



# 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.

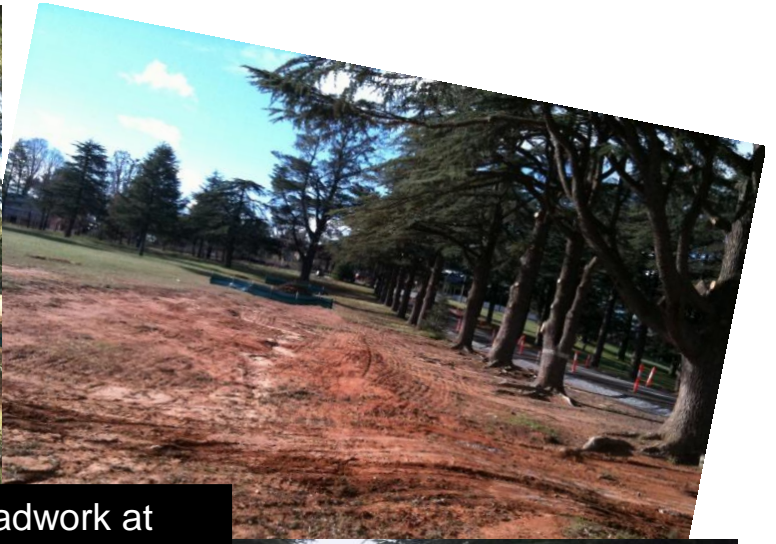
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## YASS HIGH SCHOOL TALENT QUEST

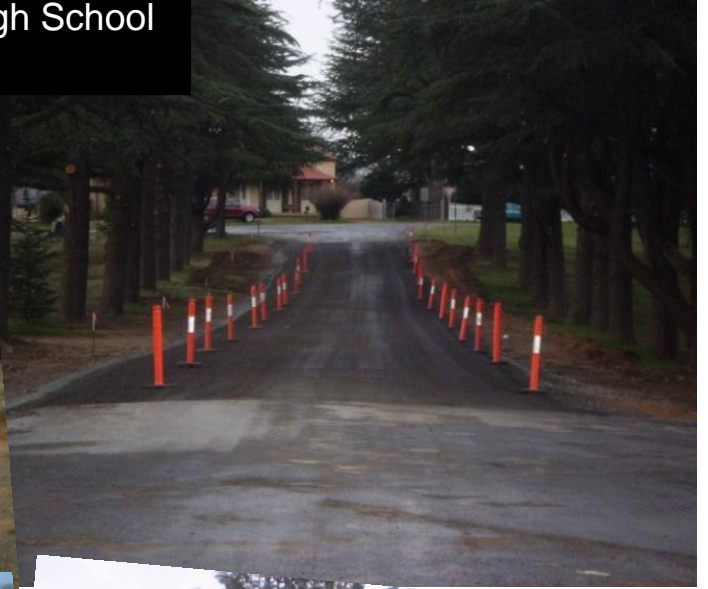
*7pm. Thurs. Aug. 5th  
Yass High School Hall*

*Tickets \$7 a family (2 adults & 2 children), \$3 single  
Available from Room 1 Lunch time:  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug to Wed 4th August.  
Doors open 6.30pm, canteen available.*

**Featuring**  
*The 'Art-chi-Prize'*  
Vote for your favourite art work  
\$1.00 to lodge your nomination



Roadwork at Yass High School



## **Celebration Assemblies**

Year assemblies were held in the last week of term 2 to acknowledge those students who had earned a school award. School awards were given when students had received a significant number of faculty awards for sustained effort or achievement in a subject during first semester.

Principal's Awards of Excellence were awarded to the students who received the most faculty awards in each year. The following students received this award:-

Year 7	Lucy Bucknell
Year 8	Alice Crosbie
Year 9	Stephanie Cribb, Jola Cumming, Caitlyn Farmer, Sian Minary-Bland, Stephen Targett
Year 10	Erin Starr
Year 11	Penny Fletcher, Tiarne Kennedy, Kira Minary-Bland, Tom Pinson
Year 12	Ellen Hinch

Congratulations to all students who received awards on the day.

It was great to have parents, carers and family members in the hall to see the students being presented with their awards.

## **Popular Teacher Will Be Greatly Missed**

Teachers, students and ex students were among mourners at the funeral of David Jenson on Friday 9th July. Mr Jenson had been teaching at Yass High School since 2006, particularly in English, science and PDHPE. His friendly manner and interest in students ensured that he was a very popular teacher. The school community sends condolences to his wife, Lynne, former Deputy Principal of the school.

## **We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.**

This statement of our values at Yass High School has become a central part of the school and community lives of our students. To help reinforce these positive values, local sign writer, Chris Broers from Yass Signs has produced signs for each whiteboard in each classroom of the school. Students are already commenting that it is good to be reminded of the reasons that this is such a great school.

In the near future students will see more signage in stair wells, corridors, the playground, canteen and quad to help reinforce our school values and the positive behaviours that students can show to demonstrate our values.

As new students enrol at our school they are impressed by the way students and staff are helping one another to develop as positive, community members.

## **Finished the Trials, What happens now?**

On Tuesday 24 August 2010, there will be two workshops for interested students and parents.

### **Student Workshop: How to maximise your HSC marks.**

This workshop will look at what happens to the marks the school submits to the Board of Studies and how you can maximise those marks. It will also look at study habits, study techniques and resources to assist students, including ways to maintain a balanced and healthy life till after you complete your HSC.

The workshop will be from 1:55pm to 3:25pm in the Library.

### **Parent Workshop: How to support your student to achieve their best possible results in the HSC?**

This workshop is for parents of current Year 12 students. It will look at resources to help parents survive the time till after the HSC exams finish. It will explore ways that parents can support their students, including some ideas on stress management. It will also briefly explain what impact the HSC exams have on the marks submitted by the school.

This workshop will be held in the Library at Yass HS and will start at 7:00pm. It is expected to last an hour, however it may last longer depending on parent questions.

## **Is your child interested in Maths?**

A Maths Club is being formed at Yass HS. Initially the club will be for Year 10 and Year 11 students only. The club is planning to meet on Tuesday afternoons, after school from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

There are no initial costs involved in joining and participating in club activities.

The activities the club will be participating in include both extension activities related to syllabus outcomes and additional mathematic activities of interest to the students that will expand their understanding of how maths affects and can predict behaviours in the world around them. Other activities may include researching famous mathematicians and others who have had an impact on how maths is used in everyday life.

This club is an opportunity for students with a genuine interest in mathematics and maths related concepts to gather and share their thoughts, opinions and passion in a safe and enjoyable environment.

If your child is interested, they need to see Ms Young for a permission note to join.

## Zone Athletics

On June the 17<sup>th</sup> many students from schools such as Mulwaree, Goulburn, Bowral, Moss Vale, Karabar, Quenbeyan, Crookwell and Yass arrived by the bus loads at Bruce Stadium to be greeted by weather that usually frequents Athletics Carnivals such as this. The wind was chilly, the rain fell in abundance, and it showed no sign of lightening off. Subsequently, the carnival was cancelled and all the students who were eager to be athletic were disappointed and had to return home to do a full day's work of school.



The Zone Athletics Carnival was postponed till the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July and luckily, despite being a little cold, the weather that Thursday was very nice. This Zone Athletics Carnival was not run by Yass but you'd be excused for thinking it was because many students, those in events and some not, and teachers, gave up their valuable time to record, time-keep, document all of the times/lengths and age champions and work out the school with the overall points. Yass finished third at this year's carnival which is an outstanding effort considering the two schools which beat us are twice our size. (Namely Bowral and Mulwaree).

It was a jam-packed day, events and races were very close and Yass upheld their reputation as great sports men and women. A number of records were broken and a couple of age champions and runners up age champions were from Yass! Ashley Parker 13G, Tim Hazell 13B and Ben Wylie 15B were all age champions and Kirsty Hansen was runner up in the 14 girls. Our 13 yrs boys and girls scored one third of all our points an exceptional effort in itself.



The next level of Athletics will be held on August the 6<sup>th</sup> with over 44 students qualifying.

A VERY big thank you to the wonderful students who kindly volunteered to help with the timekeeping and recording on the day. They did a fantastic job under difficult circumstances and allowed the carnival to run very smoothly all day. Thank you to Clare Medway, Talia Chalmers, Caitlin Nelson, Joanna Hill, Holly Murphy, Liana Wylie, Laura Raine, Sian Minary-Bland, Kira Minary-Bland, Brett Foran, Blake Partridge and all the other students who helped with the timekeeping.

A VERY special thank you to Michael Wilkinson who also gave up his free time to come assist us in the recording room on the day. He was a really big help.

## State Cross Country

Congratulations to Laura Raine, Brett Foran and Aidan Lees who recently competed in State Cross Country at Eastern Creek, Sydney.

All three athletes finished in the top half of their respective division. Well Done!

Pictured right is Aidan Lees competing in the 15 year boys division.



