



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Deputy Principal: Louise Pinson

## Our Gifts to Africa

While our school is living in luxury, Africa's school students are lacking the P.E equipment and school supplies that everyone at Yass High School is given, it was time for a change so one of our generous teachers Ms Wade received many donations for the seven schools she visited such as a secondary school in Lake Nakuru, Kenya. It consists of around 100 students in Forms 1 and 2 (Years 7 and 8) but only 2 classrooms! At present a further 2 classrooms are currently being built. At the New Hope Children's Centre, children will have fun with colourful frisbees, boomerangs and books which came from Yass High. We thank Ms Wade personally and all those who helped for their acts of kindness because change doesn't just happen, change starts with you!



*The differences between one of Africa's school assemblies and ours are astonishing and sad.*



*While we sit comfortably in chairs watching one of many slide shows that are presented on the big screen, Africa's school students are bundled together standing and stretching for a good view to receive our small gifts.*

**If you would like to help in any way please refer to the following websites or email address or talk to Ms Wade.**

**Village Education Project Kilimanjaro: [www.kiliproject.org](http://www.kiliproject.org)**

**New Hope Children's Centre: [www.newhopechildrenscentre.org](http://www.newhopechildrenscentre.org)**

**Rhino Secondary School: [rhinosec848@gmail.com](mailto:rhinosec848@gmail.com)**

*by Mikayla Ede*

August 2013

## Full House Screams for More.....Talent Quest

Whether you enjoy non-stop laughter, stunning visual effects and art pieces made by the students themselves, classic ballads or delicious snacks, Yass High Talent Quest is the place for you!

With a *Duo of Three* Verdi Barberis and Edward Hinch came in first and in second place *Under the Waves*, an original composition by Dana Wilson and Orion Mandla. The people's choice was *The Comedy of Blake* Muscat. The encouragement award went to the *TDC dance Crew* that was performed by Taylor McIver, David Savy and Charissa Cresswell, *Ready or Not* solo vocal by Ella Proietti and *The Comedy of Blake* Muscat.

The night ran smoothly because of the hard work of the back stage crew Nicko and Joshie, Jamie, James, Courtney and Susan.

By Amanda Hansen and Breanna Hickey





**AND THE WINNER IS.....**  
**FIRST PLACE –**  
 DUO OF THREE – VERDI BARBERIS AND EDWARD HINCH

**SECOND PLACE –**  
 UNDER THE WAVES – ORIGINAL COMPOSITION BY DANA WILSON AND ORION MANDLA

**PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD –**  
 THE COMEDY OF BLAKE MUSCAT – BY BLAKE MUSCAT

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS –**  
 •TDC DANCE CREW – FEATURING CHARISSA CRESSWELL, TAYLA MCIVER AND DAVID SAVY  
 •READY OR NOT – SOLO VOCAL BY ELLA PROIETTI  
 •THE COMEDY OF BLAKE MUSCAT – BY BLAKE MUSCAT



Photo Collage by Charissa Cresswell



## The Art-Chi Prize

Peoples' Choice award – won by Kalinda Brown for her photograph



## Artist choice awards



*1st prize to Ashley Parker for her painted sculpture of a green tree frog*

*Second prize to Molly Stacey for her chameleon sculpture.*



*Third prize to Chelsea Girdler for her sculptures of rainbow lorikeets.*

What a great show. Thank you to all of the people who participated and to those who voted for their favourite artwork. A big thank you to Steven Deronne for doing the difficult job of judging the show.

# Spring Art Exhibition

Where: Art room 1

When: Lunchtime and period 6 on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>



Come along with your friends and have a look at the artwork

## YEAR 12 CAKE STALL

Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>



Find us in the school canteen at recess and lunchtime. Chocolate crackles, cupcakes, cookies, slices, toffees and more yummy things.

Remember to bring your money with you!  
(All profits go towards a gift for the school)

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**Year 12 will also be holding a BBQ at school on the Election Day September 7<sup>th</sup>, with tasty sausages and steak sandwiches.**

## French Fun

Students have been busy making their farm and zooscapes: and then writing and translating sentences about their creations.



Les élèves font leurs fermes et zoos. Puis ils traduisent et écrivent, les phrases des fermes et zoos, en français.

## Cappuccino Anyone?



*Lucy Broers, Jai Smith, Luke Southwell, Skye Vickery, Ally Beck, Jamie Clarke, Jenna Rogers, Kimberley Wright and Sally Von Hoff with the new coffee machine.*

This year the Yr. 12's will be the first graduates of the Certificate II in Hospitality Multiskilling. The students have completed a course designed to give them a range of skills in hospitality including preparing and serving food, preparing coffees and non-alcoholic drinks and waiting on customers. This course is very suited to students wanting to pursue a career in hospitality or earning some extra money whilst studying.

Many local establishments have supported us and are now employing past students. A commercial coffee machine has been added to our equipment and will be invaluable to teach real skills whilst running cafes from the food technology kitchens.

## Goulburn TAFE

Goulburn TAFE have been very kind in allowing our Year 11 students to organise and prepare food in their hospitality kitchens, after those at Yass High burnt down last year. Fourteen students have been bussed to Goulbourn one day a week to learn cooking skills in an industrial environment. Some great dishes have been made and some more are still to be made.

*Ayla Douglas and Sarah Brown with sesame chicken wings and rice with stir fried vegetables*





*Tiahne Douglas with fruit salad and star anise custard*



*Kahlie Bush with chicken Kiev and potatoes gratin*



*Rebecca Fisher–  
Raeyers with  
bruschetta*



## Students of the Week

August 2013

For demonstrating outstanding leadership as a nominee for  
2014 School Captain



**Matthew Pilbrow, James Roche, Siobhan McGrath, Orion Mandla,  
Daniel Furry, Joshua Kemp, Lalia Kassouh, Kahlie Bush,  
Dana Wilson, Nicholas Whiting, Bailey Wales**

**Yass High School  
Students of the Week  
July 2013**



**Eilish Jones, Lucy Broers,  
Skye Vickery, Amelia Barry  
Lalia Kassouh**

For outstanding contribution and  
representation at regional activities

## Down on the farm – Late Winter Edition

Thank you to Mr Saville for aggregating some Tweets from my trip to Ireland for the last InTouch. We had a wonderful break in West County Clare and it was especially great to be situated in farming country and to be able to compare methods in Ireland to what we use here.

I would like to thank Mr McDonald, Mr Terrey, Mr Wilkinson and Mr Deronne for their efforts looking after the farm and the classes I left behind. It is always hard to leave the farm and the animals so it is great to have folk prepared to look after it all.

While away we had a number of births, Mini and Coco, two of our commercial beef cows gave birth to heifer calves sired by “Newton Wood Golf” generously loaned to us by Mr Glyn Williams.



*Mini (l) and Coco(r) with their calves*

Many thanks go to Mrs Fiona Waldren of “Walgrove” and Mr Andrew Buckmaster of “Chilton” who took these cattle on their properties for the last 2 months.

Right after the term started Year 8 Agriculture began their raising of chickens with Mr McDonald and will be caring for them for the term and designing houses for them.



*Victoria and Georgia showing off their new chickens which they will be feeding and weighing for the remainder of the term.*

Year 8 have also been doing garden work around the school, in particular, the area beside the G Block where new roses were planted and overgrown plants trimmed or removed.



*Mr McDonald shows the way in the G Block garden with Year 8 Ag*

The Stud ewes returned to the school from agistment on Matt Doyle's property 'Glenryan' last week and Year 9 Ag'A' were soon involved drenching and vaccinating the ewes before next week's lambing takes place. Brodi and Veanka did the honours with the vaccinator and drench gun with the assistance of Mr Davis.



Many thanks to Mr Doyle for his valued assistance to the school in taking all our ewes for the winter break. He has been a strong supporter of agriculture at the school for many years especially taking students for work placement.



*The school ewes being fed a late pregnancy supplement on 'Glenryan' prior to returning to YHS for lambing.*

We are close to saying farewell to our Year 12 students in PI and Ag, with the Trials having been sat and last minute efforts to wind up the coursework before the big break.

Pictured below are Rachel and Caitlyn showing why they have been the backbone of the Show Team for many years and also Scotty and Brad busy(?) in the pens at "Glenryan" while we crutched the ewes. Thank you to all the Year 12's who have contributed so much to Agriculture at the school for the last 6 years. Good luck for the future!



To finish this report, the Year 11 PI class has been very busy over the term making improvements to the school farm such as a pathway and steps to the Ag Room, building a new shade house after the fire, constructing a low level loading ramp at the cattle yards as well as continued weed control work on a number of sites.

Recently we learnt to use the Boom Spray to control broad-leaf weeds in the oat crop, but also using low-tech methods such as chipping to remove horehound from a block we use for occasional grazing.

Year 12 need not worry; the future is in good hands!



*Lachie O'Mara is all suited-up and setting about applying MCPA to the oat crop that will be used for spring grazing.*

## EGGS FOR SALE

SUPPORT AGRICULTURE AT YASS HIGH SCHOOL  
FREE RANGE EGGS, \$4 per dozen or \$10 a tray (30)



Call 62261711 Or 0418438020 to order.

## NSW Zone Polocrosse Championships

On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of August, Kristy Huey and Rhys Butt represented the Southern Highlands Zone in the NSW Zone Championships at Warren in the Junior Mixed team.

Kristy and Rhys both played defensive positions in their sections and both played extremely well all weekend.





## Yass High Stars at Arts Festival

The Yass High School Concert Band and Vocal Ensemble opened the second half of the Queanbeyan School Education Area Arts Festival 2013 “Good Times” concert in the Llewellyn Hall at the ANU in Canberra last Wednesday and Thursday 14th/15th August.

Conducted by David Greenwood the band played lively arrangements of well-known film and movie themes for the toe-tapping audience, then the vocal group harmonised “Over the Rainbow” with a single guitar backing. Both performances were well received by the packed hall.

Band members also provided backing for other performances during the night and our students joined hundreds from other district schools in the inspiring closing number.

Many thanks to the teachers and parents who supported the students for the event.



*Students from left to right:- Joanna Devey, Ashleigh Butler, Emily Parker, Bella Wilson, Elise Allan, Orion Mandla, Dana Wilson, Annabelle Hansson*

## Student Technology Update Year 9 2014

With the Digital Education Revolution (DER) program drawing to a close it is important that we plan to continue our use of technology to enhance learning at Yass High School. The school has made excellent use of the federally funded five year program which promised “every student from Year 9 to 12 will have a laptop”. This was achieved in NSW by allocating each student a laptop in Year 9 which they used until they graduated in Year 12. The four year program was extended by one year to 2013 with Year 9 2013 receiving laptops on a loan basis. Included in the funding was the installation of a high speed wireless network to all areas of the school and the appointment of a technical support officer (TSO) to maintain laptops. Staff have also been trained in the use of laptops as part of the program.

From 2014 students who have previously received laptops and care for them under the user agreement will continue to use them until they graduate. The TSO position is no longer funded so maintenance and repairs will become the responsibility of the student and their family.

Students in Year 9 2014 will be able to use the school wireless network for learning with selected devices in a “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) program. A list of suitable devices and configurations available and serviced locally will be published and students will sign a user charter with the obligation to use the devices and network for learning as directed by their teachers. The focus will move from the device to the creative learning possibilities as 21st Century learning becomes embedded in all our students’ work.

Support material to allow students to connect to the school wireless network will be available to students who register their devices with parental permission to access the school network and follow the user agreement.

A survey of student devices is available for Year 8 students on the next page or online on the school web site at:-

### **Beyond the Digital Education Revolution**

#### **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

Student Survey - Year 9 2014 please complete

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XPX3PD2>

More info..

BYOD Sandpit <http://byodsandpit.weebly.com>

NSWDEC BYOD Support Site <http://byod.weebly.com/>

# BYOD Student Survey

1. Have you used any of the following devices before?

- a. MP3 player
- b. eReader
- c. Smartphone
- d. Tablet
- e. Laptop
- f. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you own any of the devices listed below?

- a. MP3 player
- b. eReader
- c. Smartphone
- d. Tablet
- e. Laptop
- f. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you like to be able to bring your device(s) to school to use for school-related activities?

- a. Yes
- b. Maybe
- c. No

4. How do you think devices can help you at school?

5. What are your favorite educational apps and websites?

6. How should devices not be used at school?

## New Teachers Help us Learn in New Ways

Our school is lucky enough to receive new teachers to help make our school better. Some recently arriving are Ms Granger(PDHPE) Mr Randell (Construction and Woodwork teacher), Ms Panton(English and Food Technology teacher), Ms Guest, Ms Wood and Mr Matthews (supporting students with their learning), Mr Wise (Careers Adviser), Mr Osa Akioya (all subjects), and Mr Hurley (Technical Support Cadet). We thank them for their hard work and dedication that we are sure will continue, we welcome all of them personally and hope to learn from them in the future. Our students respect the experience and enthusiasm of our teachers whether it be for a single lesson or a long term commitment.

Written By: Mikayla Ede

Some of the Year 8 media students have been interviewing some of the new staff to find out more about them.

### Interview with Miss Granger

By Andrew Mihaljevic, Adam Clifford and Jacob Basalama.

On Friday the 26th Jacob Basalama, Andrew Mihaljevic and Adam Clifford interviewed a new teacher at Yass High, Ms Granger. Here is how the interview went.

- Where were you before?
  - I worked at Cootamundra High School and prior to that I worked at Cootamundra Public school.
- Do you like it so far?
  - Yes, its very good and the kids are lovely.
- What subjects are you doing?
  - Mostly PE but a bit of everything.
- Why did you decide to come and teach at Yass High?
  - Because it was closer to Canberra which is where I live now and it looked like a nice school.



*Miss Granger is a great teacher that tries to help every student she possibly can.*

*To the left is Miss Granger helping out a student*

## Interview with Ms Panton by Kelly Govier and Emily Polsen

- Where were you before you came to Yass High?
  - Newcastle teaching casual in a Newcastle school, but I finished Uni recently.
- Do you like being at Yass High School so far?
  - Yeah it's really cool, I really like Yass it's a pretty town.
- What subjects are you teaching?
  - I'm teaching Food which is really interesting and kind of fun and English.
- Why did you decide to come and teach at Yass High?
  - Because I really wanted to experience a different place and I've always wanted to see the southern highlands because they have been pretty when I've drove through.



## Interview with Mr Randell

by Adam and Jacob

- Where were you before?
  - Apollo Bay in Victoria
- Do you like it so far?
  - Good especially some Yr. 11 Construction
- What subjects are you doing?
  - Construction and Woodwork





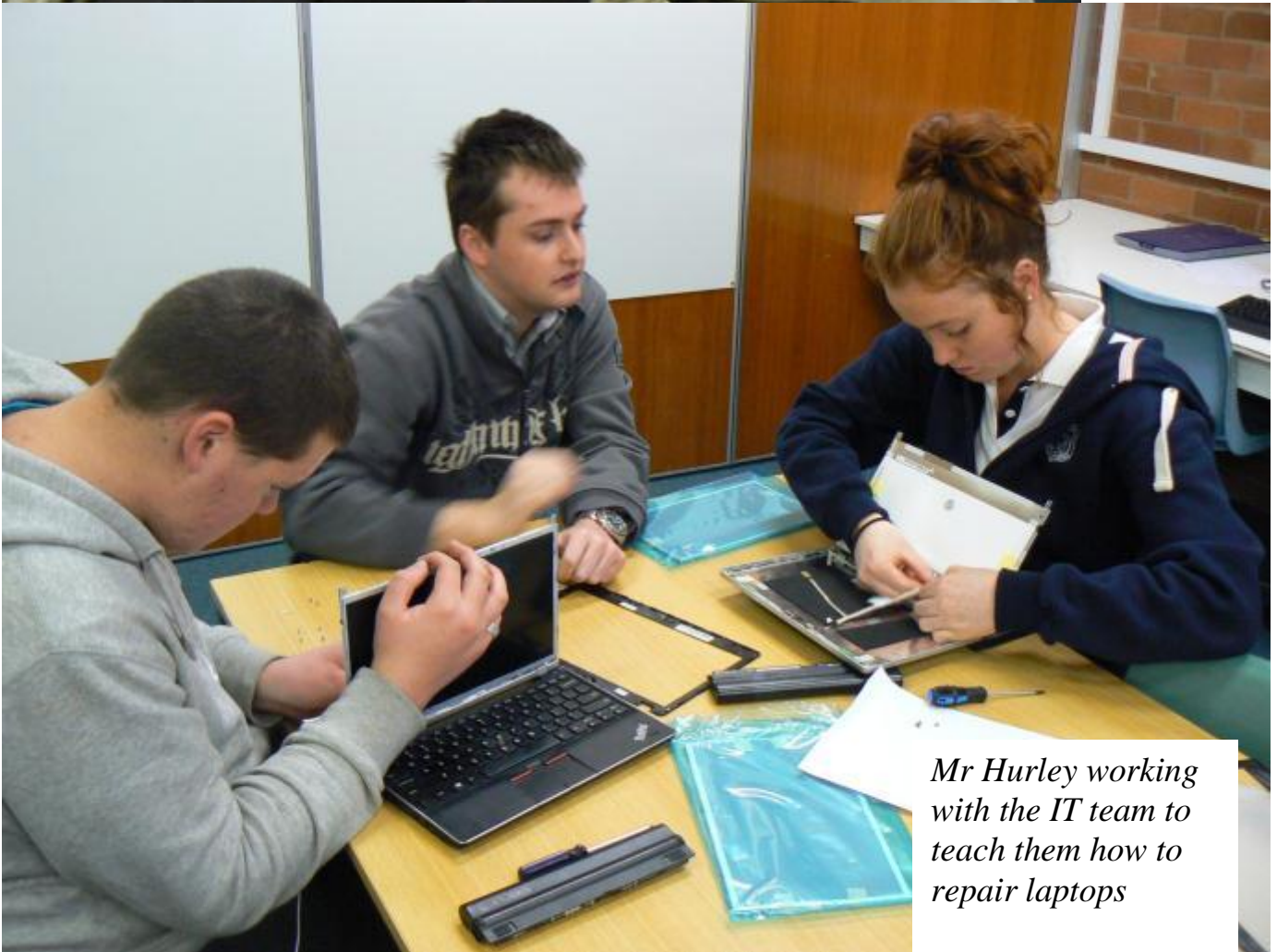
*Mr Matthews helps  
Brendan with his  
assignments*



*Ms Wood provides  
support for student  
learning*



*Ms Guest provides support for students*



*Mr Hurley working with the IT team to teach them how to repair laptops*



*Mr Osa Akioya has a great sense of humour and love of teaching and learning*



*Mr Wise gives great career advice to students*





*Mr Randell has one of his Construction classes building large shelves*

...and a new student from Germany

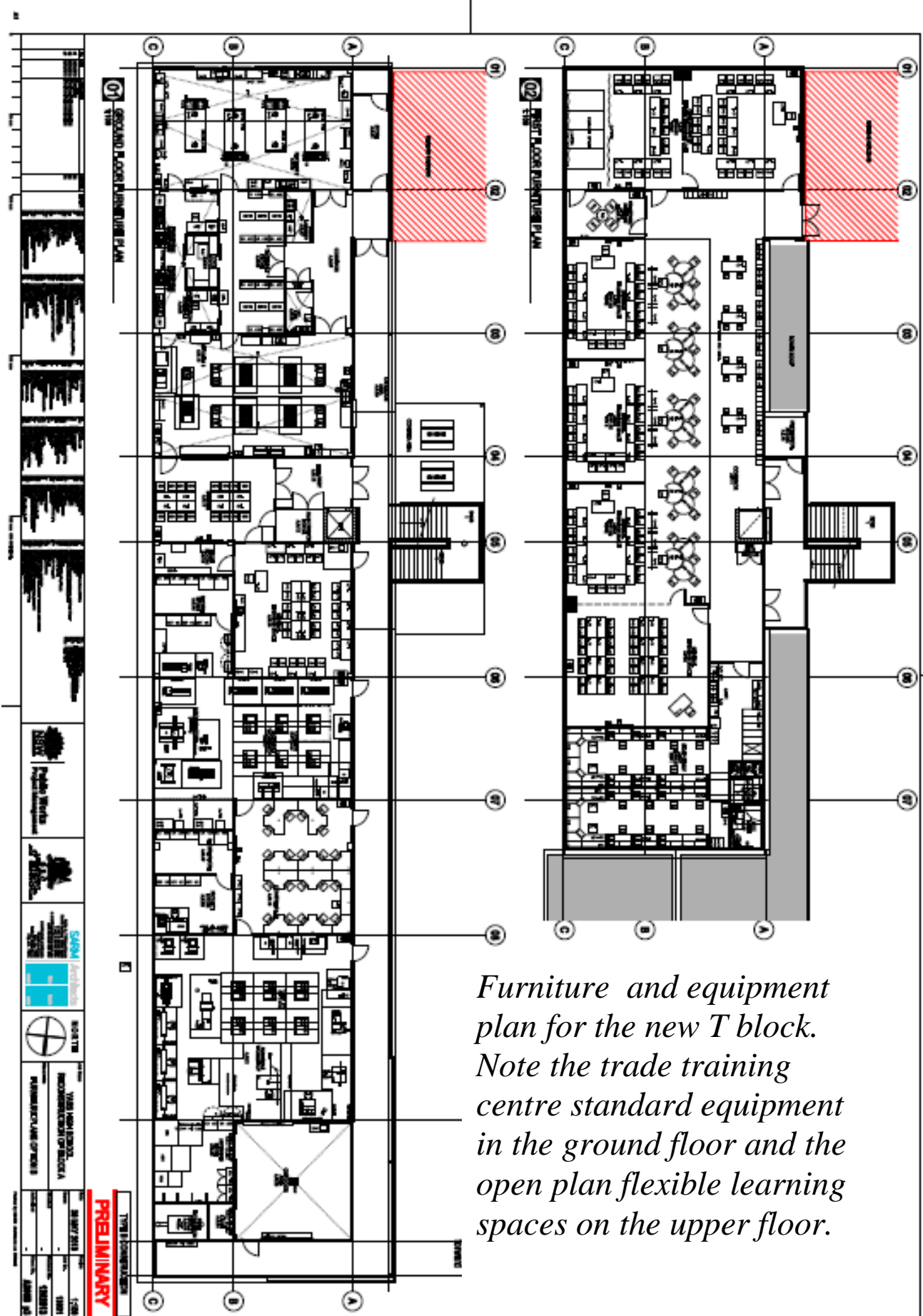
### **CAROLINE BAUST – EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Hello!

My name is Caroline Baust, but everybody just calls me Caro. I am from Berlin, Germany and I will stay in Yass for a year. I am 17 years old and I want to study medicine when I finish school. Before I came to Australia, I did not expect that school would be so relaxed and welcoming. Australia wasn't my first choice for my exchange year (it was New Zealand), but I'm very happy to be here. I love the beaches and the ocean and especially the sun, so I'm looking forward for summer here. I HATE WINTER! So, I think that is all about me for now.



# New Building will be Designed for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning



*Furniture and equipment plan for the new T block. Note the trade training centre standard equipment in the ground floor and the open plan flexible learning spaces on the upper floor.*

*Yass High School  
'Out of the Ashes'  
Dinner & Auction*

*6.30pm*

*9th November 2013*

*Yass Soldiers Club*

*\$55 per head - tables of 10*

*Guest Speaker - Jane Caro*

*Freelance copywriter, lecturer, author  
and media commentator.*

*Proudly sponsored by Yass Real Estate*



*Auction Items (just to name a few)*

- Autographed Australian Cricket Team Players Shirt*
- Autographed Brumbies Jumper*
- Hyatt Canberra Package*
- Kim Nelson Artwork*
- Kevin Biddle Artwork*
- Cool room Hire*
- Sporting Memorabilia*

*Tickets available from Yass High School*

Book a Black Dog Institute presentation on:

Navigating teenage

# DEPRESSION

You will learn about:

- What is depression and bipolar disorder?
- How to spot early warning signs in young people
- When and where to seek help
- How to support a young person you care about
- How to build resilience

Coming to Yass High early next term

This one-hour presentation is delivered by a trained presenter who has a personal experience of a mood disorder or of caring for a loved one. It is suitable for parents, teachers and people who work with young people and provides a quality introduction to the subject.

**How to book a presentation:** To enquire about booking a presentation at your school or in your local community, please complete the online booking form (fees apply) at [www.blackdoginstitute.org.au](http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au) (Go to Community Education Seminars) or contact us at [community@blackdog.org.au](mailto:community@blackdog.org.au) or 02 9382 2998

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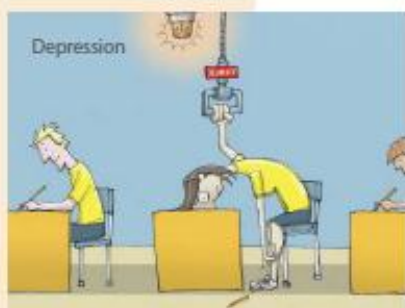
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# INSIGHT



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Developed by the Black Dog Institute, INSIGHT is a 50 minute presentation on mental health developed specifically for teenagers. It covers what happens if we lose our mental health, how we can get it back again and it explains exactly what resilience is. This presentation is made up from engaging and often humorous illustrations by best selling author Matthew Johnstone. The images help explain concepts that are traditionally difficult to articulate. This presentation offers hope, well being strategies, help seeking avenues all while dispelling stigma.



For more information contact Chris Rule, Black Dog Institute, Program Manager - Community Education, at [c.rule@blackdog.org.au](mailto:c.rule@blackdog.org.au) or phone 02 9382 9382

For more information about the Black Dog Institute, visit: [www.blackdoginstitute.org.au](http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au)

# Farewell Yr.12

11<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Single \$5.00

Family \$10.00

# Thrift Shop

# Social

*Tickets on sale Thur. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sept. to Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
lunch time in quad*



Redbacks



YASS FOOTBALL CLUB INC

# SUMMER SOCCER REGO DAY

*Kindergarten to Year 12*

**WEDNESDAY 11 September**

**4-6 pm**

**@ WALKER PARK**

In the Change Rooms



**to 2013 Seniors Summer Comp**



Info [www.yassfc.com.au](http://www.yassfc.com.au)



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Additional family members \$25.00 per player

Seniors Comp \$30.00 per player



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Enquiries Alison Beresford 0481 352 042

Drew Gallagher 0408 633 143

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Mon 2 Sep	Year 7 TM next rotation
Mon 2 Sep	Brainstorm Productions Year 10-12
<b>Mon 2 Sep</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting 7.30 Common Room</b>
Wed 4 Sep	Year 7,9 Boys Vaccinations
Fri 6 Sep	Mufti Day for World Vision Children
Mon 9 Sep	Religious Seminars Yrs 7,9&10
Tue 10 Sep	Leadership Assembly
Wed 11 Sep	Religious Seminars Yrs 8 &11
Wed 11 Sep	Lions Mock Interviews
16-19 Sep	Preliminary Final Examinations
Fri 20 Sep	Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Fri 20 Sep	Last Day Term 3
Mon 7 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
Tue 8 Oct	First Day Term 4
8-11 Oct	HSC Seminars at school
Mon 14 Oct	HSC Exams begin, Baptist Hall
Sat 9 Nov	Yass High School Fundraising Dinner
Fri 22 Nov	Year 12 Formal
Wed 4 Dec	Year 6 -> 7 2014 Orientation Day
Tue 10 Dec	Presentation Night
<a href="#">Click on the school website for the online calendar</a>	
<a href="#">Remember Assessment tasks are also available on school website calendars</a>	