



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

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From the Principal

This week marked the third anniversary of the fire which destroyed our technology block, so it was fitting that we celebrated our new Community Trade Centre spaces with the Workplace Learning Awards. Employers received awards for their provision of quality work placement opportunities for our students and Year 11 Vocational Education Students were awarded for their efforts in taking these opportunities and thriving in the work place. Thank you to Rod Saville and our VET team for their work in making this day a great success.



The grand opening of the new building is scheduled for 26 February 2016 and we are expecting huge community support as we celebrate the Yass High rebuild.

Congratulations to our Year 8 Links to Learning students who have worked very hard over the last 8 weeks to raise money and awareness for the White Ribbon movement. Their efforts culminated in a very informative assembly on Tuesday to mark White Ribbon Day. Guest speakers Senior Constable Simone Houghton and Police Liaison Officer Senior Constable Gary Mutton and Year 10 student Brooke Hardy spoke of the importance of ending domestic violence in our society. Thank you also goes to Susan Fagan, our Links to Learning teacher, who has worked on a number of projects this year with three groups of our Year 8 students.

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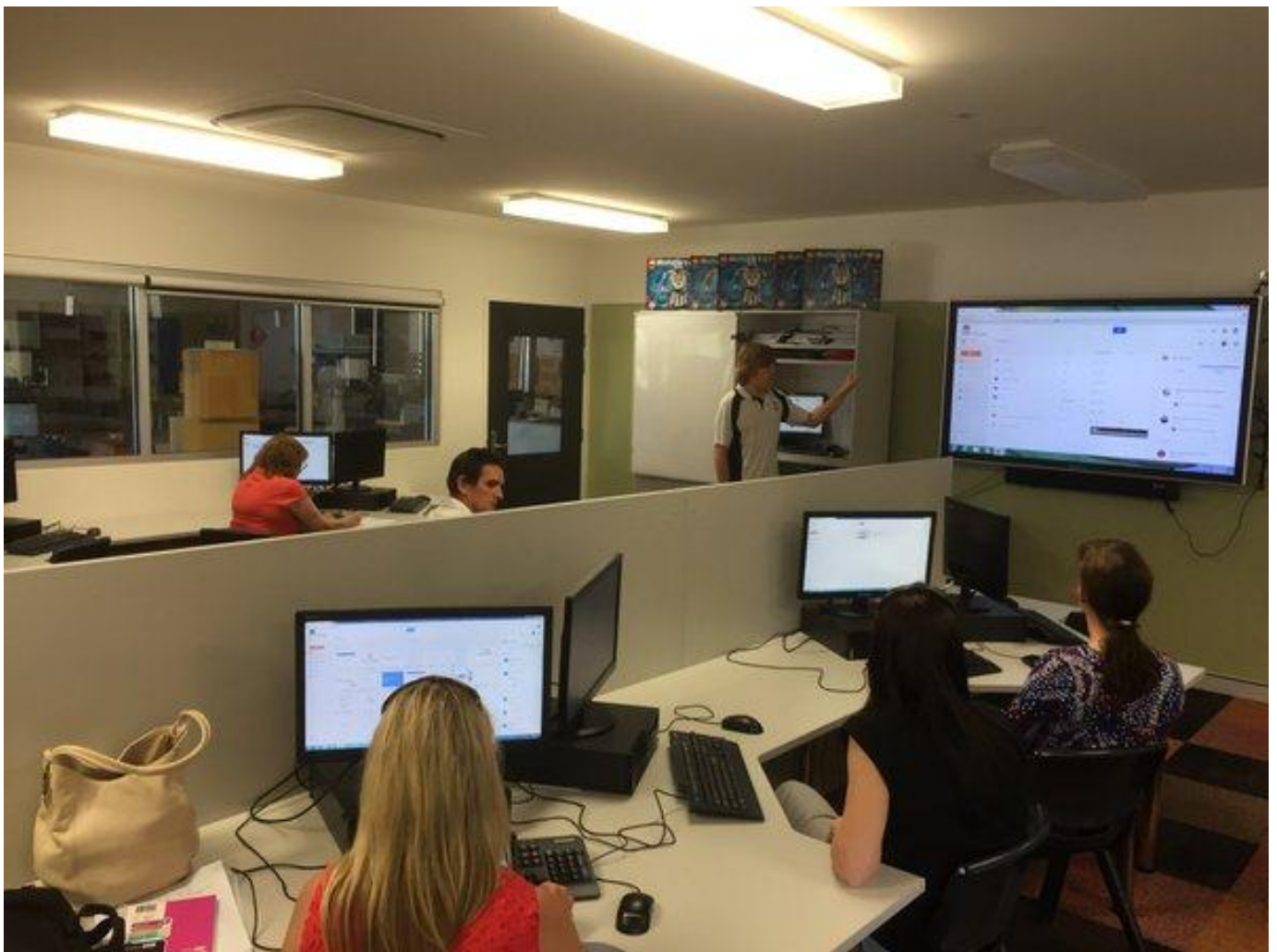
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From the Deputy

On Tuesday I hosted a meeting of Deputy Principals from our local network – Young High School, Boorowa Central School, Goulburn High School, Mulwaree High School, and Crookwell High School – here at Yass High School. Our school captains treated us to a tour of the school, and presented a wonderful image to our visitors, as did all the classrooms we visited. They were very impressed with the Integrated Learning space, and were busily planning on knocking down walls in their own schools to try to create something similar.

A handful of Mr Biddle's Year 10 and 11 IT students then walked the deputies through some of the features of Google Docs, and the different ways teachers and students use the programs here. The students were extremely helpful, and very kind when some of us were a bit slow with our technology skills.

The canteen served amazing gluten-free food; the deputies thought we had catered from outside the school the meals were so good. Thank you to all the staff, students and volunteers who helped show off our wonderful school so well.



James Halley getting the Deputies started on Google Docs.

Captain's Corner

Hey all! It's coming close to the end of the year! For those who are busy at work with assessment tasks, keep up the good work because it's not much longer before holidays!



Last Tuesday, three of your School Captains, Daniel, Lucy and Edward, had the opportunity to travel with Ms Chaplin and the other students from the Year 12 Biology class to visit the Canberra Red Cross Blood Bank. We had five lucky students who had the chance to donate blood, while the others in the class had a guided tour of the site! It is unbelievable to think that just one person who donates blood can save over three other people through blood transfusions! It was a very worthwhile experience, and the highlight of the trip was straight after the blood donations when the Red Cross treated all of the students to milkshakes, sausage rolls, and yummy biscuits to get our blood sugars back up to speed.

Behind the scenes, the other students were taken on a tour of the site by one of the Red Cross representatives, allowing them to see where Red Cross stores the blood. The guide explained that even though the local blood is collected in Canberra, it is driven to Sydney every night to be processed and transported to wherever the products are most needed.

This week's Teacher of the Week is Ms Chaplin! She has been organising the excursions to the Blood Bank each year - and sometimes several times in the year! She's a wonderful teacher, and on top of that, she runs the Shine program with Year 8 girls to build resilience and to empower young women in our school community. Ms Chaplin; what a great example of a devoted teacher!

Why did Kempy get fired from the banana factory? Because he threw away all of the bent ones!

Did you know??? A lion's roar can be heard from over 8 kilometres away!!! Let YOUR voice be heard! Speak to your SRC Representatives or your 2016 School Captains - Daniel, Alyssa, Lucy and Edward - to have your voice heard at YHS! SRC Meetings are held each Monday Lunchtime in Room 10!

Yass Vocational Education Students Excel in Work Placement

Local employers and students celebrated the role of workplace learning at a function held in the hospitality bistro of the new building at Yass High School. The new building replaces the block destroyed by fire three years ago, to the day, on 24 November 2012.

The awards recognised the significant contribution made by the local community to the education of students for their future vocations.

Our workplace learning coordinators,

Capital Region Business Enterprise Council (CRBEC), headed by Program Manager, Anja Livingstone and workplace coordinators Charne Moorby and Carissa Mills, have been responsible for placing the students in our local community and working with teachers and students to find the most suitable employers in each industry area.

Employers were presented with framed certificates to recognise their role in producing the skilled tradespeople of the future for the Yass Valley and beyond.

The lower floor of the new building is a specialist construction area housing the Yass High School Community Trade Skills Centre. With facilities in Construction, Digital Technology, Metals and Engineering and Hospitality, and complementing the continually improving Primary Industries facilities, this new centre is providing an industry standard



education for Yass students and giving them qualifications toward the future employment.

Students in each course who made excellent contributions to their work placements were recognised with framed awards. They were:-

Construction - Travis Ginders
Primary Industries - Brittney Burns
Hospitality - Brodi Smith
Metals & Engineering – Jayden Barnsley
Information and Digital Media Technology - Tyrus Bates

Some of the employers represented were:

Yass Valley Council - Grant Cooke
Think Technology - Caleb Bright
Draph'd Coloured Sheep Stud - Broni Jekkyl
Horton House
Thyme to Taste



The highlights of the morning were the delicious morning tea prepared by the hospitality students, the attendance of many of our valued employers, workplace coordinators from Southern Region Business Enterprise Council, and our confident and competent vocational education students.

Primary Industries teacher, Phil Armour praised the commitment of our local employers especially Broni Jekkyl from Draph'd Coloured Sheep Stud who responded with endorsement for the program running at Yass High and its value in cementing strong community relationships in the Yass Valley.

It was a great opportunity to showcase our industry standard young people and their brand new trade skills centre in the community.



All employers had glowing reviews of the “work readiness” of Yass High School students. They enjoyed a morning tea catered for by the hospitality students in the outdoor bistro.

We would like to thank the Yass community for the support to build the new Trade Skills Centre and the continued involvement through the provision of quality work placement opportunities for students.

Peer Support Training

Last week year 9 students had two days of learning about themselves and leadership, led by the enthusiastic teachers Ms Blake, Mr Biddle, Mr Herbert, Mrs Baines and Ms Panton and fed by Mrs Barberis and the Year 10 peer support leaders.



Everyone spread out in The Yass memorial hall in groups to learn about things such as: leadership, their own personal interaction styles, communication, how to work with others, empathy, decision making, problem solving, speaking, active listening, creative thinking, flexibility, assertiveness, facilitating, and affirming others. Games and activities such as creating clothes out of newspaper, designing apps and role plays helped keep it fun.





Students who attended the two days could elect to become a peer leader for 2016 to lead the Year 7s coming into the school. This is a great opportunity for students as they can provide a welcoming environment for new students and become their mentors, as well as growing their own skills and becoming leaders in the school overall. Thanks to all the students who have elected to be a leader and all those still to get in their forms.



A big thank you must go to all those students who participated, the teachers, the Year 10s, Mrs Barberis and Mrs Perceval.

National Show Jumping

Last holidays Isobel Kelly represented Yass High School and NSW as team captain in the Interschool's Nationals 2015 Show Jumping Event.

It was a packed 4 days, starting with an opening ceremony and then competition on three days with Isobel finishing overall reserve champion in the Secondary Schools 90cm class. NSW was the overall winner.

This weekend just gone, Canberra Show Jump Club hosted its annual "Canberra Cup" Event, with riders from all over NSW attending.

Naomi Kelly took out first place in her class, beating out her sister Isobel for second.

Congratulations to both girls on their success - well done!



The Dressmaker Excursion

Tilly Dunnage, the illegitimate child of 'Mad Molly on the hill above the tip', returns from France to face the town that strung her out to dry as an eight-year-old girl. The film, 'The Dressmaker', directed by Australian Jocelyn Moorhouse is remarkable for all manner of reasons. The cinematography, the couturier, Kate Winslet's flawless Australian accent, and the array of Australian talent on screen. All compelling causes to see the film, no doubt.

However, for the Women's History students in year 9 and 10, the film held an entirely different significance. In a world where less than six percent of movies released in cinemas are directed by women, 'The Dressmaker', was brilliantly directed by Moorhouse. It is unusual in the number of significant lead roles given to women, in an industry where women represent 37% of acting roles, and most commonly feature as an attractive accessory to a strong male lead.

The story provides insight into the lives and quiet traumas experienced by the women in the tiny, fictional town of Dungatar in rural Victoria. Allowing students to see attitudes, expectations and actions toward women, which were often silently accepted, through film helps them imagine and empathise with the past in a way that a textbook does not often allow.

The students were outstanding ambassadors for their school, with the staff at the Palace Electric Cinema complimenting them on their courtesy, respect for other patrons, and their manners.

History film buffs are encouraged to watch out for 'The Suffragettes', which looks to be a thrilling window into the world of British women's fight for the vote.

Special thanks to Debra Glassford for attending and assisting throughout the day.



Celebration Assemblies

Celebration for all years 7 – 10 are on Friday the 11th December. The times are as follows:

Year 7: 11:30 am
Year 8: 12:30 pm
Year 9: 9:15 am
Year 10: 10:00am

We look forward to celebrating your student's achievements with you.

