



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.

Cross Country Success



Aiden Lees crossed the line in 14 minutes and 3 seconds



Dallas Dunley first senior student across the line

One of the sporting highlights of the term 1 calendar is our school cross country which was held on Wednesday afternoon, 30th March, under cloudy conditions. Ms Bills and her Year 12 Sport and Rec class had designed and publicised a new route to take account of the bridgework occurring on Chinaman's Creek. When Ms Bills invited 'serious' runners to the front of the field almost one third of the school moved to the starting line, indicating student enthusiasm for this event. All students took part, some choosing to walk the 4 kilometre course as an enjoyable leisure activity.

It was no surprise that first home was Aiden Lees, in an amazing time of 14 minutes and 3 seconds. Aiden travels to Canberra twice a week for specialist training under an AIS coach and his daily training schedule certainly paid off. Two minutes further back was fellow Year 10 student Jai Smith who was followed by Dallas Dunley of Year 12 and Jarrad Porter of Year 11.

At Yass High School we value the opinions of our parents. We are asking you to tell us what you know about how we reward students who uphold and promote our school values.

Please complete the survey on the reverse side of this page, tear it off and return it to the box in the front office.

Many parents also tear off the calendar and stick it on the fridge. The online calendar is continuously updated.

March 2011



Student Reward Parent Survey

Please circle your response and write a comment if appropriate.

1. Are you aware of the school values? Yes No
Name them

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2. How familiar are you with the following aspects of the school's reward system:

Reward	unfamiliar	have heard of	very familiar
Y			
Reward Excursion			
Postcard			
Student of the Week			
Class Award			
Faculty Award			
School Award			
Principal's Award			

3. Do you think these reward structures are a good idea? Yes No Unsure
Comment

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4. Are you aware if your child received any 'Ys' Yes No
Comment

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For parents of 2010:

5. Are you aware of the process of selection for the reward excursion? Yes No
Comment

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6. Any other comments about rewarding student behavior
Comment

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(Cross Country Success continued)

Brothers Brent and Leigh Hickey crossed the line next with just 2 seconds separating them. First female home was Year 12 student Cherrae Smith, followed by Sian Minary-Bland, Jasmine Govier, Trish Taylor and Year 7 student Mel Miller. Mr Harding was the first teacher over the line and Ms Wykes first female teacher.

Overall house winner of the cross country was Oxley (291 points,) followed by Hume (228), Hovell (219) and Sturt (191).

Students who finished in the first eight places in their age group will go on to the regional carnival next term. Good luck to all runners and thanks for your keen participation.

Regional Swimming

After the regional carnival in swimming we had 5 boys qualify to represent South Coast at the NSWCHS carnival in late March. Daniel Kemp made it through in the 12 years boys 100m backstroke finishing 3rd.

Craig Wilkinson finished 2nd in the 50m freestyle with a sub 27 seconds PB and 3rd in the 100m Free.



Craig anchored the 17+ boys relay team to a regional championship win with a sensational swim. Craig entered the water in fourth position and mowed down the competitors in front of him touching the wall in first position.

An amazing effort, this meant the relay team of Craig, Alex Goode, Brent Hickey and Daniel Garland went through to the CHS carnival and were regional champions.

At the NSWCHS carnival Daniel Kemp finished 18th with an incredible 4 second PB in the 100m backstroke.

Our boys relay team finished 14th swimming a 3 second PB (1:51:23)

Craig finished 18th in the 100m Free and swam a PB of 59:84 which is a wonderful effort to finally get under the minute.

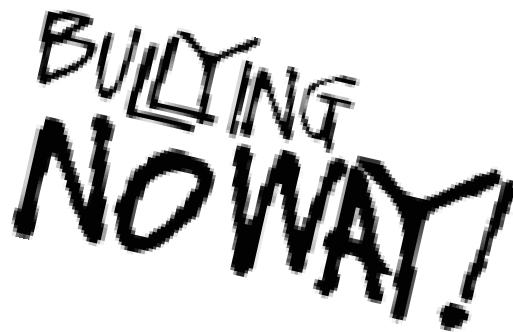
Open Boys & Girls Touch

A reminder to students and parents that the Zone touch day for Open boys and girls will be held on the first day back for students, Thursday 28th April at Bowral. The bus will leave Yass High School at 7.00am and return around 4.30pm.

It is imperative that all notes and money are in by the end of this term (Friday 8th April) and students are at school by 7.00am on the Thursday.

Hassett Cup Cricket

Our Hassett Cup cricket team had a good win in round one of the CHS knockout competition against Karabar. Tim Hazell starred with both bat and ball. He took 5 for 12 off 8 overs and top scored with 34 runs. Josh Robertson played a very intelligent innings near the end to steer the YHS team to victory. The boys now play Mulwaree in round 2.



What is bullying?

Bullying occurs when a person or group deliberately upsets, harasses or hurts another person, their property, reputation or social acceptance, on more than one occasion.

Bullies are people who deliberately intimidate, exclude, threaten and/or hurt others (whether it be physical, verbal or cyber) more than once.

Friday 18 March was the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. It was explained to students on assembly that if they are passive bystanders, then bullying becomes a greater problem. Students were encouraged to speak up if they see others being bullied.

Students were also reminded of our anti bullying policy which begins with the bully being told that what they are doing is unacceptable and hurtful and that it must stop.

BULLYING NO WAY!

It doesn't matter whether it's physical, psychological or even cyber. Bullying is a concern that our school takes very seriously and is working to address.

If you suspect your child is being bullied, you should talk with your child and make an appointment with the teacher or school principal to discuss your concerns. It is also important to encourage your child to report bullying behaviours to a trusted adult at school as quickly as possible after an incident of bullying. Bullying thrives in a culture of secrecy, so telling the school is very important.

Some signs of bullying might include:

- Loss of confidence
- Changes in eating or sleeping habits, possibly bedwetting
- Health problems such as headaches or stomach aches
- Unhappiness or mood swings with sudden temper tantrums
- Reluctance to go to school and changes in academic performance.

What you can do:

- Talk with your child about school and keep the lines of communication open so children are more likely to confide in you.
- Encourage your child to feel okay to ask others for help and to keep their own safety in mind.
- Ensure your child knows how to report bullying and to ask you for help when needed.
- Report the incident to a teacher. Don't try to sort out the situation yourself.
- Make sure you are modelling healthy behaviours to your child, especially in relation to conflict resolution and anger management.
- Help protect your child from harassment and cyber-bullying by closely monitoring internet use and installing free internet filters.

For more information and ideas to understand and deal with bullying, visit the *Bullying. No way!* website www.bullyingnoway.com.au.

For immediate help, children and young people can phone the Kids HelpLine (1800 551 1800) or visit the Kids HelpLine website at www.kidshelpline.com.au

Who are we? <http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/who/default.shtml>

Our New Teachers

Valuing learning for all students at Yass High School.

Why our students respect their teachers and their school.



Mr Biddle teaches Maths and Computers. He knows a lot about both. (Year 9 student)



Ms Wymer is great because she teaches maths and I like maths. (Year 7 student)



Ms Swinbourn is a KOOL teacher. She brings out the best in us. (Drama Student)

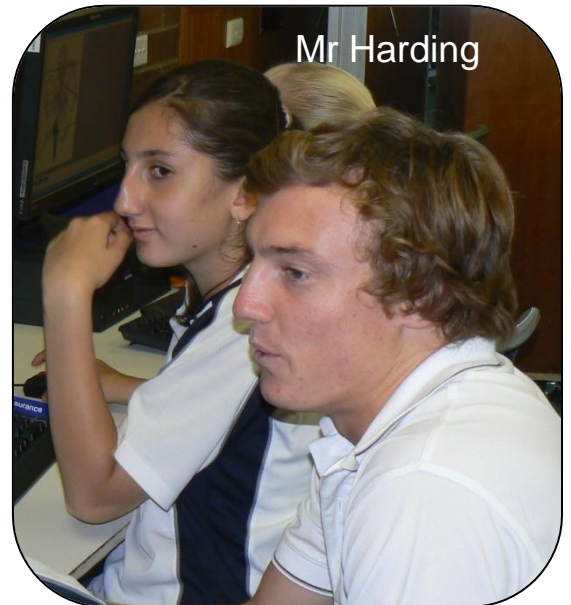


Mr Roberts is getting to know us quickly. He is always willing to help us learn. (Year 12 student)



Ms Clancy

Ms Clancy always encourages us to participate. (Year 7 student)



Mr Harding

Mr Harding teaches me both Art and PE. He knows what he is talking about. (Year 7 student)



Mr Donohoe

Mr Donohoe always makes us work in class. (Year 8 student)



Ms Biddle

Ms Biddle always has a smile for me. She is a good listener. (Year 7 Student)



Mr Brown

Mr Brown is a great science teacher. We do lots of experiments. (Year 7 student)

Safe Traffic – Your responsibility around school

It has become increasingly obvious to anyone who drives onto the school that there is some confusion about how the new arrangement affects traffic flow. The long term plan is to improve the flow; however, in the short term it is sometimes possibly as bad as or even worse than before.

