

Yenda Agenda

Yenda Public School

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Term 4 Week 6

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Principal's Report

Welcome to this week's edition of the Yenda Agenda!

There has been a lot of big news coming out of Yenda Public School and a great deal of exciting change in the air!

Staff changes, canteen changes, weather changes... we have had it all this week and the students have embraced it every step of the way. These are great opportunities to point out how resilient our children are in the face of change. Change can be uncomfortable, different and worrying at times, but it is our attitude towards change that truly defines us. I am certain that there are exciting things ahead for this wonderful school because of the amazing community surrounding it!

EVERYTHING
WILL BE
~~OK~~
A LITTLE WEIRD,
A BIT CHALLENGING,
DIFFERENT THAN WHAT
YOU HAD IMAGINED,
MANAGEABLE.

Bel Wallace
Principal

CALENDAR - Term 4

Week 7

Thursday 28 November MRHS Wade Site - Full Day Orientation
Year 7 2020

Friday 29 November Kindergarten Orientation
9am – 1.50pm

Week 8

Monday 2 December School Captain Speeches

Tuesday 3 December House Captain Speeches

Wednesday 4 December The Great Debate

Thursday 5 December Presentation Night

Friday 6 December Assembly - Year 5/6

Kindergarten Orientation
9am - 3pm

Week 9

Wednesday 11 December Year 6 Mini Fete

Thursday 12 December Year 6 Farewell

K – 6 Disco 7.30pm – 9pm

Friday 13 December Year 6 Lake Talbot

Week 10

Wednesday 18 December Barellan Pool Day

Final day for students

2020 Yenda Public School Principal

On Monday our community was informed that Mr Gary Workman has been appointed as the Principal of Yenda Public School for 2020. Mr Workman has been the Assistant Principal of Hanwood Public School for many years and is excited to bring his passion for education and leadership skills to the Yenda Community. Mr Workman will come to Yenda Public School before the end of the term to meet the students and staff.



Mr Gary Workman

Farewell Mrs Conlan! We Will Miss You!

Mrs Conlan has been working as the Relieving Assistant Principal at Yenda Public School for the past three years and will return to her substantive Principal position at Binya Public School in 2020. During her time at Yenda she has had a remarkable influence on how we approach literacy education and has been a strong advocate for sporting pathways for promising athletes. While we will miss her here at Yenda Public School, we wish her all the very best in returning to Binya. Mrs Conlan would like to share the following message.



Dear parents and community members,

I wish to inform you that I will be finishing my three years relieving as Assistant Principal at Yenda Public School at the end of the year, returning to my substantive position as Principal at Binya Public School in 2020. I have treasured the experiences and skills I've developed, and the

relationships I have made with students, staff and community in my time at Yenda. I look forward to taking my skills into my next leadership period at Binya. Meanwhile I will enjoy my remaining weeks with Year 1 and all the fabulous students and staff.

Thank you all for your support through my time at Yenda. I have truly enjoyed my time and appreciate the privilege to grow and develop.

Kind regards,

Mrs Karen Conlan

Welcome New Staff Members in 2020

We are thrilled to announce the addition of two new teachers to our team in 2020!

Miss Anna Melvin has now finished her teaching degree and will join the teaching team at Yenda Public School for 2020. She has demonstrated her immense talent as a teacher already this year, and she looks forward to having a class to call her own! Welcome to the team Miss Melvin!



Miss Melvin

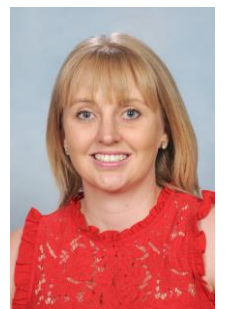


Miss Dredge

Miss Brooke Dredge will also join the Yenda Public School teaching team in 2020, coming from Griffith Public School. Brooke brings a wealth of teaching experience, as well as a flair for teaching Creative and Performing Arts. Brooke has previously run choirs and music groups at Griffith Public School and we are sure these talents will be a huge asset to Yenda Public School. Welcome Brooke!

Farewell Mrs Long! Good Luck!!!

Mrs Long has been part of our schools Learning and Support/RFF Team for the past 2 years. She will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up a position at Hanwood Public School. We wish her well in her future endeavours.



Canteen Reopening!!!

Students were buzzing with excitement on Thursday morning as the canteen re-opened for the first time this term. Thanks to the generosity of Bethany Power, Tanieka Hall and Hannah Harman, students enjoyed healthy burgers and goodies from the canteen. We appreciate what a huge time commitment it takes when volunteering to run the canteen and thank Bethany, Taneika and Hannah for their time!

The canteen will run every Thursday for the remainder of the term with a limited menu. If all goes well and the support of the community is positive, this arrangement may continue into 2020.



P & C Canteen News

The P & C are excited to announce that the canteen has reopened. With a successful day yesterday, students enjoyed a selective menu. The canteen will now be open on Thursday, rather than Friday's.

The P & C has elected to run the canteen on a volunteer basis with parents asked to assist during the year. You will also ensure that your children get a big kick out of seeing their parents helping at school! A roster will be co-ordinated for Term 1 next year. We are planning on sending out the details for this before the end of this year. The rest of Term 4 will be taken care of by the P & C however anyone who would like to volunteer for Term 4 will be welcomed. Please contact our P & C Fundraising Co-ordinator, Bethany Power, for more information.

The proceeds from the canteen will be used by the P & C to support events during the year (i.e. funding a bus for a school event). This will also help limit the number of fundraisers we hold during the year. More details will be provided soon.

The Great Debate!

The Great Debate is back and will be bigger than ever with the topic being '*Students should be allowed to bring technology to school*'.

Mrs Kirkman's teacher debating team will face off against the Year 6 debating team on Wednesday 4 December at 9.30am in the school hall. Parents and community members are welcome to attend to support their favourite team (*Go Teachers!!!*). The debate will again be streamed on Facebook for those who can't attend.

This is a great opportunity for our teachers to step out of their comfort zone and for our students to challenge their skills in the debating arena. Who will be victorious this year???? In 2019 the teachers scraped a narrow win with a debate about uniforms... Is it the students turn to take the win?

The student team consists of Juleesa Twigg, Bodhi Brady, Tayla Javens and Luke Wood.

The teacher team consists of Mrs Kirkman, Mrs Wallace, Ms McIntyre and Mrs Perez.



P & C Movie Premier Fundraiser

The P & C Movie Premier Fundraiser, Frozen 2, will held next Thursday 28 November. Tickets are \$16 and at the school office.

PACER

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student (\$460) under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs. The rebate has been deducted from each student's excursion cost.



PBL Awards

BRONZE AWARDS

These awards are presented to those students who have received two mini-merit awards.

Year 2

Wilmari Lourens

Year 3/4

Lilly McMahon, Liam Brady, Ceejay Twigg and Donald Hunt

SILVER AWARDS

These awards are presented to those students who have received four mini-merit awards.

Kindergarten

Willow Dunn, Jed Hall, Chandre Thomas, Emme Turner, Leo Richards and Noah Signor

Year 1

Jaxon Cafe and Hayden Ings

Year 2

Zara Wallace, Flynn Mallamace, Jack Millis, Farrah Moon, Jaden Vearing and Havana Carusi

Year 3/4

Matthew Baltieri-Geaney

Year 5/6

Tayla Javens, Samarah Stockton, Tayla Burns, Kaylee Brown, Sophie Roth, Quade Callinan, Isla Sergi, Isaac Conlan, William Terrazas, Jonah DeRossi, Sahara Lawson, Armani Mallamace and Logan Newman

GOLD AWARDS

These awards are presented to those students who have received six mini-merit awards

Year 1

Himmat Rakkar and Dean Serafin

Year 3/4

Jayden Cafe

Year 5/6

Armani Mallamace and Isla Sergi

Assembly Awards

Principal Award

Bodhi Brady

Echo Award

Havana Carusi

Class Awards

Kindergarten

Willow Dunn, Emme Turner and Leo Richards

Year 1

Porsha Carusi, Heather Wilkinson, Hayden Ings and Eli Whytcross

Year 2

Jack Millis, Ollie Smith, Zara Wallace and Thalia Singh

Year 3/4

Liam Callinan, Patrick Lawson, Lilly McMahon, Dean Preuss and Ceejay Twigg

Year 5/6

Julius Torresan, Lucas Signor, Bodhi Brady and Tayla Javens

Sports Houses Sorting Ceremony

On Thursday afternoon all students from Kindergarten to Year 5 were 'sorted', Harry Potter style, into their new sports houses.

The sorting sombrero was placed on the head of each student as they were sorted into either Tandarra or Ballandry, joining their cheering houses.

A list of allocated houses for each is included in this newsletter. Any queries should be directed to Mrs Conlan or Tanya Cornale.



Fact 1:

Reading can make you a better conversationalist.

Fact 2:

Neighbors will never complain you are reading too loud.

Fact 3:

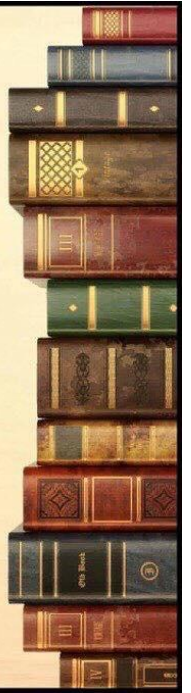
Knowledge by osmosis has not yet been perfected, so you'd better read.

Fact 4:

Books have stopped bullets. Reading could save your life.

Fact 5:

Dinosaurs did not read. Look what happened to them.



10 Benefits of Reading Aloud to Children

builds vocabulary

improves reading comprehension

promotes empathy

reduces stress

boosts brain development

exposes children to different experiences

increases chances of later success

helps develop communication skills

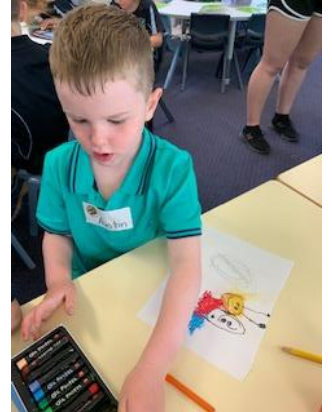
builds self-esteem

deepens family connections

fb.com/whatdowedoallday.com

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Week 5 of our Kindergarten orientation program was a hit. Everybody enjoyed art and literacy groups and stayed to enjoy the lunch break with K - 6.



Kindergarten

Isabella	Apps	Tandarra
Zacariah	Cattermole	Tandarra
Willow	Dunn	Tandarra
Jed	Hall	Ballandry
Lewis	Kelly	Ballandry
Leo	Richards	Tandarra
Amelia	Ryan	Tandarra
Sienna	Serafin	Ballandry
Noah	Signor	Ballandry
Chandre	Thomas	Ballandry
Emme	Turner	Tandarra
Phoebe	Vearing	Ballandry
Stella	Forster	Ballandry

Year 1

Jaxon	Café	Tandarra
Benito	Carusi	Tandarra
Porsha	Carusi	Ballandry
Peyton	Callinan	Ballandry
Rikki-Claire	Damini	Tandarra
Lara	Hall	Ballandry
Emily	Harman	Ballandry
Hayden	Ings	Tandarra
Arlo	Murphy	Ballandry
Robert	Nehme	Tandarra
Megan	Newman	Tandarra
Himmat	Rakkar	Tandarra
Dean	Serafin	Ballandry
Jacinta	Smith	Ballandry
Eli	Whytcross	Tandarra
Heather	Wilkinson	Tandarra

Year 2

Alex	Bastianon	Ballandry
Havana	Carusi	Tandarra
Noah	Chapman	Ballandry
Rowdy	Damini	Tandarra
Floyd	Faavesi	Ballandry
Jaimee-Lee	Godrey	Tandarra
Wilmari	Lourens	Tandarra
Flynn	Mallamace	Ballandry
Jack	Millis	Tandarra
Farrah	Moon	Ballandry
Michael	Nehme	Tandarra
Cooper	Power	Ballandry
Samara	Sergi	Tandarra

Thalia	Singh	Ballandry
Ollie	Smith	Tandarra
Aiden	Twigg	Ballandry
Luke	Twigg	Tandarra
Braxton	Vearing	Ballandry
Jaeden	Vearing	Tandarra
Noah	Everett	Ballandry
Aston	Whytcross	Tandarra
Leila	Forster	Ballandry

Year 3/4

Daniel	Baltieri-Geaney	Tandarra
Matthew	Baltieri-Geaney	Tandarra
Liam	Brady	Ballandry
Jaxsin	Brown	Tandarra
Jayden	Café	Tandarra
Liam	Callinan	Ballandry
Reilly	Chapman	Ballandry
Jackson	Dunn	Tandarra
Abbey	Farrell	Ballandry
Abbigeal	Forrester-Duncan	Tandarra
Mia	Harris	Tandarra
Kate	Horley	Ballandry
Donald	Hunt	Ballandry
Connor	Ings	Tandarra
Jesse	Lawson	Ballandry
Patrick	Lawson	Ballandry
Thinus	Lourens	Tandarra
Lily	McMahon	Ballandry
Gemma	Newman	Tandarra
Dean	Preuss	Ballandry
Joseph	Roth	Ballandry
Ryan	Signor	Ballandry
Imogen	Stockton	Tandarra
Ceejay	Twigg	Ballandry
Kade	Vearing	Tandarra
Nate	Wallace	Tandarra
Blake	Forster	Ballandry

Year 5/6

Kaylee	Brown	Tandarra
Quade	Callinan	Ballandry
Isaac	Conlan	Ballandry
Armani	Mallamace	Ballandry
Logan	Newman	Tandarra
Sophie	Roth	Ballandry
Isla	Sergi	Tandarra
William	Terazzas	Tandarra
Lili	Vaccari	Ballandry

Kung Fu Mantis VS Jumping Spider

The tiny mantis is stealthy crawling amongst the leaves. The giant hairy and hungry spider jumps across to the leaf that the mantis is on as mantis carefully but dangerously leaps to another leaf. The eight-legged monster leaps again. Luckily the mantis leaps too.

I guess luck is with the mantis. The mantis scares the spider away with his kung fu pose which confuses it, to think that he is bigger. The kung fu mantis are cannibals, which means that they eat each other. BANG!! The giant mantis ate the mini mantis!!

By Abbey

Kung Fu mantis

A baby kung fu mantis is laying on a leaf. The mantis heads off on an adventure. He has been spotted by a jumping spider. The mantis leaps from leaf to leaf. The spider launches himself from leaf to leaf. The spider catches up to the mantis. The mantis does some kung fu moves and frightens the spider away. He goes and stares at a orchid mantis.... SNAP! The mantis gets eaten.

By Blake

The Big Escape

The tiny hairy black and white cannibal Kung Fu Mantis relaxes on a leaf. The mantis looks left and right to try to spot some pray or a predator. The mantis' antenna twitches like a predator is watching him. Suddenly a jumping spider leaps on a leaf near the mantis. The mantis leaps to a leaf the spider follows, it's like a chess game. Finally the spider catches up with the mantis. The mantis stands on two legs and lifts his arms up. The spider backs off because the mantis has an ability to make itself look bigger. The mantis lies on... or not... eaten by another mantis.

By Daniel

Mantis

The mantis is jumping leaf after leaf. The mantis is getting hunted for lunch. The mantis lifts up is legs and confuses the spider. Still a long way to go. Out of nowhere a big mantis appears. The mantis gets eaten.

By Jackson.D

Check out 3/4s awesome
writing about a video titled,

‘Kung Fu Mantis

Vs

Jumping Spider’

Narrated by David

Attenborough

THE HUNGER GAMES!!!

Scattering on a wet leaf a young Mantis sees two other mantises fighting. The winner will eat the loser for tucker or lunch. A spider is lurking for dinner. The spider has the mantis in its sight. The mantis dashes for life. It, leaps and flexes ... but the mantis can run no more. Now it's time to use its own defence kung- Fu. It works! the mantis is safe when a large white orchid mantis stares at the little mantis 3,2,1 SNAP!!! The orchid mantis devours the little mantis.

BY Abbigeal

Kung Fu Mantis VS Spider

In the forest two Mantis' are trying to eat each other. One runs away. He stops and looks around. He can see the shadow of the Jumping Spider. The Mantis runs for his life. He stops at the edge of a leaf. He slowly leans over and grabs the other leaf and starts to sprint all over again. The Jumping Spider is still on his tail. The Mantis comes to another edge but this time he leaps over to the other side. He stops in front of the spider. The Mantis puts his arms up to make himself look bigger and confuse the spider. The spider runs away. The Mantis finds another Mantis. She is white with her eyes popping out. Snap! She eats the little Mantis.

By Connor Ings

Kung Fu chase

The praying mantis cautiously leaps across to the other mantis and tries to grab it but the mantis slips away. Suddenly a spider lurks out of the shadows. The jumping spider glares at the praying mantis. The chase is on. The mantis stretches its two front legs and leaps across to another leaf. The spider jumps across leaf to leaf until the spider stops. The praying mantis stops on the leaf across from the spider. They glare at each other the praying mantis lifts up its two front legs, like it is doing Kung Fu. The

Spider sobs away. The praying mantis creeps up the leaf to a big white praying mantis. The little mantis looks up at the big adult praying mantis, there is silence until... the adult praying mantis gobbles up the little praying mantis. Remember they are cannibals.

By Kate

Kung Fu Mantis

In a deep dark forest lays a mantis and a spider. Jumping from leaf to leaf, the spider chases the mantis. On a leaf the mantis is doing a weird pose and getting the spider to retreat. No tasty mantis for you today spider. The mantis stands and thinks about when he is older. 1, 2, 3 bang! The adult mantis strikes, chomping on the kid mantis.
By Liam.B

Mantis

The mantis watches as the other mantis attack each other. Time to leave. The mantis goes to find some food. A random spider creeps across the leaves. The mantis tries to run from the spider. Mantis tries to confuse the spider and gets away with it. But there is still a long way to go before he is as big as an adult. Bang! Eaten by another mantis.
BY LIAM C

Attack of the Spider

In the deep dark forest there lays a pack of praying mantis, trying to find something. One of the mantises goes and meets up with a spider. The mantis reaches across for a leaf then he leaps on the leaf the spider leaps across. Then the mantis leaps then the spider leaps across. Now there is no escape but the mantis does a pose that makes him look bigger? The spider leaves. He finds what he is looking for but in few seconds the mantis grabs him and eats him.

By Ryan Signor

The Pray Mantis

The pray mantis hatches out of the egg and goes for an adventure. Suddenly he spies a spider. Bang! He jumps away, he is trapped. Suddenly he steps up to confuse the spider. The spider goes away and he is near the big Mantis It grabs him and eats him. Bang! He is not on his adventure any more.

By PJ



Mantis Vs Spider

One day, one mantis, one spider fight to survive. Two bugs go in the pit one comes out. The Mantis comes out. The spider chases him but mantis knows Kung Fu. He raises his legs up and the spider runs away like a chicken.

Kade Vearing

Run Mantis Run

The prey mantis leaves his family. The spider sights the mantis. The Mantis hears the spider. The spider smells the mantis. The mantis feels a chill up his spine, he crawls away but the spider is right behind him. The mantis goes from leaf to leaf. The mantis makes himself look bigger to confuse the enemy. The enemy goes away. It's a Long time before he's an adult...

Crack! Munch! The adult mantis scoffs the kid mantis.

By Leithan

The Amazing Run!!

A tiny Kung Fu Mantis sits on a leaf. It is about to go into the magnificent forest. Now it is off, crawling from leaf to leaf. Suddenly it sees its enemy, the jumping spider. It leaps from leaf to leaf and is amazingly fast, so is the spider. The mantis leaps but the spider catches up. They are face to face. The mantis stands up and lifts his two legs and scares it away. The mantis crawls away and finds a much bigger mantis. Suddenly as quick as a lightning flash the big mantis eats it.

Kung Fu Mantis vs Jumping Spider

Sitting on a leaf is a baby kung fu mantis. Out of nowhere a jumping spider leaps out. The mantis carefully jumps from leaf to leaf. They suddenly see each other. The kung fu mantis goes into kung fu mode. The jumping spider retreats right back and jumps away. The kung fu mantis moves back to the orchid mantis. They look each other in the eyes but out of nowhere, the orchid mantis eats him.

By Jaxsin

Kung Fu Mantis vs Spider

The jumping spider is ready to pray. The kung Fu mantis is trying to strike. It will eat and escape. The Mantis finally escapes. The mantis has a beautiful special power. The pray mantis is thrilled to see the white mantis. They look and look and then... crunch. Oh no! It is way too late.

By Imogen

Nature's War

The praying mantis bolts so his brothers and sisters don't hungrily eat him. He passes one and slowly moves past to the finish line. He makes it but there are still other dangers. A hungry hairy jumping spider looks at the mantis licking his lips. The mantis bolts like he is running on lava. A gap appears so he stretches his legs to the other leaf and safely makes it. OH NO! There is a bigger gap up ahead and the spider is catching up. The mantis stretches his legs not holding onto anything, he leaps hoping he makes it. He crashes onto the ground. There is no escape but he has a secret weapon, Kung Fu. He lifts his feet up and the spider disappears. He crawls away. He is looking at what he is going to look like when he is older. Snap! The bigger mantis eats him right up.

by Gemma

Mantis and the Jumping Spider

The mantis hatches out of his egg. Oh and they eat everything that moves. But the hungry jumping spider is chasing, jumping to leaf to leaf. The mantis is protecting its self but then another mantis comes and stares at him. He grabs him quick and eats him.

By Dean Preuss

Kung Fu Mantis Vs Spider

The Kung Fu Mantis comes scorching down the branch. He sees the jumping spider. He bolts, jumping leaf to leaf. The jumping spider follows the slippery Mantis. The jumping spider bolts, it is trying to catch up. The mantis tries to strike by stretching his legs. At last the spider is gone. He sees his friend the big orchid mantis. They look at each other and look and then... Snap! The tiny Ku mantis gets crushed. He tries to nip his way out. But it is to late!

By Lilly McMahon.

Mantis

The mantis hatches out of the egg. He goes on an adventure. Suddenly a spider appears out of nowhere. The mantis uses his kung Fu to scare the spider. The baby mantis walks up to a big orchid mantis. Quickly the orchid mantis snatches up the baby mantis and eat him up.

By Jesse

Kung Fu mantis vs Jumping Spider

The praying mantis silently watches the others. It decides to go somewhere else. It thinks it is all alone. Suddenly a spider appears out of nowhere. The praying mantis has no choice but to flee, it runs to the edge of the leaf and climbs to the other leaf. It jumps across that leaf to another leaf but the spider is following it. The praying mantis is trapped. It put its legs up. The spider runs away. What the praying mantis doesn't know is that it has another predator the whole time. It climbs up the leaf they look at each other. Suddenly the predator eats it.

By Mia

The Run

The mantis strikes at another mantis. One kung Fu mantis walks away and starts stretching across the leaves. Suddenly a jumping spider spots him. The mantis jumps from leaf to leaf while the spider is leaping from leaf to leaf in chase. Suddenly the spider jumps in front of the mantis but the mantis uses kung Fu to make himself look bigger. It works! The mantis keeps on going. He finds himself in front of a big orchid mantis. They stare each other. **Snap!** The orchid mantis eats the small mantis.

By Ceejay

The Mad Chase

Wow, a pack of like 50 mantises. Surprise a jumping spider appears out of the leaves while keeping his eyes on the mantis. Sneakily the mantis starts climbing up the tree while being spied on by 2 of his predators. The spider starts pouncing. The mantis starts pouncing from leaf to leaf, it's like leaping chaises but then theirs a pause... Wow! Out of nowhere the mantis starts raising his legs, trying to confuse the spider. His plan worked for now. Bang! An adult orchid mantis suddenly appears. Snap! The orchid mantis devours him and he is gone. The adult mantis has a really good feast.

By Nate

The Duel

Snap! As the mantis, just missing the other mantis, with a near leaping escape. That's what happens in these rain forests. They are cannibals after all. The baby mantis is gradually walking away from the others. But something bolder is lurking around, anticipating with her eight eyes, while mounting on a leaf.

Luckily the mantis searches the area for any dangerous predators. The mantis spots the jumping spider and immediately jolts away. The mantis cannot fly just yet so he has to improvise. Slowly and carefully stretching and reaching leaf to leaf.

With the jumping spider, about 2 meters away, catching up briskly. Seems the mantis is more confident and is starting to jump leaf to leaf.

Unfortunately, the Mantis' luck has come to an end. But wait the mantis has self-defence. Acting like a ninja to make himself look bigger. The jumping spider is backing up and done. The mantis has survived! Maybe if the mantis is lucky enough in 2 months it could be like this orchid mantis... or not

By Matthew Baltieri-Geaney