## Our World Champion

Popular PE/sport teacher Craig has been selected to represent Australia again at the World Taekwondo Championships to be held in Uzbekistan in December.

He will also be heading to New Caledonia to represent as well as a warm up to the World Championships

We wish Craig all the best at the competitions.



## Medical Students Visit

On the 6<sup>th</sup> September a group of 4 or 5 medical students from ANU and University of Canberra plan to visit YHS to present careers in health to students. They will talk about their experiences of getting into university and studying health. It is a pretty informal and interactive session for the students.

The aim of the visits are:

- To educate high school students about the different health professions\
- To inspire students to consider a career in health
- To encourage students to finish high school and aspire to tertiary education
- To educate students about how to break down the barriers to getting into university especially coming from a rural background.

Interested students should see Ms Robinson to sign up for period 1 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Canberra Careers Market**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August a group of year 10 students will be going to the Canberra Careers Market at the ASI Indoor Arena. They will have the chance to chat to people on 55 stalls representing various education and employment providers. They can also go to the Small Business and Entrepreneur's Lounge where they can hear from experienced local business people. They can also Try a Trade, which means being involved in a hands-on activity.

Following that we will head to University of Canberra where they will be provided with lunch then taken on a tour of the campus. It should be an informative and interesting day.

## **Subject Selection Interviews**

All year 10 students are having a one on one interview with Ms B Robinson to discuss their future options and to consider the subjects that they could choose for years 11 and 12.

A booklet with information on all the subjects being offered will be handed to all students shortly. Finally, parents and students can attend the parent information meeting at the school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Students will then have enough information to make an informed decision.

## **Meeting For Parents Of Year 10 Students**

When: 6 pm Thursday 12 August 2010

Where: Library at Yass High School

What: School staff will explain the procedures for selecting subjects for Year 11 and answer questions you have about subjects that are offered at Yass HS for the HSC. The process used has changed from previous years.

Why: To assist Year 10 students and their parents in making decisions about subjects for Years 11 and 12

A Yass High School Subject Information Booklet will be distributed earlier in that week that will outline the courses to be offered at Yass High School for Year 11 in 2011.

## **Work Ready Day**

Year 10 students will all be involved in a Work Ready Day on Friday 6th August. This day is to prepare them for work experience and to inform them about the new subjects being offered next year. There will be a showcase of the VET subjects and also all the new senior subjects. There will be an employer panel giving advice about what employers expect from their employees, an OH&S session and a session on presentation and communication in the workplace.

## **Work Experience for Year 10**

All year 10 students have been given the papers needed to organise their work experience. They may need help from their parents to get this organised. They should aim to have it organised by the end of term.

## **Library Matters!**

It's not only a Library,..... it's a RESOURCE and INFORMATION CENTRE! A centre, open to the school community, where access to computers, fiction, non-fiction, reference, careers info, technology info, displays is not only possible but is available.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Centre will be open till 4:15pm establishing a study centre. Students across all Years will be welcome to use the Centre as a place for study, homework, research, and organization. A teacher will be available for added assistance. Students will be required to sign an attendance sheet when using the study centre. It will be the responsibility of students who attend the study centre, along with their parents, to organize alternate travel arrangements if required. Students are still able to enjoy the convenience of the Centre opening at 8:30am each school day.

In coming weeks, the acquisition of board games for student use during lunch times will further promote an interactive and cooperative learning environment for students to utilize.

*Board games foster a student's desire to master new skills and concepts, such as:*

- *number and shape recognition, grouping, and counting*
- *letter recognition and reading*
- *visual perception and colour recognition*
- *eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity*

*Games don't need to be overtly academic to be educational. Just by virtue of playing them, board games can teach important social skills.*

(Resource: <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=2060>)

Library matters, it supports a comprehensive learning environment and invites all students to enjoy our Resource and Information Centre.

Jenny Rajchert  
Relieving Teacher-Librarian (Information Technology Faculty)



## **Student Radio**

Yes, term three is well underway and the Student Radio is back up and running! The Student Radio will broadcast every Friday through speakers in the Quad, the Year 11 area and down by the basketball courts/above the Year 12 Study.

All students and teachers are welcome to come and request songs by giving the Radio Team their iPod, MP3 player or laptop through the Meeting Room window (above the Quad seating bays, on the Office wall). A lead will then be plugged into your iPod and your music will play throughout the school!

Please remember to choose your requests wisely as the whole school will have to listen to your music, not just you! Don't hand in songs with swearing, sexual references or lots of screaming please.

The Radio Team looks forward to receiving your requests, comments and ideas.

## **Student Representative Council (SRC)**

Students at Yass High School are given many opportunities to develop their leadership skills. The SRC members are always busy organising functions and events for the school community. They recently organised a very popular 'Rainbow Social', many of the SRC members are also responsible for the operation of the School Radio Team.



Student Representative Council

## Rainbow Social

The SRC's Rainbow Social. Wow! What a night!

On the night of the 15th of June, over one hundred students turned up to the Yass High hall dressed in their best rainbow attire ready to have a good time. The Student Representative Council (SRC) had been busily setting up a couple of hours prior to this and the hall was looking very colourful.



On sale at the SRC canteen was drinks, chips, fair-trade chocolates and GLOW STICKS! They were a wonderful addition to the night and added to the great atmosphere.

The DJ played all the best most recent pop songs and some awesome oldies such as the Nutbush, the Macarina and the Chicken Dance! The highlight of the night was probably the massive dance off that happened later into the night which decided the ultimate 'Best Boy' and 'Best Girl' dancers who were awarded 'Party Animal' medals!!



It's safe to say that the night was enjoyed by all who attended, even those teachers who joined in to shake their tail feather...although we shall not name names!

Watch out for the next Yass High Social destined to be bigger and better with (hopefully) some prizes donated by local businesses and a 'to be announced' funky theme.

## 40 Hour Famine

For those of you not doing the 40 Hour Famine this year I have one question:

“Why not?”

“Because I can’t go 40 hours without food,” you might say.

“Well then,” I will answer, “give up something else!”

“Like what?” you ask.

“Furniture, technology, television, shopping, transport, your mobile phone, eyesight, talking,

FACEBOOK! Just do SOMETHING!”

See, the 40 Hour Famine isn’t really about you, it’s about the one billion other people who have less than you. Much less than you. Those one billion people suffering from chronic hunger right now. I can’t even begin to imagine what life without three meals a day would be like. Oh wait, yes I can, that’s what the 40 Hour Famine is all about! It’s about gaining empathy for people in third world countries, who have to put up with terrible living conditions, a lack of hygiene and a lack of food. EVERY DAY. It’s their reality. So how about we, the students, teachers, parents, friends and wider community who attend or support Yass High school get together from 8pm on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> through till noon on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2010 to walk in the shoes of those people a lot less fortunate than us. Of course, if you can’t do it that weekend, you can choose another 40 hour period – just as long as you’ve done it.

40 Hour Famine Receipt Books are available at the front office now. If you haven’t already picked one up please do now and start collecting your donations. Remember, all your funds have to be collected before the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2010.

**Every \$40 you raise can help 6 children for 1 month.**



**“The 40 Hour Famine is one of Australia’s biggest community awareness and youth fundraising events.** It is a powerful – and meaningful – way that Australians can experience what life is like for children who have to go without – Every. Single. Day.” – 40 Hour Famine Website

## Yass High School Supports Biggest Morning Tea

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010, The Biggest Morning Tea was held in the Support Class. The senior students planned the whole function including designing their special guest invitations, doing a budget and shopping. The junior students had prepared muffins, pancakes and gluten free products for staff and invited guests.

The event raised \$241.70 to support the fight against cancer.

Thank you to all the students and staff that were involved, the food was delicious.

Support Class



Organisers of the Biggest Morning Tea, Natasha Wilson, Andrew Todd, Daniel Anderson, James deMestre, Ms Chapman, James Mather, Laura Damron-Stanford

## When In Sheep Country Make Felt! How the Textiles Department warmed up

A whole lot of rolling, pounding, throwing, and splashing happening in the textile room on a fine winter day on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> when the Canberra Regional Felt makers came to Yass High with bags of beautiful coloured bats of wool.

To begin with it was hard to see how the fluffy wool could change into a piece of fabric. First of all everyone learnt to lay out 2 thin layers of wool on top of each other and then add decorations.



Rachel Fletcher laying coloured wool and braid



Year 11 students learning how to lay out wool to make a flower



A felted flower



Maddi Senior rolls her felt in bubble wrap 200 times

Lots of hot soapy water and agitation made the felt mat together and made the students sweat.

