



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Deputy Principal: Louise Pinson

## From the Principal

Last week our executive team met to collate feedback from parent, teacher and student surveys as part of the process to develop our new school vision and strategic directions for 2018-20. Our new principal, Linda Langton, was also able to attend and give valuable input. Our plan will be milestone in the following weeks after additional consultation at SRC and P&C meetings. The three directions identified are Intensifying Quality Teaching, Empowering Student Learning and Strengthening Community Partnerships.

Details of 2018 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 6th November and through the Community Engagement Team.

Year 10 have been treated to two driver education programs over the last week. The Bendigo Bank again provided \$2700 for the driver "MOTORVATION" course with actual cars that you will read about later in this edition. Rotary has also supported a simulator driving experience this week taking every year 10 student through the introduction to driver training. Thanks always goes to our community for their continued support for the school.





Once again our two displays at Murrumbateman Field Days were well received. The community were very interested in our cattle and sheep breeding programs and the drone program that was launched this year. A big thank you to the staff and students that made the two day event such a success.





## From the Deputy

The latest focus from our Positive Behaviour for Learning Team is on respectful language. We are keen to reinforce with students the importance of being aware of the appropriate language for each context they find themselves in.

Within the context of a school, the expectation is that language will be respectful and that swearing is avoided. Posters around the school remind students of 'right words, right place, right time'. Consequences such as writing out expectations will help keep everyone on track.

Parents often ask how they can support their students at school. Here are some suggestions:

- Reinforce messages you read in InTouch (eg about the importance of respectful language)
- Ask students about their lessons and assignments (helping reinforce new knowledge and assisting with time management)
- Encourage them to read and let them see you reading (research shows that reading for pleasure improves literacy, social skills, health and learning outcomes)
- Limiting phone time (this builds resilience and facilitates good sleep habits)



Simply spending time with teenagers is a plus as having a positive relationship with even one significant adult is the best protective measure for mental health and wellbeing.

## Captain's Corner

Pink Day is next Tuesday, and we want to raise at least \$4,000 at YHS. We think it can be done, but it relies on YOU to bring in your spare change to donate to this great cause.

This week our Teacher of the Week is Tracey Bills. She is a very dedicated teacher and is always working towards improving our school as well as fundraising for charities. She does an amazing job with all her community classes from the past to the present, with the students learning many new abilities and skills in her classes. She educates all the teachers throughout the school by training them for their First Aid, as well as training her Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation classes for their certificates.



Joke of the Week:

Q: What is Forrest Gump's password?

A: 1forrest1

Come along to SRC meetings in F block during Monday lunch if you want to be like Billsie and make a difference at our school.



## Indonesian Cultural Performance

Year 7 were lucky enough to be visited by a performer from Bali, Indonesia, earlier this month. Sisca Hunt came and taught dance and also showed us how to play the angklung, an Indonesian instrument made of bamboo. We all played together and it sounded great! We spoke Indonesian with her, and learnt about her wonderful costume and the origins of her dance culture. We were fortunate to be successful in obtaining a grant from the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre at the University of Sydney, which helped to pay for this visiting performance.

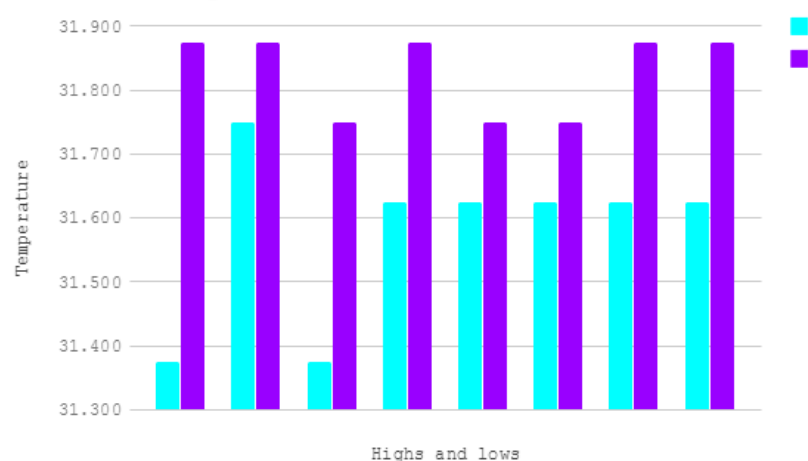


On the 8th October 2017, Year 9 iSTEM embarked on a journey to explore the stars, using an Australian piece of technology (Sagan Cuberider) on the International Space Station, to record different aspects of Outer Space. These results have endured multiple challenges such as a cyclone ripping through NASA's HQ, but now they're back and here to stay. The experiment was performed more than 400 kms above the surface of the Earth just off the Brazilian coastline.

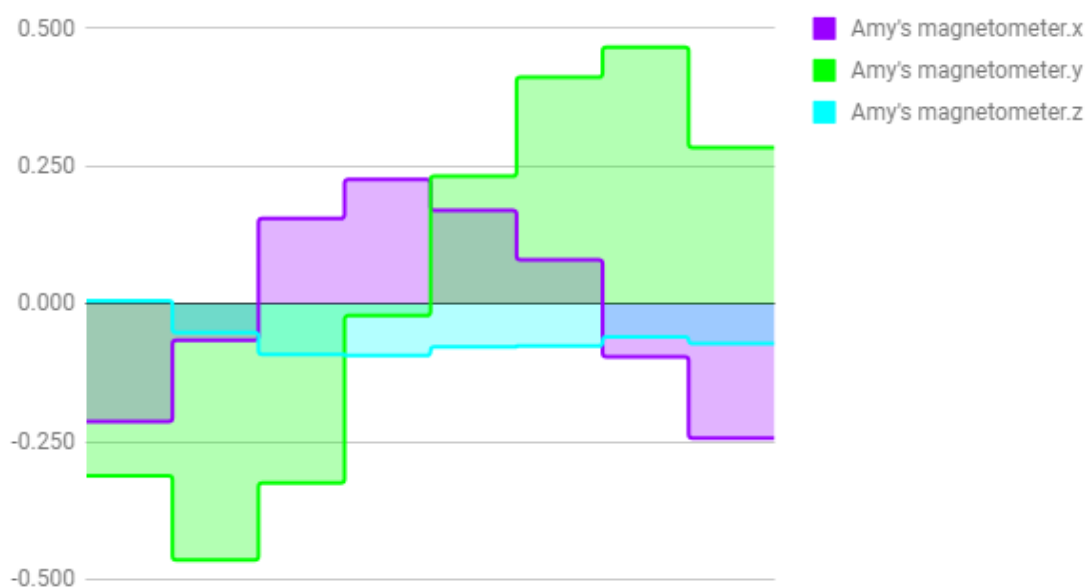
Sadly, one piece of data did not make it, the camera which was supposed to take photos was pointed to an active experiment, but this detail was not disclosed. This meant that they deleted the code from the experiment and we now do not have the pictures to show you. Please look at the graphs of different information below instead. Careful analysis will reveal the rotation of the International Space Station during our experiment!

Written by Milli Duncan

Milli's Temperatures



Amy's Magnetometer





## Year 11 Rewards Excursion

As part of the Positive Behaviour for Success initiative, a group of year 11 students attended a rewards excursion last week. Students who took part consistently demonstrate the four school values – respect, responsibility, safety and learning when at Yass High School.

This year's reward was a visit to PowerKart RaceWay in Canberra. Students completed two rounds of racing on go karts and then followed it up with a round of Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf. Congratulations to Ashleigh Hommen and Abi Gear who were crowned champions of their groups.



## “Motorvation” Driver Training Day

Last Friday twenty lucky Year 10 students attended the "Motorvation" driver training day held here in Yass at Walker Park. "Motorvation" is a unique method of changing young driver attitudes and behaviour. It is not driver training in the normal sense - more driver behavioural change. Students completed an online program to determine the type of driver they are likely to be and ways to be a safer driver in a variety of situations. There were excellent discussions as to how to respond in an emergency and the importance of proper tyre choice and care.

The highlight of the day for most students was the opportunity to drive a car under the instruction of an expert driver. Fortunately everyone escaped unscathed!

Special thanks must go to the Bendigo Bank whose generous sponsorship made it possible to bring the "Motorvation" team to Yass.





## Junior All Schools Touch Football

On Thursday last week a group of students in Year 7 and 8 travelled to Goulburn to play in the Junior All Schools touch competition. The girl's team played well all day and were successful in making the semi-finals and finishing an overall third. This was a great effort by the girls as this was the first time some of them had ever played touch football.

The boy's team played a total of 7 games over the course of the day. Unfortunately, after a hard fought effort they fell short in the final against Young High by one try. All students did Yass High proud all day and are waiting to hear if the boys result was enough to qualify for the state final in Sydney at the end of the year.

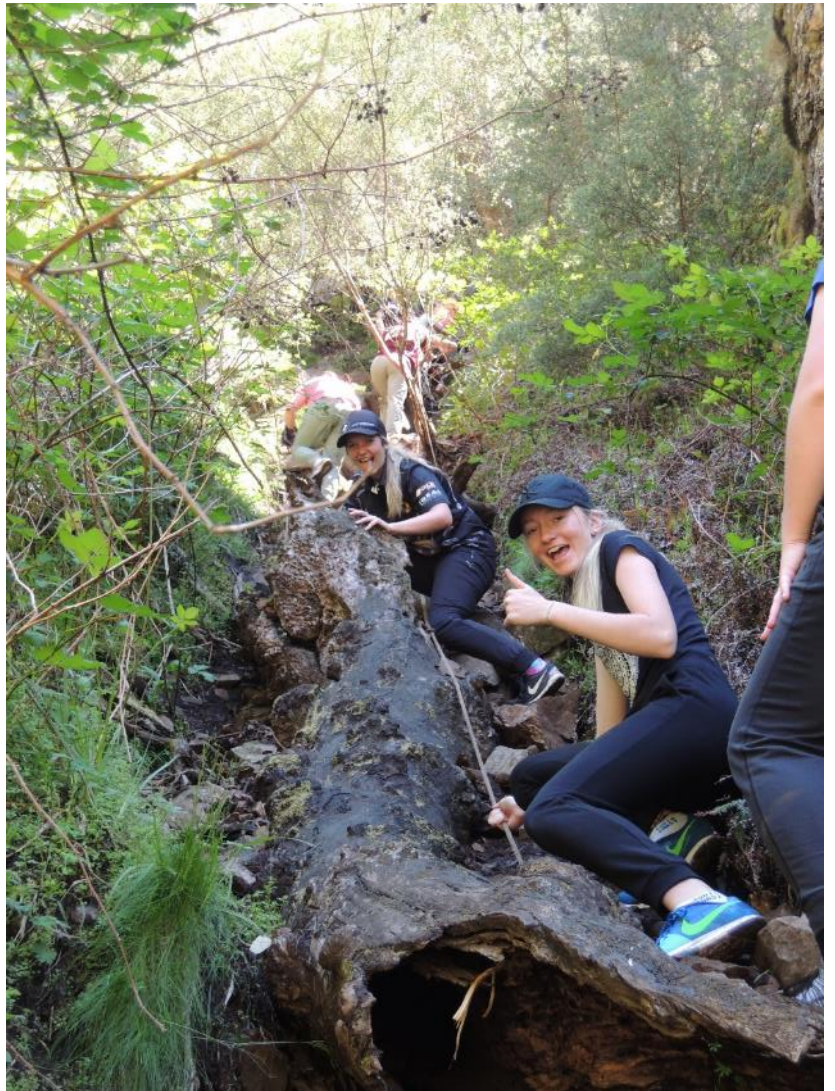




## Duke of Edinburgh

On Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 4 Year 9 and 7 Year 10 girls set out with teachers Amy Corkill and James Harding to complete their preparation camp and hikes for the bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh awards. The group set up a base camp at Fitzpatrick Reserve and set out from there on a few separate bushwalks to explore some historical sections of the Hume and Hovell track.

The first day was tough going as a narrow track snaked through the Wee Jasper Nature Reserve over some undulating terrain. The view at the top of the ridgeline provided a lovely place to recoup for the downhill section back to camp.





Day two followed the road down to Micalong Reserve and after a short break the group made the steep and narrow climb up to the Micalong lookout, which greeted us with the reward of a sensational view above the valley. The climb down was slow going but the path that followed along the Goodradigbee River was equally amazing.

Over the 2-3 days the students provided and cooked their own food and carried their own equipment needed for the walks. There was some great team work and problem solving on the routes, and the camp stories kept everyone in high spirits throughout the evening!







The iSTEM class has moved on to the next stage of their motion topic, with drone flight training now taking a major part. Thanks to FPV Australia, students have commenced the work on their licence qualifications.

The class have been using a DJI Phantom drone to practise their flight skills and earlier this week experimented with the camera mounted gimbal technology to take some great photos of themselves and Yass High School during drone flight operations.





## Regional Performing Ensemble

The Regional Performing Ensemble will be performing at Yass High School on the 15th November at 9am. All students from Years 7 – 10 will be part of the audience for this fantastic show. We ask for a gold coin donation to be paid on the day to assist with the travel costs of the performers.



# Regional Performing Ensemble



Each year, 45 young performers are selected by audition from NSW State High Schools to form the **Regional Performing Ensemble**

This is a touring group comprising singers, dancers and a stage band. Throughout the year they perform at schools and events within the Region and once a year they travel further afield.

Are they good? They're sensational! Talented, tight and with enormous energy this group raises the bar for student performance wherever they visit.

They are inspirational for other students and wonderful ambassadors for Public Education. Best of all they provide genuine entertainment for young and old.

For more information visit the website  
[www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au)



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# Pink Day is Coming!

7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

It's that time of year again where Yass High unites in **Pink** and raises money to help **NBCF** reach their goal of **ZERO DEATHS** from **Breast Cancer** by **2030!!**

This year Yass High School has set a goal to raise **\$4 000**. If the goal is reached, numerous Yass High Staff and students have raised their hands to shave and/or **colour** their hair.

Multiple things will be happening during the day:

- Staff Breakfast
- Fashions from the Foyer
- Yass High Cup – Staff and Students races
- Wonderful Prizes donated by Yass Business Houses
- Pink Day Raffle
- Delicious cupcakes for \$2

Who could forget the big shave when we reached our goal in 2016?



**Please support us to  
support and assist those diagnosed with Breast Cancer.**





## Fortnightly Focus

This fortnight we will be looking at how to interpret background information that is not directly stated and algebraic formulas. Thanks Sarah and Sam for displaying the focus areas this fortnight.



## Y Tally

Congratulations to the following students for displaying the school values and receiving the most Y's in the last fortnight. Don't forget to pick up your canteen vouchers!

Year 7 – Abbey Best

Year 8 – Kaitlin Luff, Jackson Nash

Year 9 – Piper McPherson

Year 10 – Sarah Fahey

Year 11 – Brendan Bolton



## Coming Events

Date	Event
Mon 6 Nov	Girl's Cricket - Queanbeyan
Mon 6 – Tue 7 Nov	VALID Test – Year 8
Tue 7 Nov	Pink Day (Yr 12 please join us for a farewell BBQ)
Wed 8 Nov	Last day to buy Year 12 Formal tickets
Wed 8 Nov	Year 12 Sign Out Day 1 - 10am – 12noon
Thu 9 – Fri 10 Nov	Year 12 (2017) RSA/RCG Courses - Yass TAFE
Fri 10 Nov	Links to Learning to AIS
Mon 13 Nov – Fri 1 Dec	Year 12 VET Work Placement
Wed 15 Nov	Year 12 Sign Out Day 2 - 11.30am – 1.30pm
Wed 15 Nov	Regional Performing Ensemble Years 7 – 10 Period 1
Fri 17 Nov	Year 12 Formal
Thu 23 – Fri 24 Nov	Peer Connect Training – Year 9
Fri 24 Nov	Geography Zoo Excursion – Year 8
Mon 27 – Tue 28 Nov	Courage to Care visit
Tue 28 Nov	Girl's Leadership Canberra Excursion
Tue 5 Dec	Orientation Day – Year 7 2018
Wed 13 Dec	Celebration Assemblies – times TBA
Thu 14 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>	