



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Deputy Principal: Louise Pinson

From the Principal

A farewell breakfast and a formal assembly have concluded both Year 12's school career and another busy term. We wish our departing seniors all the very best for their exams and life beyond school. I hope Yass High School is a much-valued and fondly-remembered part of their growing up and has built pride that can be a strength for them in later years.

Congratulations to the new 2018 captains, Abi Grear and Samuel Sellars, and vice captains, Tyahn Bell and Hassan Al Samara who were successful in the very close ballot. Farewell to our captains from 2017 Brianna Vitler, Cameron Madden, Rachael Glassford and Ethan McGregor.





The Binit Binit Learning Community came together again last Friday to celebrate NAIDOC Week and the opening of Sculpture in the Paddock. Ten local schools met at Victoria Park to celebrate with our Indigenous community. Displays, performances and local agencies made this day a great success. Well done to Berinba Public's principal Brian Giles-Browne who coordinated what will no doubt be an annual event.

In the evening our artistic Binit Binit students gathered at Cooma Cottage for the opening of "Sculpture in the Paddock". Their works are exhibited in the cottage itself and are selling fast: to date they have raised \$1,200. The sculptures are made from a range of materials including soapstone, wire, and bandages and will be on display for the next four weeks.



From the Deputy

School has a natural rhythm. Each term has its own events and themes. Term 3 is about endings, especially for our senior students with the final school exams for our HSC and preliminary students. At the end of this week, we will say goodbye to our Year 12 students and wish them well as they prepare for the



external HSC exams and their transition to life beyond school.

One of the privileges of teaching at high school is to see students develop through the years: from junior students full of awe and questions, to mid school students balancing the twin demands of independence and belonging, to our seniors, more sure of their goals and their place in the community. One of the strengths of our school, and the NSW system which keeps all students from Year 7 to 12 together, is the opportunity for leadership and mentoring by older students.

I have seen our current Year 12 students inspire others at carnivals, support younger students experiencing difficulty, work collaboratively and inclusively with each other and their teachers to maximise their learning and take advantage of every opportunity to improve their understanding. They are a great group and they will be missed.





Some considerations for next term;

Uniform

Two reminders:

1. South Coast and other representative jumpers can be worn on sports days only. Save them for Wednesdays and wear navy school jumpers on other days, please.
2. Term 4 means an increase in the UV factor. Hats must be worn in the park and on the oval. Students must be in uniform to access these areas: school t-shirt and navy shorts, skirt or trousers.

Homework Club

Operates each Tuesday afternoon for an hour after school in F2. Come along and work on your assignments on your own or with teacher and SLSO assistance.

Mobile Dentist visiting the school

There will be a mobile dentist visiting the school early next term as part of a federal government initiative. They will be at the school from 20th to 24th October. Forms will be sent out week 1 next term seeking parent permission for student to visit for an examination and cleaning treatment. There is further information at school or on their website www.dmmsg.com.au

STEM@YHS – Drone Development



Thanks to the amazing support of local business FPV Australia, Yass High School has recently commenced drone construction and flight training as part of the Year 9 ISTEM class.

John and Chantal Fleming of FPV Australia have supplied teaching resources and drone equipment enabling our students to build their own multi-rotor unmanned aircraft. Students have already begun learning about the theory behind flight and aviation and will begin building their drones during term four. This week, the class had their first introduction to drone flight training where they practiced some take-offs and landings.

We sincerely thank John and Chantal for their immense support of this initiative at Yass High School.



STEM@YHS – Minecraft Trials

Due to the reputation of STEM education, Yass High was recently requested to trial the new state of the art new software platform Minecraft Education Edition.



The program was developed for Microsoft specifically to support students and teachers in the creation based environment. Students in Yass High STEM

classes were among the first students in the state to be provisioned with active licences to install and operate the software. As part of the trials, student shave helped determine the viability of the new software including finding errors that need to be corrected before the product is rolled out to the rest of New South Wales.



STEM@YHS - National Museum of Australia Tour

Students in years seven to ten from a variety of STEM classes participated in the first STEM excursion to the National Museum of Australia last week.

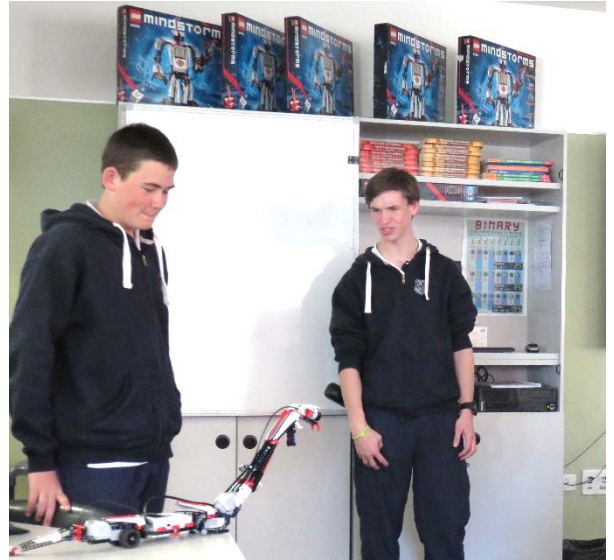


Students took part in a scientific expedition of the Great Barrier Reef in a virtual reality environment, narrated by David Attenborough; and then followed it up with a visit to the LEGO Towers Of Tomorrow exhibit where some of the best LEGO constructions representing world famous skyscrapers were on display.



STEM@YHS – Robots Can Dance

The technology class has recently completed their major robotics projects. Using all the STEM skills at their disposal, students coded and constructed a robotic creature to perform a unique dance.



What's Happening in Textiles?



Year 10 textile students have shown their talent once again to make quite sculptural items that were different from anything they had done before.

The students were given a brief to design and construct a headpiece to mark an occasion whether it be for a party or special event such as a performance or cultural celebration. They researched the history of hats, fascinators and masks in different culture to then decide on their own unique item.

They learnt skills such as hand making silk and felt flowers, working with sinamay (lightly woven hat material), wreath and mask making and assembling feathers and veiling to give a pleasing result on a fascinator. The finished items were as varied as their personalities and are on display in the glass cases in the foyer near the office.





Students pictured; Sarah Makin, Emma Bell, Rebekah Howell, Shayla Anderson, Brooke Davis, Hailey Lennon, Shania Wilson, Caitlin Hardy and Alyssa Kemp.

What's Happening in CAPA?

Over the last term the Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media class have been learning about traditional methods of photography, and how to use a darkroom. After many lessons of preparation, and a lot of cleaning, we are pleased to say the class has the school darkroom up and running.



Students have been very eager to give 'wet' photography a go, and have risen to the occasion, not only cleaning out and restoring the darkroom, but learning how to work within it. So far students have completed two tasks; how to create a Rayograph, inspired by the famous photographer Man Ray, and a test strip, the first

step involved in learning to make their own photographic prints.

Next term students will continue to develop their skills and create their own images. Having access to the darkroom also opens up possibilities for other classes to explore this artistic medium, and for these current students to mentor their younger peers.

In this age of digital technology, it is still important for students to learn to slow down, have patience, and pride in their work. Just ask Year 10, traditional photography takes patience and time!



Drama For the Little Ones!

On Monday, six Yass High School Drama students went to Berinba Primary School to perform their drama assignment, a play that they had been practicing for a few



weeks. Kindergarten children explored through the drama performance the story of “The Gruffalo”, which follows the tale of a small mouse and his journey through the woods. The year 9/10 Drama class acted out the story of the mouse’s journey with music for each character. The cast consisted of Jennifer Bumbar as ‘the Owl’, Madeline Lorkin as ‘the Snake’, Southerly Jones as ‘the Fox’, Chase Paterson as ‘the Mouse’, Kirrilee Lewis as ‘the Gruffalo’, and Zoe Hudson as ‘Nana Zoe’ who was also the narrator. Alyssa Dodds was in charge backstage and made sure the production ran smoothly. The kindergarten classes got to talk to the actors and ask questions at the end of the performance, and voted ‘The Gruffalo’ as the best character.

“As this is our first performance we tried our best, and the audience seemed to enjoy our work” –Chase Patterson, ‘The Mouse’

“It was great to see how excited the children got during the performance” –Kirrilee Lewis, ‘The Gruffalo’

Our 9/10 Drama students will be performing ‘The Gruffalo’ for the second time in November at the Book Week parade, and hopefully the other primary school children will enjoy the performance as much as the Berinba kindergarten students.

Text by Southerly Jones, photo by Alyssa Dodds

Sculpture in the Paddock Opening Night

Friday the 15th of September was the official opening for Sculpture in the Paddock 2017. Students from Yass High School, Yass Primary School, Berrinba, Bowning, Wee Jasper and Mt Carmel had the privilege of exhibiting their artworks in Cooma Cottage.



With amazing support from our local Yass community students from Yass High School and partner primary schools have sold over 1200 dollars' worth of artworks. The opening night was a brilliant event, thank you to all the members of the community that continue to support the arts. A special thank you to Al Phemister for his tireless effort that makes Sculpture



in the Paddock possible. If you missed the opening night fear not, the exhibition will run for four weeks from 10am to 4pm daily at Cooma Cottage, 756 Yass Valley Way.



NAIDOC Celebrations



I attended the NAIDOC day celebrations at Victoria Park on Friday 15th September. There were so many different activities and events to see and do. The Smoking Ceremony was amazing, it felt like there was a lot of energy and smoke around the oval. The dancers were very energetic and passionate about the shapes and movements they were making. The stalls were great! I made a plaited headband in Aboriginal



flag colours and other people were trading their old bike helmets for new ones with really awesome Aboriginal art designs on them. Having my face painted in traditional colours was fun, and I tried some of the different types of food like kangaroo, crocodile and emu! The Westpac helicopter, Fire Brigade, Police and Ambulance were also there with their vehicles and equipment on show. Sometimes

the sirens would go off, but I wasn't scared. I enjoyed my day so much and would love to go again next year!

Text by Kurt Marshall,
photos by Amy Watson.



Light up the Valley

Tane Allen, Taylah Ladd, Britney Staines, Brandon Horne, Aleia Smith, Geena Elliot, Annabelle Hansson and Tess McLaughlin performed at Light UP The Valley. They did a great job and wowed the crowd with their musical talents!



Y Tally

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the most Ys over the fortnight in their cohort. You can pick up your canteen voucher from the front office before the next edition of InTouch.

Year 7 Charlie Beck

Year 8 Georgia Buckmaster

Year 9 Jordana Freebody

Year 10 Caleb Callow

Year 11 Ashleigh Butler

Year 12 Sofia Czvitkovits

Literacy and Numeracy Focus Areas

Our focus areas this week look at synonyms, or how words can mean different things depending on their context. For example, “scale” can be a weighing device, part of a snake’s skin, a ratio on a map or a musical exercise.

Putting information into graphs can make that information more accessible to others, especially when comparing quantities.

Thank you Rebekah and Shania for displaying the Focus Areas this fortnight.



Joke of the Week

Q: What do you call a pig that does karate?

A: A pork chop!

Spot the Spot

Do you know this spot? Write your answer and submit it to Ruth Riach or Amanda Moss before lunch on Monday Week A of week 1 next term. The first person to have their correct answer drawn from a hat will win a canteen voucher.



SUMMER SLAM

YASS NETBALL ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY NIGHTS - 12/10/17 TO 30/11/17
FIRST GAME STARTS AT 6.00PM

REGISTRATION \$20 PER PLAYER
(FOR EXISTING REGISTERED 2017 WINTER PLAYERS)

***** ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE ROUND 1 *****

QUESTIONS - GENNENE KEMP 0408 224 323

REGISTRATION DAYS
SUNDAY 10/9/17 & 17/9/17 9AM TO 11AM
@ THE NETBALL COURTS

Registrations for the 2017/18 Season are now open.

Register online at: www.yassjca.nsw.cricket.com.au

The following programs will be offered:

**Milo in2Cricket for boys and girls aged 5-10 to learn basic cricket skills
(Saturdays 9-10.30am from 21 October to 16 December at Victoria Park)**

**T20 Blast is a fun modified game for boys and girls aged 7-12 with basic cricket skills
(Saturdays 9-10.30am from 21 October to 16 December)**

**Weston Shield – junior competition for 10 to 14 year olds
(Saturdays 21 Oct to 16 Dec & first term 2018)**

**Further information available through the website.
For all enquiries please contact yassdca@gmail.com**





Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

How would you feel if you never ever received any Christmas gift?

You can help by giving gifts to Operation Christmas Child.

Social Justice Group in Term 4, aims to bring Christmas cheer and practical support to vulnerable kids in developing countries, by providing gift-filled shoeboxes.

Bring in shoe boxes and new clean items before the 25th of October. We need \$10 per box to send it overseas as well so money donations are very welcome also. Please bring your donations to the front office, or Mrs. Halley-Barberis, Ms. Vale or Ms. McQueen in the A-Block Staffroom.

Packing parties, to fill the boxes, will in Week 3, Term 4. Come along, have lunch and help out! For further information go to

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

- ✓ **SOMETHING TO WEAR:** t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO LOVE:** teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING SPECIAL:** carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL:** exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH:** tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:** soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✗ **ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT:** (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, crayons and plasticine/play dough
- ✗ **FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND:** (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins
- ✗ **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS:** (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys
- ✗ **BREAKABLE ITEMS:** including glass, porcelain and mirrors
- ✗ **ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD:** including halloween, war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones
- ✗ **GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS:** including play money, playing cards and dominoes
- ✗ **RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:** including tracts and Bibles (every child is given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)

Remember to pray for the child who will receive your shoebox!



These items are prohibited to protect children or to comply with overseas government and customs restraints.

Coming Events

Date	Event
Mon 9 Oct	Staff and students return for Term 4
Mon 16 Oct – Fri 3 Nov	HSC Examinations
Thur 19 Oct	Calves Create Careers Presentation - Cowra
Fri 20 – Tues 24 Oct	Mobile Dentist Visit
Tues 24 Oct	Year 11 Rewards Excursion
Fri 27 Oct	Year 11 Celebration Assembly 12.30pm
Fri 27 Oct	Scone Show from 1.30pm
Fri 27 Oct	Year 10 Driver Course – Motorvation Driver Day
Mon 30 Oct – Fri 3 Nov	Year 10 Driver Simulator Training
Fri 3 Nov	Albury Show
Fri 3 Nov	Pink Day
Wed 8 Nov	Last day to buy Year 12 Formal Tickets
Wed 8 Nov	Year 12 Sign Out Day 1 - 10am – 12noon
Thurs 9 – Fri 10 Nov	Year 12 (2017) RSA/RCG Courses - Yass TAFE
Wed Nov 15	Year 12 Sign Out Day 2 - 11.30am – 1.30pm
Click on the school website for the online calendar	
Remember assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars	