



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

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## Our own Sports Star

At the local Sportperson of the Year dinner last month, Year 9 student Ben Wylie was named the inaugural Junior Sportsperson of the Year for his outstanding achievements in the sports of swimming and athletics. We wish Ben all the best as he competes in the Zone Athletics Carnival in a raft of track and field events including high jump, in which he broke a school record at our local carnival, with a jump of 174cms. Ben trains with the AIS high jump coach.



Others who were acknowledged on the night were Tom Pinson for his achievements in cricket and Mike Poulton, an ex science Head Teacher, for his contributions to Little Athletics. Mike's interest in athletics was fostered at Yass High School and he regularly helps out with the Long Jump at our school carnival.

## Guest Artist to perform at Yass High School

Luke Dickens, runner up on *Australian Idol* in 2008 hopes to visit our school during the coming month to tell his story and perform some of the songs on his soon to be released album.

Luke, who comes from the Young area and earned his way as a shearer before accepting a dare to take part in the popular talent quest, is keen to let students know that the world is theirs if only they are willing to take a risk.

It is hoped that Luke's appearance will encourage more of our students to put their own talents on display in our local quest later in the year.



INTRO



**Luke Dickens** will be taking his debut album, Underdog on the road for his first ever Australia wide tour, only 18 months after he became a household name as runner up on the **2008 Series of Australian Idol**.

The former Shearer has written the album with some of Australia's most accomplished musicians, something that he couldn't have imagined in his wildest dreams.

"Writing music, playing to crowds and traveling around this country to bring my own songs to all parts of Australia,.. it's a dream come true. I am one of the luckiest people alive to be making a living from being a singer," says Dickens.

Luke has spent the last 12 months gigging, writing and working on his songs to bring the best possible album to life. 2010 is proving to be the biggest year yet for this former shearer from Young. Luke has released **Believer**, his second single to radio, headlined the prestigious **Blues on Broadbeach Festival**, performed for Australia's troops in **Afghanistan** and on **Friday July 2nd** his debut album Underdog will be released.

Luke is an independent artist and is proud of the music he has created the way he wanted to create it. As a result the album is an honest and endearing body of work that reflects something of the Australian psyche.

Hailed as the best new thing in Australian music Luke's album & show has something for everyone taking cues from the Blues, Funk and of course good old aussie rock. Tracks like **Underdog** will have audiences tapping their feet and busting some moves while **Home to Stay**, the story of working away from home and being away from loved ones is something everyone can relate too.

The Underdog tour audiences will also be treated to a couple of Luke's old favourites from Joe Cocker to Michael Jackson. Bringing with him his 4 piece band, who between them have worked with The Badloves, Shannon Noll, Guy Sebastian, & the Whitlams; the Underdog Show is great value from one of Australia's best up and coming talents.

## Yass High School's got talent

Do remember these winning performances?



Will you be the next winner of Yass High School's Talent quest?

Entry forms are due now. Pick up a form from the front office. Organise your item. Complete the form and return it to the box at the front office.

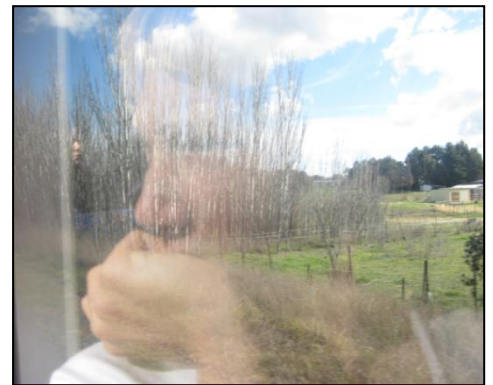
The heats of the talent quest will be during sport afternoons in Week 10 and possibly Week 11 of Term 2.



The finals will be held on Thursday 5 August 2010 at Yass High School. Doors will open at 6.00pm, performances will commence at 7.00pm.

As with last year, students will be able to enter the Art-chi-prize. Winners of this competition will be selected by those attending the evening. Further details to come.

Keep listening to daily notices, to assembly and reading InTouch to learn more about this exciting event.