HSIE Review and Parent Survey

NSW public schools conduct at least two annual evaluations within the school— one related to educational and management practice and the other related to curriculum. These evaluations are then reported in our Annual School Report. This year we are looking at our school's delivery of HSIE subjects, Geography, History, Legal and Business Studies.

We will be interviewing students and teachers from the HSIE areas and would very much like to hear from parents.

Below is a link to a short survey that can be typed into your browser that will give you the opportunity to have your say Parent Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBYBHN6> Many thanks for your assistance.



CanAssit Gift Wrapping.

CanAssist is looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to share Christmas cheer and wrap gifts at its 2015 Gift Wrap Stall Fundraiser in Yass. You can come by yourself or with a couple of friends to gift wrap with us in Comur St on Thursday nights 5-8pm (10, 17 or 24 Dec) and/or Saturday mornings (12 or 19 Dec). No experience is necessary, there will be fun people to wrap with, and you can bring your Christmas music with you if you like.

See Mrs Riach for more information, or contact CanAssist Yass and District branch on Facebook.

Yass High School Students of the Week November 2015



Alyssa Wright, Daniel Kemp,
Ryan Forlonge, Marley Puckett,
Edward Hinch, Melanie Miller,
Lucia Koller

For Displaying Outstanding
School Service at the
Year 12 Formal



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YEAR 7—2016
ORIENTATION DAY
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2015



Grampian Street, Yass
Website: yass-h.school.nsw.edu.au
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Orientation Day

Thursday

3rd December 2015

Parents/Carers

9.00am—11.00am

Students

9.00am—3.25pm

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Orientation Day

The program will commence for both parents/carers and students at 9.00am in the school hall. The Principal and various representatives will welcome students and parents/carers and give information about various aspects of Yass High School including:-

The role of the Front Office

School Band

Canteen

P&C Association

Breakfast Club

Homework

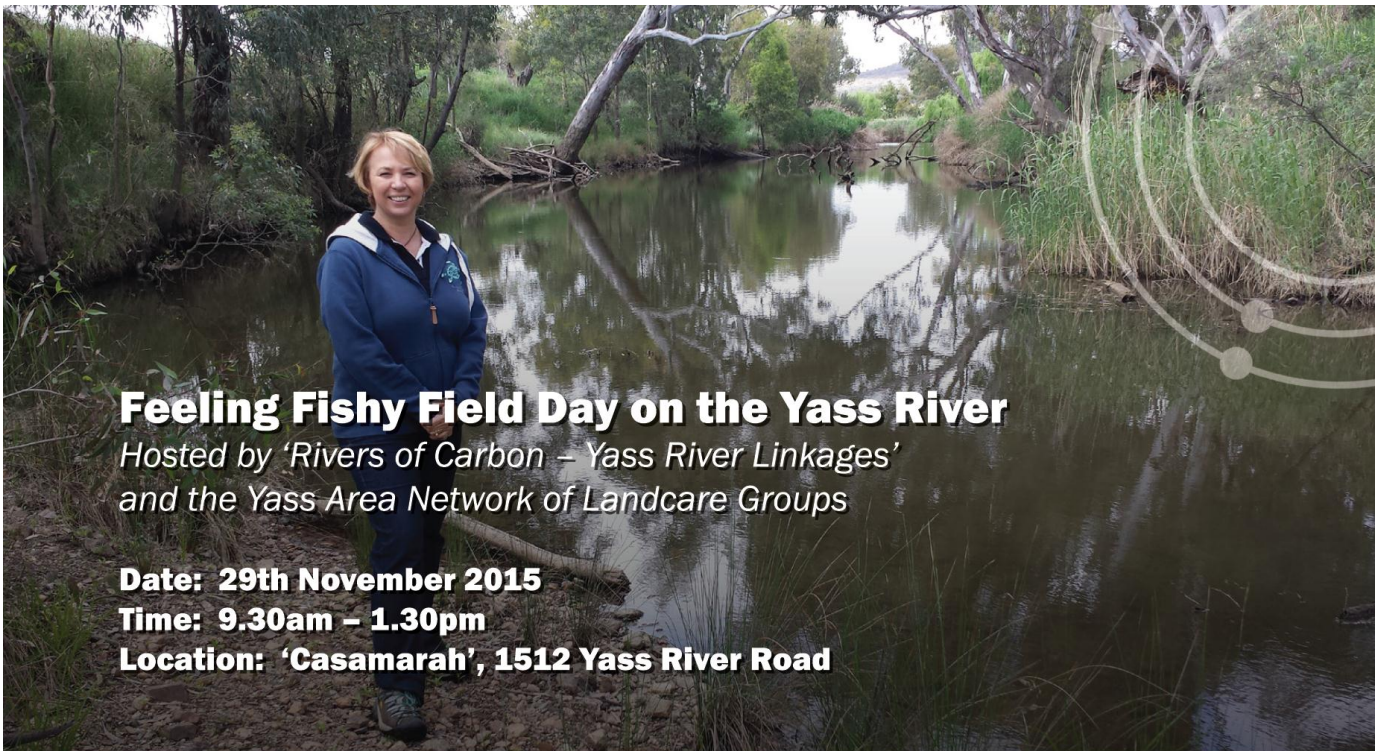
2016 Calendar – Swimming Carnival etc

Uniform (will be available to purchase)

Parents will be invited to go to the library for further information. Students will remain in the hall after the opening welcome, followed by orientation activities with Year 10 Peer Support Leaders to assist their transition to High School. Students wear their primary school uniform.

Lunch will be provided for the students.

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Want to have a fun day out on the river catching waterbugs and learning from the experts about restoring riverbanks to bring back fish, platypus and birds?

Want to find out about the work landholders in the Yass region are doing along their rivers to provide habitat for native fish?

Want to enjoy cappuccino, cake, and some carp creations to tickle your tastebuds?

We will be bringing together people who care about the Yass River to share their experience and knowledge, including traditional owners, Australian River Restoration Centre, local land-owners, Greening Australia, DPI Fisheries, Yass Fishing Club, Waterwatch, and other NRM organisations all working in the Yass Region.

A sausage sizzle will be provided and you are welcome to bring along your own picnic to enjoy lunch by the river. We will have fishy tattoos for the kids and a whole lot of family fun!

Please wear long pants and closed shoes for walking on the riverbank. Sunscreen, hat and water essential. Please do not bring pets.

Come and joins us for a 'Feeling Fishy' Field Day on the Yass River - register your FREE tickets at www.riversofcarbon.org.au

Any questions?

Contact Siwan Lovett - 0422 939 583 (Manager, Rivers of Carbon)



ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:

Yass

Lead Street, Near Atherfield Medical Centre

Monday 7 December

9:30am – 4:00pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch

Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**
or visit donateblood.com.au

 **Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE**



*We would like to Cordially invite you to Attend our
"Increasing Parent and Community Engagement " Forum
Southern Central Tablelands Electorate - Orange*

Purpose

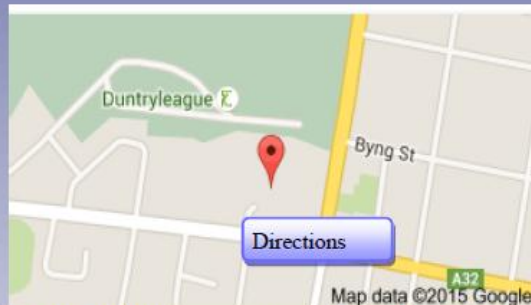
To increase Parent and Community Engagement within P&C Associations in our Public Schools, so partnerships can be strengthened to deliver quality outcomes for our Public Education system and ultimately our children and their future.

When: Thursday 19th November 2015

Where: Orange High School
Cnr Woodward St,

Registration From: 9.00am

Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm



Further information

This invitation extends to P&C Associations, members, community members as well as school community members. Please take this opportunity to meet your P&C Federation Councillor, hear our guest speakers and most importantly have a chat and join in the discussion groups

Guest Speakers

- Department of Education
- Gonski
- Grants
- Australian schools plus—New legislation could mean your school is eligible for tax deductible Donations
- Public Education Foundation

Workshops

- Opportunities for attendees to participate in discussions.
- Question sessions

Light refreshments will be provided

To attend please Register online by 17/11/2015

To Register please click here . [REGISTER](#)



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Coming Events

Date	Event
Thur 3/12	Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
Mon 7/12	P&C Meeting 7.30pm - All welcome – Christmas Theme Year 7 History Excursion
Tue 8/12	Scripture
Wed 09/12	Rewards Excursion Year 9 Legal Studies Excursion
Thur 10/12	Presentation Night 7pm
Fri 11/12	Celebration Assemblies Years 7 - 10
Mon – Wed 14/12 – 16/12	Alternative Programs at YHS
Tue 15/12	Rewards Excursion Years 7 & 8
Thur 17/12 Fri 18/12	School Development Days (Pupil free)
Click on the school website for the online calendar	
Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars	