



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Paul F. Bills B.A. Dip. Ed. Deputy Principal: Louise Pinson B.A. (Hons) Dip. Ed.



Yass High School has been recognised by the Director General of Education, Mr. Michael Coutts-Trotter, by being chosen for the Director General's School Achievement Award for 2009. The award acknowledges the community, student and school commitment to the Breakfast Club. This is the most celebrated award available to schools in NSW. We are the only high school in our region, the Illawarra South East Region, to gain this success.

Our school last achieved this award in 1997 when the Band Program was acknowledged by the Director General, Mr. Ken Boston. It is a rare achievement for a school to be recognised twice at this prestigious level. We are familiar with the amount of enthusiasm, time, energy and talent that is required to make the Band Program the long term success that it is. We can be proud that this program continues to set the standard for other schools. We can now have an even greater sense of achievement for our school in having it acknowledged that the Breakfast Club achieves at the same impressive level.

The Breakfast Club exists because of the generous support given by the broader school community: local businesses, service organisations, individuals, parents, students and staff. In this context, the award is really the achievement of the generous and giving spirit of the Yass community.

Sept/October 2009

I recognise the support of all these contributors but most especially I congratulate the students. The students who have maintained a long-term commitment to ensure that there is a welcoming breakfast for everyone in a safe and friendly environment three days every week. All students who have participated in the walkathons, volunteered to cook, carry, sweep, wash-up and shop have contributed to our gaining the Director General's Achievement Award. It is the small, often unnoticed, contributions by many students, quietly and tirelessly done day after day that have built this success.

The School Education Director, Mr. Paul Greer, will present the award to the school at our Presentation Night on 10th December.

Term 4 – 2009

Welcome back to another term, which has started well. Last Monday afternoon, staff attended a professional development activity at school lead by Debbie Packer, our regional Integration consultant. Debbie looked at reasons why students might not learn effectively and concentrated on the effect of poor language development in younger children. She gave teachers a range of strategies to use to build students' language skills and ensure optimum conditions in the classroom. She emphasised the importance of exposure to language throughout childhood and adolescence. So tea time conversation and the reading of printed material are both important activities to encourage at home.

A big thank you to Sue Nielson who has been working hard to coordinate the ordering and distribution of the new school T shirts. The shirts were purchased with drought assistance funds and each child received one free. She and a group of helpers had a working bee during the holidays and labelled the bags to ensure every child received their correct size. The students are showing their approval of the new shirt by wearing it proudly and they certainly look very smart. Additional shirts can be purchased via the front office. A reminder that girls should be wearing navy shorts or skirts with the tops and boys should be in grey shorts or trousers.



We have a number of local casual teachers who take classes for absent staff who are either sick or engaged in professional learning activities. These teachers are an important part of our school and it is heartening to hear them speak so positively of the school and their experiences teaching here. Students are to be commended for the respect they show to all staff members.

A reminder to students and parents that we need to have parental approval before students are allowed to leave the school grounds during the day. Students should bring a note to the Deputy's office and collect a sign out card which they can show to teachers as they leave. If a student is needed unexpectedly during the day, parents are asked to call the front office and make arrangements.

Finally, don't forget our Car Boot Sale this Saturday 31st. It was a great event last year and promises to be even bigger and better this year, thanks to the hard work of our dedicated P and C team. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Louise Pinson

Year 10 Sign Out Day

Year 10 students are to complete clearance on **Tuesday 8th December**

- ✓ Any outstanding fund-raising money and fees must be paid at the Front Office.
- ✓ All library and text books must be returned.
- ✓ All responsibilities with respect to school contributions, missing texts, and library books must be met in order to complete your clearance.



Year 12 Clearance Procedures

Year 12 students are to complete clearance on one of the following days:

Monday 9th November, between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm

Monday 16th November, between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm

Procedure:

1. Collect your clearance form from the Front Office. Hand in any outstanding fund-raising money and fees.
2. Go to the staff rooms of the teachers -- all texts must be handed in.
3. Go to the Library – all Library books must be returned.
4. All responsibilities with respect to school contributions, missing texts, and library books must be met in order to complete your clearance.
5. It is most important that you return your form to the Front office.
6. References can be collected from the 23rd November.

Important Dates

Mon 9 th November	FIRST CLEARANCE DAY
Fri 13 th November	LAST DAY HSC EXAMS
Mon 16 th November	SECOND CLEARANCE DAY
Fri 20 th November	YR 12 FORMAL
Thurs 10 th December	PRESENTATION NIGHT



How is the ATAR calculated?

Have you ever wanted to know what happens to your HSC marks to get the ATAR? Why can a person get a higher ATAR than me, but if you add their HSC marks, I get a higher total?

What subjects get the best ATAR?

How can I get the best ATAR?

How can I improve my chances of getting into university?

If you want to know the answer to any of these questions or any others about the ATAR, then this presentation is for you.

At a recent conference, Mrs Bartlett was provided with a powerpoint presentation and information that explains how an ATAR is calculated. The information is relevant for all students who want to go to university. She also received information about how to improve your chances of getting into university. Mrs Bartlett will be showing the powerpoint presentation and explaining the mathematics behind the process.

WHEN: Thursday 12 November 2009 at 3:45pm (90 minutes)

WHERE: Room 10, Yass HS

AUDIENCE: Interested students, parents and staff

Please contact the school to let them know you will be attending the presentation to assist with catering for the session.

Sports & Special Group Photos

Sports & Special group photos eg: Sport, Band, Breakfast Club, SRC, Debating are at the Front Office for viewing.

If you wish to order any you need to pick up an envelope and return it with full payment by 13/11/09. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to Academy Photography. Cash payment or EFTPOS is available at the Front Office

No orders will be placed without accompanying money.



Cams Scores Win With Schools



Students from five New South Wales secondary schools braved wet and windy conditions as they put months of hard work to the test at the 2009 CAMS School Challenge held at the Sutton Road Driver Training Complex in Queanbeyan, NSW on Wednesday 23rd September.

Each school had the chance to demonstrate its car's design through a series of tests, allowing students to showcase the vehicles they designed, created and developed from scratch.

While Young High School was declared the outright winner on 190 points, ahead of Yass High School on 192.5 points and Queanbeyan High School on 225 points, there were winners all round as the Challenge, in its pilot year, was hailed a roaring success by all involved.

"Today has been a very rewarding day, providing the students with an introduction to motor sport and hopefully it will encourage some of them to join car clubs in their area," said CAMS School Challenge Project Co-ordinator Tom Snooks.

"I'd like to thank all the volunteer officials, BEC and the police, who gave up their time to pull this day together. "It's an excellent innovation to bring students together and teach them about driving cars, complying with road rules, team work, budgeting and the economy," said CAMS School Challenge Circuit Control official Bill Bennet.

Queanbeyan High School cleaned up, taking home several awards, including first place for the Acceleration and Braking Test, Manoeuvrability Test and the Best Exhaust Emission.

Young High School was also successful, claiming first place for the Best Noise Emission and the Best Fuel Consumption.

Yass High School's vehicle design impressed the judges, earning the school awards for the Best Presented Vehicle and Best Innovation.



Murrumburrah High School could not be overlooked for its publicity campaign, taking out the Best Communication award.

Jean Chapman, Murrumburrah Team Manager, said CAMS had given her school so much.

“On behalf of all the schools, especially Murrumburrah, we’d like to say a big thank you to CAMS and the officials because we couldn’t have done it without you,” Ms Chapman said.

Yass High School Team Manager William Donohue said the Challenge was a great opportunity to educate students. “This is such a great event and it has so much potential. I can only wish it progresses to the national stage,” Mr Donohue said.

CAMS plans to expand the program in 2010, and is aiming for a national roll-out in the near future. “Looking around today, there are many improvements we can make and we now have many ideas on how we can improve the Challenge next year and into the future,” said



Snooks.

CAMS School Challenge results and awards:

Outright Results

Young High School
Yass High School
Queanbeyan High School
Murrumburrah High School
Hennessy Catholic College, Young



Acceleration and Braking Test

Queanbeyan High School
Yass High School

Manoeuvrability Test

Queanbeyan High School
Young High School

Best Noise Emission

Young High School
Queanbeyan High School

Best Exhaust Emission

Queanbeyan High School
Yass High School/Murrumburrah High School

Best Fuel Consumption

Young High School/Yass High School

Best Presented Vehicle

Yass High School

Best Innovation

Yass High School

Best Communication

Murrumburrah High School

The Revolution is Coming to Yass High School

Kevin Rudd's Digital Education Revolution - NSW is about to arrive in force at Yass High School. In the week beginning November 23 2009 laptops will arrive for all our Year 9 students. They will be commissioned and distributed over the next couple of weeks as soon as parents and students finalise their Laptop User Charter. Students will then be required to take them home and look after them, returning them fully charged each day ready for school.



Parents and Students are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday November 24** in the school Library at 6pm where we will distribute the Laptop User Charter and discuss the details of the program. A Parent Information Package will explain the program to parents and students and we will show the opportunities for learning that the new laptops will bring.

There have been many other parts of the Revolution gathering pace as the arrival of the laptops draws nearer. Our own Technical Support Officer, Sam Columb, has been working hard to prepare Yass High for the Revolution. Over the last holidays, he upgraded many of the school's desktop computers to the new software available on the laptops so students and staff can move seamlessly between these and the laptops. He has also been supporting staff who received laptops as they prepare to offer an enriched curriculum to Year 9 Students. These pilot staff have been attending courses, sharing online, and programming to improve learning with the laptops.

Another obvious improvement to the school has been the installation of the laptop wireless network across the school. Students will notice 24 managed wireless access points installed into all permanent learning spaces in the school. They may not have seen improvements to the fibre optic network backbone, a new head end switch, wireless controller and server which will allow the laptops to authenticate from anywhere in the school and manage student storage, data synchronisation, network services, updates, and security.

I have the opportunity to work with other schools in our region as a mentor for the implementation of the Digital Education Revolution. As well as sharing our successes with other schools, we will be able to learn from others as we all make innovative advances in the technology used by students to enhance their learning.

Join the Revolution by sharing your ideas with teachers and students over the coming months. **USEFUL WEBSITES**

The DER-NSW Internet site for parents and students is now live at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/dernsw

The DVD that is part of the Parent Information package can be found here as well as on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-T71zmupiA>

Rod Saville - Digital Education Revolution Implementation Coordinator

Yass High School Weightlifting Team compete in Armidale

A team of Yass High School students travelled to Armidale to compete in the 17th Interschool Benchpress Tournament on Friday, 25th September. The co-ordinator of the event is Paralympian and Commonwealth Games Powerlifter, Wayne Sharpe.

The Yass High team consisted of four lifters Tom Roche, Daniel Bush, Simon Linabury and Gregory Holloway. It was the seventh year that Yass High has competed in this event but was the first competition for three of the lifters. All lifted really well, despite being very nervous before the competition.



Yass High School Weightlifting Team with Paralympian and commonwealth Powerlifter, Wayne Sharpe

Tom Roche lifted in the 70kg division. Tom did a best lift of 77.5kg, 109% of his bodyweight, lifting the best percentage of his bodyweight out of the four Yass lifters. Daniel Bush received a second place in his division with a best lift of 90kg in the 91kg division. Gregory Holloway was also in the 91kg division and gained a third place with a best lift of 77.5kg. Simon Linabury achieved a first place in his division with a final lift of 100kg.

Yass High School gained second place based on the percentage of bodyweight lifted by the team. All the lifters in the Yass High team are very dedicated and put in a lot of commitment, training three times a week all year to prepare for this competition.

The weightlifting team would like to thank Yass High School for their support and a special thank you to Pastor and Mrs Logan for their support and assistance with transport and supervision.



Yass High School Weightlifting Team
Greg Holloway, Daniel Bush, Simon Linabury,
Tom Roche & Coach Mr Anderson

David Anderson - Coach

Careers

Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 will be doing Work Experience during weeks 6 and 7 of this term, which is from the 23rd November to the 4th December.

It is important that all students take advantage of this opportunity to gain skills, contacts and experience.

Some students have not completed their paper work. If they are having trouble making their arrangements they need to see Ms Robinson immediately.

Students who may be interested in working in the horse industry

There are online courses that would be suitable for these students:

- Certificate 3 in Sport (Coaching) with Equestrian Electives and are in the process of registering both the
- Certificate 2 in Sport and Recreation with Equestrian Electives

This course is recognised by the Board of Studies (NSW)

Please let Ms Robinson know if you are interested.

Further details for the 'Certificate 3 in Sport (Coaching)' are available on the following website

www.StudyHorses.com

http://studyhorses.com/products/course/eq1_60_cert3_sport_coaching_equestrian/

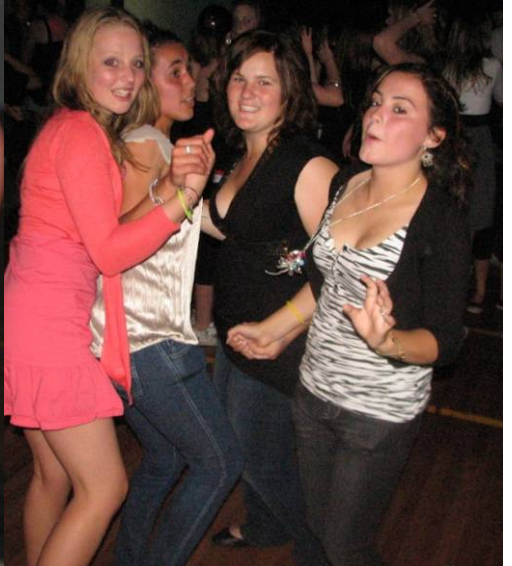


Invitation

Year 9 Laptop Handout

Parents and Students are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday November 24** in the school Library at 6pm where we will distribute the Laptop User Charter and discuss the details of the program. A Parent Information Package will explain the program to parents and students and we will show the opportunities for learning that the new laptops will bring.

**Term 3
School Social Snaps**



Students of the Week September 2009

For doing an excellent job showing the school cattle at the Harden Show



Kellie Armour
Year 9



Zac Kitson
Year 11



Tom McLucas
Year 11

For showing leadership
and responsibility in the
playground



Omar Kassouh
Year 9

For giving an effective
presentation on school
assembly for CAMS



Aiden Jitts
Year 8

Students of the Week October 2009

Tegan Morris
Year 9



For showing exceptional
initiative and
responsibility

Rachel McLucas
Year 8



For doing an outstanding
job as the CAMS Logistics
Officer



Car Boot Sale

Enquiries contact: Lisa Wylie
on 62262809, Joy Blackman
on 62261431 or Natalie
Rhodes on 6226 1300

Come along and support your
school and grab a bargain
while you are there! A
fabulous array of new and
second hand goods for sale -
children's toys, clothing,
homewares, and a whole lot
more.....

Tea & Coffee
BBQ & Cold Drinks
Raffle donated by Yass
Retravisision

To: Yass Valley businesses, services and interested community members
From: The Yass Valley Family & Domestic Violence Prevention Committee

INVITATION

In conjunction with the *2009 White Ribbon Day*, in recognition of family violence, you are invited to the launch of a community awareness programme for the Yass Valley.

As integral members of this community, you may come into contact with people who are experiencing Domestic Violence.

At this event you will be provided with information about Domestic Violence and a newly developed pamphlet that will assist you with local information and contacts.

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2009

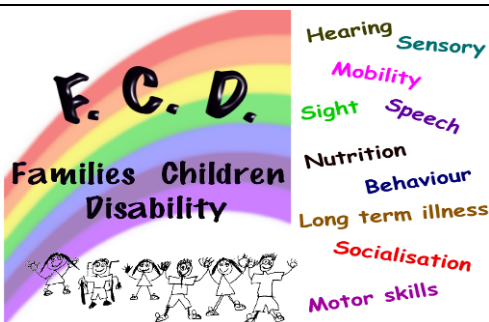
Time: 5.30 to 6.30pm

Venue: Yass Library

RSVP: By 18th November 2009

Yass Community Health Centre Reception
6220 2111

Light refreshments will be provided



F.C.D. Coffee Morning Chat

Come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

We meet at a coffee shop on the 2nd TUESDAY of the month at 10am.

Vivienne Cox our LSC (Local Support Coordinator) in Yass,

Will drop in to let us know what's new and happening in the area.

Next meeting will be 10th November at

GALUTZI CAFE - Meehan st Yass, 10am-12pm

Everyone welcome, so come along for a coffee and a chat

Not long before Christmas is upon us,

So here is a quick and easy Christmas cake to make. What you'll need

1x 450g can Mangoes, 1 ½ tsp bi-carb soda, 500g mixed dried fruit, ½ cup water

1 ½ cups SR flour, 2 eggs lightly beaten.

Grease & Flour pan. Mix in bowl mangoes & juice, fruit, water. Stir in bi-carb soda, flour, eggs & mix until combined. Cook for 1 hour at 160c. Cake should be moist like a steamed pudding, may need 10 to 15mins more depending on oven. Now enjoy.

8th December Coffee & Chat will be our Xmas Party.

CONTACT- Cindy Davis-62276312, Leanne Wilcox-62262069

Coming Events

DATE	EVENT
31 st Oct	P&C Car Boot Sale 8.30am – 2.00pm
2 nd Nov	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
9 th – 11 th Nov	School Certificate Examinations
9 th or 16 th Nov	Year 12 Sign Out
19 th Nov	Small Schools Orientation Day 2.00pm – 3.25pm
20 th Nov	Year 12 Formal – Yass Soldiers Club
19 th & 20 th Nov	Year 7/8 Touch Football Finals at Penrith
23 rd Nov-4 th Dec	Year 10 Work Experience
24 th Nov	Year 9 Laptop Parent Information Evening – 6pm Library
3 rd Dec	Year 7, 2010 Orientation Day
8 th Dec	Year 10 Sign Out
8 th Dec	Berinba Primary School Presentation Evening
10th Dec	Yass High School Presentation Evening
11th Dec	Year 10 Final Assembly
14 th Dec	Yass Public School Presentation Evening
16 th Dec	Student's last day
17 th & 18 th Dec	School Development Days
	Click on the school website for the online calendar

If parents/carers wish to receive an electronic version of InTouch, please ask your child to respond to the email as instructed.