

YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock Relieving Deputy Principal: Ruth Riach

From the Principal

I hope everyone has had a restful holiday and has recharged those batteries for a busy Term 4. Ms Hiscock is still enjoying her break, but will return next week.

Many of our wonderful staff have been at school over the holidays, working with Year 12 so they can achieve their HSC potential. This week the students have also participated in subject-based seminars for their final tips and feedback. Year 12 have now started their HSC exams, with both English and Music completed. Good luck Year 12, you have put in the hard work, now it's time to show the markers what you can do!

The Murrumbateman Field Days are on this weekend, and Yass High School has 2 displays showcasing both our agricultural and academic sides, as well as an archive display for ex-students. The Vocal Ensemble, led by Ms Jacqueline Hansson, will be featured on the main stage on Saturday morning.



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Captain's Corner

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and have come back ready for term 4. First of all, we'd like to wish the best of luck to all the Year 12 who have started their HSC examinations this week. Year 11 students have just started their Year 12 course, and are already hard at work preparing for their HSC.

And to all students, we are in the final term of 2016! We hope that you can put in the same hard work that you have been for the rest of this year.

And finally our very first teacher of the week is awarded to Mrs. Blake for her dedicated commitment to the school SRC, even though we will miss her we wish her all the best with taking on the role of Year 7 Year Advisor for 2017.



JOKE OF THE WEEK!
Want to hear a joke about sodium? Na.

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 2017 School Captains – Brianna,
Cameron, Rachel and Ethan - to have your voice heard at YHS. SRC Meetings are held each Monday

Lunchtime in F2.

Worldskills National Success for Sarah Targett

Over the last week, Year 12 Primary Industries student Sarah Targett was in Melbourne competing against 5 other students from around Australia in the Worldskills National Competition.

Sarah came away from three days of competition with a Bronze Medal which was an outstanding result. Her competition was exceptional and in any normal year her score of 88.5 would have had her on the Gold medal dais.

Competing in areas of rural skills involving tractors, chemical application,



fencing, soil testing, and a range of group tasks, Sarah remained focused and diligent.

In addition to gaining her national placing Sarah also had the experience of meeting and working with a wide range of students from different backgrounds. The spirit of the competitors and the camaraderie of the NSW VETiS Team was a major benefit of her experience.

The team all stayed in four star accommodation together and the team leaders (teachers from a wide range of schools and education systems) ensured that they were kept happy and entertained, as well as provided study times for their looming HSC Exams.



Sculpture

On Wednesday the 31st of August students from years eight to ten, Ms Vandermeys and Miss Watson piled into the Yass High School bus on an adventure to the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) and the Australian National University (ANU).

As we walked through the NGA and ANU students were provided with rare insights experienced from quest sculptors Andy and Harry Townsend and Al Phemister. Students eagerly listened as Andy, Harry and Al discussed the materials used by each artist and deconstructed the of the artworks. meaning Students then used their mini sketchbooks and pencils to



capture their ideas and draw artworks that inspired them.

After morning tea in the sculpture garden we went to the ANU to talk with students about their artworks and hear from one of the workshop teachers. Students were encouraged to engage in the personal spaces of each student-artist and gain a



deeper understanding of the process of making artworks. They were fascinated by the variety of artworks created by using traditional and nontraditional materials and surprised at the amazing vocational opportunities for students completing courses at the the University. We were also lucky enough to experience glass blowing!

Our students keenly asked a variety of questions about the technical components of the glass blowing process which were readily answered by the student-artists creating the glassware.



The following day our students had the privilege of learning invaluable practical skills from Andy, Harry and Al at the two day sculpture workshop held at the school. Andy, Harry and Al gave students an excellent demonstration of using the soapstone and then they were off creating whatever object they desired. The art rooms were filled with enthusiastic young artists; drilling, sawing, chiselling and carving away at their soapstone sculptures (Thank you to Mr Alchin, Mr Hansson and Al for providing us with the tools). Next on the agenda was the wire and plaster bandage, snipping, measuring, taping, joining and then plastering and covering our wire sculptures - lots of fun!

Our eager artists had a break for lunch with a smorgasbord of delicious food made by our hospitality students, Ms Halley Barberis and Mrs Perceval. This was a brilliant treat and we were very appreciative to the hospitality students, Ms Halley Barberis and Lois for proving this for us, thank you! We were astonished at the speed in which the students returned to their sculptures; keen to get back and finish their works some of them cut their break short!



The results of the workshop were outstanding with an array of unique and high quality artworks that were displayed at Cooma Cottage as part of Sculpture in the Paddock.

"I have had the best experience by learning different techniques on how to create a variety of sculptures," Kimberly McMillan.

"I was glad for the opportunity to create something of my own but knowing I had experts to turn to for help and inspiration. I would definitely do it again!" Emily Targett.

"The whole experience of Sculpture in the Paddock was fun, using materials that I may have never thought to use and extending my skills to create beautiful objects," Keily Johnson

This experience was made possible to our students by the Wagga Wagga Local Arts program through funding from the Department of Education and from Yass Arts.

Murrumbateman Field Days

Yass High will again be well represented at Murrumbateman Field Days this year with two sites close to the Yass side car park entry. B30 and B113. (see map) On the Agriculture site, you will see how students at Yass High get a head start with excellent facilities and teachers and an opportunity to learn from our many community members who are in Primary Industries.



A feature this year will be stories and photos from the WorldSkills National competition which was attended by Year 12 student, Sarah Targett who was a member of the winning NSW schools team and came away winning an individual bronze medal. Primary Industries teacher, Phil Armour had the honour of taking the winning NSW team away to Melbourne and bringing home the gold, silver and bronze in a hotly contested national competition.



Last year our Ag exhibit was awarded the Roger Lund Trophy for best Agricultural Education Exhibitor (photo) and (award). Agriculture is one of the strengths of the school.

Visitors to the other school sites will be able to see some of the excellent work from our students in the Community Trade Skills Centre which is a brand new industry-standard set of facilities. This includes a commercial kitchen, metal and engineering workshop, construction workshop and outdoor work area, textiles and design room, digital technology laboratory, food technology kitchen, Agriculture Farm, and auto shed.

You might want to sort through the archives, if you or any member of your family attended Yass High in the past. The school has a proud history in the community and has strong links to local business and organisations and a strong social responsibility in supporting all members of our community.

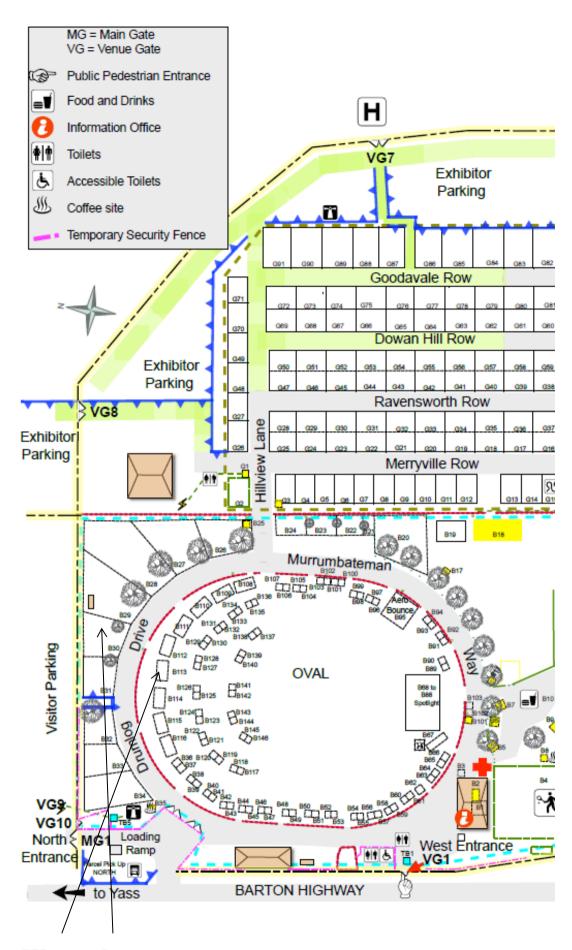
Displays from right across the school will highlight the opportunities, Yass valley students have from their local high school. From languages, to Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Integrated Learning, Futures, Community Studies, English, History, PDHPE, Creative and Performing Arts, Music and Special Education, Yass High leads the way in many areas, academic, school service, and Community service.

Our talented students will be centre stage on the "main stage" as they sing, dance, play and perform for the crowd.

Please make an effort to come and see us at the Yass High exhibits and let the rest of the field days crowd see what a great school Yass High is.

Ready for @MBFieldays @yhsag1 Photos from our award-winning sites 2015. This year we're at B30, B113. Map -





We are here

HSIE Guest Experts

Recently HSIE were lucky enough to have two very special guests give up their time to speak to Year 8 and Year 10 about the important work that they do around the world in the field of aid and development.

Year 8 participated in an online chat with Ms Jess Lawson who works for Plan International in Myanmar, and the students were able to ask Jess about her work and why it is important. The students asked some great questions about what she studied at school to get into her career in communications, and what impact the work of Plan International has on the lives of the people that she works with.



Our second guest was Ms Danielle Heineke, who works for DFAT. Ms Heineke has worked in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and Timor Leste and is currently based in Canberra. She spoke with Year 10 and Year 8 about the work of the Australian government in delivering our aid budget, and why we have a foreign aid program. We learnt that for every \$100 Australia earns we spend 23 cents on foreign aid. Students asked some great questions and then participated in a policy development activity that Ms Heineke tells us is used by her colleagues, to decide and then justify how and why money should be spent on certain projects. It certainly got us debating and thinking!

Yass High School food technology presents...... Fantastical Ice cream!!!!

