



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Relieving Deputy Principal: Ruth Riach

## From the Principal

### Year 7 and 11 Interim Report Evening

On Tuesday 22nd March from 4 – 6pm parents of Year 7 and 11 students are encouraged to come along to meet with teachers and receive students' interim reports.

Bookings can be made via the parent portal or using the booking sheet posted home last week. A barbecue and tours of the new building will also take place so please come along.

### Year 10 Assessment Schedules

These were handed out this week. It was pleasing to see students using the calendar provided to plan their work load for their Record of School Achievement year and making use of their timetabled “Future Classes” with Year Adviser, Mr Biddle. The RoSA is the NSW Board of Studies credential available to Years 10 and 11. The RoSA will show grades of A-E in all Year 10 courses as well as any Year 11 or 12 courses completed before students leave school. It is essential that all students complete all assessment tasks to the best of their ability and submit them on time so that results reflect their true ability. Additional help for students is always available from class teachers and learning and support staff, period 3 each day in the meeting room.



March 18th 2016

## Year 8 Science VALID

This week VALID result sheets have been given to students to take home. Students have achieved respectable results with fewer students in lower bands. The science team will analyse these results and make adjustments to teaching programs to further improve our student's skills.

## Congratulations Lucy Bucknell

Lucy won the zone event of Lion's Youth of the Year in Tahmoor ahead of 5 other speakers from the region. As well as her prepared speech and interview, she had to speak for two minutes on the perils of mobile phones and the effects of social media, with no preparation time at all.

She will now progress through to the district titles in Goulburn.

## Congratulations to Daniel Kemp

Daniel won the 100m Breaststroke at the South Coast Zone Swimming last week. Daniel is now off to state, well done.

## Donations to the school

Two interesting books were donated to the school recently. The first book, "The Power of Humanity- One Hundred Years of Red Cross 1914-2014", was donated by the Bookham Berremangra Red Cross Branch as a thank you to our vocal students who performed at their celebrations recently.

The second book, donated by local author Stepe Jitts, is "Arthur Bryant Triggs- Pastoralist, Philanthropist, Collector". Triggs was the third owner of Linton House in Yass and the book covers some





very interesting local history. Stepe has also written "Only Behind the Cloud, a History of Old Linton". We hope to be able to work with Stepe in the future to better understand this local history.

A donation of \$10,000 was received last Monday night at P&C. Many thanks to our canteen workers, the P&C and our students who purchased food at school. These funds will be spent on:

Maths - new syllabus resources Year 8 and 10 - \$2,000

Science - Moticam 3 camera module to use with a microscope (purchased last year with P&C funds) - \$1,700

HSIE - Stage 6 resources texts and case studies - \$3,000

Visual Art – 2x Apple Macs - \$2,300

Drama - Commedia del'Art teacher kit - \$1,000

Show team - an esky box for overnight trips - \$400



## From the Deputy

This week we have been focusing on our school value of safety. We have gone through an evacuation drill, with our students, staff and visitors following directions in a safe manner, and assembling promptly at our assembly point. Our students were outstanding at following the teachers' directions, and moving in a respectful, responsible and safe manner.

As the weather gets cooler, or at least a little more erratic, we need to make sure our students have their uniform organised to stay warm during the colder months. Our hoodies are available at the front office for \$36. I would encourage everyone to put their names on their jumpers as they do tend to get left around the school and can then be returned to their owner. A reminder that jeans and leggings are not uniform, and if your student is out of uniform for any reason, please send a note to the deputy in the morning.

The Easter long weekend is next week – our students and staff can have a well-deserved break before returning to finish Term 1. Have a lovely break with your families, and stay safe if you are travelling on the roads.

Year 8 students participated in Clean Up Australia Day at YHS. Well done to the whole year group for getting behind this community event.





## Captains' Corner

Hi all! We are coming close to the end of Term 1, not long until the Easter long weekend and the Autumn school holidays.

**A quick note to all Year 11s;** we encourage any of you who feel that they would make good role models and ambassadors for the school to nominate yourselves for YHS School Captain 2017. If you are interested, make sure you come along to SRC to get a feel for what it would be like to be a leader within the school! Through the process, you will learn a lot about what it means to be a strong leader and part of a greater team, and we wish all of the prospective nominees the best for their journey to being Senior Leaders. Remember:

*"Be the change you wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Ghandi*

Our Teacher of the Week is Ms McQueen! She's always putting 110% into her classes, creating engaging lessons for her students. She strives to make her classes interesting, and accommodate every student into the learning process. Ms McQueen finds resources and crafts summaries for her students and wears really cool, funky clothes (always in theme with the content of the lesson) to increase the impact of her teaching. She encourages learning in the classroom, but emphasises the importance of seeking out knowledge from beyond the textbook pages. Ms McQueen, you really have earned Teacher of the Week!



## Jokes of the Week:

Some new words to add to your vocabulary this year:

- **Chairdrobe (n.):** piling clothes on a chair in place of a closet or dresser.
- **Epiphanot (n.):** an idea that seems like an amazing insight to the conceiver but is in fact pointless, mundane, stupid, or incorrect.
- **Internest (n.):** the cocoon of blankets and pillows you gather around yourself while spending long periods of time on the Internet.
- **Textpectation (n.):** the anticipation felt when waiting for a response to a text.
- **Unkeyboardinated (adj.):** when you're unable to type without repeatedly making mistakes.

A recent worldwide survey showed that out of 3,143,307,384 people, 94% were way too lazy to actually read that number. If you are someone who wants to be proactive in your school community, speak to your SRC representatives or your 2016 School Captains- Daniel, Alyssa, Lucy and Edward. Have your voice heard at YHS! All students are welcome to attend any SRC meetings which are held each Monday lunchtime in F2.

## **Ready for Work at Yass High School**

Yass High School Vocational Education (VET) students are learning valuable work skills on their structured workplace learning program before being placed with Yass Valley employers. Last week they completed qualifications to ensure they are ready for work.

They are working towards industry standard qualifications in Construction, Hospitality, Metals and Engineering, Primary Industries and Information

Technology. The placements are coordinated by Southern Region Business Enterprise Council Workplace Coordinator, Carissa Mills.



Yass High exchange student Lucia helping out at the Yass Veterinary Hospital. Lucia is a Primary Industries student.

Local employers have been exceptional in providing relevant and rewarding placements in the program. They recognise the value of supporting our young people to become skilled, confident members of their local workforce and contribute to their local community.

All students have completed essential competencies including working in their industry area, and the construction students have all completed their "Industry White Card". Many have also completed the Asbestos Awareness



Training to make them employable in the ACT. Verdi working at Thyme to Taste

Each student has a Work Placement Journal with sections on safety, confidentiality, a logbook and performance evaluation. Students are required to complete a workplace induction before beginning the week's work. Placements for most will start early next term with a second placement in Term 4, but some, like Emily Polsen, Natasza Johnston, and Adam Fahey are getting credit for their work now. Emily is working at the Sydney Royal Easter Show starting this week, and Adam and Natasza offer tech support to staff and students at Yass High School.

Parents, employers, and students should be on the lookout for important work placement documentation and agreements over the next few weeks to allow all students to complete their mandatory work placement.



7. Karlie busy at work during her time at Landmark





At Yass High School, our students have a strong reputation for their employability in the local community and beyond with experienced trainers and strong community support giving them a head start over other school leavers. With the opening of the new Yass High School Community Trade Skills Centre, all students have industry standard facilities in which to complete their Certificate courses and prepare for industry.

Students are working with their VET trainers at Yass High, Mr Armour, Ms Halley-Barberis, Mr Hansson, Mr Alchin, Mr Saville, Mr McDonald and Ms Walker to make informed choices for their work placements. The trainers are also continuing to maintain industry currency by working with local employers to learn skills.

We thank Carissa, the dedicated teachers and the local employers who always give our students great learning experiences.



Caitlin enjoyed her time at Kaffeine



## Year 11 Business Insights Visits

As a part of the Year 11 Business Studies course, students investigate what it takes to run a successful business. With thanks to the Yass Business Chamber, students have started visiting or being visited by a range of local entrepreneurs. It kicked off two weeks ago with an icy pole from Juicy Lucy at Riverside Park where mobile business opportunities were discussed with Sophie Peer.

This week a visit from Daniel Neuhaus (pictured) of Six8 Coffee investigated other motivating factors that drive people to excel in business, including supporting positive change in other countries around the world. With positive business role models, our students can feel confident in pursuing their business dreams in the future.



## Senior HSIE Sydney Trip

The Year 12 Ancient History and Geography classes last week spent three days exploring aspects of their courses that only a visit to Sydney can provide. Students were involved in visits to museums at both the University of Sydney and Macquarie University where they were investigating and handling artefacts from Pompeii and Ancient Egypt, and interviewing academic and museum staff about interpretations of historical sources. Geography students spent time investigating Sydney's infamous transport systems, along with field studies on inner city gentrification, the massive urban consolidation projects around Green Square, and even a little "Retail Geography" in the CBD.



While it was a very productive experience, there was also some down time for ice cream by the Sydney Opera House, and fish and chips on Manly Beach. The trip culminated in a combined examination of Sydney's Rocks district where history and geography combined to reflect the synergies between the two disciplines. Ms McQueen and Mr Roberts said the students demonstrated exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm as they engaged in a wide range of activities. This was reinforced by positive feedback from all members of the community that they encountered. Students will draw on their experiences as examples and case studies for their upcoming HSC examinations.





## From The P&C

A very successful AGM was held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The staffroom was overflowing with supportive members of the school community. A huge thank you to all who attended and a warm welcome to our new members.

Positions for 2016 are as follows.

President	S Kemp	Treasurer	M Halley
Vice President	S Wright	Canteen Liaison	A Southwell
Secretary	B Dunne	Canteen Treasurer	M Southwell

Our next meeting is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the staff common room. ALL WELCOME

### **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY**

The P&C has been approached by the Yass WOOBACK Committee to operate a food stall at Cooma Cottage on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for the school and to witness their Guinness World Record Attempt for Heavy Horses Ploughing.

The weekend is the last weekend of the school holidays and also the Anzac Day long weekend. This will impact on the number of volunteers available so we need to know NOW if you can help.

We will be selling egg & bacon rolls, hamburgers, roast beef rolls, drinks & home baked treats.

Please indicate on the slip below if you are able to help over the weekend and return to the front office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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P&C                      WOOBACK VOLUNTEER

YES I can help at the WOOBACK event.

My preferred time is

<input type="checkbox"/> Sat 8.30am – 10.30 am	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun 8.30am – 10.30am
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat 10.30am – 12.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun 10.30am – 12.30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat 12 noon – 2pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun 12noon – 2pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat 2pm – 4 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun 2pm – 4pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat 4pm – 6pm	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sat 6pm – 8pm	

YES I can provide home baked biscuits, cakes or slices.

NO I can't help. I've enclosed a \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation towards the costs of the event.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Childs Name & Year \_\_\_\_\_

## World of Maths

The World of Maths road show visited YHS last Tuesday. The hall was set up with approximately 15 different 'hands on' problem solving activities. Groups of two or three spent 90mins trying to solve many of the problems. The feedback from the groups was very positive, with many of the groups experiencing a lot of success and enjoying working on the variety of problems presented.

Peter the presenter was impressed with the manner in which the students participated. He went on to explain how one group confidently solved the most difficult problem and that the problem only gets solved once or twice a week as he tours the schools.

## Yass High Junior Maths Olympiads



**MATHS  
OLYMPIAD**



A team of our high performing year 7 and 8 maths students is being formed to participate in the 2016 Maths Olympiad. The Olympiad consists of a series of 5 events in which teams compete against the clock to solve a variety of maths problems. The problems vary in difficulty and will require the team to work together and apply their numeracy skills towards problem solving. The event dates are as follows, and practice sessions will commence soon;

1. 18<sup>th</sup> May
2. 8<sup>th</sup> June
3. 27<sup>th</sup> July
4. 17<sup>th</sup> August
5. 7<sup>th</sup> September





## Fiji Update – Brooke Garland

Brooke Garland (2015 YHS Year 12 graduate) recently headed to Moturiki Island in Fiji where she is completing volunteer work as a teacher's aide for her GAP Year. Brooke was in Fiji for just under a week before Cyclone Winston, the strongest cyclone to ever hit the Pacific, struck on 20th February. What a welcome!



The Moturiki District School sustained considerable damage during the cyclone and are now in desperate need of assistance. In response to this, Brooke has started a fundraising drive to raise money to help with repairs to the buildings and also to provide much needed resources for students. Over the next few months, students at YHS will conduct fundraising activities to support this great cause – look out for opportunities to get involved! You can also make individual donations directly to Brooke's fundraising page at: <https://www.youcaring.com/moturiki-district-school-and-mount-saint-marys-school-535742#.VuEinbt2pmg.facebook>

Dear Yass High,  
First of all I hope all is well in Yass and at Yass High. So I have been in Fiji for about a month now and it has been an exciting but emotional adventure. So here is an update of my trip so far. When I arrived I stayed in Nadi for five days before traveling to Ovalau (an island). We stayed in Levuka a night before catching a tiny fibreglass boat to Moturiki Island. It was a very surreal experience seeing the place I thought I was going to live for the next 6 months. I moved in with my family and they were all really lovely.

The school has 124 kids. They are all so full of life. My partner and I were planning to help in the library and do a slow readers and learners program. On the day before the cyclone I took a class of my own because the teacher was absent. This was a really eye opening experience for me. I was in a year 7 class, so the kids were 11&12 years old and we were doing English. I came out of the class feeling good because I was able to get my first teaching experience however, at the same time it broke my heart. Out of the 25 kids more than half of them struggled with reading. I just thought about how they are so far behind Australian standards and we were only reading a basic story. So I guess that is an area at that school I would like to help with.

Anyway that afternoon myself and my host mum moved house because the cyclone was approaching and we wanted to be in a safer place. That night was fine, but then the cyclone hit really hard on the Saturday at around 5-8. This is when it was at a category 5 level. I'm not going to lie I was really scared and to make things worse a bit of our roof started coming off so we had to move house mid cyclone. This was the scariest moment of my life. The wind power was incredibly strong but once we made it to the house I felt safe. That night we lost phone reception but luckily we didn't lose power because we had solar.

The day after the cyclone was again emotional. We just walked around the village and saw that trees had fallen, crops were destroyed, some of the school roof had blown off and some people's houses were completely ruined. However, our village was lucky because due to the landscape of the island the village was somewhat protected by the cliff face. Since I had no reception I couldn't contact anyone to let them know I was safe.





On the Monday we were relocated to Levuka. I had hoped that I could go back but unfortunately I couldn't due to the school needing rebuilding. The school will be closed for at least a month. This also made me sad because education is what those kids need. After a week I was finally able to call home. I was once again relocated to Nadi and I have been placed at Mount Saint Mary's school. It is a great school. It has a lot more resources but most text books aren't up to date. I'm in the year 2 classes as a teacher's assistant and each class has 47 kids! They are very noisy, crazy and a little bit naughty but great at the same time. Tonight I have spent my night colouring in to decorate my class room. I'm living in a village in Nadi. It is more urban than what I hoped for when I came to Fiji but I understand that I can't change the weather. So now my plan is to make the most of the opportunity I have been given here in Nadi.



I would like to be able to supply them with some school resources and sports equipment for when they can resume classes. So for that I was hoping to raise maybe \$2000-\$2500. If the money was exceeded that amount then it can go towards resources and a possible project at my new school. Mum was going to start up a fundraising page in the next few days. It would be great if the school would do something to help.

Besides everything that has happened here I still have had a great time and I have learnt so much already. Plus I have a good story to tell about how I survived cyclone Winston.

**Fundraising Alert!!!**

Harmony Day Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March will be a Mufti day, raising money for Fiji.

## Welcome to Miss Watson

Welcome Miss Watson, who is teaching art while Ms Wykes is working in Careers. Ms Watson is from Newcastle and, as you might expect for an art teacher, loves painting, drawing and photography, both at school and in her spare time. Her favourite movie at the moment is the Hobbit franchise. Welcome!



## Yass Music Club Scholarship

Congratulations to Jonah Smith, Zach Johnson and Emily Parker who all received scholarships from the Yass Music Club. The scholarship provides funding for the students to further their music studies.





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



Jayden Ginders, Prue Bucknell,  
William Pettigrew, Zane Morgan,  
Britney Staines

**Year 9**

For commitment to building the new school sign with Al Phemister ready for the official opening of the new building

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



Verdi Barberis, Lucia Koller, Caitlin Faes,  
Alyssa Wright, Brodi Smith, Tara Friend,  
Caitlyn Douven, Samantha Sharpe,  
Jessica Swaffield Absent: Tayla Chapman,  
Rebekkah Hartwig

**Year 12**

For services to the school and community in catering for the opening of the new Yass High School building

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



Victoria Alley, Breanna Lennon,  
Amanda Hansen, Brooke Hardy,  
Stephanie Davis, Nicole Doak, Shaun Button,  
Shakarna Porter-Bell, Kelsey Medway,  
Emily Polsen Absent: Anthony Reid

**Year 11**

For services to the school and community in catering for the opening of the new Yass High School building

## Welcome to Parents

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 4 – 6pm

You can make a booking on the portal, or just turn up on the night to collect the interim reports, meet the teachers and have a sausage sizzle.



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME TO PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

TUESDAY 22ND MARCH 2016

4PM—6PM



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME TO PARENTS OF YEAR 11 STUDENTS

TUESDAY 22ND MARCH 2016

4PM—6PM







# Camp INTERACTiOn

*Rotary District 9710 is pleased to invite Interactors  
to our 5 day/4 night training camp!*

*Monday 11th April 2015 - Friday 15th April 2016*

*at "Eagles Rest" Wee Jasper.*

**Outdoor teambuilding and high & low ropes courses**

**Team challenges & projects**

**Build new Interact friendships**

**Learn new skills for you & your club**

***Plus earn a Certificate II in Active Volunteering:  
a nationally recognized qualification!***

Cost is \$400 which includes Accommodation, all meals, activities,  
and costs towards the Certificate II in Active Volunteering  
Interactors are encouraged to approach their sponsor Rotary Club  
to ask them to help partially subsidize the cost of the camp.

To attend please complete the Registration Forms and return with payment

Contact District Interact Chair – Natalie Jupe  
for more information – [nataliejupe@hotmail.com](mailto:nataliejupe@hotmail.com) or 0419 161 974

## Coming Events

Date	Event
Mon 21 Mar	Zone Touch Football
Tues 22 Mar	Year 7 & 11 Parent Teacher Evening 4-6pm – Interim Reports Distributed
Tues 22 Mar	Girls Cricket Cooma
Wed 23 Mar	South Coast Rugby League Trials
Wed 23 Mar	Disability Sport Day
Thur 24 Mar	Open Boys and Girls Soccer
Thur 24 Mar	Harmony Day Mufti Day
Monday 4 April	P & C Meeting
Tues 5 April	Boys Tennis Goulburn
Wed 6 April	School Cross Country
Fri 8 April	Last day term 1
Tues April 26	School Development Day (pupil free)
Wed 27 April	Term 2 students return
<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>	