

Volume 12
7th August 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4

11th August
NASHS Visit Rm 11
13th August
Yr 2,4,6
Hanrahan Recycling

14th August
Room 23 Assembly

Week 5

18th August
Dockers Shield
19th August
NASHS Visit Rm 12
21st August
Staff Development Day
Students do not attend



General Information

Principal
Gemma Larham

Deputy Principals
Tristan Mackenzie
Simone Barndon

Yakamia Primary School Bank
BSB: 016-510 A/C: 340823089

Online Lunch Orders
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
www.quickcliq.com.au

Uniform Shop Hours
Alternate Fridays on even weeks
8:30am—9am
EFTPOS available
uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com

Reading Breakfast Club
Monday to Friday 8am – 8:30am

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

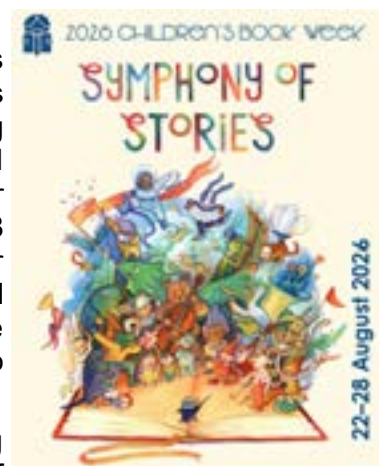
Well done to our Year 4-6 students on your efforts with swimming lessons in Weeks 1 and 2. You demonstrated persistence and challenged yourself to do your best in learning new skills. A great effort by all!

The Pre-primary to Year 3 students will be doing swimming lessons in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4. Notes will be sent home soon.

Book Week will be celebrated in Week 6 this term. The theme for this year's Book Week is 'Symphony of Stories'. Students will be engaging in a range of activities over the week and we will have our whole school 'Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character Day' on Friday 28 August. We look forward to seeing all of our Kindy to Year 6 students' costumes that day and there will be a special assembly to parade costumes at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend.

As part of Book Week all students are making musical instruments out of recycled materials. If you have any boxes or cardboard tubes you would like to donate, please hand them into the office, thanks.

Our Book Nook competition is running again this year. Please note, if your child is making a Book Nook for Book Week, these are due Week 5 to the Library. We look forward to seeing what creative displays students make. Please see inside the newsletter for the guidelines on size of the book nook.



Enrolments for the October and summer school holiday programs are now open. Spots are limited and enrolments will close earlier at venues that are fully booked. [Enrol now](#) on the Department of Education's website to secure your child's place!

Our next assembly will be hosted by Room 23 on Friday 14 August. All families are welcome to attend.

REMINDER: FRIDAY 21 August is a Staff Development day. Students do not attend school on this day.

Kind regards,
Gemma Larham

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Continued:

YAKAMIA CREEK—TREE PLANTING DAY!

Yakamia is so excited to be a part of this project with South Coast NRM. Next Friday, all students will have the chance to plant a tree down at the creek as a part of the restoration project and Science Week. **Parents are welcome to come down to help out and be involved.** Students will learn about how restoring the creek will help possums, cockatoos and other wildlife during Science Week in Week 5. More information coming soon.

RESTORING UPPER YAKAMIA FOR BIODIVERSITY AND PEOPLE

Justin Benson (South Coast Natural Resource Management)

Yakamia Creek

Yakamia Creek is a **highly modified urban waterway** running through the most developed catchment on the South Coast of Western Australia. Decades of degradation have impacted not only its ecological health, but also the cultural, social, and recreational values it once provided.



Our Project

In partnership with the Australian Government, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, and the City of Albany, South Coast NRM is leading a four year project to **restore the creek's upper reach** and reconnect the community with this important natural space.



On-ground Action

By February 2021, we will design and install **two living wetlands and one living stream**, re-establishing 1.2 ha of local native plant species to shift the ecological trajectory of an urban waterway and support biodiversity within an altered landscape.



Key Outcomes

Biodiversity

Reconnect existing riparian vegetation and create additional **habitat and food sources for native animals**, particularly threatened species:

- Western ringtail possum
- Carnaby's black cockatoo
- Baudin's black cockatoo
- Forest red-tailed black cockatoo



Water

Establish plants, pools, riffles, and other features to **restore natural processes** and improve water quality, benefiting the creek and the estuary downstream.