Our food technology students have been embroiled in all things ice cream this term and their brief.... develop a brand new flavour of ice cream! We have been testing lots of different flavour and textural combinations for this brief and are now just about ice creamed out! So far we have tried butterscotch sauce, chocolate crackle, praline, salted caramel popcorn, jelly beans, smarties and cookies and cream. We have had a LOT of fun doing it and have been able to try a variety of things that are not often available for sale. Some we have loved, others not so much...



It's all part of the process. We tested some very non pedestrian flavours of ice cream on our accommodating staff and have come up trumps! Flavours included: Rosewater, strawberry & balsamic vinegar, mint & lavender, coconut, chai, bubblegum, mint & thyme, strawberry geranium & rosewater, caramelised banana, chilli chocolate, star anise & thyme, watermelon and strawberry & rosemary. The students should be proud of their efforts, as not one flavour was deemed not so nice – all were received gratefully and enthusiastically by our wonderful staff!



Thank you to everyone who came and tested our flavours and gave such fantastic feedback!

Lunch

Parents and carers are reminded that students should bring their lunch with them to school in the morning. It is disruptive if food is delivered during the school day on a regular basis. If your student forgets their lunch, then by all means drop off some money or a packed lunch to the front office and it will be delivered to the students.

Please support your P & C by utilising the school canteen if you need to purchase food during the school day. Burgers and other hot food can be ordered for lunchtime purchase, while sandwiches, salads, sausage rolls and pies are available until sold out.





YHS Lockers

Due to the high demand for lockers, new management procedures will now be in place for 2017. We ask all current locker holders to empty out their lockers and return keys to front office by **9**th **December**. If this is not done by the due date lockers will be cleared out over Christmas holidays.

If you wish to re-apply for a locker in 2017 a \$10.00 hire fee will need to be paid at the front office. Lost or replaced keys will incur a replacement fee of \$5.00

Sports and Special Group Photos

Photos are now available for order from the front office for \$20.00 per photo. Closing date for ordering the photos is 28th October 2016

First Aid Course Yass Tafe

Yass Tafe will be running a First Aid course on the 21st October 2016. Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm. Please call 6226 1556 to make a booking

Y Tally

The count is in. The following students have the most Ys for last fortnight. Bring your copy of InTouch to the front office to collect your canteen voucher before the next InTouch is published.

- 7: Blake Johnson
- 8: Archie Campbell
- 9: Claire Southwell

10 – a 4-way tie: Nicholas Fairweather, Lettiece Gallahar, Shannon Lawler, Angus Wells

11: Jonah Smith

Learning Sign Language Is Fun!

A wonderful opportunity is available in Yass to learn a new language..... **Auslan** (Australian Sign Language. This visual language provides a unique way to communicate with the Australian Deaf Community. The beginners' course is taught by everyday users of Auslan in a fun and supportive environment. You will learn to communicate visually using gestures, body language and facial expressions. For more information and to reserve your place email signlanguage@deafsociety.com or call the school on 62261711.

Yass High School Student of the Week October 2016



Braelie Jones-Hope

Year 11

For always displaying School Values during Sculpture in the Paddock

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Lily Godding

Year 7

For always displaying School Values during Sculpture in the Paddock

Yass High School Student of the Week September 2016



Jackson Nash

Year 7

For outstanding rehearsal and performance supporting the HSC Music exams

Yass High School Students of the Week September 2016







Emily Friend, Eleanor Boehme Shyanne McClung

Year 10

For outstanding effort when 'crewing' for HSC Drama Performance Examination

Yass High School Student of the Week September 2016



Geena Elliott
Year 8

For outstanding rehearsal and performance supporting the HSC Music exams

Yass High School Student of the Week September 2016



Tane Allen
Year 9

For outstanding rehearsal and performance supporting the HSC Music exams



What would it be like if you received absolutely nothing for Christmas?

The Social Justice Group is organising gift filled shoeboxes for children in poverty for Christmas.

Donations of gifts are needed to fill the boxes. Please drop off gifts and money donations at the office before October 27th. Money donations are appreciated as they enable each box to be sent from Yass High. At \$9 ea to ship overseas.

Samaritans Purse sends these boxes overseas. They are a non-profit, Christian organisation providing emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world. Each year they organise to send thousands of boxes of gifts to children who may never have received a gift in their life.

Please bring to the office one or more items for boys or girls between 2 and 14

SOMETHING TO WEAR: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.

SOMETHING TO LOVE: teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

SOMETHING SPECIAL: carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.

SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL: exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH: tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.

SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE: soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

Visit https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

And find out more

Coming Events

Date	Event
Thur 13 Oct	HSC Begins
Thur 20 – Fri 21 Oct	Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza - Scone
Fri 21 Oct	Genes for Jeans Day Gold Coin Donation
Mon 24 Oct	Fling Physical Theatre Drama Excursion
Thur 27 - Fri 28 Oct	Albury Show
Mon 31 Oct	Year 11 Celebration Assembly 11:45am
Mon 7 Nov	P & C Meeting. All Welcome
Thur 10 Nov	Year 12 Formal
	Click on the school website for the online calendar

Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars