



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

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History Comes Alive

This week the school was fortunate to have the Australian Korean War Veterans' Association visit our school. The group, led by Mr Bob Morris, visited the school as part of the School Sponsorship program.

Under this scheme, a veteran donates a book about the war to a school in honour of a local veteran who served in the conflict. Colin and Jan Berryman of Canberra donated the book to acknowledge the service of Keith Rayner who had grown up and gone to school in Yass before volunteering to serve his country in Korea. Keith's widow Margaret and son Terry came to town for the ceremony. Year 10 history students were given an informative account of Australian servicemen and women's contribution to the war effort. The veterans included Bob Morris, Roland Kinnear, Colin Berryman OAM, Jan Berryman, Laurie Holmes and John Simmons.

The veterans highlighted the outbreak of war in 1950 and the ensuing hardships faced by the soldiers fighting the Communist North Koreans for the next three years. We were shown a video which strengthened the ties between South Korea and Australia. This friendship is still very strong today and many of the veterans have returned to Korea since that time on commemorative visits.



Australian Korean War Veterans visit (continued)

A presentation of a memorial plaque was made to the school as well as teaching resources and a video which mentioned the contribution of the 21 countries who came to the assistance of South Korea during the war. One of the veterans, Mr Colin Berryman OAM gave a moving account of the harsh climatic and topographical terrain the soldiers faced. Tensions still remain today between North and South Korea.

Mr Keith Rayner, a Yass local man who served in the Korean War was remembered when members of his family, Terry and Margaret Rayner, were presented with a plaque outlining his fine service to our country as a soldier abroad.

The veterans were very appreciative of the behaviour of our students and commended them for it. It was a great opportunity for Year 10 to meet people who have contributed to our nation's armed forces commitment in other countries.

At the weekend, the group had attended the 60 years commemoration of the start of the war with ceremonies in Canberra including lunch at the Korean embassy.



Positions Vacant – School News Reporters and Photographers

Would you like to be one of the School News Reporters and Photographers? You get to record news events as they happen in school and submit them to the InTouch, website or the Yass Tribune. Natasha Wilson and Caitlin Nelson have been doing the job for years, but now they are leaving. See Mr Saville.

World Vision 40 Hour Famine

On July 20th students gathered at the high school to kick off the 40 hour Famine with a BBQ followed by a movie night. Students gathered in the library to enjoy the movie "UP" and support each other in the things that they would deny themselves.

There was a countdown to 8pm when the Famine officially starts. Congratulations to the students who gave up a variety of things to raise money for World Vision. Over 30 students gave up food, furniture, i-pods, emailing, face-book, and other things to raise a total of \$4088.



All the participants in 40 Hour Famine

The fun started with a BBQ.....

& continued with the movie, coming ready to snuggle up.



Students of the Week

Yass High School
Student of the Week
September 2010



Stephen Meli
Year 10

For making a valuable
contribution to the CAMS car
challenge

Yass High School
Student of the Week
October 2010



Rachel McLucas
Year 9

For giving up her time in the
holidays to care for the animals
on the school farm

Yass High School
Students of the Week
September 2010



**Sarah Davison, Brendon Balderson,
Bradley Crawford, Jacob Davison**

For organising, producing and serving
an excellent morning tea for a
Literacy & Numeracy Week activity

School Social



One hundred and fifteen students, hair in all shapes and colours, dressed to the theme of Crazy Hair, dancing, talking, laughing in a safe environment made the CRAZY HAIR SOCIAL a fantastic event.

Students got into the theme of the night and some well dressed students won prizes for the best crazy hair. Some of the fabulous dancers got prizes too. Fifty McDonald's vouchers were given out as spot prizes during the night and two lucky people got door prizes.

We appreciated the support of our sponsors. They were very generous in their gifts donating vouchers that ranged up to \$75 worth of goods or memberships and products up to \$95 worth in value.

- Nancy's Kitchen - three gift vouchers for a meal and coffee
- Retravisation - one sound voucher
- Landmark – voucher
- Millers Pharmacy – gift basket
- Yass Pharmacy- gift basket
- Sports Shed - voucher
- Galutzi – voucher for meals and coffee
- MacDonalds – fifty vouchers
- Subway - voucher
- Scissors with Style - voucher
- Robbos Gym – one months membership
- Auto Pro - voucher



Events such as this are a celebration of life itself. It makes school years ones that are remembered for life.

Futures Forum **.....at The Information and Resource Centre**

Headlining this month: Youth Forum success, supporting our Community, the Region comes to Yass, and AUSTAR is here!

Yass High School is integral to our community, as such our Information and Resource Centre is not only a centre for learning and resources for our students but also for the broader community.

At the end of Term 3 Yass Valley Council conducted a Futures Youth Forum, inviting students from Mt Carmel School to participate with YHS Year 10 students and SRC, in a workshop about how the youth of our community see Yass Valley developing as we move toward 2030.

The Youth Forum was held in our Information and Resource Centre, playing host to 70 students, staff and 15 facilitators, including David Rowe (General Manager). Youth Forum questions addressed five categories: Where are we now? Where are we going? Where do we want to be? How do we get there? How will we know we've arrived?

Questionnaires were also delivered to households throughout Yass Valley encouraging all residents to get positively involved with the future directions of our community.



No matter how small the gesture, continuing to support our school community will further strengthen the valuable links we have established in the wider community.

A fund raising and awareness event for East Timor was held in the memorial Hall on Friday 22nd October. Proudly, our Resource Centre was able to provide some technical equipment and valuable technical support with advice from our very own Sam Columb (TSO).

It is not only in our Yass Community that we value our role and ability to support, but also as part of Illawarra and South Coast Regional Education. Last week we played host to the Regional Schools Promotion Workshop with schools as far as Batemans Bay visiting, participating and enjoying our hospitality and facilities. Great thanks must be given to our Hospitality faculty for their great coffee and food.

Austar is now connected in our conference and editing suite. With some wonderful assistance and expertise from Mr Hansson and his Wood technology students the suite is currently undergoing a small make over, allowing for a more functional and friendly environment for students and teachers.

Among some of our ongoing book purchases are “Spinner” a cricket book that stretches the realms of fantasy, “Trash” which cuts no corners, ignores niceties and packs it to the reader, “Six” by Karen Tayleur takes the reader into the lives of six teenagers on the brink of adulthood, and “Organ Music” a chilling story about the ethics of medical technology.

Remember every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Centre will be open till 4:15pm supporting student learning providing a place for study, homework, research, and organization. Students are still able to enjoy the convenience of the Centre opening at 8:30am each school day.

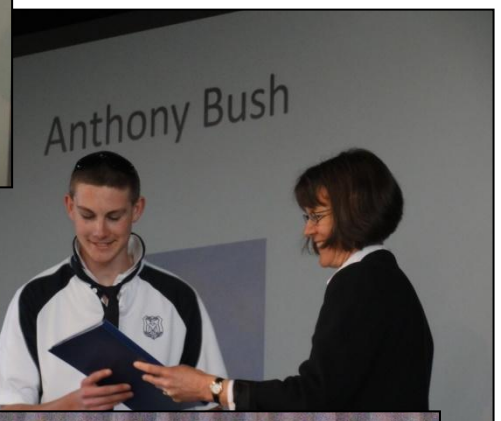


Ms Jenny Rajchert, Information and Resource Centre Coordinator.

Application For Exemption From School

If you are planning a family holiday during term time please contact your school before you depart. The Principal may grant leave for 15 days. For an extended holiday, in excess of 15 days, parents/caregivers are required to apply for a Certificate of Exemption. An exemption form may be picked up from the school office. When a Certificate of Exemption is granted, school absences that occurred over your family holiday are not recorded on your child's records.

Year 12 Assembly and Student Leaders Induction



Student Exchange Scholarship

Yass High School students are advised that the next deadline for Student Exchange Scholarship Applications is **Sunday 31st October**.

Scholarships are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year. Students' language skills improve, their independence and maturity is enhanced and they gain an important edge when it comes to future career and study opportunities. Each year they offer over 26 scholarships, there are still 11 scholarships available in 2010.

For more information go to www.studentexchange.org.au or contact Nick Lorentzen on 9997 0700

Student For A Day At University Of Canberra

The University of Canberra would like more of our students to consider university for their tertiary studies. They are meeting all costs for a group of year 9 students to attend university for a day on Friday 12th November. Morning tea, lunch and a bus will be provided for the students. They have organised an interesting program of hands-on activities that students will enjoy. This is a follow-up to a visit by several UC students to Year 8 and 9 classes last term. Year 10 students who missed the opportunity to attend a similar activity last term at UC may also apply.

Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 students should by now have handed in their work experience forms to Ms Robinson. It is expected that all students will take up this valuable opportunity to do work experience in Week 8 (29/11 to 3/12).

Occupational Health & Safety

There will be a final opportunity for Year 10 students to do the OH&S course on Friday 12th November. Any student planning to do work experience with a tradesperson, who may be working on a building site, will need this qualification. Note and money need to be handed in ASAP.

CIT Tradezone



Students enjoying the facilities that CIT has to offer.

Armidale Bench Press Competition by Gregory Holloway

On the 18th of August, Dad and I left Yass after sport, heading to Armidale for the 18th inter-school bench press competition. We stayed the night at Tamworth and started again Thursday at 9 o'clock. We arrived in Armidale about 3 o'clock and we went for a drive to find O'Connor Catholic College where the competition was held.

We found the College and talked to Mr Lush, O'Connor Catholic College's weights teacher who was getting the hall ready for the competition the next day. Friday the 20th of August the competition started at 10 o'clock with a turnout of 16 keen lifters from three different schools, Yass High, O'Conner Catholic College and Duval High School. We all got weighed in and had to tell Wayne Sharpe, the Organizer of the competition, and who was in charge of the results, what our 1st lift would be.

He put us all in weight divisions and split us up into two sessions with session one being everyone in the weight division 46kg – 64kg division and the second division 70kg – 91kg division. Session one had two standouts with Brennan Czinner getting a 4th lift going for the 46kg division record but not getting it and Tom Dunshea lifting 102.4% of his body weight being the highest percentage lifted in session one. Session two started with some good lifts with the two first lifters lifting more than their body weight first up. My first lift of 90kg was an easy way to get into the competition mode and a shock to all the other lifters. Going into the competition I had one goal and that was to break the 90kg, 16 year old male Australian bench press record of 100Kg which I did with my second lift of 102.5kg. The lift felt a little heavy so I chose to go for a 105kg lift for my third lift. By the time it came to my third lift I was so pumped for it, I had the other 15 lifters and a PE class which was watching all cheering for me. I lifted it with ease and by coming 10kgs off the Armidale 91kg division Bench Press record of 115Kg. I decided to go for 115.5Kg to smash the Australian record and break the Armidale record. I used every bit of energy to try to lift it but it was just too much, so my best lift was 105kg. I was awarded best lifter by lifting 117.8% of my body weight and also I lifted the heaviest weight in the competition. Over all it was a great competition and I can't wait for next year.

I would like to thank Mr Duncan and Robbo for their help and support in training and Mr Duncan for helping with all of the paperwork.



Aiden Lees places third in the 15 Years Boys 800m at NSW Combined High Schools Athletics

YHS Teacher Captains Australian Team at Taekwondo World Champs

On the 8th-10th October the 5th World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships were held in Tashkent Uzbekistan.

One hundred and ninety two countries are part of the World Taekwondo Federation with sixty two countries attending the Championships.

This year saw Craig Barrett attend his 3rd World Championships in a row but this time as sole Team Captain after being Co-Team Captain last year.

“The standard this year was a big step up from last year”. Countries that were consistently winning medals were no longer winning them. The countries that won the most medals were Korea 1st (The country where taekwondo was created), Turkey 2nd, Vietnam 3rd and Iran 4th (this was the first year Iran had not been in the top 3).

Mr. Barrett’s result was 29th in his individual event and 20th in the team’s event. Teams consist of 3 members under the age of 35. “I was a little disappointed in my individual result I made some mistakes that I usually don’t make and I felt that the judging was a little inconsistent but as I said earlier the standard has improved so much since last year. Twentieth was a very good result due to the other two members being from different states (one from Tasmania and one from Victoria). Our score was only 0.01 off Russia’s score. Russia has had the same team members for the last 3 years, with two of their members being twins, and they are a team that has been very competitive at European Championships and at World Championship level”.



As team Captain, I was proud of everyone’s effort at the Championships. This was overall the youngest team I have been part of, but it was also one of the most successful teams. We had two members make the finals with one finishing fifth and the other finishing eighth. This year’s results were a big improvement from last year. It was great to help mentor the younger members of the team and develop their skills. I can’t wait to see them continue to develop and grow and see them on numerous Australian Teams in the future”.

“Tashkent was a great city and the crowds were amazing. They were the biggest crowds we have had at a World Championships. We were even given police escorts each day to and from the stadium”.

Mr. Barrett's next competition will be in December where he will be representing Australia again at the Oceania Taekwondo Championships to be held in New Caledonia.



Seeking Foster Parents

CareSouth is seeking Foster carers in the Queanbeyan and surrounding areas. Foster carers are ordinary people doing extraordinary things caring for children and young people who need a stable, caring and nurturing home environment.

Could this be you?

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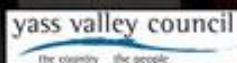
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.... a great celebration of community and a weekend not to be missed!*

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www.classicyass.com

CLASSIC YASS BILLY CART DERBY

6TH NOVEMBER 2010

Calling all community groups, schools and individuals!

We want to reinstate a great Aussie tradition in Yass
- the Billy Cart Derby.

Going back a few decades billy cart races were staged
on 'Rink Hill' in Yass and The Rotary Club of Yass,
with assistance from the Yass Antique Motor Club,
plan to reinstate this fine tradition!

The Yass Billy Cart Derby will be staged during
the 'Celebration of Heritage Motoring' on
Saturday 6th November 2010 as part of the broader
'CLASSIC YASS' weekend which includes the
YASSarts 'Arts Trail' and Red Cross 'Open Gardens'.

What we need are PARTICIPANTS!

We don't want your stock standard 'back yard' Billy Cart.

We need them outlandish and colourful.

So come up with a theme and make it.

\$1000 IN PRIZE MONEY, so get building!

For further information and details please contact:
Kim Turner 0407 489 570 or Greg Snape 6227 1111
or go online to www.classicyass.com

The Classic Yass Billy Cart Derby is proudly
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Exhibitions and open studios,
music and dance, poetry and
an evening of comedy.

Proudly presented by YASSarts.
For further information contact:
Yass Valley Visitor's Centre
or go online to www.yassarts.org



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YASSarts 'ARTS TRAIL' proudly presents



Capital Punishment

STAND-UP COMEDY SHOW

8.00pm Saturday 6 November 2010

The Liberty Theatre, Yass

Tickets \$15 purchased at the door

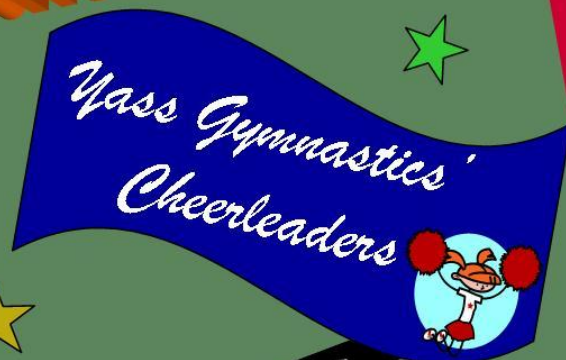
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(BYO Seating)

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"THE END OF YOUR SEARCH
FOR A FRIENDLY CHURCH!"

Car Boot Sale
On This Saturday 30 October
At Yass High School Car Park

Yass High School P&C will be holding their annual Car Boot Sale this Saturday 30 October at Yass High School from 8.30am.

Sites are still available. To book a site, please telephone Yass High School on 6226 1711 or one of the numbers below. Cost for a site is only \$10 per boot or trailer load. Or just come along and find a bargain. There will be a fabulous array of new and second hand goods for sale – produce, children's toys, clothing, home wares, and a whole lot more....

Come along and support Yass High School. Lots to see and do including a Raffle, once again kindly donated by Yass Retravisio, Sausage Sizzle, Cold Drinks, Tea and Coffee. All proceeds will go towards resources for the students at Yass High School.

Enquiries to Lisa Wylie 6226 2809, Joy Blackman 6226 1431 or Natalie Rhodes 6226 1300.

CHEMICAL CARD PLUS

YASS
Wednesday, 10th November
Chemical accreditation training
Plus 1080 Handling
Plus On Farm Fumigation
Initial.....(One day workshop)...\$280pp
Refresher..(Half day workshop)...\$190pp

For details and to register contact:
P: 02 6884 8812 E: admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au



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Coming Events

| DATE | EVENT |
|---|---|
| Sat 30 th Oct | Monster Car Boot Sale – Yass High School Carpark |
| Mon 1st Nov | P & C Cyber Information Evening - 7pm-9pm - Library |
| 8 th – 10 th Nov | School Certificate Exams |
| Tues 9 th Nov | Exploring Early Childhood YECCA |
| 11 th – 17 th Nov | Junior Assessment Week |
| Thur 11 th Nov | Year 12 Clearance Day and BBQ |
| Fri 12 th Nov | University Canberra Student for a Day and OH&S Course |
| Thur 18 th Nov | Maths Club to Questacon |
| 22 nd – 23 rd Nov | University of Technology Sydney – Careers in Science |
| Wed 24 th Nov | Small Schools Orientation - Year 7 2011 |
| Wed 24 th Nov | RMC Concert Band at Yass High School |
| Thurs 25 th Nov | “Ys” Reward Excursion – Years 9 to 11 |
| 29 th Nov – 1 st Dec | Year 11 Maths Excursion |
| Fri 3rd Dec | CSIRO Visit Years 9 and 11 |
| 6 th – 9 th Dec | School to Work |
| Mon 6 th Dec | P & C Meeting – 7:30pm – Staff Common Room |
| Tues 7 th Dec | Orientation Day & Lunchtime Concert - Year 7 2011 |
| Thur 9 th Dec | Presentation Evening – 7:30pm – School Hall |
| Fri 10 th Dec | Year 10 Final Assembly 10am |
| Fri 10 th Dec | Celebration Assemblies & distribution of reports after recess |
| Wed 15 th Dec | Last Day for Students |
| 16 th – 17 th Dec | Staff School Development Days |
| Click on the school website for the online calendar | |