



Term 1 Week 7

# Yenda Agenda



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## Principal Report

It's hard to believe we have already reached the end of Week 7! The term is flying by, and our students continue to impress with their hard work and enthusiasm.

A big well done to all the students who have participated in NAPLAN this week. The assessments have run smoothly in a calm and focused environment, and we are proud of the effort our students have put in. NAPLAN will continue next week, with Conventions of Language and Numeracy scheduled for Monday and Tuesday.

Next Friday, we will celebrate Harmony Day, a special occasion to recognise inclusivity and belonging. Students will take part in class activities, and our canteen will have orange-themed treats for sale. We encourage all students and staff to wear orange to mark the occasion.

A reminder of the importance of regular school attendance—every day at school counts! Attending school consistently helps students build strong learning habits, develop friendships, and stay on track with their education. Let's work together to support our students in making the most of every learning opportunity.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

**Mrs Nicholle Callinan - Principal**



# Yenda Public School Term 1 2025

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	March 17 NAPLAN- Conventions of Language	March 18 NAPLAN-Numeracy	March 19	March 20 Riverina Touch Football Trials	March 21 Harmony Day- students to wear orange
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

### Friday 21 March

Harmony Day

### Saturday 22 March 12 - 5pm

Yenda Prods Family Fair Day @ Memorial Park  
Yenda (Year 6 fundraiser stall)

### 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



YENDA PRODUCERS  
CO-OPERATIVE  
"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

## Year 6 Fundraiser

Our Year 6 students will be running a stall at this event. This will be their first Year 6 fundraiser. Activities, include face painting, temporary tattoos, and balloon animals. We encourage everyone to come along and join in the fun!

## 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

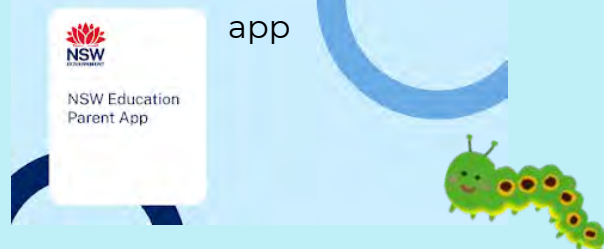
The NSW Education Parent App is an app developed and endorsed by the department, free for schools and parents and carers to use, and is synced with the School Website service (SWS)

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>



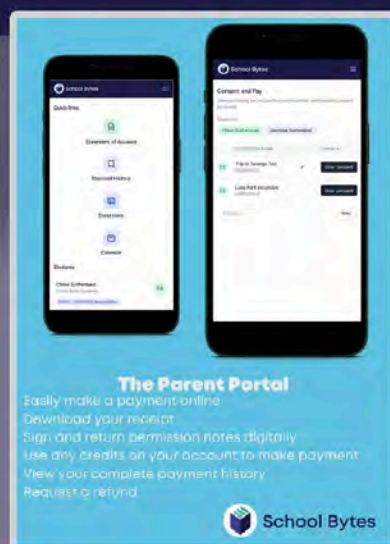
## Harmony Day



Harmony Day is next week, 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.



## AVAILABLE NOW!



Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit [www.schoolbytes.nsw.edu.au](https://www.schoolbytes.nsw.edu.au)





## 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.



## School Attendance Matters

### Yenda PS-Week 6

94.0%

Attendance Rate

90.2%

DoE State

87.8%

Network

0.0%

SSSG

85.2%

Students Attending  $\geq 90\%$  of the time

72.4%

DoE State

68.1%

Network

0.0%

SSSG



ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS



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!

### Yenda PS-Week 7

94.2%

Attendance Rate

90.3%

DoE State

88.4%

Network

0.0%

SSSG

82.4%

Students Attending  $\geq 90\%$  of the time

70.0%

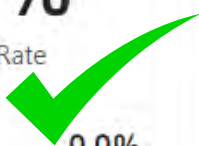
DoE State

65.9%

Network

0.0%

SSSG



## Easter Egg Donations

The P&C are seeking donations of Easter eggs for their annual Easter Egg Raffle and Guessing Competition. If you can contribute, please drop off any donations at the school front office. Every donation, big or small, helps make this a fun and exciting event for our students. Thank you for your support! 🐰🥚🎉 This will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade!



# **Introducing Yenda Public School's**

## **Infants Classroom Teachers**



**Isabella Quarisa**

**I enjoy travelling, especially somewhere that has a beach. I have dived at the Great Barrier Reef and would love to do it again somewhere new.**



**Vanessa Viselli**

**I love watching movies and spending time with family.**



**Sarah Brown**

**In my spare time I love to visit second hand shops and music festivals.**



**Olivia Cunningham**

**When I am not at school, I am either chasing after my toddler, reading a book or dreaming about running a marathon.**



**Simone Young**

**This is my 7th year of teaching and my 3rd year at YPS. When I am not at school I love spending time with my family and out in the garden.**

## Easter Hat Making

Our Easter Hat Parade is coming up in Week 11, and we can't wait to see all the creative designs! This is a fun event where all students get to make and wear their own Easter hats.

- K-2 students will be making their hats at school. They are welcome to bring in bits and pieces to decorate their hats if they like. These can be brought in from now and given to their classroom teacher.
- Years 3-6 students will create their hats at home and bring them in before the day of the parade.

We look forward to a fantastic celebration filled with creativity and Easter fun! 🐣🎨🌟




## Front Office TV

Have you noticed our new TV in the front office? It's now displaying wonderful photos of our students, showcasing their learning, achievements, and special moments throughout the year.

We love celebrating our school community, so be sure to take a look next time you're in the office. 😊



## Term 1 Class PE Timetable



	KQ	1V	2/3B	3/4B	5/6P
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.**

**Whole school sport day is Friday**



Artwork by Matt Ottley

NSW Department of Education

# 2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://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 whimsical illustration of a child sitting on a red chair, reading a book, surrounded by clouds and falling confetti. The text '2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge' is prominently displayed in the center.

# 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:

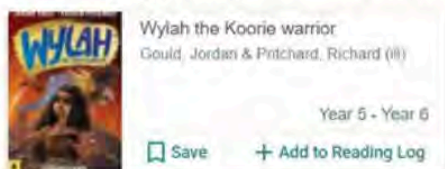
1. Log into the Student experience site using your DoE student username and password.
2. Use the blue search bar to search for books you have read.

Or just looking for a particular book?

Search by Title, Author, ISBN or PRCID

Search

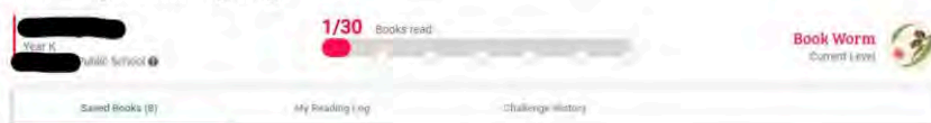
- 2a. If the title appears, click "Add to Reading Log" to add it as a PRC book.



- 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. 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 Curie Society Heather Einhorn Add

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

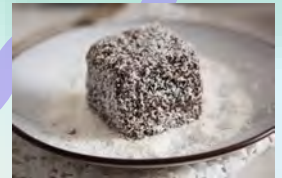
# P&C & 2025 AGM MEETING

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

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

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

# ADVENTURES IN 3/4B

3/4B have started their English unit, The Thing About Oliver by writing some descriptive paragraphs about sea creatures.

The puffer fish was gliding through the water watching out for prey. Then it was threatened and it expanded, aggressively stabbing the fish. Then it glided away.

Jaggy

The puffer fish glides through the threatening sea, if something scares it, they will expand. A shark swims past and he inflates. The shark swims away. The puffer fish swims peacefully, shrinking and venomous.

George

The dolphin swims through the current and jumps out of the clear blue water. She jumps for joy as she sees other dolphins and caught some fish with them and went back home.

Evelyn

The otter is floating on it's back on top of the water. One second later it dives under the ocean in search of fish.

Olive

The dolphin is gliding in the ocean, hunting for food. The dolphin is rushing to safety from a dangerous hammerhead shark. The hungry dolphin searches for food.

Liam

The stonefish waits for the predator. The predator swims close and the stonefish jumps out and eats the predator.

Anthony





The jellyfish glides among the salty clear sea peacefully, while hunting for her delicious shrimp dinner. She's darting away from her shelled predator. Her colourful body swimming away in the salty ocean. The jellyfish is gliding away as an interesting poisonous jiggly creature.

Sienna.C

The clownfish glides through the clear blue ocean, eating sea worms and algae. After swimming and eating they protect their homes. And their homes protect them. They hide in the coral from predators. They have a big family.

Felicity

The clownfish glides through the clear blue ocean, eating seaworm and algae. After swimming and eating, their homes in the coral protect them from predators.

Sienna.H

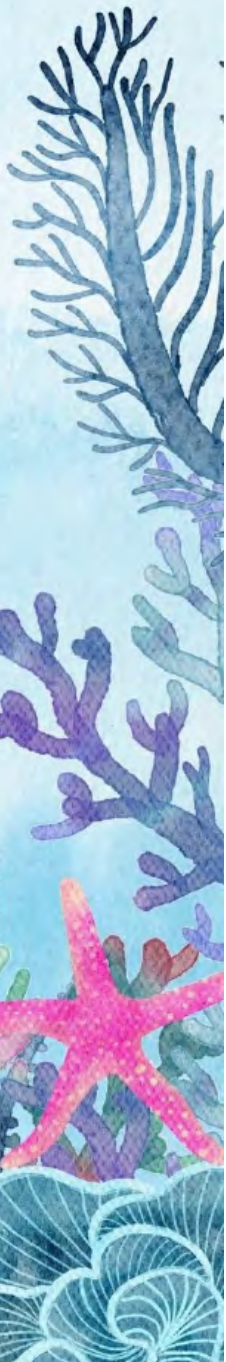
The clownfish hides in the anemone from the dangerous predator... a deadly sharp tooth shark glides around the anemone. He couldn't find any prey, so he continued searching somewhere else.

Scarlett



The rough, spiky starfish floats onto the soft wet sandy beach. The waves finally reach the starfish and carry it away into the water.

Noah



The manta ray gulps down his food while swiftly swimming past schools of fish. Darting from side to side to dodge an enemy. Swimming through reefs.

The blinding reflection of the sun shining in the water behind her. She leapt out of the water. There was a gigantic splash when she hit the water. Her smooth body twirls in the current. She bobs up and down and round and round and upside down.

Georgie



The turtle glides through the water, his family looking for food. The green and yellow circular turtle finds food. He gave it over to his family. His family went up to shore to eat. While they do that he tries to find more food so they can all eat, but he couldn't find any more. He asked a couple of friends but they didn't know. He was STARVING! No matter what he couldn't find any more food. He went up to shore.

Disappointed in himself, he cries. He finds way more food then for the last time he goes back to the shore happily, but a man picks him up. The man said he weighed 45kg. He swam back to the water in fear.

Chantelle

The turtle glides through the sea. They chomp on seaweed as they glide. The turtle sinks to the depths as it gets darker and darker and darker as he got deeper and deeper until he found FISH! He grabs the fish as he floats to the surface and eats all his fish, then he went back down to have a rest.

Layla

The turtle is gliding through the water next to her mum. She was tired from all the swimming.

The turtle is floating on the waves.

Emily



The Stingray dives under the water. The stingray swims and goes looking for food. It camouflages against the sandy bottom so it can launch a surprise attack.  
Savannah

A stingray's long tail moves swiftly through the ocean. The stingray is in the shallow water eating a small fish. It glides along the ocean sand which puffs up around it. The stingray leaps out of the water and kaboom, she hit the wavey ocean.  
Quinn

The sea otter bobs in the ocean with her family. She dives for some dinner. The silver sneaky fish slips away and she follows until...dinner caught.

Macie



Selene



The shark is chasing hundreds of fish. He ate them all, munching and crunching. Swimming through the ocean he chases a stingray, eating the whole thing with his sharp scary teeth.

Leo



The puffer fish was gliding through the water. Then the shark came out from a rock. The puffer fish stabbed the shark with its spines.

Nate

The otter glides in the ocean and sees a group of fish. She swims very fast. The fish sees her and she is coming faster. She catches lots and nibbles on them.

Jasmine

The otters are swimming in the dark blue water. They are tumbling and turning in the fast water. The tired otter floats with it's mother.

Lara

The shark is blue. It has a fin on it's back. It bites people. Sharks have got gills on their sides.

Sharks are dangerous.

Peyton

The shark is chasing the stingray through the sea. The stingray is fast, but the hammerhead is faster. Finally it can just reach. The stingray was encaptured and eaten.

Cooper



# **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](https://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



# 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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