2009 Art-chi-prize winning photo



2009 We've Got Talent Quest



## Upgrading the School Grounds

There is steady progress underway as we near the beginning of the major works on the school grounds. The tireless efforts of the Parents and Citizens Association of our school, combined with the generous support of the Department of Education, is now seeing results which will enormously enhance the appearance, safety and functioning of Yass High.

In the past few weeks soil testing and surveying has been conducted by SMEC, Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation, which is the company engaged by the Council to prepare the preliminary work on the site. These works include:

- ✓ Upgrading works of the internal roads, including some widening of the roads and the provision of an on-road cycleway
- ✓ A new car-park facility
- ✓ A new shared pedestrian path/cycleway to link with the existing network
- ✓ Pedestrian facilities at critical crossing locations along with pedestrian refuges and traffic calming devices
- ✓ Two dedicated drop off and pick up areas, one for our school buses and one for private vehicles
- ✓ The provision of safe pedestrian access to and from the school buildings
- ✓ Major earthworks to create a sporting oval provided with underground irrigation
- ✓ Various landscaping works which include drainage, road pavement and curbing.

The Development Application is on view at the Council and we are at present conducting a Review of Environmental Factors related to the works. The areas of interest are the impact on flora, fauna and waterways, any aesthetic impacts, public access and safety as well as any heritage and social concerns with the project.

It is important to note that not only will the students and the wider school community benefit from the cooperation of the Council and the Department of Education. The major works taking place on the oval adjacent to our school will provide a significant addition to Victoria Park as a sporting facility for our town.

I am told works will start in July. There will no doubt be major changes needed in our driving habits and in the pick-up and drop off of students, as well as the entry and exit of buses, when the works begin. There will be a formal Occupational Health and Safety Risk Management process undertaken and we all will be informed about the necessary changes to the movement of cars, buses and students on the site during the different stages of the works.

Resurfacing of the basket ball court will take place after winter. Once the frosts have gone, a new rebound ace surface will be laid. This is possible because of the generous support that the P&C gives our school. The work will commence at the end of Term 3 and be completed over the holidays. This will then provide an excellent facility in combination with the COLA that now covers the court.

Paul Bills, Principal

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Year 12 reports were handed out last week and all other years will receive theirs in the last week of term.

Parents are invited to meet with teachers to discuss these reports and any other concerns at Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July – the second Tuesday of Term 3. Students will bring home a form to sign and can then collect interview times from their teachers. Teachers will be available between approximately 4 and 7pm.

Occasionally parents or teachers are unable to attend these interviews. Parents are reminded that they can ring the school at any time to discuss any school matters.

## **Celebration Assemblies**

Celebration assemblies to acknowledge students who have been awarded School Awards will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, the last week of term.

Students are able to achieve Faculty Awards for effort or achievement in every subject they study. If they receive a significant number of awards, they are eligible for a School Award of Excellence which recognises across the board application.

This year we will hold separate assemblies for each year and across the school certificates will be given at our regular weekly assembly. Year assemblies will be held at the following times:

9.10am	Period 1	Year 7
9.55am	Period 2	Year 8
10.38am	Period 3	Regular weekly assembly
11.41am	Period 4	Year 9
12.25pm	Period 5	Year 12
1.55pm	Period 6	Year 11
2.40pm	Period 7	Year 10

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies and invitations will be issued the week before.

## **Farewell to a Friendly Face**

Tom Hannan, school cleaner for many years, has retired due to ill health. Tom always had a smile and was happy to perform his important job around the school, whatever the weather. Tom began the first of his two shifts at 4am and was often the last person to leave the school grounds at 6pm – both of these in darkness at many times of the year. We thank Tom for his work and for his famous end of year breakfasts when he fed the teachers in style with a delicious barbecue. We will be holding our own farewell barbecue breakfast for Tom at the end of the term.

## Hoodies Arrive

Navy hooded jumpers featuring the school crest arrived in the school earlier this week and were promptly delivered to students thanks to the hard work of SASS staff, a couple of Year 12 students and an ex student who volunteered his time and muscles. The jumpers look great and parents are reminded to ensure that they are marked in some way (e.g. on the back of the crest, which is the only light coloured part of the jumper) so that they do not find their way into Lost Property and then the Clothing Pool where we already have a huge number of abandoned items.



Annie Hill, Djakirri Crafter and Rebekah Gallagher keeping warm in their new school jumpers

Now that the jumpers have arrived all students are expected to be in navy tops. Parents are reminded that they have a choice of polar fleeces for \$30 and hooded, fully zipped jumpers for \$25, each featuring the Yass High School name or crest. Plain navy jumpers purchased elsewhere are also acceptable. Students who choose not to wear navy will be asked to wear a suitable top from our clothing pool for the day. Parents are asked to send in a note on those days when it is not possible for their children to wear correct uniform.

Parents are reminded that leggings are not suitable clothing for school. Girls who wear these items will be asked to put tracksuit pants on top.

Please ensure that students are wearing protective covered shoes so that they can take part in practical activities.



Year 12 students Andrew Todd, Natasha Wilson & James Mather look smart in their Year 12 jerseys

## Year 11 Focus on Study Skills

Last month, Year 11 students took time out of class to learn skills and techniques to help them with their senior study. They attended workshops on exam preparation, being organised, improving their memories and relaxation (to encourage a balanced approach to school work). Last week, they put those skills into practice, completing their Preliminary Half Yearly exams in the school hall. It is the first of five exam periods they will take part in over the next two years, culminating in their external HSC exams next October and November.



Year 11 students hard at work in the classroom following their week of exams



Bill Waterhouse, Quality Teaching consultant, working with Art staff on analysing school data as part of the Focus Schools project.

## **Year 10 selecting subjects for Year 11**

We will soon start the process that finishes with each Year 10 student enrolling in their classes for Year 11 in 2011. Yass HS conducts a number of activities to assist students and parents with these important decisions. If you have a child in Year 10, it is important for you to attend as many of the parent sessions as possible. Each session has a very different focus.

**Careers Expo Day at Yass HS** - At these workshops students have the opportunity to find out about training and employment opportunities. This information can inform students about subjects they may need to consider for Year 11.

**What is the HSC? Parent Evening** - On Monday 28 June 2010 Lindy Billing, a representative from the Board of Studies will present an evening session starting at 6 pm in the school Library on the requirements for the HSC. A letter for all parents of Year 10 students will be distributed closer to the date.

**Planning for the HSC Student Workshops** - On Monday 28 June 2010 during Periods 6 & 7, Lindy Billing will conduct some workshops with Year 10 students to start their planning for selecting subjects for Year 11.

**Student Interviews** - Ms Robinson, the Careers Advisor, will conduct an individual interview with each student in Year 10 during the first couple of weeks in Term 3.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** – On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010, interviews you will have the opportunity to ask your child's teachers how your child is achieving this year and what options are available for your child continuing those subjects into Year 11.

**Are you ready? Student Day** - On Friday 6 August 2010, all Year 10 students will be involved in a range of activities to learn about the requirements for subjects in Year 11. There will be guest speakers and teachers from the school to provide information about moving into the workplace and the possible subject offerings at Yass HS.

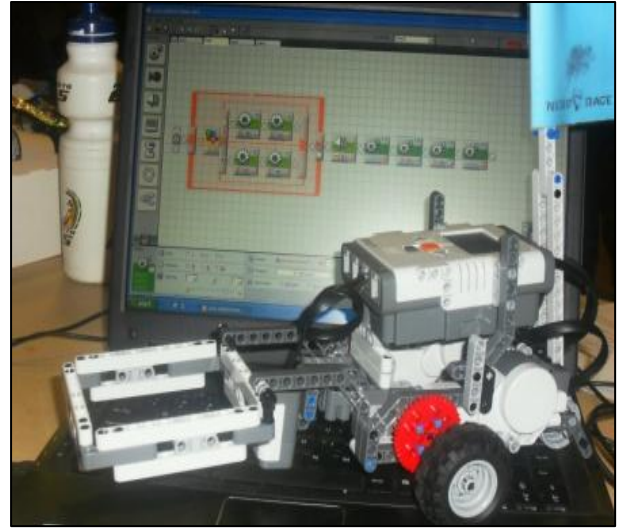
**Year 10 into 11 Parent Information Evening** - On Thursday 12 August 2010, there will be a parent information session held in the school Library where staff from the school will provide information about the subject selection process for Year 11. Near this time, students in Year 10 will receive a Subject Information Book.

Students at Yass HS are fortunate to be attending a school with a highly qualified staff. The staff at Yass HS have qualifications which would enable us to teach any one of over forty different subjects. The students put in preferences on which subjects they would like to undertake in Year 11. From these student preferences, a selection of subjects is made which enables the most students to undertake those subjects they most want to do. Consideration is given to a balance of subjects for our academically gifted students who want an ATAR, our students who want an artistic program and those students who want a program to support them moving into the workplace.



## Codarra Robot Challenge

Over the past few months the year 11 and 12 IT classes entered themselves into a robot challenge. This challenge involved getting a team together to participate in the competition. When we had made a team which was Naomi Menzies, Tierney Boel and Anthony Eades we were then set to go. We then had to build a robot from a kit that was supplied to the school from Codarra Advanced Systems. After that we had to think about the designs of the robot which took a while since we were all too busy playing games and just playing around with the robot bits.



Our finalised robot

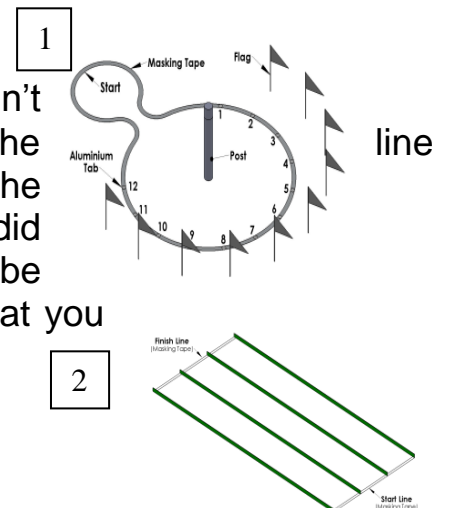


Mr Saville, Sam Columb, Naomi Menzies, Anthony Eades & Tom

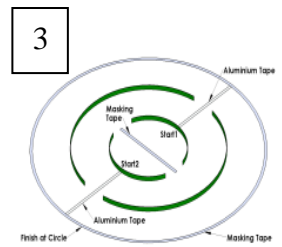
It came close to the time of the competition and that's when we started to panic because nothing had been done. We had to make a design, quickly and learn how to program. Since one of our team members had left we had to find replacement which was Tom O'Brien. He was a life saver as Naomi and Anthony needed a programmer. Naomi was the reporter and builder, Anthony was the builder and part programmer. We were very close to the competition date.

We quickly built a robot that would suit the courses. We finalised our programs for the robot and then it was time for the competition. The competition day was quite fun as Naomi, Tom and Anthony ran around the hall where the competition was held, trying to complete the courses to get lots of points.

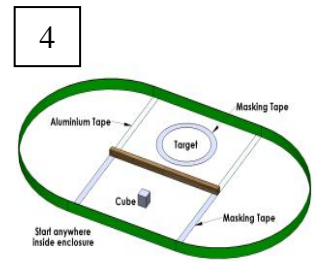
Our first course was the flag event (diagram number 1). We didn't do too well in this event since our sensor wasn't working properly and we needed the sensor to follow the to our flag. The second event (diagram number 2) was the cube event. We succeeded at this event as our robot did exactly what we wanted it to do which was to take the cube and put it in the target area and we got the full marks that you could get for this event.



The third event (diagram number 3) was the maze event where the robot had to navigate around the obstacles and make it out in the shortest amount of time. The fourth event (diagram number 4) which was the drag race. We had trouble on this course as our robot did not want to go straight.



At the end of the day we came 7th out of 25 schools which is pretty good considering this is our first year at this competition. We were very impressed with most of our results and are ready to beat the other schools next year.



Thank you to all the year 11 and 12 IT students who were involved with this competition.

Article by Naomi Menzies

## New Tractor for Yass High

On Tuesday the 25th May Yass High School finally received the brand new tractor they have been waiting for, paid for by the Department of Education. The tractor is equipped with numerous safety features including;

- Remote control kill switch which enables teachers to be up to 300 metres away and still able to maintain control of the tractor.
- Speaker that beeps when in reverse
- Indicators and lights
- Mushroom switch next to the driver
- Seat belt
- Safety bar to prevent students getting on the wrong side of the tractor
- It is also able to be locked on a slow speed for first time drivers
- Adjustable seat and steering wheel



Jared Osborne, Sarah Carter, Rebecca Bingley and Mr Bills looking forward to what they can achieve using the new YHS tractor

All these features are provided to make the tractor a safe piece of farm machinery for students of any age to learn to drive and, once confident enough, to complete tasks around the farm.

Over time Agriculture teacher, Mr Phil Armour is hoping to get enough funding to purchase a front end loader for the tractor.

## Band Success

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May, the Yass High School Senior Concert Band packed up their instruments and skipped eagerly to the last National Eisteddfod to be held ever! Due to a lack of volunteer help, the Australian's renowned Eisteddfod will not run in future years. This is a disappointment although the Yass High Band did themselves proud gaining a silver award in the B Grade against bands such as Radford, Hunter Valley School of Performing Arts and combined Grammar Schools. The Yass High Band musicians deserve a pat on the back.

Armed with the musical melodies of 'Among the Clouds' and the amazing expertise of their conductor Mr David Greenwood (along with a lot of practice and dedicated sectionals with the A team, who are senior and experienced members of the band), the band members received much praise from not only their proud parents but musical peers and competitors alike.

Also, the evening before, the Yass High School Stage Band took part in the Jazz section of the Eisteddfod, also receiving a silver award.

The National Eisteddfod was a wonderful learning experience and a great goal to work up to. Whilst the band will miss it, no doubt there will be other opportunities in store for the talented members of both Yass High Bands.

Congratulations to the Concert and Stage Bands.



Yass High School Concert Band

## Yass High School Band Sleepover



## School Chaplain visits weekly

Each Monday, Helena Painting and Daniel Neuhaus have been visiting the school at lunchtime, bringing music, games, opportunities to think about social issues and even hot chips to the students of Yass High. The program is sponsored by the rural churches and may expand into other areas, such as courses on esteem and resilience, as the need arises.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June our local ministers will present another series of Religious Seminars to students. These occur once a term and are held in the school hall. Last term, the focus was on 'Making Poverty History' and students were challenged to imagine living in very poor conditions. The seminars are not about teaching specific religious beliefs but rather invite students to consider social justice matters and discuss issues involving personal choice and the consequences of decisions. Students who do not wish to attend the seminars are supervised in a classroom for the period.

## Careers

### Girls Try-a-Trade

A group of Year 10 girls recently spent the day at CIT for Girls Try-a-Trade day. They participated in 3 practical workshops in the state of the art facilities at the Fyshwick campus. The girls successfully made small items that they could take home in trades such as Plumbing, Automotive, Painting, Carpentry, Welding, Electrical and Hospitality.

**Tradezone** is a new course offered by CIT. It is designed as an introduction to trade training. It provides training in the selection, maintenance and use of tools in a range of trades in state of the art workshop facilities including automotive, metals, plumbing, refrigeration/air-conditioning and electrical trades. Experienced teachers will provide insights into a variety of trade courses. Twelve lucky boys from year 9 & 10 will be selected to participate in the course this year.

### Occupational Health & Safety

There will be an OH&S course conducted at the school on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> June. This course delivers the White Card needed by workers and work experience students on construction sites.

All members of the Year 11 and 12 Construction and Metals & Engineering classes must have a White Card so that they can do their compulsory work placement. Any year 10 students who are planning to arrange work experience in the Construction industry also must do the course.

Permission notes can be collected from Ms Robinson or the Front Office.

### Work Experience

All year 10 students will be participating in work experience during Week 8 in Term 4 from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. They need to begin discussing their options with their parents and their network now so that arrangements can be made in time.

The necessary forms and paperwork will be distributed soon in Careers Lessons.



Casey Edwards tying the elevated platform



Erin Starr, Emily Beal, Casey Edwards & Georgie Cooke displaying their chocolate truffles.

## Driver Education

A free workshop for parents and current supervisors (or soon-to-be supervisors) of learner drivers will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 starting at 7 pm, facilitated by Yass Valley Council Road Safety Officer, Alison Beresford.

The course, ***Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers***, will offer parents and supervisors, hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers. Parents and supervisors who have attended this course found it boosted their confidence, helped them better plan driving sessions and allowed them to share experiences with other parents and supervisors

Bookings for the *Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers* course can be made by calling Yass Valley Council on 6226 9248.

For any questions or further information, please call Yass Valley's Road Safety Officer, Alison on 6226 9248

## Biggest Morning Tea



Support Class students and staff recently enjoyed morning tea catching up with friends at The Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Andalini Services

## Rugby League News

The school had five players selected in the Highlands Zone teams to go to the South Coast Trials in March. They included Ben Wylie and Corey Elphick in the Under 15s and Matt Cooke, Chris Bush and Matt Oldfield in the Open squad. Congratulations to all these players on their selection.

The Year 7/8 and 9/10 squads played in the recent Sevens Tournaments in Canberra. They acquitted themselves well and although they won only a few games, it was good experience for upcoming tournaments later in the year.

We have a tournament coming up in Bowral for various age groups later this term and training will begin for that shortly. At the time of writing our Under 14 Buckley Shield squad will be playing against Karabar in the third round of the competition.

We wish them well. The winner plays the winner of Queanbeyan and Monaro High schools in the next round.

## Visit to Mulloon Creek Natural Farms

Last month Year 12 Geography and the Support Unit students visited Mulloon Creek Natural Farms at Bungendore. This was part of their respective syllabus study requirements on environmental issues. The farm is based on the principles of Peter Andrews who believes we need to rehydrate the landscape and regenerate farms through biodynamic principles which are organic, dynamic and regenerative. Food can be grown while making a profit as well.



Students outside the barn after they had completed their two kilometre walk

The students were given a talk about the operation of the farm and then they went on a two kilometre walk with guides explaining how stream flow is slowed by using dams and weirs. The creek banks use vegetation to hold the soil together to stop erosion and water is channelled back over the land using runnels. This rehydrates the land and raises the water table.

Thanks to Mr Sicklen, Ms Chapman and Mrs Croker for their time and efforts. The students were excellent ambassadors for our school and they all enjoyed the day. This was an excellent example of integrated learning.

## Visit by Vietnam Veterans Association

This is the third year in a row we have had the Vietnam Veterans Association giving a presentation to Year 10 history students about Australia's role in the Vietnam War. It complements what they are learning as part of their mandatory studies for the course.

Eddie Blanche, who completed two tours of Vietnam, highlighted many aspects of the war and the treatment of our soldiers both in Vietnam and at home during the 1960s and 1970s. Many students asked questions and Eddie gave informative responses.

Australians are now engaged in theatres of war in places such as Afghanistan and the Middle East. We as a nation are becoming more aware of our role in world affairs.

## Yass Courthouse Visits

Dr Ray Stanton is taking his Year 11 Legal Studies to the local courthouse to observe the law in action. The students have seen a few cases and have gained from this experience. It adds value to their classroom lessons. Dr Stanton worked with the Federal Police before becoming a teacher and he has a wealth of experience to share with his class.

## New Staff in HSIE

It is pleasing to welcome Mr Simon Bath to our faculty teaching history and geography. Mr Bath has taught previously in Bourke and before that lived and worked in Japan and other South East Asian countries. He has shown an infectious enthusiasm so far in his lessons and the students are benefiting from his wide knowledge and experience of other countries. He has also helped other faculty members to improve their information technology skills.



## CAMS School Challenge

The CAMS School Challenge is on again and Yass High will be represented. A meeting of interested students, teachers and two of the event officials was held on Monday. During the meeting a new (bigger) motor, clutch and catalytic converter were handed over and changes to the design rules were discussed. Pictured below are some of the students discussing the features and limitations of the Yass High car.

The event will be held in September at Queanbeyan. Representatives from the school will be approaching last year's generous sponsors and will also be looking for new sponsors to seek funds to support our new challenge. The CAMS officials revealed that the competition had expanded from 9 to 15 schools and included a number from the ACT.



Mr Bill Bennett from CAMS and Mr Alchin, Team Manager with enthusiastic students



## When is a t-shirt not a t-shirt? When it lands in the hands of fashion students!

Some serious makeovers of the humble t-shirt went on when year 11 Textile and Design students visited the Canberra Institute of Technology Fashion School and joined them for a fashion workshop on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

T-shirts of all colours and shapes were split, torn, cut, frayed, resewn, tied, embellished, overlapped and worn layered, upside down and inside out. Creativity and ingenuity was the aim.

An hour and a half of fun ended in a light hearted fashion parade displaying the creative results. Prizes were awarded and congratulations given for originality.

A funky twist was given to a Yass High band t-shirt that won Kira Minary–Bland a prize for the Best Transformation.

The friendly teachers at CIT gave the Yass students a tour of the Fashion and Art Departments and explained the courses and the possible careers they could lead into.



The rules explained



A bit of help never goes astray with those to-die-for industrial machines!



Let the cutting begin

## 1960's Costume

Upon their return home Year 11 students continued the creative run and have completed outfits that are inspired by the 1960's.



Original 60's fabric made Talliesin Ryder's mini authentic

Mini dresses, a dramatic black and white top, retro pyjamas and the iconic 60's vest have all featured in the last term's work. The students gained a lot of experience from creating a costume, taking it from the design stage to using a pattern and ending up with a polished garment.



Kira Minary-Bland with her designer 60's mini dress

Congratulations to the students for a good terms work.



Lots of laughs and a fun fashion parade

## My Girrangundi

Last Thursday, a number of students travelled to the Erindale Theatre to watch a performance of the play *My Girrangundi*. The excursion was part of Year 8 English unit on Myths and Legends.

Students from the Support Class and Years 9 & 10 drama class also attended. The play was based on a novel by indigenous author Monte Pryor and combined a number of theatrical elements including dance, acting and magic.



Students enjoying the *My Girrangundi* production

CANUTE PRODUCTIONS presents in collaboration with Young Australia Workshop

# My Girragundji

**Directed and adapted by Chris Canute**  
A young boy feels lost, scared, alone.  
Stuck somewhere between childhood and adolescence.  
Lost – between his family's traditional culture and the world of his schoolmates.  
Scared – of the school bully, of crocodiles and of the Hairyman – the bad spirit that appears in his house in the dark of night.  
Until... one day, a bright green treefrog hops onto his shoulder and into his life – and slowly, his murky thoughts turn into feelings of courage, hope and confidence.  
Through this unexpected friendship, the boy discovers the brightness and joy inside his own spirit.

Based on the multi-award winning book, *My Girragundji* is an insight into the awkwardness and challenges of growing up – through the eyes of a young Aboriginal boy. The result is a story that is both moving and tremendously funny. This production lights up the stage with magic, dance and a bold theatricality to create an unforgettable experience.

*My Girragundji* is adapted and directed by Chris Canute, whose credits include "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes", "Soldier Boy" and "The Adventures of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie" – all of which have enjoyed extensive tours across Australia. Along with these highly successful theatre seasons, Chris directs and produces "Shakespeare On Trial", now in its sixth year of in-school touring.

TICKET PRICE: STUDENTS & ADULTS - \$13.00 + \$1.30 GST = \$14.30  
TEACHERS GRATIS – RATIO OF ONE (1) TEACHER PER THIRTY (30)-STUDENTS  
DURATION: 60 MINUTES (NO INTERVAL)

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A photograph of a young man in a white loincloth sitting on a wooden structure, looking towards the camera. He is shirtless and has a serious expression.

By Boori Monty Pryor & Meme McDonald

Photo – Waanganga Bianco in 'My Girragundji' 2006

## Yass Repertory society presents!

Members of Yass Rep have been busy rehearsing three one act plays with the Opening Night this Friday, June 4 at the Liberty. Ann Holmes, who is directing one of the plays says Rep members decided to give an opportunity to actors to work in one act plays.

Next, a play by Edward Crosby Wells, will be the first play performed, with Judy Pinder directing the play's Australian Premiere. This is a short but serious one act play, with four actors who haven't performed in a Rep play, and a director who has acted but not directed before.

The second of the one act plays is Sure thing, by David Ives, which is directed by Louise Booth. This play explores ways of setting up a relationship, and was voted the best short one act play in the United States.

The Missing Medalion, aka The Butler Didn't do It, a play by Peter and Paddy Arriss, will be directed by Ann Holmes. The title suggests the audience may be entertained by a melodrama! Performers will include some of those pictured below and to the right.

Evening performances will be on Friday June 4, Saturday June 5, Saturday June 12, Friday June 18, and Saturday June 19, the closing night. There will also be a Matinee performance on Saturday June 12, which will see the curtain open at 2pm. All evening performances will begin at 8pm. Tickets are available at Yass Visitor Information Centre: Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Matinee \$15.

(Courtesy of the Yass Tribune)

## Year 11 Construction build useful items



Anthony Gallagher & Tim Regan proudly display their tool boxes

## Students of the Week

Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
May 2010



**Abby Cartwright**  
**Year 10**

For outstanding commitment to  
her studies on a long term basis

Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
May 2010

**Jola Cumming**  
**Year 9**

For an excellent  
attitude in class  
and dedication  
to school work

Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
May 2010



**Joseph Whiting**  
**Year 9**

For school service and  
showing initiative

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**Abbie Medway**  
**Year 9**

For always making an  
exceptional effort

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**Eliza Hill**  
**Year 10**

For school service and  
showing initiative

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**Brett Foran**  
**Year 12**

For school service showing  
initiative and leadership at the  
Athletics & Cross Country  
Carnivals

RAINBOW



SOCIAL!

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Yass High School Hall

7pm - 10pm

\$5 per person, \$10 per family

Tickets on Sale in Room 1,  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> June



# Engineering Games

Organised by Engineers Australia, Canberra Division

With assistance from



Hovercraft



Straw Tower



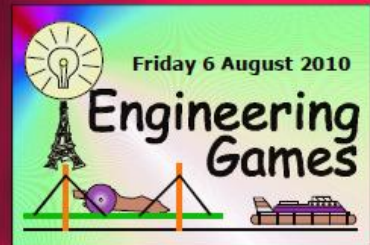
Spaghetti Bridge



Mousetrap Racer



Enlightened Timer



National Science & Technology Centre (Questacon)

## Friday 6 August 2010

5.30pm registration and games begin

For entry forms & rules contact

Colleen at Ph 02 6270 6519 or Fx 02 6273 2051

or on the web at [www.engineersaustralia.org.au/canberra](http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/canberra)

(click on Events)

## Coming Events

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	P&C Meeting 7.30pm in Staff Common Room
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 'Day of Fun' excursion
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Village Space Theatre performance
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Girls & Boys Netball - Queanbeyan
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Felt-making at YHS – Year 7 textiles
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> June	YHS Careers Expo
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Rainbow School Social 7.00pm – 10.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 12 Construction Work Placement
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June	HSC Science Study Day, Murrumburrah High School
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Mathematicians in Schools, Mark Reid visiting
21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement
23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> June	Talent Quest heats
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> June	BOS talk for Year 10 parents 6.00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> June	Band Tour
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Assemblies
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day term 2 – reports issued
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Students return to school
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Early Notice	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	YHS Car boot Sale
<a href="#">Click on the school website for the online calendar</a>	