



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Relieving Deputy Principal: Ruth Riach

From the Principal

2016 Student Leadership: Welcome to our new School captains Alyssa Wright and Daniel Kemp, and vice captains, Lucy Bucknell and Edward Hinch. They have started term four by leading their first school assembly in a friendly and professional manner.

Again thank you to our 2015 captains – Annie Hill and Sam Young and vice captains Ashley Parker and Hayden Starr for the outstanding job they have done leading both at school and in the wider community. Best wishes for the future



Edward Hinch, Daniel Kemp, Alyssa Wright and Lucy Bucknell

Oct 16th 2015

Year 12 Celebration Assembly: On the last Friday of last term, Year 12 received their final Awards and Semester two HSC reports at a well-attended final celebration assembly. The reports contained some very impressive results and should form a good basis for final preparations for the HSC exams. Over the holidays staff supervised voluntary study sessions at school and seminars were held last week as a final support. I thank staff for giving up their time to further prepare students and wish the class of 2015 all the very best with their exams.

Korean Visit: The return visit to Korea from 23rd September to 2nd October was an outstanding success, thanks to Mr Barrett and Ms Young and the 22 students from years 7-11 who represented our school so impressively. (See detailed report.)

From the Deputy

Now the warmer weather is here it is time to start being Sun Safe again. Remember you will need a hat as well as full school uniform so you can use the park and the oval next term. Our uniform is available from T.J's Embroidery. Be on the lookout for our new girl's school shirts that will be available soon.

While the building of the shade structure continues in the quad there are some changes to where you can go during break times. Make sure you listen out for any changes in the morning notices.

Staff and students will be at the Murrumbateman Field Days this weekend – stop in and say hi to those at the Agriculture stand and check out the archives, performances and displays in the main shed.



Captain's Corner

Just when you thought you'd gotten rid of us four for good... we're still here! We have one more Captain's Corner to do before we pass the job over to the fabulous new captains of 2016.

Time sure went quickly... we're in the last week of our schooling ever! We hope that you enjoyed having us as your school captains and that we did the job justice. We really loved every second of it, so thank you for giving us the opportunity.

So, without further ado, here is our last TEACHER OF THE WEEK. This week it goes to Ms Robinson.

Our choice this week was definitely an easy one as she has been consistent throughout all her years of teaching. Anytime you needed information on anything to do with your future like UNI, ICT, a trade etc. she was always around with knowledge about it all. She has definitely encouraged and helped us Year 12's stay on track and has organised countless meetings to help us.

Unfortunately however, she is leaving the same time as us. Thank you Mrs Robinson!

JOKE OF THE WEEK

How does Juliet maintain a constant internal environment?

Romeostasis.



Integrated Learning wins 2015 National Innovative Educators Award

We are proud to announce that Yass High School has been recognised on the innovative schools list for 2015 for the creation and implementation of the year nine subject *Integrated Learning (IL)*. The recognition is awarded by *The Educator* magazine and based upon the true innovation and drive throughout the school's culture.

The IL subject is designed to provide a rich learning experience for year nine by combining the theory and content taught in all other subjects – English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Creative Arts and Technology. Teachers from within the school were specifically selected for their experience in their subject area and have been involved in the planning, implementation and delivery of the subject. The subject was developed to take advantage of the new open classrooms.

Each topic is based on the Australian cross-curriculum priorities, culminating in a major project with students deciding many of the parameters in their assessments - such as whether to submit a painting or drawing, recreate a famous battle in Minecraft, learn a dance, film a documentary, cook a meal, speak to an Aboriginal elder, plan a race and culture experience around Asia or improve the sustainability of the school.

In its inception year, IL has already helped students produce multiple works they are proud of, and encouraged a positive sense of collaboration amongst peers and empathy for others.

Yass High School would like to thank *The Educator*, *Digistorm* and *Schoolbox* for this wonderful honour. Staff would also like to thank the year nine students for the enthusiasm and efforts shown during the year towards this new and innovative approach to learning.



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Korean Cultural Exchange: An Amazing Experience



After months of planning and negotiation with our host schools, 22 Yass High School students and 2 teachers were privileged to take the long journey to South Korea to stay with host families and experience very different lifestyles during the holidays from 23rd September to 2nd October. Many good friends were reunited following the first leg of the exchange, a visit to Yass from Hogye Middle School students and teachers in February this year.



Our first full day in Korea introduced us to Korean culture and history through fascinating visits to a palace and the National Folk Museum. During our stay we also visited The Folk Village, The War Memorial, Samsung Innovation Museum, The Independence Hall, The DMZ and many other significant sites.



Mr Barrett, and 16 Yass High students were hosted by our sister school, Hoge Middle School. We all stayed with different families, but did activities outside of school together. These involved visiting Seoul Land, a karaoke room, different restaurants and a Korean shopping centre. Our one day experiencing Korean school life included creating paper boxes, playing soccer against Korean kids and watching Taekwondo demonstrations and K-Pop dances. There were many students at the school that were excited to see us, but sad to see us go.



The other 6 students and Miss Young were hosted with families from Eungye Middle School. We spent lots of time together sightseeing and doing different activities such as going to a traditional Korean concert and spending time in a large park and bike riding. We also went to karaoke and to a big theme park called Everland. We were also fortunate to spend days with our hosts and their extended family members, especially on Thanksgiving Day, an important event in Korean culture. While we didn't get to experience school life, we did see the school and discuss with our families the many differences and some similarities between Australian and Korean education and lifestyle.



Overall, it was an amazing trip and a great opportunity to get to know the people and their culture. The Koreans are generous people who looked after us really well. When we arrived back in Australia we had experienced another culture, renewed or made new friendships and we all felt privileged to have had this special opportunity. A big thank you goes out to the teachers who came, Mr Barrett and Miss Young, the parents and Ms Hiscock for organising this exhilarating exchange for us.

World Vision

On Wednesday 16th September, Alyssa Dodds and Nicola Clunne of 8W led a bake sale for World Vision.

Delicious cakes, biscuits and cupcakes were sold to raise money for overseas aid.

In total, \$138 was donated to World Vision on behalf of Yass High School.

One of the main purposes of giving aid to developing countries is to help individuals and groups overcome extreme poverty.

By providing donations to non-government organisations (NGOs) like World Vision:

- you can help provide basic education
- assist people affected by disasters, and
- help people gain access to clean water and sanitation.

Special thanks to Mr Anderson, Ms Dymond, Ms McQueen, Aleia Smith, Zoe Foley-Guerin, Lisa Johnson, Annabelle Regan, Samantha Rattenbury and all of those who supported the cake stall.

Summer Uniform

Girls	Boys
White polo top, with school crest Navy box pleated skirt <i>or</i> Navy blue shorts (not jeans/tights) Navy blue hoodie with school crest White socks	White polo top, with school crest Navy blue shorts (not jeans) Navy blue hoodie with school crest White socks

The students are looking great in their summer uniforms now the weather has warmed up. The front office has navy blue bucket hats for sale for \$10 each so students can be sun safe and use the park and oval at lunch.



What's happening in Textiles

Years 7 and 8 have been very creative during the second Technology Mandatory rotation. Some great designs and technical skills have resulted in cushions. After students finished their cushion they made pencil cases, soft toys, small footballs or hacky sacks. The unit was finished off with students bringing in a t-shirt which they tie dyed.



Year 7 with their tie-dyed items



L-R p10: Charlie Wilson with her hand painted design on her cushion; Sarah Makin with her dramatic cushion; Matthew Jay-Wales made a cool coloured design; Clockwise from top left p11: Jordana Freebody and Anna Betts used paint, felt and buttons to decorate their great cushions; Jake Bullman with his tie-dyed cushion; Sarah Fahey and Claire Southwell made great patterns on their cushions; Harry Keith created a stunning eyeball cushion; Pierce Gourlay did some intricate applique on his cushion; Ahriman Congdon with his Halo inspired cushion; Riley Bush and Emmanuel Lawrence O'Leary made unique cushions.

Cooma Cottage Sculpture Exhibition

I hope you made it to Sculpture in the Paddock over the school holidays, and also into Cooma Cottage to see some lovely work by our students. Students worked with artists from our community to develop their work and to set up the exhibition. Thanks to Al Phemister, Suzie Bleach and Andy Townsend for their valuable insights into the life of a working artist. A more detailed article will be in the next InTouch.

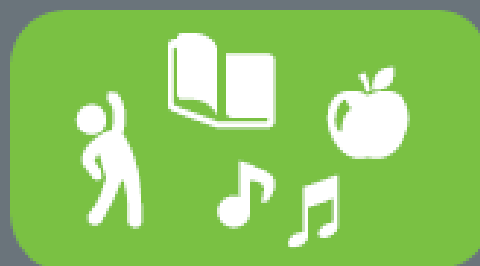


What is good mental health?

Good mental health is about being able to work and study to your full potential, cope with day-to-day life stresses, be involved in your community, and live your life in a free and satisfying way. See below for ideas on how to look after your mental health.

Looking after your mental health

There are a number of things you can do to look after and maintain your mental health and wellbeing. For example, many people cope with stress by getting involved with sports, exercising, meditating, or practising yoga or relaxation techniques. Others express themselves through art, such as poetry, writing or music. What you eat might also affect your mood – a well-balanced diet will help keep you both physically and mentally healthy.



For more tips on looking after your mental health visit [headspace.org.au](https://www.headspace.org.au) to download the 'Tips for a healthy headspace' fact sheet.

www.cybersmart.gov.au

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is using the internet to bully someone or hurt their feelings.

What are the different types of cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying can be posting mean things about someone in a chat room, or taking photos/videos of someone without their permission. It could involve sending mean text messages to someone, or convincing everyone to de-friend a person on Facebook.

What should I do if I'm being cyberbullied?

The best thing you can do if you're being cyberbullied is tell someone you trust or report it.

What should I do if I see someone being cyberbullied?

If you ever see someone post something mean about someone else (including photographs on Instagram), **think twice before you comment on it**. You should either ask them to stop or notify a teacher, parent or trusted adult.

Remember, if you need to talk to someone you can call Kids Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1800 55 1800, or use our web or email counselling services.

Download the cybersafety help button:- The Cybersafety Help Button provides internet users, particularly children and young people, with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance available in Australia. The help button is a free application that is easily downloaded onto personal computers, mobile devices and school and library networks.



Parent information regarding cyber safety can be found at:-

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources/esafety-for-parents-cyberbullying>



Yass High School

Garage Sale

Saturday 24th October

9am to 2pm

On sale:- older school furniture, crockery, a near new stainless steel oven, books?? Musical instruments?? Computer equipment, and *much much more*

Faculties, SRC, Parents and Students: - *This is your big chance to have a clean-up and make money while you do it. If you would like to get involved please return the slip below with a contact name, number and items you will be selling.*

Yes I/we would like to have a stall.

Name:- _____ Contact number:- _____

We will be selling:- _____

Please return to our front office

**Yass High School
Student of the Week
September 2015**



Nicola Clunne

Year 8

For Showing Initiative and
Citizenship Organising the World
Vision Cake Stall

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Alyssa Dodds

Year 8

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Citizenship Organising the World
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**Yass High School
Student of the Week
October 2015**



Ashleigh Martin

Year 8

For Outstanding Contribution
to
Band and Music

**Yass High School
Student of the Week
October 2015**



Keeley Grear

Year 7

For Exceptional Work in
Music

**Yass High School
Students of the Week
September 2015**



**Claudia Miller
Joanna Devey
Charissa Cresswell**

Year 10

For Student Support





YASS MUSIC TUITION

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the
Guitar / Drums / Saxophone?

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instruments.

Individual and Group Lessons Available.
All levels and ages catered for.
Locally based.

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Yass High School Presents: Beat up!



Drum line

Term 4 - \$75 for the term

To register see Ms Olzomer Music or leave your name at the office

No drum kit necessary

Before school
Mondays 8.00 – 8.45am

Coming Events

Date	Event
Sat 17/10 – Sun 18/10	Murrumbateman Field Days
Fri 23/10 - Sun 5/10	Scone Show
Fri 24/10	Year 11 Celebration Assembly 12:30pm
Thur 29/10– Sat 31/10	Albury Show
Mon 2/11	P & C Meeting 7pm all welcome
Mon 9/11 – Tue 17/11	Year 8 Valid Science
Fri 13/11	Year 12 Formal
Tue 24/11	Scripture
Thur 3/12	Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
Mon 7/12 – Wed 9/12	Proposed Year 9 camp - CANCELLED
Mon 7/12	P & C Meeting 7pm all welcome
Thur 10/12	Presentation Night
Fri 11/12	Celebration Assemblies
Click on the school website for the online calendar	
Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars	