



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Relieving Principal: Louise Pinson BA (Hons) Dip Ed Relieving Deputy Principal: Ian Frost BA Dip Ed

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Success

Thanks to the Community Class who once again showed their terrific organisational and cooking skills by putting on a Big Morning Tea last Monday. More than \$200 was raised for cancer research.

At the event, Ms Pinson was welcomed back after six weeks overseas, Mr Frost was farewelled after one and a half terms at the school and new Principal, Ms Hiscock, was introduced and welcomed.

Ms Hiscock, who took the opportunity to attend the flag-raising ceremony for Reconciliation Week, said she was delighted to be appointed as Yass High School's Principal. She is looking forward to moving to Yass and starting at the school on 15th June.

Mr Frost is taking a well earned break after working hard as Deputy and Relieving Principal recently. When asked what he would be doing he explained that he would be going kayaking at the coast before returning to his old job in Queanbeyan.

Ms Pinson explained that just a few days earlier she was walking along Venice Beach in Los Angeles in warm sunshine so she was finding the frosty mornings a little challenging.

The morning tea was a chance to raise funds for cancer research, talk among friends and enjoy some wonderful food. Thank you again, Ms Bills and the Community Class.



New Principal, Sandra Hiscock enjoyed the Biggest Morning Tea and attended the Reconciliation Week Ceremony.

May / June 2012

School Uniform

Students are reminded that wearing school uniform shows respect and pride in the school. With the cold weather here it is important that all students have a school jumper. These are available from the Front Office.

A reminder that some items are definitely NOT uniform: jeans, black leggings and brightly coloured jumpers.

Parents can support the school by insisting that their sons and daughters are wearing school uniform before they leave from home in the morning. Many children are used to wearing uniforms to work and just need a reminder about what is expected.

Students who consistently wear the correct uniform will have this acknowledged on their school reports. Students who are often out of uniform may find that they are not eligible to represent the school or attend special events and non mandatory excursions.

Mobile Phones

If you must bring your phone to school, keep it OFF AND AWAY. Learning is our focus in the classroom, so make sure that you do not interfere with this by answering or using your phone.

Parents are reminded that they can contact students by ringing the front office during school hours. The school has many support structures which can be activated when messages are made through the correct channels. Direct contact can undermine these structures or even compromise the safety of students.

Global Leaders Convention

You are a Yass High Student. You go to the AIS in Canberra to the *World Vision Global Leaders Convention* where you learn about the big issues of poverty and injustice. You get challenged to do something about it. You get challenged to run the 40 Hour Famine in your school to help Ethiopia fight drought and poverty. You learn about how the money that was raised last year helped East Timor fight poverty and hunger. You learn how even small actions can make a difference- \$40 can feed a family of 5 for 1 month. You will be asking all of Yass High to help by doing the 40 hour famine 17-19th August.



For more details go to 40hourfamine.com.au

Reconciliation Every Day

Our school captains were so taken with the words of Richard Bell who spoke at the community flag-raising ceremony on Monday, that they asked him to address the school assembly the next day. So Richard joined us and spoke not just of reconciliation but shared his wisdom about living a good life.

Richard reminded students about how precious a good name was and the importance of protecting your good family name through positive behaviour. He also mentioned the need to protect the reputation of each other and of the school and said that if you weren't pulling your weight at school, that would affect each other and the school.

He encouraged students to stand up for what they believed in and, in particular, to stand up for truth. 'Sometimes, to be a good friend, you have to tell the truth to someone even though they don't want to hear it. I know because sometimes my friends will tell me things that I don't like to hear but which will make me a better person.'

He told students that they should concentrate on education as this was the only way to be ready for the future. 'If you have a friend who doesn't come to school, you should encourage them and tell them you miss them.'

Some of Richard's heroes are former American presidents. He told students about George Washington who always 'cheerfully obeyed' and Abraham Lincoln who once walked 60 miles just so he could borrow a book. He also told us about attending the local Anzac Day ceremonies where he stood next to an old soldier, 'It was such an honour to stand next to someone so brave.'

Richard talked a little about life in the local area when he was growing up, 'There was not much to eat in those days, just bread, jam and a cup of tea, and people were grateful to have anything.'

He encouraged students to celebrate Aboriginal culture, to make or throw a boomerang, to play a didgeridoo or simply to spend some time in nature.

'Reconciliation is having warm feelings for each other,' he concluded, 'Every day, not just during Reconciliation week. It means friendship forever.'



Reconciliation Week Quiz

Do you know what happened on ...

May 26 1998? People across Australia showed their support for Aboriginal people by walking together. The biggest walk took place on Sydney Harbour Bridge. Skywriters wrote one big word in the sky: SORRY. This day is now known as Sorry Day, a chance to reflect on the way Aboriginal families were forcibly separated and broken up.

May 27 1967? A referendum was passed which acknowledged that Aboriginal people should be treated as full citizens with the same right as non-Aboriginals.

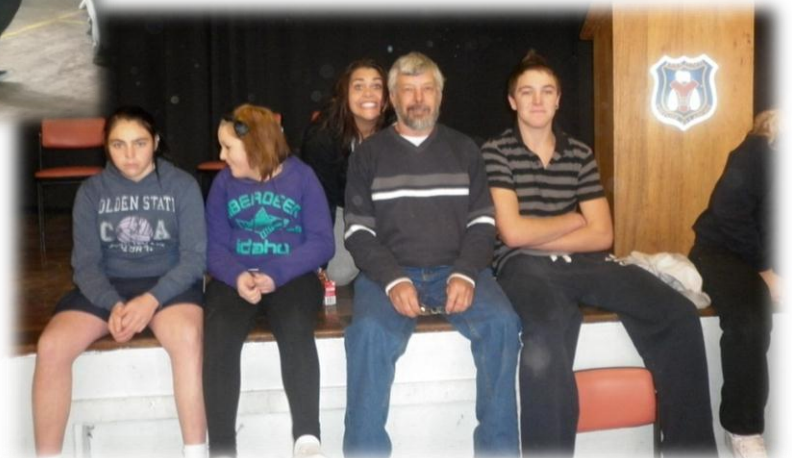
June 3 1992? The High Court passed the Mabo decision which recognised the right of Aboriginal people to their ancestral land.

Local Schools Working Together

The Yass Community of Schools is delighted to have Ron Simpson teaching our students Aboriginal Dance and Language, starting this term. This combined project with Berinba Primary School, Yass Public School and Boorowa Central School has been named Yindjamarra, meaning respect.



This is a core value of our schools and shows the connection of public education in Yass. Jenny Chapman, Bob Buffington and Tracey Bills will all assist in this exciting development.



Shine & Strength Programs

Shine and Strength are just two programs currently running in support of our students, SHINE for the girls, and STRENGTH for the boys.

Shine is a program aiming to build confidence, self-esteem and self-worth. It also provides students with opportunities to identify personal strengths, to set and achieve goals, develop decision making and problem solving skills and to understand what a positive influence each one has on the world. Overall, it aims to help students identify that each is a valued member of the community in which she lives.

Robyn Chaplin, Shine program coordinator, said 'We are very fortunate to have Helena Painting, School Chaplain and various other members of the community assist in presenting the program which involves a range of activities including skin/hair care, nutrition and fitness, identity, friendship, self-worth, stress management and more'.

Some of what the girls had to say about the program includes:-

'Shine is awesome because it has helped me to be more confident.'

'It is great, I enjoy speaking to girls I have not spoken to before.'

'We had fun at Shine this week because we made face masks and had a facial with Mrs Blinman.'

'Shine has helped me deal with my emotions, especially my anger.'

'I love Shine!'



The Strength program aims to provide young men with the tools needed to have a positive impact on the situations in which they find themselves. Students participate in activities which encourage them to make decisions based on their beliefs instead of their emotions and increase their self-belief and resilience.

'Strength' is kindly supported by various community members, and Clinton Ramsay from Mountain Trails recently joined the boys at Zac's Place. John Duncan coordinator of the Strength program said 'Yass High is very grateful to Zac's Place for allowing the group to meet there each week'.

Some of what the boys had to say about the program includes:-

'We smashed it, it's great!'

'It's awesome. I love that what's said at Strength stays in Strength'

'It's great that everyone contributes and no one sits in the corner.'

New Year Adviser Appointed for Year 7 – 2013

Mr Nick Biddle has been appointed to be the Year Adviser for next year's Year 7. He said "I'm looking forward to meeting the new kids as they finish their senior year at Primary school and welcome new parents to Yass High."

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a 3 day camp and program for 14 to 17 year old boys and girls. The aim is to communicate to these young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards, and also to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

RYPEN is an intensive program, consisting of plenary sessions, workshops, sport and entertainment activities.

Participants are given the opportunity to learn from achievers in the worlds of business, sport and entertainment and presenters will talk at keynote sessions and share their experiences with participants while emphasizing the need to work hard and stay focused.

At the same time participants are interacting with peers from different backgrounds and also improving their team working and leadership skills. This is all done in an informal atmosphere, where questions and debate are encouraged.

The motto for RYPEN, 'The Cultivation of Youth', emerged from the very first camp back in 1980.

Annie Hill and Sam Young both of Year 9 have been nominated to represent Yass High School at the 2012 camp. These two young people have already displayed excellent leadership skills and are looking to develop these further as a result of their participation in RYPEN .



Road Safety Seminar

Year 12 students are rapidly approaching the completion of their high school studies. They have varying ambitions and goals but share many common characteristics; one being they are all road users. Most Year 12 students have attained their license, whilst others are about to.

Senior Constable Gary Mutton, Goulburn Police Education Unit, gave an insightful visual presentation to Year 12 students this month.

Covering topics such as demerit points, fines, varying traffic behaviours, the presentation also covered the often tragic side of road use and the terrible 'domino-effect' of its consequences.

The response from students was positive, regardless of the, sometimes confronting, detail. A necessary presentation which will hopefully help eliminate myths of 'being invincible'.



"Very worthwhile. Raising awareness of the risks and consequences of irresponsible road use". James Hazell, Yr 12.

'The seminar brought to focus issues that were very relevant to our year group (some more than others)'. Brent Hickey Yr 12.

2012 Defence Technical Scholarship

Yass High is excited to hear that Year 11 student Stephen Targett has been awarded a 2012 Defence Technical Scholarship. With over 2,300 applicants, this is a prestigious award. Well done Stephen.

There are two opportunities to find out more about **Defence Force careers**.

Royal Military College (RMC) Information Session

Date: Tuesday 5th June 2012 **Time:** 6pm

Location: 15 Bowes Street (Medibank Building), Woden, ACT.

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

To book your place at an information session call **13 19 01** or R.S.V.P. to Grace on 02 6212 2748 , gmartin@dfrc.com.au

YHS Information Session

Defence Force Recruiting will be coming to Yass HS on **Friday 22 June**, Period 3 to speak about careers in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Interested students should see Ms Robinson to sign up for this session.

“CIT Enrolments for a Certificate IV in Education Support

CIT provides training in a Certificate IV in Education Support during the day and the evenings (training to be a teacher’s assistant). CIT is having an information and enrolment session on Wednesday 27 June, at 4pm, room D101, Woden campus.

The full time class will be held during the day and is completed in one semester.

Classes start at 9:30am and finish at 2pm over three days a week. Students are required to complete a volunteer placement at a school for 9 days as part of their training. If your children are now all at school this may be the course for you as it is a rewarding and fulfilling career. With this qualification you are able to provide assistance to students with disabilities or who have learning difficulties.”



CSU MyDay

Each year Charles Sturt University runs a series of days focusing on different areas of study.

On the 10th May 4 Year 12 students experienced MyDay at the Wagga campus where they found out more about Primary School Teaching.



Daniel Davis, Sarah Parker, Laura Rhodes and Anna Patmore at CSU Wagga Wagga.

On Friday 1st June 3 Yr 12 students will go to CSU Albury to find out more about several health careers.

Further MyDay workshops will be as follows:

Monday 19th June for careers in Policing and Psychology at Bathurst. Yr12 students should see Ms Robinson if interested.

Monday 26th June for Creative Industries at CSU Wagga Wagga. Interested Yr12 students should see Ms Swinbourn.

NEW - Fee Help For Vocational students - NEW

Students studying at TAFE and CIT etc. can now get government help for fees in the same way that University students have been able to for years.

VET FEE HELP is available for vocational education & training courses at the Diploma level and above. Students can apply for a government loan which will be paid off through the tax system once they start working and earning above \$46,195. An application form is available from approved providers. There is a list of approved providers at www.studyassist.gov.au.

University Of Canberra



Fifty five Year 9 students experienced the University of Canberra for the day on the 9th May. They did a fitness assessment program, had a mini lecture about UC courses and facilities, went bug-catching and then examined the insects under powerful microscopes. They also made and flew paper planes and went on a tour of the student accommodation.

Year 9 students in the common room, in the field, in the lab and the gym where UC students live and work on campus.



Be Who You Are Social

In May, about 100 students celebrated being with their friends for the second term of school by attending the SRC run “BE WHO YOUR ARE” social.

The casual theme ensured students came dressed as they pleased for a relaxed and fun night. Students ranged from Year 7’s who had some great dance moves and took out a couple of the prizes for best dancers to the fun-loving year 12’s who enjoyed themselves thoroughly. All present danced the night away to sounds provided by I-Sound, with Mark Power the DJ, who will always play the song you want to hear.

A big thank you must go to all the SRC members who sold tickets, promoted the social, set up the hall with decorations, ran a canteen to keep thirst and hunger at bay and cleaned up after everyone had gone.

Thank you to the teachers and staff who helped us with tickets, posters, and supervising on the great night.





What's New in Textiles

Year 9 Textile students have just completed designing and sewing a laptop computer case. Look out for their individual cases around school – who wants to be the same as everyone else?



Alyn Silver and Ashley Parker with their lap top cases

Rebekah Gallagher and Emma Gerstenberg display their unique laptop cases



Livin' in the 70's

Disco glam, punk, maxi, middi and mini skirts all had their place in the 70's. Year 11 Textile and Design students have just finished creating a costume inspired by this period and some great creations were made. A silver disco skirt, a maxi length tie died skirt, a leopard print mini skirt as well as a vest, peasant dress and kaftan are some of the wonderful garments created.

Jamie Clark in his 70-'s inspired shirt.



Tayla Robinson with her punk inspired dress and Ruby Foxlewin with a jumpsuit drafted from a 70's garment.



Yr 11's with some fun appliqued hangings – the theme of which was faces.



Junior Boys Soccer – Bill Turner Cup

Round 2 - Yass High School versus Moruya High School at home.

Yass courage and resilience was tested to the limits in this game. 3-0 down and nothing was going our way when just before half time Brendan Scanes smashed an absolute cracker from almost half way. This was the turning point and we were all over them in the second half. The next goal came from Tim Hazell who found some space down the wing and ran all the way, perfectly placing the ball in the corner, giving no chance for the keeper.

With time running out to equalise, we must have hit the goal post six or more times before our prayers were finally answered when Brendan again relieved our anxiety. The score was 3-3 at full time.

The deal was extra time and golden point, first to score with one player being reduced every five minutes.



In the first 30 seconds Moruya scored only to be called back for off side. What a relief! Chances to score were 50/50 on both sides but with some fantastic saves from our keeper Jayden Veerhuis kept us in the hunt.

Still 3-3 after extra time, it was time to face the penalty shoot out. Brendan was first and didn't disappoint. Moruya were next but was denied by the post. We were 1 up with Tim, Robby Furner, and Brad Nielson all scoring with confidence. Yass 4, Moruya 2. Moruya's 4th was saved brilliantly by Jayden and it was all over and the players, parents and coach went crazy and ran on to the field to congratulate each other. A jubilant frenzy!

Athletics Carnival Results

On a glorious autumn day our students ran, jumped and threw their way through our annual school athletics carnival. Participation was high and all the students strived to do their best. The house point scores were again close with Hume running out winners with 1753 points from Oxley on 1691, Sturt on 1501 and Hovell on 1080. With the conditions being perfect we had a number of new records set on the day.

13yrs Boys 100m Thomas Staines 12.50s (OR 12.98s)

12yrs Girls 800m Kelly Govier 2.57.28 (OR 2.58.30)

15yrs Girls High Jump Ashley Parker 1.47m (1.44m)

15yrs Boys 200m Brendon Scanes 24.27s (24.83s)



AGE	GIRLS	BOYS
12yrs	Kelly Govier R/U Ellaine Dickens	
13yrs	Molly Freeman R/U Victoria Alley	Thomas Staines R/U Ben Medway
14yrs	Lucy Bucknell R/U Amber Cummins- Carney	Jayden Veerhuis R/U Kris Hansson
15yrs	Ashley Parker R/U Sarah Davison	Brendon Scanes R/U Hayden Starr
16yrs	Kirsty Hansen R/U Brooke Garland	Shea Cummins-Carney R/U Josh Bush
17+yrs	Laura Fletcher R/U Sian Minary-Bland	Jai Smith R/U Brent Hickey

Girl's Rugby is on again at Yass High.

We are reviving the former glory of the Yass High Womans' Rugby side for the ACT Brumbies Gala day on the 6th June. The year 7 and 8 girls have banded together to go and test their mettle against the finest Canberra has to offer.

Filled with excitement and tales of yore when the Woman's Rugby sides of Yass High reigned supreme and were a regular feature of the Semis and finals of NSW Woman's Rugby in the late 1990's. The Yass High Ladies have been training hard and are building great Espirit de Corp.

Recently, Sam Rolf, the Brumbies Development Officer, attended Yass High for a training run. Left breathless and sore from the dedication and team spirit on display, Mr. Rolf said, "The Brumbies are very excited to have the Yass High Ladies back in the Gala day. The other schools have been training hard and hope they might be in with a chance against the Yass High Ladies after they've been away from the winning circle for so long."

Former Western Division Rugby Champion and Team Skills coach, Kelly Armour said, "The Ladies have been putting in a mighty effort and are really relishing the thrill of competition. They've got a little more work to do on their backline moves but with good height in the forward pack, we're sure to be competitive at the breakdown."

The Gala day is on the 6th June at Phillip Park in Belconnen. Any and all parents are welcome to come along and support the Yass High Ladies in action.



**Yass High School
Student of the Week
May 2012**



**Amanda Wanninayaka
Year 8**

for

Outstanding Classwork



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Health

Southern NSW
Local Health Network

YASS ORAL HEALTH FREE DENTAL SERVICES

A free dental service is available for all children aged 0-18years. It is located at Yass Community Health Centre. The clinic is open on Mondays.

How do I access care? Phone the Dental Service Call Centre on **1800 450 046 (8.30-4pm)**

What happens when I ring? The Call Centre staff will ask for your Medicare Card, and then will ask you some questions about your child and their teeth (triage), they will either give you an appointment or may place you on a wait list, depending on the dental need.

This service has been running for over twenty two years, with some parents attending themselves as children. We offer exams, Xrays, fillings, extractions etc. even when your child attends high school, your child may still continue to attend.

Our service is also extended to adult services, where a Health Care/Pension card and Medicare card are required. This outreach clinic is currently running every fortnight on a Tuesday. All enquiries should be directed to the number above.

Motivational Media

Students attended a Motivational Media Presentation called iRisk which is about making informed choices, thinking before you act, whether keeping control of personal information online, or putting on your seatbelt before driving to work.

Our thanks go to the Lions club of Yass for their continued support of this valuable initiative.



Marlene Wilson of Yass Lions made a donation as a representative of the Lions Club of Yass to continue their support of Motivational Media since 1994. She asked for feedback on the value of their investment. Year 9 students provided this valuable feedback.

DATE	EVENT
Mon 4 th June	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 4 th June	Bill Turner Cup (Eden)
Mon 4-Mon 25 June	Year 11 VET work placement period
Tues 5 th June	Year 12 Celebration Assembly
Wed 6 th June	Zone Netball Boys/Girls
Wed 6 th June	Science Competition
Mon 11th June	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Thu 14 th June	Zone Athletics
Fri 15 th June	Welcome to Sandra Hiscock
Mon 18 th June	Scripture lessons
Mon18-Thu 21 st June	CHS Girls Touch
Tue 26 th June	Chemistry Quiz
Tue 26 & Wed 27 Jun	CHS Boys Touch
Wed 27 th June	TAFE Taster Day
Thu 28 th June	Years 7-11 Celebration Assemblies
Thu 28 th June	Codarra Robotic Challenge
Fri 29 th June	Brainstorm Production
Fri 29 th June	Last Day Term 2
Mon 16 July	School Development Day for staff Crookwell, Boorowa, Yass High Schools at YHS
Tues 17 July	Students return to Term 3
Tues 24 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thu 26 July	Talent Quest
Click on the school website for the online calendar	
Remember Assessment tasks are also available on school website calendars	