15pm	Lisa Badoco
2 April	1.15pm-2.15pm	Closed Cross Country
9 April	1.15pm-2.15pm	Tara Betts

Friday

14 March	8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm	Suzanne Clark Alison Ryan
21 March	8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm	Suzanne Clark Alison Ryan
28 March	8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm	Lucy Morris
4 April	8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm	Suzanne Clark Alison Ryan
11 April	8.30am-12pm + 1pm-2.15pm	Suzanne Clarke Alison Ryan


We're going on a Bear Hunt

In class, KQ has been focusing on what a narrative is. Students have created artworks for each stage of the story "We're going on a bear hunt" to show the beginning, middle and end of a story.





YPS EASTER HAT PARADE & FAMILY LUNCH



**EASTER
TREATS
AVAILABLE AT
RECESS FOR
SALE**

WEEK 11: WED 9TH APRIL

10AM: SCHOOL COLA

11AM: BYO PICNIC LUNCH

LIMITED CANTEEN MENU WILL BE AVAILABLE

**K-2 EASTER HATS TO BE MADE AT SCHOOL
(WELCOME TO BRING IN DECORATIONS TO HELP)
YEARS 3-6 EASTER HATS TO BE MADE AT HOME**

GRIFFITH BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



COME TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR
CRAZIEST HAIRSTYLE

\$5

- wear casual clothes (no crocs)
- ice cream with topping of choice
- prize for craziest hairstyle (infants/primary)



Breast
Cancer
Network
Australia

Thursday 27th March
Yenda Public School

SRC Fundraiser

Payment can be
made via School
Bytes or cash to the
front office

YPS
P&C

TICKETS
ONLY

\$20 EA

Limited: Only 250 to sell

\$2000 CASH PRIZE

rafflelink.com.au/yendapandc2025cash

One Winner,
One Prize- Will
It Be You?

SCAN HERE



Winner announced live @ Yenda PS
Easter Hat Parade - 9 April, 11am



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**YENDA PRODUCERS, S&B AND RWE
GRIFFITH BRANCH**

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 11th March | 12-6pm

577 Kidman Way, Tharbogang – Across from the Griffith Saleyards

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YENDA PRODS IRRIGATION

Celebrating 100 years in 2025

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH NEURODIVERSITY*

(AS, PDA, ADHD, ODD etc)

VENUE: La Scala Function Centre
Bagtown Inn

TIME: 9.30am- 2.45pm

DATE: Tuesday 1st April 2025

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Parents/ Carers
- Allied Health Professionals
- Support Workers
- NDIS Service Providers
- All Ages and Stages Welcome

**Still Waiting for Diagnosis? highly recommend you come along*

\$50 to Register

(payment details sent with ticket)

Contact Griffith Autism Support Group if you require financial assistance



Tips and Strategies with Sue Larkey



Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided!

Unsure if workshop is for you? Contact Dene

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