



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Relieving Deputy Principal: Ruth Riach

From the Principal

As another very productive year ends, I sincerely thank all those who work as part of the school community - students, staff, parents and supporters - for your commitment, energy and efforts over the last year. There have been many highlights of the year and I hope you have enjoyed reading about these through Intouch. I would like to make a special thank you to Mrs Riach who ensured this publication went out fortnightly rain or shine and thank her for providing outstanding leadership and support for students and staff as the relieving Deputy Principal. Could I also thank Mr Biddle for his role as head teacher administration this year, ensuring the smooth running of each day for students and staff, and much more!

At our last P&C meeting of the year we celebrated another great year of partnership and I would like to thank these active P & C members and our canteen team and volunteers for their ideas and valuable feedback, as well as their hard work and the substantial funding that they have supported the school with this year. In total close to \$20,000 from canteen takings and fundraising has purchased much needed textbooks, scientific and show team equipment and supported whole school technology needs. Additional funds were also provided this week to purchase student diaries for every student next year and bucket hats for our new Year 7 students.

I look forward to catching up with parents at next week's celebration assemblies and hope you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday, so that we are all back nicely relaxed and ready for learning next year.



Captain's Corner

This is our final Captain's Corner for 2016, and we would like to use it to wish everyone a safe and happy break over the Christmas holiday period. Make sure you wish all the staff at school all the best as they deserve this "downtime" away from us students so they can recharge their batteries and be just as amazing next year as they support us through the new school year.

Our teacher of the week this week is not a teacher, but the canteen staff Ann, Trudy and Michele. Our canteen staff cook food fresh in their own kitchens every day, provide a variety of healthy, yummy snacks, and are always updating the menu, and listen to ideas from the community about what they can offer. They also provide amazing catering for visitors, and just this week, the visiting staff completing the PE Faculty Review commented on the quality and "deliciousness" of their morning teas and lunches.



Joke of the Week:

What do you call Santa's helpers?

Subordinate clauses

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.

Melbourne Cup - 1st November

Year 11 Hospitality students had a fun day helping Yass Hospital Auxiliary Association cater for their annual Melbourne Cup luncheon. Five students travelled to Yass Bowling club to work in 'front of house' welcoming guests and serving and clearing tables and 'behind house"- preparing food and setting out a delicious buffet.



Guests arrived on their finery and hats and were directed to decorated tables by Grace Prins, Nicole Doak and Victoria Alley. In the kitchen Stephanie Davis and Emily Polsen prepared salad and meat platters and then set out and helped serve the buffet lunch.

After the meal and activities, the president of the Auxiliary, presented each student with a certificate. This showed that students worked in a professional capacity and were have to help the community. Thank you to those students for representing Yass High so well and the Auxiliary for giving them the opportunity.



Indigenous Cultural Excursion to Condobolin

We set off for Condobolin at 9am Sunday, and after a brief stop for cherries, our first stop was West Wyalong. We met Ralph and Dianne, and were shown around their wonderful art gallery. The sculpture and paintings were great, and we asked lots of questions about making art and making a living from art. Then it was back on the road and when we arrived in Condo, where it was 40 degrees in the shade, so it was straight under the sprinkler for some of us!

The next day we visited the Wiradjuri Cultural Centre, where Aunty Bev taught us basket weaving, and Uncle Dick showed us how to throw a boomerang. Then on to Condobolin High School. We looked around their lovely Ag Plot, and then played table tennis and sit down volley ball with them. We learnt that 50% of the students at Condo High are indigenous.



On Tuesday morning we hit the road and headed for the Lake Cowal gold mine. We didn't find any gold, but we did learn a lot about mining, geology and environmental management. We walked on the shores of Lake Cowal and had our photo taken by a drone. Then we headed for home, tired but full of new knowledge and pride in being part of the oldest living culture.

Thank you to Ms Vale and Ms McQueen for organising this wonderful excursion.



Yass Valley Employers Praise Workplace Learning Awards

Local employers and students celebrated the role of workplace learning at a function held in the Hospitality Bistro of the Community Trade Skills Centre last Friday. 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 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 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 building houses the Community Trade Skills Centre. With facilities in Construction, Digital Technology, Metal 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:

Hospitality - Breanna Lennon, Construction - Andrew Mihaljevic, Victoria Alley
Primary Industries - Cassie Dowling, Metal & Engineering – Joel Townsend, Jayden Barnsley
Information and Digital Media Technology – Adam Fahey/Natasza Johnston

Yass High School together with Southern Region BEC would like to express our gratitude to the local businesses that have supported our students who have taken part in the Structured Workplace Learning Program in 2016. For more information visit www.srbec.com.au



Appsalute Carpentry
Cafe Dolcetto
Complete Civil
Delta Agribusiness
ET & JA Gruber Fencing
Foran Building Company
Galutzi Café
Jim Byrne Plumber & Drainer
James Alley Building & Carpenter
Jan Spate
Jindalee
Kaffeine 2582
Landmark Yass
Longreach Limousins
Martins Fertilizer
Murrumbateman Country Inn Bistro
Murrumbateman Earthworks
Natalie Blundell Equestrian Centre
Poidos Fencing
Shanes Car N Cycle
The Old Hume Café Gunning
Think Technology
Thyme to Taste
Yass High School - IT Support
Edenbrae Pastrol Co
Yass Valley Council - IT & Administration
Yass Veterinary Hospital
Yass Valley Aged Care - Horton House



Show Team

We are fast approaching the end of the year and are winding up a very successful year both at show and at school, for the Show Team. It is at this time we need to thank those people who have been responsible for supporting us in our endeavours.

Thank you to the breeders of the cattle that have been so successful for us; Glyn and Ann Williams of Newton-Wood Limousins, Su McClusky and her late husband Bob of Cluskers Square Meaters, Gareth Ellam from Bangalla Miniature Belted Galloways and Daniel McDonald of Sarana Limousins. In addition to these producers we have been able to breed our own cattle here at school and we have had an amazing year. We have won broad ribbons at numerous shows including Canberra Royal, Murrumburrah/Harden Show, Albury Show and the high point of the year Yass Show. At Canberra Royal we had our most successful show ever winning a total of six broad ribbons and numerous placing's for both cattle and students.



Thank you to the parents who have supported us through allowing us to attend shows themselves coming to shows to support us and picking us up at all hours back at school after adventures to places near and far. The support and encouragement from parents is crucial to our success and is responsible for the continued growth and development of the team.

Thank you to the staff at school that bears the brunt when the impact of the Show Team embarks on our various adventures. In particular, thank you to Ms Hiscock whose unwavering support of our endeavours has allowed us to expand and grow as a team. The encouragement and interest that the entire staff at school, have demonstrated is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the P&C who have generously supported us through helping to by equipment. This equipment has been of great assistance in being able to prepare and exhibit livestock. The students have been able to take a greater level of responsibility and involvement in all aspects of the Show Team as a result.

We also have a big thankyou to extend to the Yass Branch of the NSW Farmers organisation who just this week presented a cheque for \$2000 to Agriculture at Yass HS to be spent on educational programs in the future. This is part of an on-going commitment by NSW Farmers to supporting the school and we thank Secretary/Treasurer Karen Carter and her members for their generosity.

Lastly, thank you to the students themselves, who have worked all year with the sole aim of bettering themselves. They have displayed the ability and willingness to not only learn new skills but to master them. They been great ambassadors of the school and should look upon their personal and team achievements with pride. The older students particularly have taken more and more leadership for the Team. We are saying goodbye to our Year 12 students who can leave knowing that they have left a great impression on the younger students.



Despite this year's shows coming to an end, we are already starting to prepare for next year's autumn shows in the hope to repeat our success at Canberra Royal. And so we look forward with anticipation of the challenges that lie ahead and once again thank all those who have supported and encouraged us, be they from home, school or the community, THANKYOU.

What's Happening In Textiles?

Another successful technology rotation of textiles has seen Year 7's make some wonderful bags and Year 8 complete terrific cushions.





Orientation Day 2016

On Tuesday the 6th of December year 6 students from 12 different primary schools, some local and others out of area, came to experience what Yass High School has to offer. The year 6 students were in groups with their year 9 'CONNECT' leaders, who showed them around the school and played some team building games with them during the morning session.



The remainder of the day was made up of subject taster lessons, where the year 6 students were able to experience firsthand what it would be like as a Yass High School student. They participated in Agriculture, Science, Woodwork, Food Technology and Drama lessons. Throughout the day the students were able to develop a better understanding of what high school is like and to become more comfortable with the new environment, ready to start next year.

The parent session provided valuable information about the school and the roles of the Deputy Principal Ms Pinson and the Year Advisor Mrs Blake.

A big thank you to all of the staff and students that made the day a great success.



Integrated Learning

Yass High School has applied to participate in the Environmental Trust Eco Schools Program in which the school is granted funds in order to conduct an environmental based project that will benefit the school community.

During Term 4, Year 9 Integrated Learning students have been studying Sustainability and have begun work to design and construct a sustainable native garden and learning area in the existing park area within the school. Students have engaged in learning activities that have enabled them to develop and apply skills toward a practical project that they can enjoy upon completion.

Students have utilised class time to research native plants that will be suitable for the garden and draft technical drawings of possible garden designs. Students have had the opportunity to collaborate with Mr McDonald, Mr Armour and local landscaper and horticulturist George Dashwood regarding garden design and layout.

Year 9 Integrated Learning students and teachers would like to thank the Yass Nursery and Robertson's Landscape Supplies for supporting Yass High School over the course of the project.



Year 9 Comments on Integrated Learning this semester:

- Our Integrated Class are working well together to create this sustainable garden and learning area.
- Working on the Sustainable Garden Project, our teachers Mr Anderson and Miss Kemp have been helpful and instructive in every way possible and the activities have been fun.
- It has been fun working on a Sustainable Garden as we work in groups and we get to work together like a team to achieve our goals.

Y Tally

The final Y tally of the year has been done, and this week we will look back over this fortnight and the whole year. Remember, bring your copy of InTouch to the front office if your name is mentioned below and you will get a \$5 canteen voucher.

Congratulations to all our students who embody our school values every day.

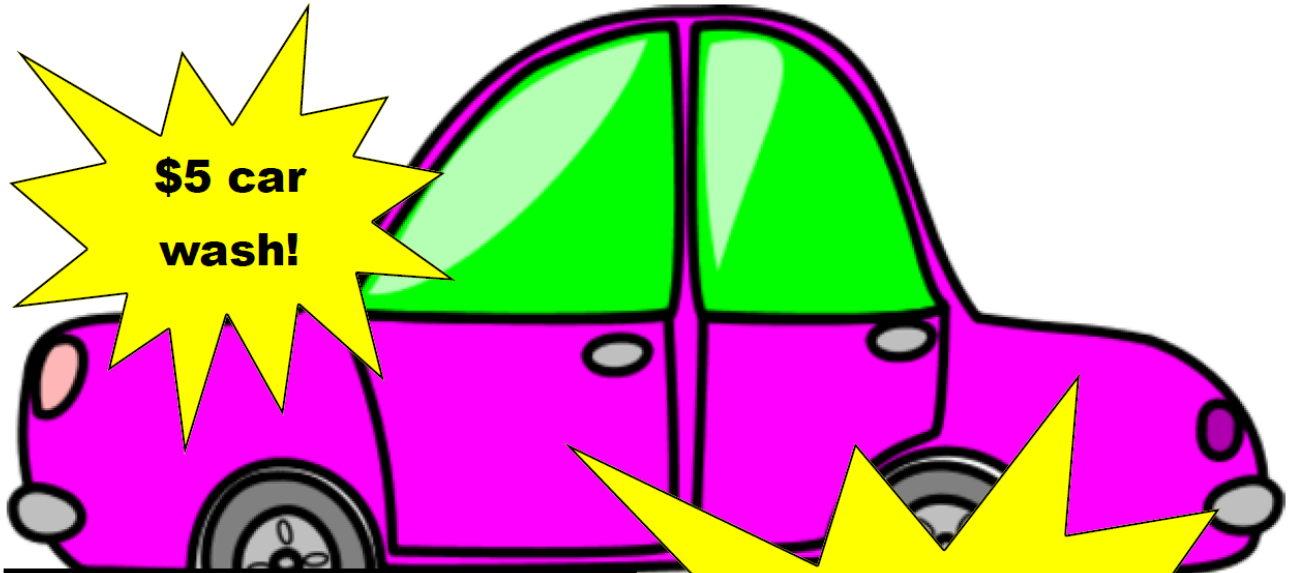
Year Group	This Fortnight	Whole Year
Year 7	Corinne Green	Heidi Hough (142)
Year 8	Amy Halley	Archie Campbell (173)
Year 9	Claire Southwell	Claire Southwell (118)
Year 10	Shannon Lawler	Shannon Lawler (182)
Year 11	Jack Randell	Natasza Johnston (116)

Mr McDonald has given out the most Y's with a grand total of 429!!!



Yass High School Christmas Car-boot Sale

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



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

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
Sat 10 Dec	Christmas Car Boot Sale from 9.00
Mon 12 Dec	Years 7 & 10 Rewards Excursion
Tue 13 Dec	Years 7 – 10 Celebration Assemblies Year 7 – 12.30pm Year 8 – 10.00am Year 9 – 9.20am Year 10 – 11.30am
Wed 14 Dec	Years 8,9 & 11 Rewards Excursion
Thur 15 Dec	Presentation Evening 7pm
Thur 15 Dec	Year End Activities
Fri 16 Dec	Year End Activities
Fri 16 Dec	Students' last day
Fri 27 Jan 2017	Staff return
Mon 30 Jan 2017	Years 7, 11 and 12 all new students 9am – 11am
Tue 31 Jan	Years 8, 9 and 10 return
Click on the school website for the online calendar	
Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars	