

YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Deputy Principal: Louise Pinson

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MONDAY 28 July

5.00am Agriculture teacher, Phil Armour leaves for Cowra to pick up cattle as part of the 'Cows Create Careers' program the school has been involved with for the last few years.

Education Week 2014 - A Week In The Life Of Yass High School



7.30am Students arrive at school to assist teacher librarian Jenny Rajchert run Brekky Club, the school's award winning and long running breakfast program. Nick Whiting, now in Year 12, has been involved for years and his efforts were recently recognised with a Certificate of Appreciation at the John Lincoln Youth Community Service awards. The certificate read 'in recognition of Community Service for the benefit of others.'



July 2014

TUESDAY 29th July

The ICAS English Competition is available for students to complete. number of students Α take advantage of the opportunity to challenge themselves in state and national competitions. **James** Halley was recently awarded a Distinction in the annual computer competition. James' computing skills and knowledge is further enhanced at the Tech Club which **Tuesdays** runs on and Wednesdays at lunch time.



WEDNESDAY 30th July

11 Year Hospitality travel Goulburn with their teacher Annette Halley-Barberis and kitchen assistant Tania Koen. The using class is the TAFE's commercial kitchen to practise and demonstrate their hospitality competencies. We can't wait until our wonderful state of the art facilities are available in our new school building next year but in the



meantime, we ensure that students are not missing out!

THURSDAY 31st July

Vocal group students travel to Canberra to take part in the District Creative Arts Festival. Students have been rehearsing for the festival – a showcase of performance in Public Schools from our area. Schools from as far as Boorowa, Captain's Flat, Queanbeyan, Sutton, and Bungendore will meet at the Canberra Theatre to show a self-devised performance based on this year's theme: Rewind. Yass High School is proud of its musical tradition and sharing our talents to support the local community eg at Anzac ceremonies.

FRIDAY 1st August

Students travel to Canberra for the South Coast regional athletics carnival. Although we are a relatively small school in the region, our athletes are known for their positive attitude and courageous performances. They are lucky to have the guidance and support of teachers who officiate at the highest level of school sport and even umpire at national and international competitions in their chosen fields. This year we have many athletes representing us at regional level; including 6 in javelin.



P&C Celebrates Education Week

As we celebrate Education Week, the P&C would like to thank the teachers and all staff for your commitment and skill in giving our students a great education. Yass High is a great school and it is the people who make it great – so a massive thank you to Sandra, Louise and all the teachers and staff!

We would also like to wish the Year 12 students all the very best as they hit the business end of their school life!

There are some upcoming P&C events for the diary:

- P&C Meeting 7.30 pm on Monday 4 August in the staff room
- Bunnings BBQ Sunday 10 August at Bunnings Belconnen. It will be a fun day that raises money for our school. If you are able to help, please email Brett at bretts.life.now@gmail.com
- Yass Running Festival Saturday 27 September. Once again, the P&C will be assisting this event – more details to come.

Yass High School Winners of the Science and Engineering Challenge

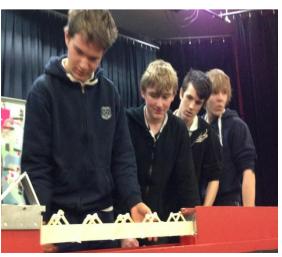
On Friday 20th June 29 students from years 9 & 10 at Yass HS competed in the Southern Tablelands Science and Engineering Challenge. The Challenge is an initiative of the University of Newcastle and is supported by local Rotary clubs, including Yass Rotary. This is the second year that Yass HS has competed in the challenge. Yass HS competed against four State and one Independent school all from our local region. Last year Yass HS came 3rd in the competition. This year Yass HS has been declared the regional champion and will now be competing in the next level of competition to be held later in the year at Newcastle.

Science Head
Teacher, Andrew
McAleer and Science
teacher Tracy Randall
were extremely happy
with the performance
of these very talented
and gifted young
students.











NAIDOC Celebrations - Serving Country - Centenary and Beyond

Yass High school celebrated NAIDOC week on Tuesday 22 July with a whole school assembly and workshops in Indigenous art, cooking and dance.

This year's NAIDOC theme "Serving Country - Centenary and Beyond" honoured all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who fought in the defence forces, from the first world war to the present day.

The assembly was a great success with our guest speaker, Chaplain Ivan Grant from the Australian Army, a proud Wiradjuri man, captivating the audience with stories of his own life as a not-so-interested high school student, then camera man and then his studies to gain a Masters in



Cooking damper with Year 7 as part of their #NAIDOC celebrations. Sophie says "this is going to be a great day".

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Theology resulting in his current career. He spoke of the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have achieved amazing things by "having a crack at it", just as he had done with the many opportunities that came his way.

He also presented a number of students with Deadly Awards that acknowledged continued effort in class, sporting success and academic achievement. One of the award recipients, Tyahn Bell, presented a powerpoint on the meaning and significance of NAIDOC. Year 7 students then rotated through four workshops that provided a hands-on approach to learning. These included three Aboriginal dancers from Naisda Dance College on the Central Coast demonstrating a sit down Torres Strait Islander dance, presenting a contemporary Aboriginal piece they had choreographed themselves and then leading student participation in warm up exercises and some very intricate moves. The cooking workshop involved making, and of course, eating Johnny Cakes with bush flavoured jams. In the art work shop all students painted and decorated a boomerang.

A big thank you to all participants, especially the parents and local Elders who attended this assembly.



Words of Wisdom from Ivan Grant

- 'seek the passion that dwells within you'
- 'know what you believe, what is important to you'
- 'choose the values you are prepared to live by'
- 'believe in yourself'
- 'have a go at life'
- 'don't just see the hard things'
- 'use the resources around you: parents, teachers, elders, mates'
- 'a true mate is someone who is willing to tell you that you're on the wrong path'

Thank you Mr Grant for an inspiring speech, the highlight of our assembly.



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Our followers are being kept in the loop in real time now, and we have been using the full potential of social media to promote our online presence. During the holidays the Twitter feed has been busy celebrating NAIDOC week.

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Pictured above: Bob Buffington, Tyahn Bell, Ivan Grant, Eric Bell, Frances Moore, Sandra Hiscock and Ron Simpson







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Visual Arts Excursion for Reconciliation Week

As part of Reconciliation week way back in May the Aboriginal art group, plus Year 11 and 12 visual arts went on an excursion. We went to see lots of art starting with the Old Masters exhibition at the National Museum, then to the National Gallery to see the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art collection and to the National Portrait Gallery to see the National Photographic Portrait prize.

Our intention was to have a fun day and learn more about this country's history through its art and acknowledge the bad as well as the good.

The National Museum - Old Masters: Australia's great bark artists' exhibition: Here we saw an exhibition that featured the work of Aboriginal Master Painters from Arnhem Land. This is a large show containing bark many intricate and beautiful paintings from the Northeast corner of the Northern Territory, home to the Yolngu people, one of the largest Indigenous groups in Australia.

We learnt that the Yolngu identify six seasons relating to how the wet, dry and wind effects the land. We also learnt about the Yirrkala petitions that were presented on bark paintings to the Parliament of Australia in 1963 in response to part of their land being threatened by mining without being asked.

Tyahn Bell's response to one of the bark paintings (below)



The National Gallery: Here students learnt about the meaning and significance of the Aboriginal Memorial which consists of 200 hollow log coffins from central Arnhem Land and was created by some 43 Aboriginal artists from Ramingining and the surrounding area. Each pole represents a year of European occupation.

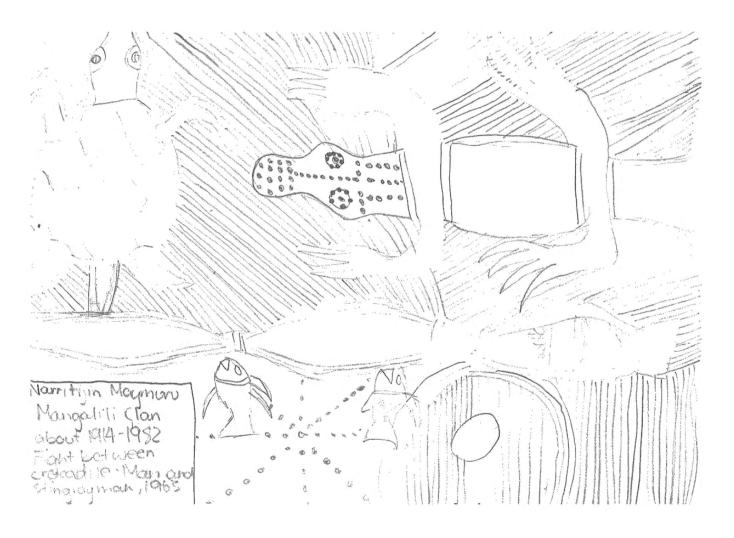
"Our art is not just for looking at, it has meaning about our land and history. We care about the land. Each clan has a job looking after each part of the country and the people. The Memorial is for all the dead people all over Australia. We were happy to make this in 1988 and happy that the world will now see this and understand our history and culture". Djardie Ashley, 1994.

They also looked through the gallery's collection of indigenous art which is the largest in the world highlights its richness and diversity and responded to their favourite artwork.

They also walked through the amazing Skyspace by the American artist James Turrell called 'Within Without' which is situated in the beautiful garden at the front of the gallery. You enter the work through a long sloping walkway and inside is a large square - based pyramid within which rises a large stupa in the centre surrounded by turquoise water, inside of this is the viewing chamber, open to the sky through an oculus above.

Lunch was had in the sculpture garden by the lake and some group photos, then a walk over to the National Portrait Gallery. Here we were taken through the National Photographic Portrait Prize and Promo: Portraits from prime time, both exhibitions providing unique views of the photographer's subjects.

Lliam Taylor's response to a bark painting (below)



Vale Ron Davis

Ron Davis was a much loved and respected member of the Yass High School community. There was however one member of our community that didn't have a high opinion of Ron, and that was a young lady who reacted to Ron's presence with serious animosity.

The young lady was called Tinkerbelle and was one of our Jersey heifers who quite possibly formed her negative opinion while Ron was introducing her to our artificial breeding program.

Ron and I often recalled this difficult relationship and how unusual it was given that Ron was someone who was naturally gifted at working with animals and had an enormous depth of knowledge concerning their care and welfare.



Tinkerbelle

As my Farm Assistant for nearly twelve years I came to rely heavily on Ron's experience and skill to enable us to deliver the kind of relevant and memorable learning experiences that students need to become proficient in Agriculture. There were many times that Ron 'saved my bacon' by being able to keep the practical activity on track while I had to attend to issues that arise when a class needs to be kept focused on the learning activity. His contribution to the quality of experience students get in agriculture at the school was immeasurable.

However, it is for much more important reasons that the High School will miss Ron. During my work with Ron it became obvious that this was one of "nature's gentlemen": a man of incredible humanity, common sense and resilience. While I was "running around like a chook with its head cut off", Ron would calmly be able to make a suggestion that solved the problem in a sensible and effective way.

Ron was always happy to help whoever it was that needed his assistance in his wider role in the school as General Assistant. There would not be a member of the school staff who has not experienced Ron's happy and positive manner, whether it be building a room to house the computer server, or cleaning up after a student has lost their lunch in the worst possible way.





But it was when Ron was involved in some of the more enjoyable activities with the students that he was happiest. He was always ready and willing to help turn on a sausage sizzle or cook the bacon and eggs at a special breakfast always getting into the spirit of the occasion. Who could forget Ron's pink work-boots?

Ron especially liked travelling away with the school show team and I am forever in his debt for taking the team to Albury a few years back when I was unable to go. I will always remember how he enjoyed mixing with and helping the students to get the most out of these trips.

As any agriculture student will know the school farm is a place where life and death are a large part of the daily life and soon it will be warm again and we will see lambs in the front paddock, calves and new chickens as well. These are the things that Ron devoted his life to and they will help us remember him in the time to come.

Ron, you will always be remembered at Yass High School community as a warm-hearted and gentle man who loved his work and gave his best to everyone he met.

Thank you to a great colleague and mate.

Phil Armour



Purple Zeus Goes Live to Support Computing Students and BYOD - Purple Zeus Website Now Live

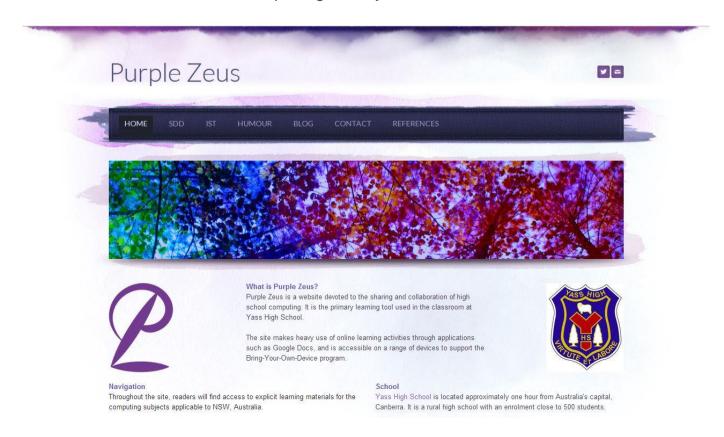
Starting term three, computing students at Yass High will have a new online platform to support their learning. The <u>Purple Zeus</u> website is located at www.purplezeus.com

The primary purpose of the website will be to supplement the teaching of all computing courses from years 9-12. Junior years will be added later. It will offer links to relevant resources, access to multimedia projects and online learning assistance.

The learning activities also incorporate heavy use of the free online tools <u>Google Docs</u>. Students will be able to save and download the activities and open them in a word processing application of their choice such as Microsoft Word or Notes. Additionally, if students have a Google account, they are able to save their own copy of the document online and edit it live through the website.

The platform is additionally designed to be fully compatible with any type of technology, supporting the BYOD initiative. The website, along with the worksheets and learning activities contained within it, can be accessed and utilised to their full potential from anything with an internet connection - screenshots from various devices are included below for your benefit.

If you have any questions, you can submit them through the website or contact Mr Biddle or Mr Saville in the computing faculty.





YEAR 11—2015 THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST

YEAR 9—2015
TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST

6.30PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL



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CAPA Night

The Creative and Performing Arts faculty will be holding a performance evening and art exhibition on Thursday the 14th August. The Art-Chi prize is on offer and all students are encouraged to enter artworks in the event. Year 12 Music and Drama students will present their HSC performances, and there will be other Drama and



Music performances as well. The evening starts at 6.30 with the art exhibition and sausage sizzle, and performances start at 7pm. Entry will be a gold coin, and voting will be with a gold coin as well. Please support these amazing performers (Dana, Orion, Siobhan, Amelia, Zack, Erick, Olivia, Corey, Yasmine and Amy) as they prepare for their HSC.

Vocal Group on Pitch at the District Choral Festival

Yass High School's Vocal Ensemble wowed the audience again, this time at the District Choral Festival at Llewellyn Hall, Canberra. The festival showcased the vocal talent from NSW Public Schools from the surrounding area, including Queanbeyan, Yass, Captains Flat, Sutton and Gundaroo. Yass High School performed two songs, "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars, and "Radioactive" by Imagine Dragons. The two songs were perfect vehicles to show off the soaring harmonies and beautiful tone produced by the Vocal Ensemble. Thanks to Mrs Jacqueline Hansson for her help on the day.



L-R: Dana Wilson, Orion Mandla, Bella Wilson, Evelyn Johnson, Annie Hill, Leilani Georgievski, Bronwyn Kemp, Isabella Lewis, Ashleigh Butler, Joanna Devey, Annabelle Hansson, Emily Parker.

Goulburn Eisteddfod

Entries are now open for the Dance, Speech and Drama sections of the 2014 Goulburn Eisteddfod. Entries in the Speech and Drama sections range from prepared readings to group drama and prepared speeches. Age groups range from 5 years and under to adult. Entries close 4th August 2014. The syllabus is available from the Goulburn Library, the Goulburn Tourist Information Centre and via email at goulburn.eisteddfod@gmail.com

Crossroads for Year 11

On Tuesday 26th August, Year 11 students will be participating in a Department of Education program, Crossroads, which reflects some of the contemporary health issues facing young people. The program aims to support our students as they consider issues which affect their identity, independence and changing responsibilities. Ms Tracey Bills and Rosie Jovanovic, our school counsellor will be organising the day and running sessions for students.

In addition, Nicole Toia, Health Promotion and Youth Health Officer from Goulburn, will introduce a Social Norms program. The program aims to address the issue of risky alcohol consumption in young people by focusing on reinforcing positive behaviours to young people. This will be complemented by providing parents with information around young people and alcohol. Parents who would like to know more about this program are welcome to ring Ms Pinson at the school.

A Visit from Pru Goward NSW Minister for Planning and Women

Yass High School had the pleasure of a visit from the honourable Ms Pru Goward, Minister for Planning and Women, on Friday the 18th July. School Captains Siobhan McGrath and Bailey Wales walked the minister to the new building site where the pouring of concrete footings was taking place. The tour continued to the demountables,



science laboratories and hall where Ms Goward asked lots of questions and agreed that our school was clearly in need of some upgrading of facilities, especially to accommodate increasing enrolments. Councillor Jasmin Jones and parent Gillian Bucknell were also present and used the opportunity to put their concerns for the future needs of education in the Yass area to the minister.

Yass High School - Careers Expo - Friday 1st August 2014

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be going to sessions on a variety of courses and institutions offering post-school options. It is a good time to ask questions and get specific information. The following institutions are sending representatives to Yass High on the day to talk to our students.

Presenters

Australian National University
Australian Catholic University
University of Canberra
University of Wollongong
Charles Sturt University
Canberra Institute of
Technology
Australian Business Academy
Master Builders Association
(GTO)
1300 Apprentice (GTO)



Stephen Targett and Natalie Doolan with Lucas Walker of ABA Australian Business Academy at last year's Expo

1300 Apprentice (GTO)

Valmar Support Services
Disability Careers

Thomas Eccles Gardens - Aged Care Careers

Work Experience in the Community



Robert Alexander mulching the main street gardens with Yass Valley Council



Taylah Wright at Yass District Hospital

Zone Athletics

Yass High School finished fifth at the recent Zone athletics championship held at Bruce Stadium. The students attending this carnival represented the school very well and quite a number were rewarded with selection in the Zone team which will compete at the South Coast regional carnival on August 1st again at Bruce Stadium. A summary of those students and the events are listed below. A big thank you to Michael Wilkinson and Rachel Crane for their invaluable assistance on the day and a very special thank you to the girls from the Year 10 Community class Marley Puckett, Brodi Smith, Makayla Walker, Samantha Sharpe and Ellannah Finch, who volunteered their time to help out. They did a wonderful job and showcased the exceptional quality of young people we have at our school. Another huge thanks to Billy Beck and Matthew Pilbrow for their wonderful leadership on the day also.

Zone Athletics Team

Age	Name	Events	Age	Name	Events
12B	Mitchell Bush	100m, 200m, Long Jump. Relay	14G	Gemma Lees	Discus
12B	Magnus Stacey	High Jump, Relay	14B	James Hamilton	Javelin
12B	Kai Douven	Relay	15G	Molly Freeman	100m
12B	Lliam Taylor	Relay	15G	Victoria Alley	Javelin
12B	William Pettigrew	Shot	15B	Tom Staines	100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Relay
12B	Corey Lees	Shot	15B	Shaun Button	800m, Relay
13G	Gabi Davis	100m, 200m, Relay	15B	Jayke Poidevin	Relay
13G	Kimberley McMillan	Relay	15B	Daniel Kemp	Relay
13G	Peyton Freeman	Relay	16G	Ashleigh Witt	400m, 1500m
13G	Sophie Staines	Relay	16B	Rhys Wilson	Javelin
13G	Amy Kelly	Shot	17G	Ashley Parker	200m, High Jump, Relay
13B	Tane Allen	Shot	17G	Maddie Harvison	100m, High Jump, Javelin, Shot, Relay
13B	Blake Watson	Shot, Javelin	17G	Olivia Mercieca	Javelin, Shot, Relay
13B	Jordan Hudson	High Jump	17G	Maddie Douven	Shot
14G	Peggy Stacey	Javelin	17G	Rachel Fletcher	3000m, Relay
14G	Abi Grear	200m, 800m, Relay	17B	Callan Smith	Long Jump
14G	Kelly Govier	800m, 3000m, Relay	17B	Nathan Regan	Shot
14G	Evelyn Johnson	Relay	17B	Hayden Starr	800m
14G	Sarah Hearne	Relay	17B	Jeremy Bush	1500m, 3000m
			17B	Billy Beck	200m, 400m

Yass High School Netball

Netball at Yass High School is very competitive and this year there were record numbers trialling for the school teams. Over 30 girls attended the U/15's trial days and this made the selection process very difficult for the teachers involved to pick just one team as we have many talented netballers, both current and up and coming. All of the girls trialled extremely well and are to be commended for their sportsmanship and respect towards each other and the teachers during and after the trials.

Both the U/15's and Open girls Netball teams travelled to Bowral at the end of Term One to compete in the Zone Netball Carnival. The girls were very competitive on the day and both teams narrowly missed out on playing for a place in the South Coast Finals, placing 3rd overall respectively in their age groups. In the U/15 team Victoria Alley received the player's player award whilst Gabbi Davis received the coach's award. In the Open's Rachael Fletcher received the coach's award and Annie Hill the player's player. The girls represented the school with pride; they displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day and their behaviour on and off the court was exceptional. It is an absolute pleasure to take such wonderful students away for sport when they represent our school so well.

Thank you to the parents that attended and Tammy McIver for helping out with the umpiring. Α special thank you to Michelle Vitler and Sonya Davis for coming along for the day and umpiring all our games, ladies are excellent referees and the girls appreciated you being there. Thanks also to Michelle who drove her bus.



Students of the Week

Yass High School Student of the Week June 2014



Joedi Bates
Year 11
For care and consideration

for others

Yass High School Student of the Week June 2014



Megan Polsen
Year 7
For care and consideration
for others



Rehearsing for the District Arts Festival at Canberra Theatre

Coming Events

DATE	EVENT				
Mon 4 Aug	Linton Event – Year 10 students assist WW1 commemoration				
Mon 4 Aug	P&C Meeting 7.30pm Staff Common Room				
Tue 5 Aug	School Photograph Day				
Wed 6 Aug	Come to Dinner – Southern Cross Club for Aboriginal Students				
Thu 7 Aug	Australian Mathematics Competition				
Thu 7 Aug	Year 11, 2015 Course Information Evening 6.30pm School Hall				
Fri 8 Aug	AIME at UC for Aboriginal Students				
Sun 10 Aug	Bunnings P&C Fund-Raiser – please support				
Tue 12 Aug	UNSW Mathematics Competition				
Wed 13 Aug	Yass Valley Education Advisory Committee Meeting				
Thu 14 Aug	Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Night				
18-19 Aug	Online NAPLAN trial Year 7 and 9 selected students				
Tue 19 Aug	ASPIRE UC visit				
21-22 Aug	Geography Excursion				
Tue 26 Aug	Year 9 2015, Course Information Evening 6.30pm School Hall				
27-28 Aug	Science Challenge – finals - Newcastle				
Thu 28 Aug	HSC Drama Performance Exam				
Thu 28 Aug	HSC Lectures				
Thu 28 Aug	SERAS Fitness Program for Year 9 PASS				
Fri 29 Aug	AIME at UC for Aboriginal Students				
Mon 1 Sept	Rotation 3 for Year 7-8 Technology Mandatory begins				
Fri 5 Sept	Vaccinations Year 7 and 9 Boys				
Click on the school website for the online calendar Remember assessment task information is also available on the school website calendars					