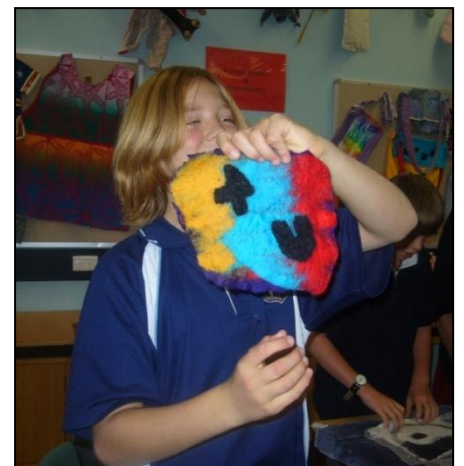
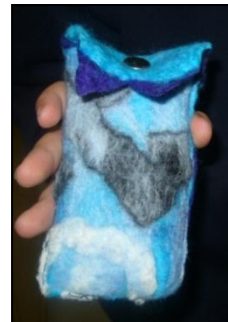
It took a bit of muscle to roll the wool so many times and then scrunch it and throw it to make it mat together but yr 7 boys especially liked that part.



Verdi Barberis making some felt balls and Toni Cribb using the rough draining board to rub and squeeze her felt or 'full it'.



Brock Muscat displays his finished piece of felt which he later made into phone pouch



Jasmine Govier, Maddi Diamond and Liam Sharpe showing their creative and unique pieces of felt

## Year 7 Food Technology “Healthy Plate”

Last week saw 7V playing with their food to create an array of gorgeous healthy plates.



Robby Furner with his healthy plate



Sarah Davidson and her healthy plate



A shy Connor Eccles with his toasted sandwich

Why does no one ever want their picture taken with their food? Is it because the food is better looking?



Shooting for the Stars



Butterfly Garden



Star class work



Georgia and Jessica in Year 9 enjoying Food Tech



Drew MacArthur with her masterpiece



Looking Confident

## Open Girls Zone Netball at Queanbeyan

On the 9<sup>th</sup> June the zone teams played a round robin competition to determine which teams would advance to the next level. A big thank you Meaghan Stacey for umpiring and to Deanna Hinds-Smith for assisting with training and coaching. Many parents also attended the day and we appreciate their support and provision of transport.

### Girls Results

Game 1	Goulburn	Won 16/6
Game 2	Bowral	Won 14/7
Game 3	Queanbeyan	Won 17/9
Game 4	Karabah	Won 18-16
Game 5	Mulwarree	Lost 16/9

The Yass High team was unlucky against the Mulwarree team. In the second half Yass High out played Mulwarree but this was too late to secure the win. Mulwarree were placed first for the day and Yass High second. Mulwarree High School will proceed to the next round and Yass will play off with Figtree High School on Monday 2nd August in Yass to qualify for the next level. The next level of games will be played at Berkley Stadium on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Well done girls and good luck with your next games.



Laura Rhodes, Lucy Suthern, Holly Murphy, Steph Downey, Cherrae Smith, Joanna Hill, Jane Pryor, Billie-Alice Blackman and Liana Wylie



## Students of the Week

Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
June 2010



**Alex Goode**  
**Year 10**

For following procedures in a responsible way, being helpful and positive

Yass High School  
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**Anthony Gallagher**  
**Year 11**

For providing support to other students and always being helpful and considerate

Yass High School  
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**Sam Young**  
**Year 7**

For caring for others and showing initiative

Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
June 2010



**Caitlin Weeks**  
**Year 11**

For greatly improved attitude and effort



1<sup>st</sup> Yass Scout Group

# Car Boot Sale

28 August 2010

At the Scout Hall

Comur St Yass

\$15 per vehicle

Limited spaces available

Bookings close 20 August

Contact Cheryl

0407 265 283

*Gold coin entry*

*Monster Raffle*

*And other fun stuff*

All funds raise go towards our

*New Scout Hall*

## **PIANO LESSONS - SPECIAL DISCOUNT OFFER**

Music teacher, Kate Cameron, is offering 2 FREE piano lessons to any new students who book in at her studio for weekly lessons for the remainder of the year.

To take advantage of this offer payment must be made up front and students must be booked in by week three of term 3 (2nd to 6th August).

Limited spaces are available, Students MUST have a piano or an appropriate keyboard.  
Phone Kate on 6226 2798 or 0404 391 151.

## Coming Events

DATE	EVENT
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	P & C Meeting - 7.30pm - Staff Common Room
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Open Netball
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	English Competition
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Year 10 Canberra Careers Market
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Maths Competition
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Talent Quest
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	National Science Festival
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Year 10 into 11 Parent Meeting – 7.00pm - Library
12 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Year 12 Trial Examinations
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Year 12 HSC preparation Parent Meeting – 7.00pm - Library
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Year 8 into 9 Parent Meeting – 7.00pm - Library
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CIT Try-A-Trade Day
17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 11 Final Examinations
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 12 Final Assembly
Early Notice	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	YHS Car boot Sale
<a href="#">Click on the school website for the online calendar</a>	