- Trap sediment
- Absorb nutrients
- Reduce water temperature
- Stabilise banks



Community

Enhance the quantity and quality of public **'green and blue spaces'** in the area, making them healthier and more enjoyable places for people:

- Engage the community
- Raise awareness
- Increase accessibility
- Allow interaction with nature



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Room 32 News



Our Year 2 students entertained the audience with a performance of The World's Most Unfair Spelling Bee at the Assembly. Contestants confidently spelled words correctly, only to be eliminated by the judges for the silliest reasons. Just when everyone thought the competition was over, the final contestant amazed the crowd by correctly spelling the incredibly long word *pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis*. The students' great acting, confidence and sense of humour made for a memorable assembly item.

Amelia – Making new friends!

Niklaus – Milkshakes, computers and fairy bread. I have headphones!

Arrianna – When I first went to MiniLit because we do so much fun stuff!

Lia – The assembly because it was fun and funny!

Hurricane – Our assembly because we got to have good things to eat and good things to perform. I saw my mum and sister.

Reid – The assembly because I was the host and got to say “pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.”

What has been your favourite part of Year 2?

Ava – When we do reading rotations because we do fun activities!

Eh Khu Wah Htoo – Playing!

Ryland – When we go and do computers.

Violet – I like playing with my friends!

Auski – We made milkshakes and fairy bread, and we used ice cream to make the milkshakes.

Miriam – Maths because it's tricky and hard to do and it makes me get better!

Declan – Working out equations and working over the 10,000s in maths.

Macie – Art because we get to design and get the materials, and we get to walk around and look at each other's work.

Maya – Our assembly because we got to do something funny!

Theo – I like my teacher, my friends and maths.

Logan – Doing trading in maths and my teacher.

School News

Pokémon Club with Mr Powell

Pokémon Club will be held in Room 25 at lunchtime with Mr Powell on Wednesdays of Weeks 4 and 5.

Come along to colour in Pokémon pictures or look through and share card collections with friends

Important: For safe keeping, please drop off your Pokémon card folders and containers with Mr Powell in the morning before school. They can be collected from him at the end of the day.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Honour Certificate Recipients - 31st July 2026

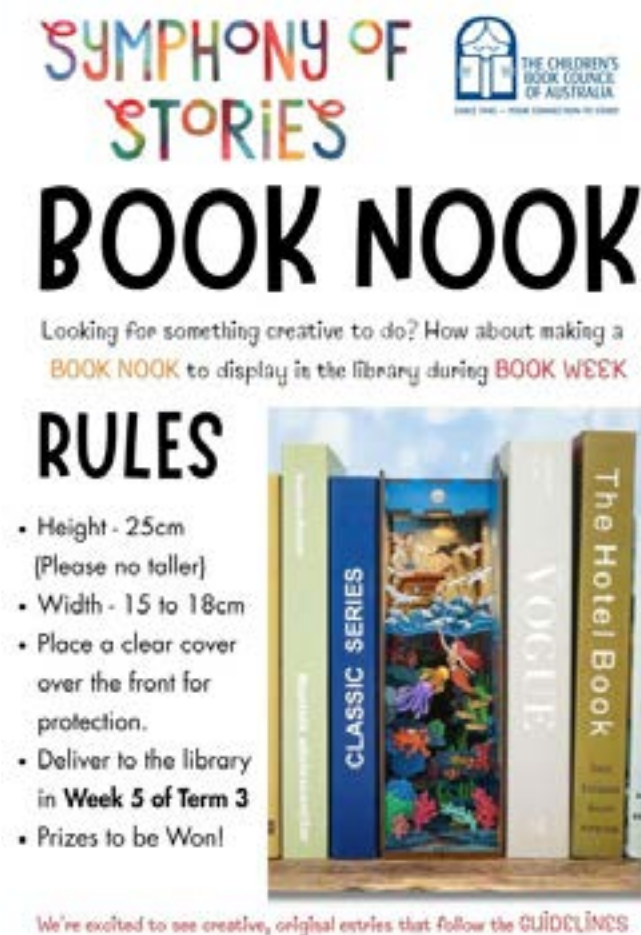
Room 11	Ella F & Judd P	Room 24	Kacie K & Edward O
Room 12	Campbell B & Tommy E	Room 32	Reid P & Lia L
Room 13		Room 33	Arlo W & Gracie C
Room 14	Madison B & Jarrad M	Room 34	Harper D & Ava H
Room 15	Leah D & Odin M	Room 35	Violet Y & Andy S
Room 16	Charlie R & Ryder Y	Room 45	Creed W
Room 22	Ella S & Dylan W	Room 44	Harry S
Room 23	Zaylah R & Freya W	Room 43	Nora T & Eh Mu Lar W

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Book Week Celebrations upcoming in Week 6

We are very excited to be celebrating Book Week for 2026. Please see the posters below about the Book Nook competition guidelines and Book Week Celebration on Friday 28th of August!



SYMPHONY OF STORIES 

BOOK NOOK

Looking for something creative to do? How about making a **BOOK NOOK** to display in the library during **BOOK WEEK**

RULES

- Height - 25cm
(Please no taller)
- Width - 15 to 18cm
- Place a clear cover over the front for protection.
- Deliver to the library in **Week 5 of Term 3**
- Prizes to be Won!



We're excited to see creative, original entries that follow the **GUIDELINES**



BOOK WEEK

This year's theme **Symphony of Stories**

Many stories. One world. Endless possibilities.

FRIDAY CELEBRATION!

ASSEMBLY 9:00 AM
Join us for a special Book Week Assembly to celebrate the joy of stories and music!

DRESS UP!
Children are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book!

MORNING TEA
Following the assembly, we will enjoy a morning tea. Children and families are encouraged to bring their own morning tea.

TELETHON AMBASSADORS CAKE & SNACK STALL!
Our Telethon Ambassadors will be making and creating a cake stall for children to purchase some tasty treats! All proceeds will go towards supporting Telethon.

Let's write a *symphony* of memories **TOGETHER!**



Telethon Birthday Boxes

Do you have a child celebrating a birthday soon?

Want to let them celebrate at school, but a bit short on time?

Our Telethon Ambassadors are here to help!

For just \$25, the Ambassadors will deliver a Birthday Box to your child's class on the morning of their celebration.

Boxes can include either a cupcake for each child in the class or a jelly cup each.

If you would like to order a Birthday Box for your child, please complete the form which can be collected at the office and return it to school with payment at least 5 days before your child's birthday.

Thank you for supporting Telethon 2026!



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P & C News

P&C UNIFORM SHOP



OPENING HOURS:
Assembly Fridays
8:30am - 9am

Email: uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com
Online orders are packed weekly on
Wednesday afternoon.





Yakamia P & C (general):

yakamia.pc@gmail.com

Uniform Coordinator:

uniforms.yakamia.pc@gmail.com

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Primary School P&C
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Community News

Please note notices appearing below are not necessarily endorsed by the school. We provide this space for community groups to advertise to the school community. It is up to parents to scrutinise the activity and organisers for their child.

ROLLER DERBY

Albany

ALBANY VS PERTH

ALBANY LEISURE AND AQUATIC CENTRE
AUGUST 29 at 8pm
LICENSED BAR • LIVE MCs
FOOD VAN • ENTERTAINMENT
TICKETS
ONLINE \$10/\$14
AT THE DOOR \$12/\$16





SCAN ME

Kids - Grow It, Nurture It, Show It!

ALBANY AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2026

FUN • CREATIVE • EXCITING

FREE EXHIBIT ENTRY FOR KIDS!

UP TO 16 YEARS OF AGE!

GROW FLOWERS

In your garden

CREATE A MINIATURE GARDEN

DECORATE A POT

with your plant growing in it

PLANT A CACTUS OR SUCCEULENT

In any container

MAKE AN ANIMAL

from fruit or vegetables

CALLING ALL YOUNG GARDENERS!

Have you been growing, creating and showing in your garden?

We want to see what YOU can do!

- ★ CASH PRIZES
- ★ BEAUTIFUL ROSETTES
- ★ LOTS OF FUN
- ★ EVERYONE WELCOME

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!



SCAN HERE!

FOR THE FULL MONTHLY FARM SCHEDULE & MORE INFORMATION



SHOW YOUR TALENT • HAVE FUN • BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU GROW!

MUM & DAD CAN ENTER TOO!



CLASSES FOR ADULTS INCLUDE:

HERBALS, CASH PRIZES & LOTS OF FUN!

POT PLANTS

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

INCOGNITO

ROSES

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Share your gardening achievements, enjoy friendly competition and help create a beautiful display for our community.
Every entry adds colour, inspiration and celebration!

ALBANY AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2026

FRIDAY 13th & SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2026

Celebrate Albany's Bicentenary!

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