At times we are seeing the unsafe mixing of cars, buses and students at the front of the school. This is dangerous situation that the completion of the works will eradicate.

The unforeseeable combination of a very wet summer, the fire at the canteen block and the drainage problems on the oval have all contributed to slowing down the building program. This has contributed to the traffic issues.

All drivers need to be particularly vigilant in the peak times of the beginning and end of school. I am negotiating with the council on taking some immediate steps to improve the situation.

These include:

- Clearly sign posting what drivers and pedestrians should be doing
- Making a no stopping zone on the entrance road to the school
- Creating a clearly defined, marked and sign posted bus stop
- Establishing clearly painted pedestrian crossings visible to drivers and pedestrians
- Moving the security fencing back onto the oval to accommodate short term parking
- Designating the exit road as the drop off and pick up area for parents

Until these steps are taken, I ask everyone to be cautious. Drivers need to be aware of students and alert to the unexpected. Students must exercise caution and be aware that drivers do not automatically see them.

Once the work is delineated by line marking and clear signage, everyone will be aware of what is expected. This will make the site safer for the short term.



Earning respect in the community – School Uniform

I remind all parents that we are a uniformed school and that neither jeans nor denim shorts are school uniform. This term has seen an increase in the number of students who are not representing the school as we expect. In recent years I believe that the school's public image has been enhanced by our community's adoption of the new uniform. Our students are our image in the community. I ask you to support us by encouraging your child to wear their uniform, to represent their school proudly and to show the community that they belong to an excellent school with proud students.

Keeping safe while we learn

As well as public image, it is probably more important for safety reasons that students wear correct footwear. The following is an extract from the OH&S manual for schools:

- Footwear is an important safety item. Good soles provide a sound grip on the floor preventing accidents from occurring. Footwear can also protect feet from mechanical or chemical damage.
- It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes must not be worn in workshop areas or laboratories.
- Substantial footwear appropriate to the practical activity should be worn at all times. Footwear such as thongs, open weave type shoes, or shoes with openings at toes or heels, platform or high-heel shoes should not be worn in areas which present hazardous situations. Where indicated by a risk assessment, the wearing of safety footwear is mandatory.
- Footwear with stout sole and firm leather uppers provides best protection to students and staff in science. Because hot liquid can enter and be retained by footwear, the footwear chosen should be capable of quick removal. Thongs, open type sandals or shoes, canvas type shoes and/or gym boots must not be worn in practical classes where there is the possibility of injury through spillage of hot or corrosive liquids.

If a student whose shoes do not meet footwear safety standards is excluded from participating in a particular aspect of practical work, an alternate activity should be provided.

Please note that safe footwear is mandatory, rather than optional. At present we have numerous students wearing light canvas sneakers. These are unsafe and must not be worn at school. We look forward to your support in these matters.

Paul Bills

Learning about our Electricity Supply

On Monday 7th March the MC class visited TransGrid and was escorted around by Mr Michael McManus and Mr Jahan Safari for a very informative and interesting explanation of how electricity is supplied and distributed to Yass and the surrounding district.



Careers

A mini Beauty & Wellness Careers Expo is to be held on Wednesday, 18 May at the Griffith Hall, Stewart Avenue, Griffith.

This is aimed at students who have an interest in the Beauty and Wellness industries. Businesses will be invited to attend to give demonstrations in areas such as nails, massage, make up, manicures, facials etc. RTO's will also be attending to give advice on career pathways into the beauty industry.

Interested students from years 10 and 11 should see Ms Robinson for a permission note.

School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT)

Two year 11 students signed up for an SBAT on Tuesday 29th March.

Gregory Holloway has commenced an apprenticeship in Metal Fabrication. He is working for B&V Engineering 1 day a week and attends CIT in Fyshwick 1 day a week. He is also planning to complete 10 HSC units in his 3 days a week of school. By the time he graduates from school with a HSC he will also have Cert III in Metal Fabrication and have completed the first year of his apprenticeship.



Bradley Warner has commenced a Retail Traineeship. He works for KFC and is undertaking Certificate II in Retail at the workplace. Bradley is doing all his work and training after school hours and is studying 12 units in year 11. He has the option of dropping a subject if the work load becomes too much.

Both students are paid for their hours of work at the award rate as they have signed an employment contract. This is not the case for work experience. Work Experience is the only type of unpaid work. Even employees on trial must by law be paid for their work.

Occupational Health & Safety Course

An OH&S Course was run at School on the 22nd March. Students qualified for the 'White Card' which is needed for work and work experience on any work site. There are some students who still need to do this course, so another one will be organised in Term 2 if there is enough demand. Please tell Ms Robinson if you need to do it.



Health Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting, Phillip ACT

Currently serving Health Officers will be giving a presentation on their health experiences and will highlight what is on offer to young health practitioners in the ADF.

You will be given the opportunity to ask questions, discuss options and enquire about the recruitment process. So feel free to come along and be inspired by the many opportunities that a health career in the ADF can offer you.

For more information about the session please see Ms Robinson.

Where: 15 Bowes Street Phillip, ACT on Wednesday April 6th, 2011 – Starting at 6:30pm

For more information about health careers visit the defence jobs website at www.defencejobs.gov.au

Work Experience

In 2011 everyone in Year 10 will have the opportunity to do 1 week of work experience in Week 6 Term 4, 14th to 18th November. Interested students who make their arrangements on time may also do a second week from the 21st to 25th November. Some popular placements are in short supply so students are advised to make their arrangements early to avoid disappointment.

Year 10 students who are considering leaving after the School Certificate have been advised to do another week at the end of Term 2, Week 10, 27th June to 1st July. This may help them to secure an apprenticeship early or to reassess their decision to leave.

Work Experience in the Defence Forces is available at various times and places. For a full list go to <http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience> and check in 'What's on offer?'

A one day program is available at Kapooka in Term 3 at the Army Recruit Training Centre. The proposed date is Friday 9th September. If there is enough interest from students in this day a mini bus will be organised to take them there.

Down on the Farm – March / April 2011

Following on from the efforts of our Show Team at the Royal Canberra Show, the students have been continuing with their preparations for the Yass Show. For the first time in at least 25 years this Yass Show will occur in the School Holidays over the weekend 9-10 April.

The team will be exhibiting five Limousin heifers as well as a Limousin Bull and a Miniature Galloway Bull. These animals belong to local cattle studs owned by Glyn and Ann Williams and Jan and Gordon Matheson.

Most lunchtimes and every Wednesday afternoon the team has been working with the animals getting them ready for the show-ring as well as feeding them twice a day.



Pictured above, some of the students, Billy Finn, Joe Whiting and Rachel McLucas work with their heifers during a lunchtime session at the school farm.

Year 7 and 8 students have been working with their new chickens since they arrived three weeks ago. The aim of their efforts is to learn as much as possible about their young charges so as to design suitable housing for them as part of their Technology (mandatory) course. The needs of the birds are essential in the successful design of such housing which will be aimed at keeping poultry in a suburban backyard.



Sharney Jamieson holds her chicken just after it arrived at the school. Day-old chickens are an ideal way to introduce Stage 4 students to the methods used at Yass High School to handle all animals calmly and humanely.

Meanwhile the Stage 5 students have been engaged in a range of activities. The year 10 class has been investigating the hydroponic method of growing vegetables by setting up small systems in the classroom.



This is a photo of Reece Brookes' hydroponic system showing germinating lettuce plants. The plants grow in PET bottles that have been converted by inverting the top into the bottom section where a wick feeds nutrient solution up to the vermiculite 'soil' that hold the plants.

The year 9 and 9/10 class have been establishing their first vegetable crop for 2011 by planting broccoli and cauliflower seedlings. Later in their course this year we will be planting potatoes just as were grown by students last year and recorded in the last *In Touch*.



Levi Hempenstall (left) and Eddie Maher and Josh Lawrence (right) planting their broccoli and cauliflower seedlings

The same classes are also preparing to Artificially Inseminate the schools' Stud White Suffolk ewes. This has meant synchronizing the ewes' oestrus cycles by progesterone infused suppositories to be followed up by insemination on April 7th by Mr John Hall of Livestock Breeding Services, Yass.



Year 11 Primary Industries students are getting on with the removal and replacement of damaged and redundant fencing on the school farm as well as beginning their Chemical Application Unit. They are also continuing with their OH&S and other workplace units.

Year 12 have been continuing with various activities, including the recently reported improvements to the cattle lawn facilities at the showground. In addition, they are also undertaking their final work placement.

Paddock to Plate

Look out for more culinary delights coming from these two departments – the paddock meets the plate!



Holly Murphy preparing the potatoes to feed the hordes



Christina Murphy and Kaitlin Kemp preparing the potato topping



Penny Fletcher scrubbing the potatoes

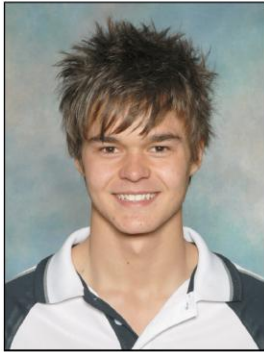
'The Chefs' – Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students



Students of the Week

March 2011

**Yass High School
Student of the Week
March 2011**



**Craig Wilkinson
Year 12**

Elite Level
Sporting Performance

**Yass High School
Student of the Week
March 2011**



**Hussien Kassouh
Year 12**

For taking on responsibility &
showing leadership

**Yass High School
Student of the Week
March 2011**



**Kaitlin Kemp
Year 12**

For volunteering her own time in
school service & always being
reliable and responsible.

**Yass High School
Student of the Week
March 2011**



**Jeremy Southwell
Year 12**

For volunteering his time to coach
and score for the Davidson Shield
cricket matches

YASS TAFE CAMPUS - FAST TRACK COURSES - TERM 2

Responsible Service of Alcohol (6650)

13 May (9am – 4 pm)

Cost: \$95

This course teaches you the skills and knowledge required to serve alcohol in a responsible manner. It is endorsed by the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing. You will learn about responsible service strategies; the legal obligations of bar staff; and, the strengths and effects of alcoholic beverages and standard drinks. You will also learn about smoking regulations and the benefits of responsible service strategies.

Entry Requirements:

There are no formal educational requirements for this course. The NSW Liquor and Gaming regulations require students to be 18 years of age or older if they are undertaking units that involve the service of alcohol and gaming operations. To comply with these legislative requirements, students must be 18 years of age or older to undertake the following unit in this course: SITHFAB009A Provide Responsible Service of Alcohol

Food Safety Supervisor (19589)

5 & 12 May (5.30 pm – 9.30 pm)

Cost: \$220

This course meets the new legislative requirements for Food Safety Supervisors. This new legislation requires all affected businesses to comply with Food Safety Training requirements by October 2011.

This course is for people who work or intend to work as a supervisor in the areas of food preparation and service in any hospitality, community food services, retail food service and health areas.

MYOB with GST (27008)

14 & 21 May (9 am – 3.30 pm)

Cost (Includes text book) : \$280

This course will provide you with the skills to create the company's files in MYOB (Mind Your Own Business) software and enter data on a daily basis to keep records up-to-date. To do this course you must be able to operate a computer and have an understanding of bookkeeping. A step-by-step introduction to MYOB – cheques, receipts, invoices, purchases orders, statements, bank reconciliation, reports plus preparation of the BAS. Topics include: Exploring MYOB through the command centres, Banking Command Centre – entering payments, cash sales, petty cash & credit card payments, reconciling your cheque account – entering account keeping fees and printing a balance sheet, file management and error correction – correcting errors, backing up and restoring your data, sales command centre – creating a sales invoice, a new customer, printing and invoice, analysing your sales, purchases command centre – purchasing an asset, reporting on GST, finding information in your data file, preparing the Business Activity Statement – reconciling your GST, setting up the business activities.

SMARTtrain AQF3 REFRESHER (9016)

12 May (8.30 am – 5 pm)

Cost: \$260

This one day Refresher course is for those who completed SMART Train AQF3 5 years ago. SMARTtrain accreditation is valid for five (5) years. If you use agricultural or veterinary chemicals in your business or as part of your job, you must be re-accredited every five years. Your new SMARTtrain card will be valid for five years after you successfully complete the course.

All courses conducted at Yass TAFE Campus, 51 Church Street, YASS NSW 2582

To register for this training, go online www.tafensw.edu.au or call

Yass TAFE Campus 6226 1556

Places in Fast Track training courses limited and are allocated on a first in, first serve basis.
Payment of the course fee is required to secure a place in the class.

N.B. Whilst details are accurate at the time of printing, all course details, costs, dates etc are subject to change at the discretion of TAFE NSW - Illawarra Institute. Fast Track Training courses run subject to demand and standard fee exemptions do not apply



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Parents as Partners in their Child's Education



Education
& Training
Illawarra and South East

26TH MAY 2011

6:30 TO 8PM

Queanbeyan TAFE

Cnr Buttle and

McQuoid Streets

important

**free
workshop**



SCHOOL

Parents Making a Difference at Home and at School

**Workshop Presenter Angie Wilcock:
High Hopes Educational Services**

Dear Parents

You are invited to attend this workshop on how you can make a difference in your child's learning and engagement at school.

The session will cover:

- What is parent engagement?
- How can parents support their school?
- "I hated school! How can I help?" Busting the myths!
- Strategies to support your child's learning at home—its not impossible
- How DOES your child learn? Understanding what makes them tick!

Refreshments served on the evening.



If you are interested in attending please contact your school or

Amanda Hinde: Telephone: (02) 62005015

Email: amanda.hinde@det.nsw.edu.au

Photography Competition

A Photography Competition will be conducted as part of the Bookham Sheep Show and Country Fair to be held on Saturday 16th April.

Sections are: Open Colour – Portrait, Animals, Landscape and Farm Life
 Open Black & White – Portrait and Landscape
 Junior (16 & Under) – Family & Friends, Animals and Having Fun.

Entry forms, with all relevant information, are available at the school office or at the Anthony Rose Gallery.

Any enquires can be directed to Phil Cox (62262372)

YASS NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

REGISTRATION DAYS

Come along and register your children and or yourself. Netball season has arrived for juniors and seniors, Boys & Girls – Women & Men's. Register as an individual or organise a team.

Season commences: - Tuesday night competition – 3rd May & Saturday competition - 30th April 2011

Cost: -	18yrs & over	\$75
	11 to 17yrs	\$55
	8 to 10yrs	\$45
	Up to 7yrs	\$30
	Non player	\$30 i.e. Coaches, Managers & Umpires
	PWD	\$30

Registration dates: Saturday 26th March 2011 from 10am to 12pm out the front of Yass Retravisioin & also Saturday 2nd April down the main street from 10am to 12pm.

Registration forms will be available on the day or by emailing

m13pack@yahoo.com.au.

So come join the fun.

Coming Events

DATE	EVENT
1 st – 8 th April	HSC Half Yearly Examinations
Mon 4 th April	P&C Meeting 7.30pm in Staff Common Room
Tues 5 th April	Hassett Cup Cricket
Wed 6 th April	Senior Rugby League
Wed 6 th April	Open Girls Soccer
Fri 8 th April	Term 1 Ends
Wed 27 th April	Staff Development Day
Thur 28 th April	Students return for Term 2
Thur 28 th April	Open Boys & Girls Zone Touch - Bowral
Fri 29 th April	Year 7 Vaccinations
Mon 2 nd May	P&C Meeting 7.30pm in Staff Common Room
Tues 3 rd May	Year 11 Study Day
Wed 4 th May	Year 12 Advanced English to Sydney
Thur 5 th May	Athletics Carnival
10 th -12 th May	NAPLAN
Mon 16 th May	Years 7 & 8 Tech Mandatory colour group rotation 2 start
Thur 19 th May	Band Eisteddfod
Fri 20 th May	Zone Cross Country - Mulwaree
23 rd – 27 th May	Junior Assessment week
Fri 27 th May	Year 7 Vaccinations
Fri 27 th May	Girls Try-A-Trade Day
30 th May-6 th June	Preliminary Half Yearly Examinations
Fri 3 rd June	Regional Cross Country
Thurs 16 th June	Zone Athletics – Bruce Stadium
15 th or 16 th June	Zone Netball
Click on the school website for the online calendar	