



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Deputy Principal: Louise Pinson

## Yass High School Unites in Pink

On October 28th Yass High School united in PINK to help raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is an annual event held at our school with the students in the 9/10 Community classes being the driving force behind the day.

The students organised the event and volunteered, not only their time early in the morning to set up and cook the staff BBQ breakfast, but they donated all the food and spent time in the kitchen beforehand cooking delicious cupcakes to sell throughout the day. Not only did we sell them here but the two local primary schools also got behind the cause and bought cupcakes made by the students.

This year the Community classes set themselves a target of \$1200 which can help recruit new participants to help research the causes of cancer.



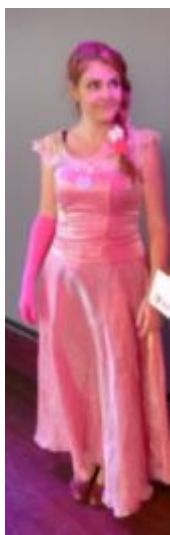
October 2014

## Yass High School Unites in Pink (continued)

The whole day was a huge success due to the enthusiasm and dedication of the Community students. The school was a sea of PINK and everyone generously donated what they could, bought cupcakes, and got in the PINK mood. There were lots of prizes to be won and a fashion parade for the best dressed. Our school's male vice-captain Hayden Starr was our eventual winner of the fashion parade in an elegant outfit. He was closely followed by Hayden Skillin and Luke Miller.

A BIG BIG thank you to all the staff and students of Yass High for their generosity, the staff at Yass and Berinba Primary schools and to those special Year 11 students who kindly made extra cupcakes for the cause. A HUGE HEARTFELT thank you to all the members of the Year 10 and Year 9 Community studies classes because, without you and your hard work and enthusiasm, the day would not have been the success it was.

It is with a wonderful sense of pride that we can say that we raised \$1900 due to a wonderful combined spirited Yass High effort. Brooke Hardy





## Principal's Notes

Term four has certainly started very well for our students and their teachers. The first week saw well-attended HSC seminars for Year 12 students to help them with final preparations for the exams which began in week two. Head Teachers are on hand to support students as they go into their **HSC exams** at the local Baptist Hall.

So far feedback suggests the papers have been fair with some challenges.



The **construction site** is finally taking on the shape of a two storey building, consisting of slabs top and bottom, wall frames, a lift shaft and roofing trusses. The Project Coordination team is working very closely with the school to ensure the project finishes on time. A number of our **Construction students** are completing their work placements on the site: Dylan Hansen and Luke Barrett have each completed their week's placement on the building.



**Summer school uniform** is looking good and for Term 4 hats will need to be worn for the park and oval during Lunch 2. Sunscreen is available all day for students especially when doing outdoor activities. Please be aware that navy blue items of our uniform are now being sold at Loves Photography on Wednesday afternoons while shirts are available from the school office as usual.

I was very fortunate also last week to be part of the celebration morning tea for those students who took the **AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION**. Thank you to the coordinator Mr Duncan and to the talented Maths students who received outstanding results.



During Week Three I spent some quality time with Mrs Robinson **interviewing all Year 11 students** as they firm up their pattern of study for the HSC in 2015. It was commendable to hear students discuss their aspirations for future study, time management and career possibilities. Year 11 can be very happy with the reports they will receive this Friday and I hope they will be useful as a guide for any improvement needed.

We have had so many wonderful extracurricular activities already this term where I commend the energy of students and teachers. Included was our highly visible presence at the **Murrumbateman Field Days**, Aboriginal students visiting Canberra University as part of the **AIME program**, our **PINK Day** (second to none), extensive **Transition** programs for Year 6 students and the **Show Team** that has been on the road to Cootamundra, Albury, Scone Murrumburrah and

Cowra. At Scone three of our students were ranked in the top ten exhibitors against state-wide competition and our cattle were highly commended.

The recent **SRC Planning Day** was highly successful and we look forward to this group of leaders ensuring there is a strong student voice for 2015. I also would like to thank Ms Annette Halley-Barberis for her support of the SRC for the last four years and welcome Mrs Cassie Blake into this role.



*Superintendent Peter Dyce of @NSWRFS asks the 2015 Student Representative Council to make the pledge to the school.*

A Gifted and Talented School Holiday Program Yrs 7-10 will be held in the school holidays. Forms available from the front office.

### **Korean Exchange for Yass High School**

In 2015 an **exchange program with Korean schools** will commence. In February, 20 students will visit and be hosted by families and a return visit will be arranged for September/October. Please see separate information and expressions of interest – your support will be greatly appreciated.







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30/10/2014

## Yass High Korea School Exchange Program Parents' Expression of Interest

In 2015 we will begin an exchange program with a middle school in Korea. Students will have the opportunity to host one or more Korean students from 11<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February and then participate in the Yass High visit to Korea in September/October 2015 if they wish.

The optimum number of students to be involved is 20. If you would like to register your interest in participating please fill in the attached form and return it to the front office. This form does not bind you to being involved, but will help with our planning. If you have any questions please contact Mr Craig Barrett or myself.

Participants and their families will be invited to an information evening later this term.

Yours sincerely

Ms Sandra Hiscock  
Principal

Mr Craig Barrett  
Program Coordinator

*Please return to Front Office as soon as possible.*

## Yass High Korea School Exchange Program Parents' Expression of Interest

Name of student:..... Year:.....

I am interested in our child participating in the Yass High Korea School Exchange Program in 2015 as:

- ☐ a host for a Korean student in February 2015
- ☐ a participant in the visit to Korea in September/October 2015

Parent/carer contact phone number:.....

Email:.....

Name of parent/guardian:.....

Signature:..... Date:.....

Grampian Street Yass (Locked Bag 1 Yass) NSW 2582

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## Integrated Learning In 2015

### What is it?

Starting next year, all Year 9 students will participate in a new core subject developed fully at Yass High School – Integrated Learning (IL).

The IL subject is designed to provide a rich learning experience for Year 9 by combining the theory and content taught in all other subjects – English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Creative Arts, PDHPE and Technology.

### *Who is involved?*

Teachers from within the school have been specifically selected for their experience in their subject area and will be involved in the planning, implementation and delivery of the subject:

- Mr Roberts (History, Geography)
- Ms Shannon (English and Learning Support)
- Ms Wykes (Creative and Performing Arts)
- Mr Duncan (Mathematics and Science)
- Mr Biddle (Technology and Applied Studies)

### How will it be taught?

The learning experience will not take place in the traditional format of all other classes. Teachers and students will teach the content both indoors and outdoors, actively swap and exchange students between rooms, and will take full advantage of the expertise of the five different teachers in order to complete activities from a range of key learning areas.

The subject has been developed to take advantage of the new open classroom which is set to be ready in term two next year. Until that point, regular classrooms, the hall and outdoor areas will be utilised for the subject delivery.

### What will the students learn in 2015?

The Australian curriculum identifies three cross-curriculum priorities. These will form the basis for the subject designed to cover all other subjects simultaneously:

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures 🖐️
2. Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia 🌐
3. Sustainability 🌱

Each topic will be taught over a period of roughly 13 weeks. Further details on the cross curriculum priorities are listed for the English syllabus below:

<http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/english/english-k10/learning-across-the-curriculum/>

## Down on the Farm

This term is always a busy one with the season being much better than usual with rain extending into October and making the pasture growth far better than we are used to. Immediately we returned Year 11 PI had to grab the hoes and begin to take care of thistles that were flourishing in the good seasonal conditions. Of course it was all part of their "Treat Weeds" competency and was accompanied by use of the slasher and tractor to 'top' the Barley Grass in some of the paddocks and also some chemical treatment using 'Roundup'.



Year 7 and 8 have been getting stuck into their gardens and have been learning all about their new chickens. This all has to happen alongside their computer work where they are researching and preparing plans for a chicken house that will suit a backyard of their choosing.



The Show Team has been going ahead in leaps and bounds with Mr McDonald doing wonders of a Wednesday afternoon during sport and at the moment nearly 30 students are working with our cattle. The Show Team has taken cattle to shows at Cowra, Murrumburrah, Cootamundra and Scone so far this season with all students getting amongst the ribbons in Junior Judging, Parading and the carcass competitions. The team is pictured above at Scone during the "Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza" with our own school-bred heifer 'Jezebel' who was given a Highly Commended ribbon against a very strong field of animals.



Many thanks must go to our helpers on these trips, Mrs Michelle Lees, Ms Emma McQueen and to our cattle donors, Su and Bob McClusky, Mrs Dorothy Hallam and Mr McDonald and his family.

Another great supporter is Mr Glyn Williams and also pictured is Mr. McDonald looking at potential steers on Mr Williams' property at Bowning recently.

The 9/10 Agriculture class has been involved in the Cows Create Careers program and recently travelled to Cowra to attend one of two NSW presentation days. At these events, students learn about the activities of other teams across the state and the winners are announced.

This year our four teams scored just outside the major prizes with scores between 85 and 88.5. Winning teams scored 92-94.5 this year, so we performed creditably. The main outcome of the day however is to see the work of the other teams and to participate in a range of activities centered on learning about the dairy industry, and just having fun.

The leading team from Yass was "Hot Heifers" and pictured below (r) is Shaun Button holding his team's ribbon.



The school's agriculture department also made a big impression at the Annual Murrumbateman Field Days where we put on a display of activities undertaken at the school along with displays of our show team steers and stud White Suffolk Sheep.



We managed to sell 4 older rams and a dozen cast-off ewes in addition to fielding enquiries about our younger rams and receiving numerous offers of donations and assistance.

However, the biggest drawcard by a long stretch was "Quazie" our poddy calf who was the focus of a lot of attention from young and old alike. She is pictured below with some young admirers.

## Murrumbateman Field Days



from Twitter @YassHighSchool

Great day @Murrumb8manFDys talking to interested parents and students about the excellent education @YassHighSchool

Thanks to all our students @YassHighSchool for promoting our school @Murrumb8manFDys. We are very proud of you all.









## #YHSRebuild News



Making good use of the tailings from the big concrete pour at #YHSRebuild, Mr Hansson and Paul finish the shed slab.



[@YassHighSchool](https://www.facebook.com/YassHighSchool)



What a huge day @ #YHSRebuild site today fighting the weather to get the top floor slab concrete down. Well done!





# Regional Performing Ensemble



Each year, 45 young performers are selected by audition from NSW State High Schools to form the **Regional Performing Ensemble**

This is a touring group comprising singers, dancers and a stage band. Throughout the year they perform at schools and events within the Region and once a year they travel further afield.

Are they good? They're sensational! Talented, tight and with enormous energy this group raises the bar for student performance wherever they visit.

They are inspirational for other students and wonderful ambassadors for Public Education. Best of all they provide genuine entertainment for young and old.

For more information  
visit the website

[www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au)

On **Tuesday 11th November 11.30am** the Illawarra and South East Regional High Schools Performing Ensemble (ISER) will be performing at Yass High School. The Ensemble is made up of about 46 highly talented students from Illawarra and South East Regional High Schools and includes a full stage band, vocal ensemble and a dance troupe. Yass High School's Tane Allen (Year 7) is part of this touring ensemble, performing on electric guitar as part of the band. Look out for notes coming home.





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Dingo's Breakfast join Jason and Cloe Roweth entertaining students  
[@YassHighSchool](https://twitter.com/YassHighSchool) introducing  
[#TurningWave](https://twitter.com/turningwave)

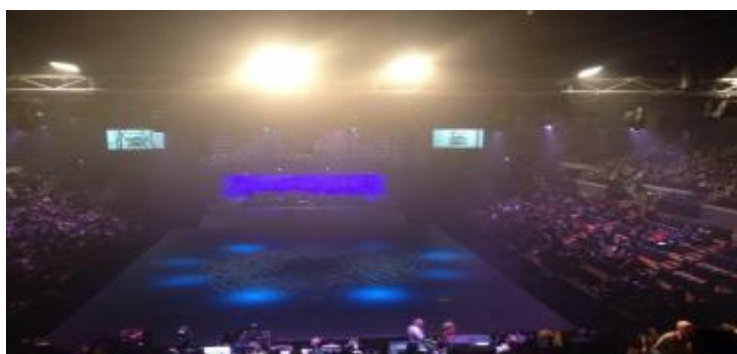
Science learning for Year 7  
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Our Maths assignment posters on data analysis with  
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[@TomDaley1994](https://twitter.com/TomDaley1994)  
[#YHSMathsFair](https://twitter.com/YHSMathsFair)



Harry and Tim building the screen at the front of the school putting their  
[#industrialskills](https://twitter.com/industrialskills) to good use. Thanks boys



Waiting to see our students in  
Southern\_Stars\_2014.”  
[#webelieve2014](https://twitter.com/webelieve2014)





Year 12 students' Billy Beck & Josh Lawrence spent the afternoon of their last day at school putting the sign in place

Thank you and farewell to our graduating Year 12 students. What a wonderful gift to the school and the community.

Welcome to 2015 Year 7 students from our small schools. We hope you had a great day [@yasshighschool](https://twitter.com/yasshighschool)



## Students of the Week

**Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
October 2014**



**Rachel Fletcher  
Year 11**

For demonstrating all school  
values in and beyond the  
classroom

**Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
October 2014**



**Mia Johnson  
Year 10**

For excellent work  
as a reading tutor

## Our New School Captains Lead us in the Community



#PinkDay



#ALSIceBucketChallenge



## Survey Report Released

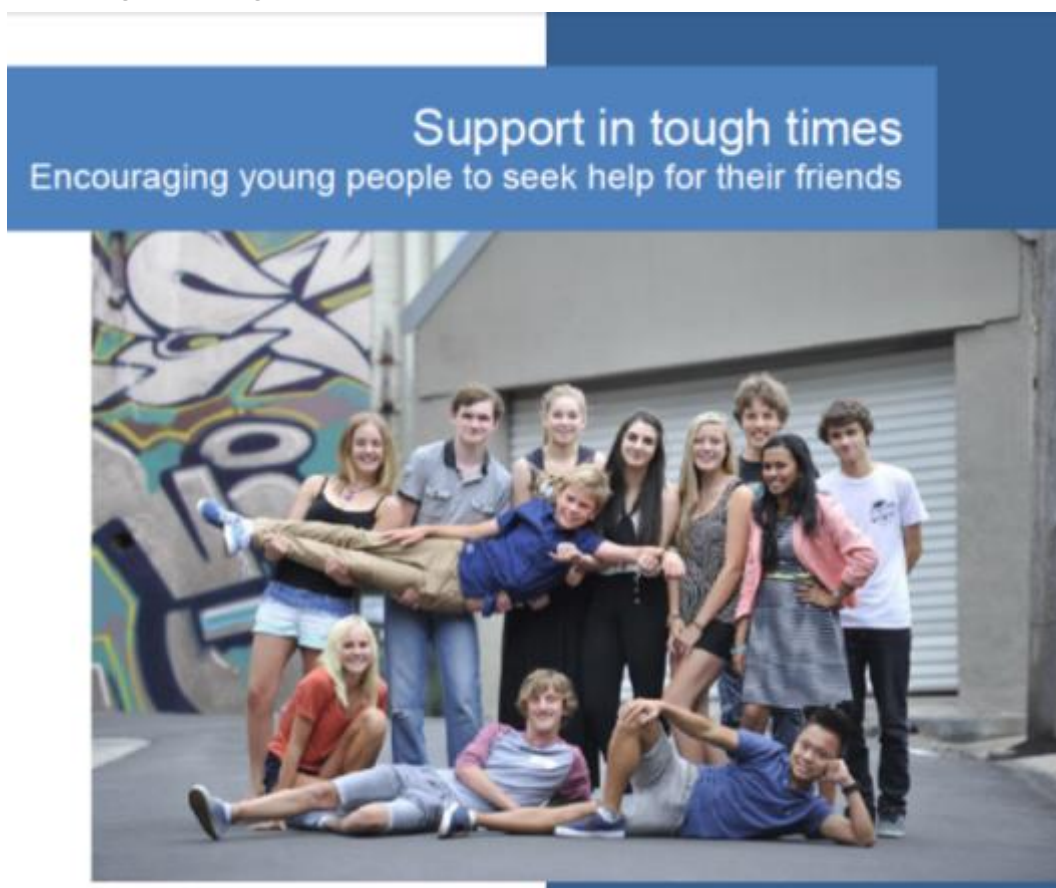
Last year some of our Year 9 and 10 students took part in a survey on how to respond when a friend had a mental health problem. The report of that survey has recently been released.

The report showed that while there are some barriers to young people seeking adult help at the time of a problem, there are a number of things we can do to promote positive help-seeking behaviour.

It is important that adults have respectful relationships with young people and believe that young people are competent to identify problems. Adults must be able to maintain necessary confidentiality and take appropriate action when approached.

At a recent assembly, Ms Pinson spoke to students, ensuring they could identify key adults who could help in such a situation. Number one are parents, of both the concerned young person and the friend facing difficulties. School based supports include year advisers, Ms Chaplin, Rosie (school counsellor), Ms Pinson, Ms Hiscock and any teacher the young person feels comfortable about approaching.

Staff went through the report at a recent staff meeting, focusing on what the school can do to encourage young people to seek adult help when someone is in distress.





## Youth Alcohol: Less Than You think

It's a common belief that young people binge drink and binge drink regularly, especially in rural towns. Out to dispel this misconception are Yass High School and the Southern NSW Medicare Local, who have started a program called 'Less Than You Think' which aims to reveal a more accurate picture of alcohol consumption in young people.

SNSWML health promotion officer Nicole Toia says that in order to reduce youth alcohol consumption it is necessary to change the drinking culture and the high acceptance of underage drinking among young people.

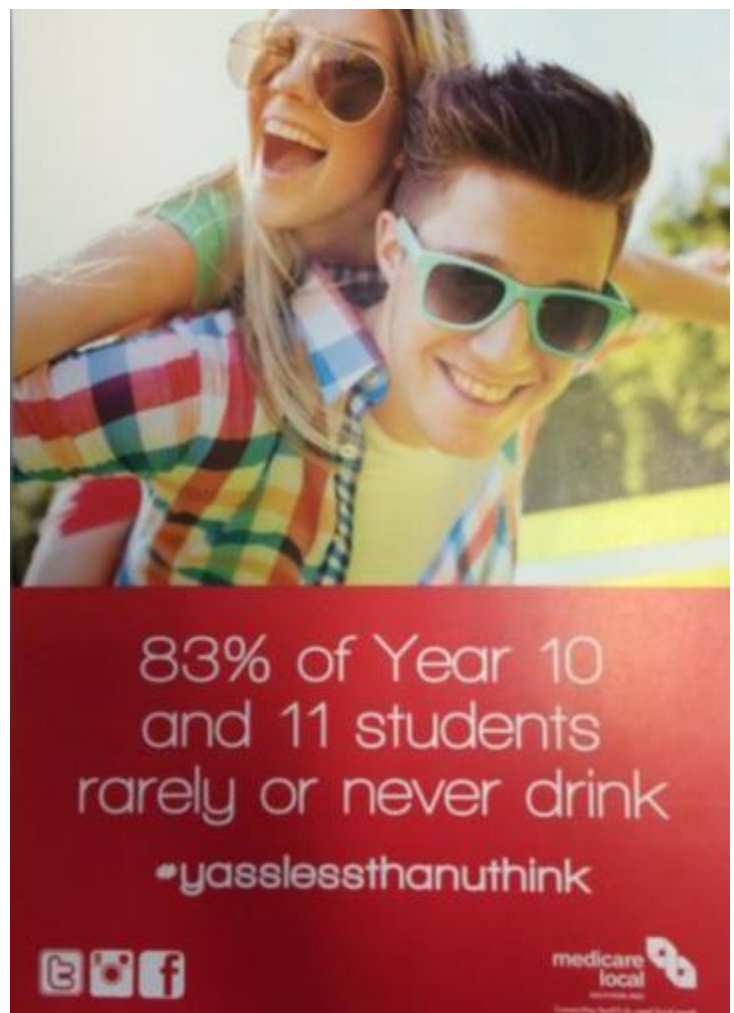
"We know that many people, especially young people, often overestimate how much and how frequently their peers drink alcohol. They then try to keep up with their perceived belief," Ms Toia said.

"Less Than You Think shows young people that their peers aren't drinking as much or as often as they think."

According to Ms Toia, these are all very positive messages for young people in Yass and the wider community. "In revealing a more accurate picture of alcohol consumption, we can make a difference to binge drinking rates in young people by promoting the reality, rather than the perception.

"We are now promoting these positive messages back to young people and the community through social media, as well as posters around the school and the town," she said.

Yass residents can help promote these positive findings by following Less Than You Think on Facebook and Instagram. #YassLessThanUThink



Dear Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and Carers



Bridges to Higher Education cordially invites you to a Parents' Forum – an interactive workshop to support your child through Secondary School and help with their career decisions.

### **Parent Forum**

**Date:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 5.30 till 8.30pm (arrive from 5.00pm)

**Venue:** Goulburn Soldiers Club – Belmore Room

15 Market Street Goulburn

**Light Refreshments** provided

This free workshop will provide you with up-to-date information about educational pathways and aims to help you support your children effectively when they're making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond.

- Get tips on how to communicate with young people about careers and encourage them to explore their interests.
- Learn to navigate your way around the careers services and resources available.
- Help your children start thinking and planning.

**To value add to one of the career resources:** could you please bring along a photo of you at work.

For catering, please **RSVP** to Ian Martin email: [ian.martin@acu.edu.au](mailto:ian.martin@acu.edu.au) by **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

Kind Regards,

Ian Martin

Equity Pathways Officer, ACU

6209 1354



## **YASS AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB REGISTRATION DAY**

Sunday 2<sup>ND</sup> November 2014, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
*At the Yass Swimming Pool*

Enquiries: Peter Cleary 0427 608 765 or [petercleary@ozemail.com.au](mailto:petercleary@ozemail.com.au)



## **Interact Club of Yass**

Interact clubs are youth service clubs for leaders ages  
12 – 18  
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and inspire positive change both in your local  
community, and internationally.

### DISCOVER:

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- Great friendships
- Outstanding volunteer opportunities
- How YOU can make a difference

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**We meet at the Soldiers Club from 4.00 – 5.00 pm  
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**Contact: Brooke Garland (President) at  
[yassinteract@gmail.com](mailto:yassinteract@gmail.com)**



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## What is the #bootsforkids campaign?

A campaign, being run by Fairfax media in partnership with Coles and Linfox, aiming to raise 10,000 pairs of footy boots for Aboriginal children living in rural and remote communities across Australia.

All boots will be washed and paired with some socks before being trucked to the communities and given to the kids.



## How you can get involved with #bootsforkids

If you are hanging up your footy boots or even likely to buy a new pair before you play again think about donating them.

You can donate any new or used footy boots by getting in contact with me to arrange a pick up.

## Want more information?

Watch the video ([here](#)) or have a look at the info online <http://www.smh.com.au/national/bootsforkids>

## Contact

You can get in contact with me via email [jesica.bloomfield@industry.gov.au](mailto:jesica.bloomfield@industry.gov.au) or 0416 315 240.



### Explore The WORLD With WEP



" I hardly seem to have a spare moment here!! After three weeks, things are starting to feel more and more normal and life here is starting to become natural. Sometimes it feels weird to speak English!!

School, at first, was quite difficult because I am living in a small town, my whole class have known one another since they were petite. However, they were all friendly and I have made acquaintance with just about the whole school, so there is always someone to talk to or ask questions. The language difference isn't too much trouble. Miming is funny anyway and it's good for breaking the ice!

My host family are very accommodating and always have new things to share and do with me. I am trying my best to do the same back, bringing my own bit of Australia here with me in Belgium. We are celebrating Australia Day tomorrow and I am teaching them how to make pavlova.

See Rome, Paris or New York in 2015 with WEP Student Exchange!

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# Girls in Trades

## IT'S YOUR TURN TO PICK UP THE TOOLS

Are you practical, motivated, living in social housing and looking for a career as a tradie? Do you know someone who is?

NSW Family and Community Services is offering scholarships in 2014/15 to support women living in social housing to take up a non-traditional trade.

### **Scholarships include:**

- Up to \$1000 to attend pre-apprenticeship training in a non-traditional trade through TAFE, a registered training organisation, or group training organisation
- Up to \$5000 to start or continue an apprenticeship in a non-traditional trade.

**Trades aren't just for men - many women are now enjoying life as tradies. It's a pathway to a well paid, flexible career.**

You may never have imagined yourself as a plumber, painter, mechanic, horticulturalist or tiler – but this may be a chance to set yourself up for life.

### **About the program:**

Tools for Success is a one year trial program to assist women living in social housing across NSW to work towards a career in a non-traditional trade.

Scholarships are available in 2014/15 for women currently enrolled in apprenticeships; and to women starting pre-apprenticeship training or apprenticeships.

### **Who can apply:**

The scholarships are open to any woman aged 16 years and over who is: living in social housing (public housing, Aboriginal housing, community housing); on the NSW Housing Register (waiting list); living in crisis or supported accommodation; or who has lived in social housing within the past 5 years.

Priority will be given to women from disadvantaged areas.

### **How will the funds be provided:**

Successful applicants will receive scholarship funds in two payments - once proof of enrolment has been provided, and at successful completion of the course or semester. Funds will be transferred directly to your nominated bank account.

**First round applications open on 1 October 2014 and close on 14 November 2014.**

To apply, go to [www.communityhousing.org.au/ToolsForSuccess/RegistrationForm.php](http://www.communityhousing.org.au/ToolsForSuccess/RegistrationForm.php)

For full program guidelines, please click here: [Tools for Success Guidelines](#)





# Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** workshop.

The next workshop for Yass Valley residents will be held at the **Goulburn Police Driver Training Facility**, offering supervising drivers and their learners the opportunity to see live demonstrations and meet police driver trainers -for further information contact Council's Road Safety Officer.


TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23 November 2014</b>  <b>10:00 am to 1:30 pm</b> <small>(BBQ Lunch included)</small>	<b>Police Driver Training Facility</b> <b>Taralga Road</b>  <b>Goulburn</b>	<b>Ph: 6226 9248</b>  <b>Or email</b>  Council's Road Safety Officer <a href="mailto:Melissa.Weller@yass.nsw.gov.au">Melissa.Weller@yass.nsw.gov.au</a>

**Helping learner drivers  
become safe drivers**



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the country the people

## Coming Events

DATE	EVENT
Mon 3 Nov	<b>P&amp;C meeting 7.30pm in the Staff Common room, all welcome</b>
Fri 7 Nov	Equity Conference, Sydney, L Pinson
Tues 11 Nov	ISER band concert “featuring Tane” 11.30am
Tues 11 Nov	Transition activities for Year 6 students from small schools and Mt Carmel
Tues 18 Nov	Victor Chang Awards
20 – 21 Nov	Peer Support training for Year 9
Wed 26 Nov	Engineers without Borders visit
Fri 28 Nov	School Spectacular excursion
Tues 2 Dec	Proposed scripture seminars
Wed 3 Dec	Orientation Day Year 7 2015
Thurs 11 Dec	Visit by Michelle Bruniges Secretary of the NSW DEC
Thurs 11 Dec	Presentation Evening from 7pm
Fri 12 Dec	Celebration Assemblies Years 7-10
15 - 17 Dec	End of Year Activities for Years 7-11
Thurs 18 Dec	Staff Development Day, focus on school plan, parents welcome
Fri 19 Dec	Executive Planning Day
	School Website <a href="http://www.yass-h.schools.nsw.edu.au">www.yass-h.schools.nsw.edu.au</a>
	<a href="#">@YassHighSchool on Twitter</a>
<a href="#">Click on the school website for the online calendar</a>	
<a href="#">Remember assessment task information is also available on the school website calendars</a>	