



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Relieving Deputy Principal: Ruth Riach

## From the Principal

Thanks to the generous efforts of Graeme Shaw from Shaw winery, 30 students from years 7-10, support worker Bob Buffington and myself had the opportunity to visit HMAS Canberra in Sydney Harbour. Students toured the ship, lunched on board and then cruised the harbour in a smaller craft. The visit aimed to broaden the students' horizons and give them an appreciation of the diverse and exciting careers that can be undertaken in the Royal Australian Navy.

The wellbeing of all Yass High School was evident this week with lots of laughs and huge amounts of generosity as we all got involved in our annual PINK day. Staff looked great in costumes as the seven dwarves and their "alter egos" and the playground of students was a sea of Pink. Congratulations to Tracey Bills and her community classes that coordinated this event and raised over \$3,500.

On assembly this week outstanding results for year 7 and 8 in the Mathematics Olympiad were celebrated. Congratulations to Blake Johnson who received a mini ipad for his top 10% in Australasia result and Mitchell Starr who received a fitbit for achieving in the top 40% .



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## Captain's Corner

What's up guys! We're five weeks in to term 4 and there are only 5 more to go, so keep up the hard work. We've had a pretty massive two weeks, with the captains attending a leadership conference at the AIS, the new SRC advisor has been selected - a special congratulations to Mr Anderson - who has relieved Ms Blake of her duties, who is looking forward to taking on the role of Year Advisor for Year 7 next year.

The class of 2016 has finished their exams and officially finished school as well, and they are looking forward to their formal this week. And finally, as you all know we had our 2016 Pink Day on Wednesday which was a massive success!!! Which now brings us to the teachers of the week, and in a special case we have nominated Ms Bills and Ms Rajchert for their bravery on stage shaving their heads for breast cancer awareness, as well as organising the day!



Joke of the week:

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A Gummy bear

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.



## Y Tally

The following students have been awarded the most Ys over the past fortnight. These students should bring their copy of InTouch to the office for a canteen voucher. Mr McDonald has again given out the most Ys. Remind your teachers to award them so they can out-do him! Maya Smith, Ayden Pothan, Naomi Kelly, Shannon Lawler and Kelsey Medway.



## 2nd Hand Uniforms

As you grow out of your uniform and buy new shirts, shorts and hoodies, please consider dropping off your old uniform at the front office. We like to keep a store of them at school for distribution when students' clothes are accidentally damaged or dirtied during the school day.

Thank you for your generosity.



## Woodwork Projects

Students have been working on individual projects in Year 7 & 8 Tech Man Wood.



Year 9 have made lolly dispensers.





Year 10 – Josh has made a dog kennel – a tin roof was added later.



Year 11 Construction created a concrete seating area.



## Yass Vocational Education Students Work-Ready for Industry Placement

Over the next three weeks many of our skilled vocational education students will be completing their work placements in our local community in hospitality, construction, primary industries, and information and digital media technology.

Our local employers are providing a workplace learning experience for our students which is mandatory for them to gain their certification to work in the industry. They benefit from the input of skilled, work ready students who have received training in our industry



standard Community Trade Skills Centre. Staff and students are continually working with employers to provide training of the highest standard.

Towards the end of the work place learning period, local employers and students will celebrate the role of workplace learning at a function held in the hospitality bistro of the new building at Yass High School. The awards recognise 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 coordinator 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 will be presented with framed certificates to recognise their role in producing the skilled tradespeople of the future for the Yass Valley and beyond.

We would like to thank the Yass community for their support and continued involvement through the provision of quality work placement opportunities for students.



## Pink Day

On Tuesday November 8, Yass High School had **Pink Day** to raise money for people who are suffering from breast cancer. To raise money we had a breakfast for all the teachers from Yass High, Berinba and Yass Public School. Many of the Community students from Year 9 and 10 helped cook the BBQ and pancakes and Year 11 Hospitality made coffee.

Everyone came together for a great day. Those who dressed in pink and donated money and got a ticket in the raffle to win prizes that many different people contributed to.

By the end of the day we ended up raising \$3,600 – a fantastic effort - and Miss Bills and Miss Rajchert both shaved their hair off for cancer. Makayla Cameron is going from long to short as well.

Heartfelt thanks to Yass Newsagency, Comur House, On Trend, Bargain Base, Full Circle Serenity, Miller's Pharmacy, NSW Sydney Swifts, Canberra Raiders, Australian Touch Football, Bello Beauty, Yass Football Club, Jenene Forlonge, Julie Owers, Al Phemister, Ashley Parker and Robyn Chaplin for donating raffle prizes.

By Sophie Staines and Paris Hulme





## Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to everyone who donated an item to fill the boxes. We packed, wrapped and sent 19 boxes. We have leftover items that can be sent next year. We'll be tracking our boxes to see where they end up and an article will be put in InTouch to let you know where the boxes went next year.

We will do this again in term three 2017 so be on the lookout for items that would be suitable to put in the boxes, so collect new things like soft toys, tennis balls, notebooks, pencils, colouring books, soap, towels toothbrushes, toy cars, etc.

Thanks again to everyone who donated an item. It is greatly appreciated.





## Chasing the Sun

On Friday we welcomed Marc Simpkins to Yass High School. Marc is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Bachelor of Education (Primary) student at RMIT University in Melbourne. He aims to run from Wollongong to Perth unsupported, raising funds and awareness for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation and The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation.

Marc left Wollongong on 29 October, and arrived in Yass on Friday afternoon, just in time to talk to Year 9 PDHPE about his run, why he is doing it, and the nutritional and physical requirements for the trip.

Having averaged 50km a day, and tackling the Great Dividing Range in the first week, he was understandably tired, and after picking up some food parcels that we had for him, stayed overnight at the caravan park before continuing his walk to Wagga Wagga. We wish him all the best on his journey, and hope the worst of the hills are behind him!

Website: [www.chasingthesun.run](http://www.chasingthesun.run)



**Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
October 2016**



**Riley Wilson**

**Year 7**

For Invaluable Assistance at the  
Murrumbateman Field Days

**Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
October 2016**



**Sarah Makin**

**Year 9**

For Invaluable Assistance at the  
Murrumbateman Field Days

**Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
October 2016**



**Kelsey Medway**

**Year 11**

For displaying excellent leadership  
skills at the Albury Show

**Yass High School  
Student of the Week  
October 2016**



**Ethan McGregor**

**Year 11**

For promoting his school in the  
community by representing Yass  
High School at the Murrumbateman  
Field Days



**Yass High School  
Students of the Week  
October 2016**



**Lily Godding  
Samantha Sarah**

**Year 7**

For excellence in presenting the work at the Murrumbateman Field Days

**Yass High School  
Students of the Week  
October 2016**



**Tom Girdler Jayden Ginders**

For performing at the Murrumbateman Field Days and representing Yass High School with pride

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# Yass High School Students of the Week October 2016



Claire Howlett, Maeve Hughes, Mia Jephcott,  
Matylda Hoare, Holly Fleming, Jaime Burgess,  
Lily Kelly Clark, Corinne Green

Year 7

For performing at the Murrumbateman Field  
Days and representing Yass High School  
with pride



# MEDIA RELEASE

## Yass Valley 'Ice' Forum - Be Part of the Solution

The issue of crystalline methamphetamine or 'ice' is real for Yass Valley and the region — that's why the local community, health experts and government are coming together on the 17th November 2016 at 6pm in the Solider Memorial Hall to look at the problem from a different angle.

Data shows that in New South Wales the number of methamphetamine-related presentations to 56 public hospital emergency departments increased from approximately 470 in 2009-10 to 4,771 in 2015-16. This number compared to 13,042 emergency department presentations for alcohol problems in 2015-2016.

In response to the problem, the Yass Valley and Goulburn Community Drug Action Teams (CDAT) are rolling out a "Breaking the Ice" forum. Yass Valley CDAT Chairperson Cathy Campbell said experts in drug prevention and harm reduction will be on hand to help you understand the issues and misconceptions surrounding 'ice'.

"This forum will provide you with evidence based information about 'ice' and where to seek help, support and treatment in Yass Valley. The solution lies in the community's hands and we will be holding a follow up workshop a couple of weeks later to enable interested people to develop an action plan around this issue and drug and alcohol harm minimisation."

The ice forum aims to ensure the Yass Valley community:

- Is informed about crystalline methamphetamine
- Sees the person, not just the drug — this relates to breaking down stigma and promoting connectedness and social inclusion in communities
- Understand we're all in this together – communities can work together to prevent harms through drug use

Mrs James from the Goulburn CDAT said now was the time for change.

"Police, government and many communities across NSW are all saying the same thing — we can no longer arrest our way out of the problem," said Mrs James.

"This is a community problem which has a community solution. So come along and be informed about 'ice' and see how you can help reduce its use in Yass Valley."

To find out more about the CDATs go to [www.adf.org.au/cdat](http://www.adf.org.au/cdat)

### About CDATs and the Australian Alcohol and Drug Foundation

Celebrating more than 55 years of service to the community, the Australian Alcohol and Drug Foundation is one of Australia's leading bodies committed to preventing alcohol and other drug problems in communities around the nation. The foundation reaches millions of Australians in local communities through sporting clubs, workplaces, health care settings and schools, offering educational information, drug and alcohol prevention programs and advocating for strong and healthy communities.

The NSW Government's Community Engagement and Action Program (CEAP) is administered by the Australian Drug Foundation. The program oversees the coordination and operation of Community Drug Action Teams (CDATs). For more information about CDATs and drug and alcohol prevention go to [www.adf.org.au/cdat](http://www.adf.org.au/cdat)

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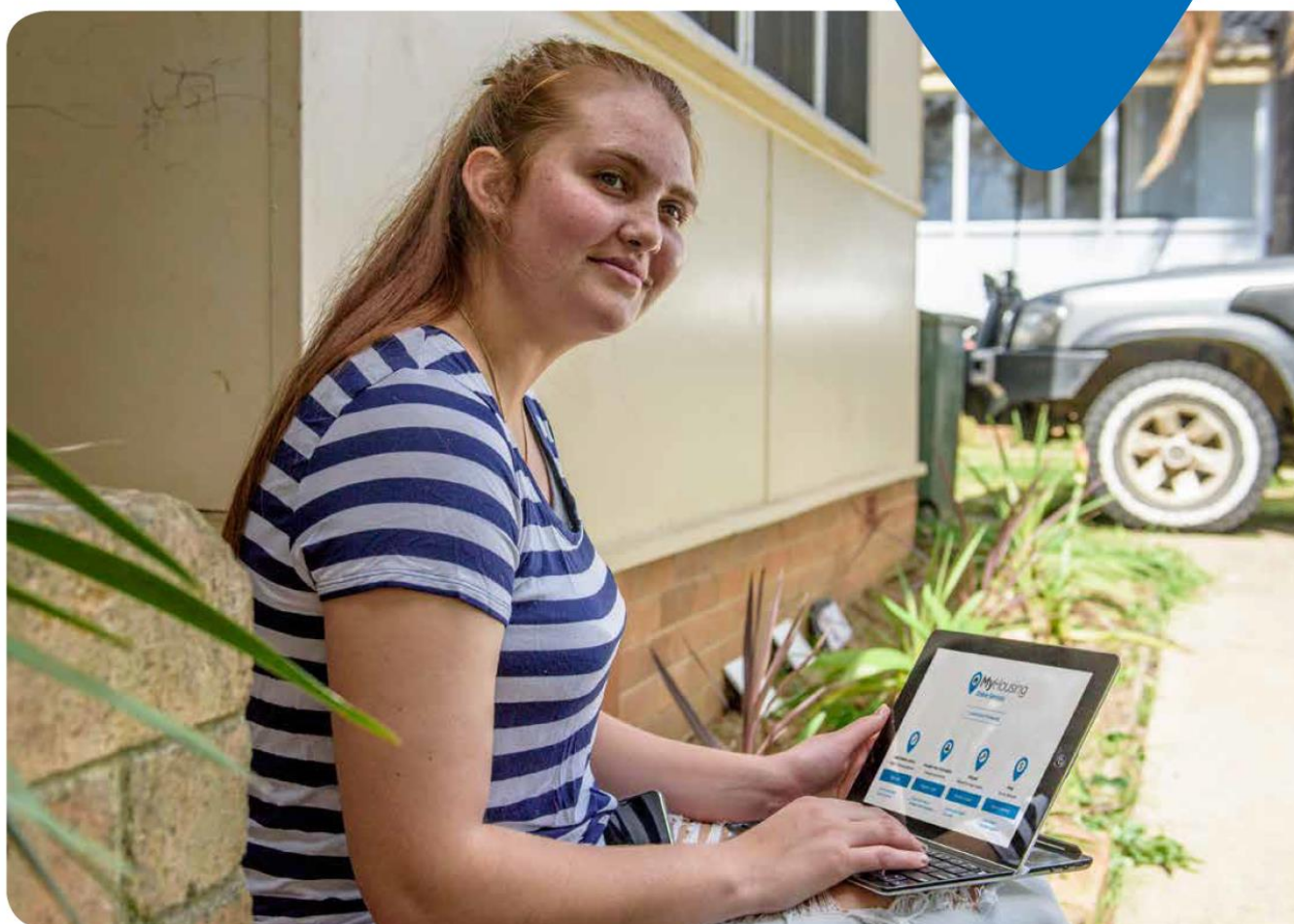
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# Yass High School Christmas Car-boot Sale

**\*\*Year 9 Camp Fundraiser\*\***



**\$5 car  
wash!**

**Book a stall or come along to pick  
up a bargain!**

**\$25 per stall**


Stalls to be pre-paid through Yass  
High School front office.

Ph: 6226 1711


Email: [yass-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yass-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Proceeds go towards year 9 camp fees.

(You will be allocated 3x3metres of space and  
tables to set your stall as you like).



**Fantastic Christmas  
hamper to win!**

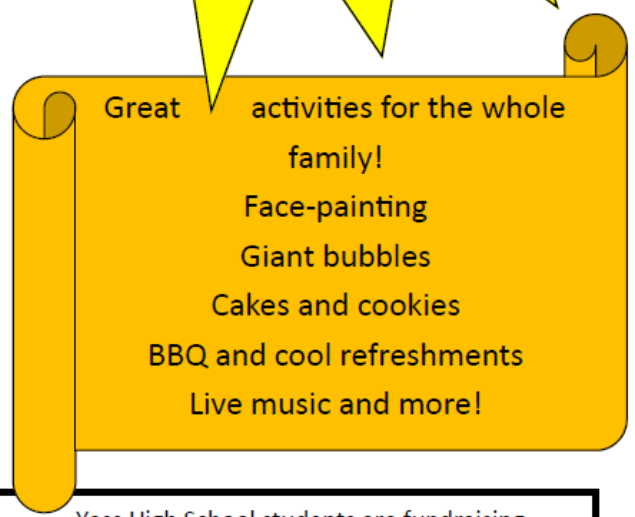


**When: Saturday 10th December**

**Time: 9am-2pm.**

**Where: Yass High School quad**

**Grampian Street.**



Great activities for the whole  
family!

Face-painting

Giant bubbles

Cakes and cookies

BBQ and cool refreshments

Live music and more!

Please note unfortunately no food stalls accepted as  
through food and drink stalls. Thankyou for your support.

Yass High School students are fundraising

## Coming Events

Date	Event
Tue 15 Nov	Year 12 second clearance day
Tue 15 Nov	Interschool Billy Cart Challenge
Fri 18 Nov	World Vision Mufti Day gold coin donation
Thurs 24 – Fri 25 Nov	Peer support training Year 9
Fri 25 Nov	White Ribbon Day
Mon 28 Nov	Scripture
Mon 5 Dec	P & C Christmas Meeting at the Aussie Hotel 7:30pm
Tue 6 Dec	Orientation Day Year 7, 2017
Sat 10 Dec	Christmas Car Boot Sale
Tue 13 Dec	Years 7 – 10 Celebration Assemblies
Thur 15 Dec	Presentation Evening 7pm
<a href="#"><u>Click on the school website for the online calendar</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars</u></a>	