



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Relieving Deputy Principal: Ruth Riach

## From the Principal

Back in Yass after a trip to the USA, I am particularly appreciative of our rural community and its environment. While in general people are friendly and accommodating and we saw some wonderful architecture and landscapes, American cities are so big, busy and impersonal: we are so lucky!

Term 4 is a very important time for all of us at Yass High School. Year 12 HSC exams continue with students and staff responding positively to the papers to date. Year 11 have just finished their interviews with Careers Adviser Fiona Wykes, and myself. Each student has been offered support in planning their HSC pattern of study to ensure that their chosen subject options adequately address their academic and career aspirations and potential. They have also been allocated a teacher mentor for 2017.

Details of 2017 funding, including targeted increases in some areas, have been received and staff and executive are consultatively allocating the funds to improve student learning across the board. Parents will also have an opportunity to outline their priorities and contribute to the process at the next P&C meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> November and through the Community Engagement team.

Congratulations to the graduating Fire Cadets (below) who received their certificates this week



Oct 28 2016

## Captain's Corner

Hi all! Only 9 more Fridays until Christmas! Thank you to everyone who contributed to Jeans for Genes day last Friday, it was a great success and the money raised is going straight to the Jeans for Genes foundation. Also a huge thanks to all the students who assisted with the Murrumbateman Field Days, it was good to see such enthusiasm in representing our fantastic school.

Teacher of the week is Mrs Baines for organizing the Jeans for Genes mufti day earlier this week, as well as her excellent work as Year 8 Advisor, Relieving Head Teacher English and brilliant teaching in the English department.



### JOKE OF THE WEEK!

Q. Why do cows have bells?

A. Because their horns don't work!

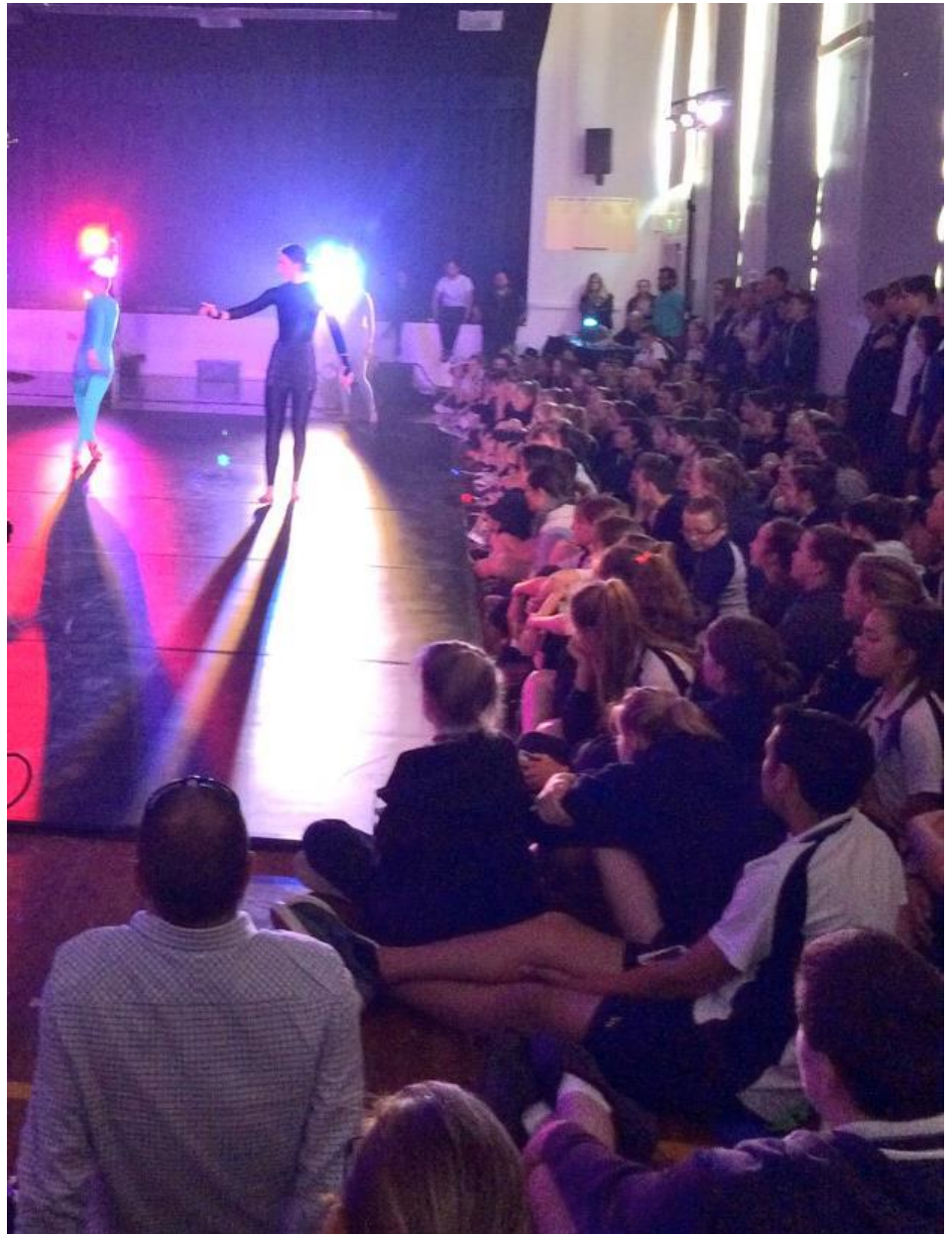
A recent worldwide survey showed that out of 7,488,857,829 people, 94% were way too lazy to read that number. If you are someone who wants to see a difference around our school and community, speak to one of the 2017 captains – Brianna, Cameron, Rachel and Ethan. Any and all students are welcome to come attend SRC meetings which are held every Monday in F1.



## fLing

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Drama students were treated to a special event – a workshop in physical theatre from the visiting Bega Valley youth theatre troupe, fLing Physical Theatre. Participants were encouraged to discover their inner super powers, through movement, by the troupe's Artistic Director and three of the young performers.

In the afternoon the students and all Stage 4 were entertained by the whole troupe in their energy-charged performance, *We Will Come to the Rescue*.





## Murrumbateman Field Days

Yass High was again well represented at Murrumbateman Field Days this year with two sites close to the Yass side car park entry.

On the Agriculture site, visitors saw 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 was 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.

Visitors to the other school sites were 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.





Past students from 1964 to 2015 sorted through the archives to find records from when they attended Yass High. 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 across the school and singing and Didgeridoo performances highlighted the opportunities, our students have from their local high school.



Thank you to all community members who attended the Yass High sites at the field days and gave such positive feedback to the students and staff on your local community school.

## WIRES

As part of the Year 11 construction program, the class has created 25 possum boxes for WIRES (a wildlife rescue organisation) to help relocate possums from the roofs of houses to a bush setting.



## 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<sup>th</sup> 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

## Y Tally

The following students have received the most Ys in their year over the last fortnight: Year 7 Darcie O'Sullivan, Year 8 Ayden Pothan, Year 9 Claire Southwell & Daniel Young, Year 10 Shannon Lawler, Year 11 Catherine Barberis & Madeline Enseleit. Mr McDonald has given out the most Ys over the fortnight.

Bring your copy of InTouch to the office for a \$5 canteen voucher.





Yass High School

2016

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Yass High School unites in pink to raise funds  
for breast cancer.

There will be a special gift to each person who  
donates \$2 or more.

Great prizes can be won by all who donate.

We are also having a raffle with great prizes.

Cupcakes for sale on the day and our annual  
fashion parade will also be happening again.

- Please join us Support the fighters
  - Admire the survivors
  - Honour the takenand
- Never, ever give up hope

## Coming Events

Date	Event
Mon 31 Oct	Year 11 Celebration Assembly 11:45am
3 Nov – 4 Nov	VALID Year 8 Science
Mon 7 Nov	P & C Meeting All Welcome 7:30pm Staff Common Room
Mon 7 Nov	Year 12 Clearance Day 9:00am – 11:00am Library
7 Nov – 8 Nov	RSA/RCG Course
Tue 8 Nov	Pink Day
Wed 9 Nov	VALID Year 8 Science Test
Thur 10 Nov	HMAS Canberra Excursion 6:30am - Sydney
Tue 6 Dec	Orientation Day Year 7, 2017
Tue 13 Dec	Years 7 – 10 Celebration Assemblies
Thur 15 Dec	Presentation Evening
<a href="#">Click on the school website for the online calendar</a>	
<a href="#">Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars</a>	