



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

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From the Principal

Yass High School is buzzing as we begin the 'hump week' of Term 3. We hosted the Binit Binit Education Week Concert on Friday 10th August where 200 children from Kindergarten to Year 12 performed and entertained the community. It was wonderful to see the depth of talent across our learning community and for our senior students to appreciate the many teachers who have nurtured them throughout their public school education.

Ms Vale organised the 40 Hour Sleepover to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and to raise funds for World Vision. Mr Anderson, Ms Halley-Barberis, Mr Szota and Ms Nicholson supervised this successful event with \$2800 raised so far.

Head teachers have spoken to Year 10 parents and students at Parent Information Evenings about the variety of Year 11 courses on offer at Yass HS next year. Year 8 parents will have the opportunity to be part of this subject selection process on Tuesday 4th September.

Year 11 commence their end of course exams on Monday 17th September (Week 9). Term 3 is certainly a busy time and I thank the teaching, support and office staff for their work in ensuring that your children are well prepared for success this year.



4 September 2018

ACT Junior Chess Competition

On Thursday, August 16, Tana Waine, Nicholas Sentence, Finn Dunne and Blake Johnson went with Ms Vale to the ACT Junior Chess Comp. There, they played 7 matches each, along with 3 other schools. They are part of the YHS chess team and they will be going to the ACT finals on September 26.



'Problem of the Fortnight' Winners

Congratulations to the Year 7 winners, Tana Waine and Liana Brown as well as the Year 9 winners Anna Betts and Casey Tritschler for solving the 'Problem of the Fortnight' Maths Problems.



Where are they now?

Aidan Enseleit

“Where are they now” is a new initiative for InTouch, where we follow up on past students and see where their journey has taken them so far. Our first interview subject is Aidan Enseleit, who finished Year 12 in 2016

What is it like not being in school?

“Well, it’s very different because you make your own decisions based on what you want to do with your life. It can become boring after a while if you don’t have something to do that gives you a sense of purpose. You get a lot more freedom to do what you want. It can also be challenging if you’re doing new things that you’ve not previously done before.”



What do you miss about High School?

“The teachers, it’s a lot easier to get support for your school work and other things. I guess it was easier and less complicated than life outside of school.”

What are you Doing Right Now?

“I just started University this week. However, I’m working at a restaurant to give me some money for other things.”

What is different about University?

“University is a lot more self-motivated. For example, if you have work to do the lecturers and teachers aren’t going to constantly hassle you about it. It’s also a very interesting and social environment.”

Do you have any friends from High School that you still talk to?

“Yeah all the time! We have a group chat that we constantly talk in, although some of them we don’t talk to as much.”

What have you been doing since you left High School?

“Until recently, I have been working, lazing around my house, driving around for some adventures, mentally preparing myself for University and making some new friends. Basically getting experience with life outside of school.

World Vision BBQ

On the 10th of August, a BBQ was held to raise money for the World Vision Day Forty Hour Famine Challenge and Backpack Challenge. The challenge was to raise money and take a stand for young refugees around the world.

Globally there is currently about 68.5 million refugees, more than half being under the age of 18 and having to carry their homes on their back. The students' challenge is to stay at school for one night and complete the rest of the challenge at home, at which time they must only use the supplies in their backpack. We are hoping to have more people participate next year to raise money for a very good cause that is being supported globally. The day's event was an overwhelming success for all of us.



Forty-Hour Backpack Challenge

On the 17th and 18th of August YHS held the 40 Hour Famine Backpack Sleepover Challenge. Many students from Year 7, 8 and 9 showed up to this event to help raise money for refugees and have a go at either giving up something for 40 hours, eg. food, furniture, technology, or surviving for 40 hours with only a backpack of items. The Challenge started at 8:00 on Friday until midday on Sunday.

Students first participated in a walk around school grounds, so that they could get a feel of what it is like to flee with only what you can carry. This was followed by a mock UN activity, where they were required to negotiate peaceful and effective solutions to the refugee crisis.



At 7pm, a forum of community members came to answer questions and share their experience and knowledge of what it is like to be a refugee and the difficulties of settling in a new country.

After sleeping on the floor of the Integrated Learning space, students woke to waffles and strawberries using ingredients generously donated by local business Trader and Co.



The event was an overwhelming success and the students were able to donate over \$2800 for the cause. You are still able to donate at <https://www.40hourfamine.com.au/supporters/2556822>.

Education Week

On Friday the 10th of August, Yass High School participated in and hosted a concert to celebrate Education Week. As well as Yass High, all the schools in our Binit Binit Area came to participate, performing their own items. All the students who performed from every school then sang “This Is Me” for the Finale. There was a wide variety of items, including dance, drama, ukulele and choir.



Yass High School has become known for our self-devised productions using contemporary musical themes to tell traditional stories. This year’s contribution to the entertainment was a ten-minute retelling of Beauty and the Beast using Taylor Swift songs. Geena Elliot (Year 10) was the driving force behind the show, as she designed the work, and developed all the songs to tell the story.

The musical starred Georgia Buckmaster (Belle), Bronwyn Kemp (Beast), Taylah Ladd (Gaston), Finn Dunne (Le Fou) and Grace Maher (Maurice). There were also many supporting roles that ensured the production was to our usual high standard.

The Year 11 VET Entertainment class also featured, doing a professional job with the sound and lighting over the evening. Thank you also to the students who helped out with the younger children, “running” them to and from the stage in time to perform. Well done everyone involved.



Your New InTouch Team

Beginning with this issue, you will notice some new additions and fresh ideas in the Yass High newsletter. Our Year Nine InTouch team have been working hard to incorporate new ideas into the fortnightly InTouch in an attempt to interest more students into reading about the events happening in our school community. Some of these ideas include interviews with teachers and students, puzzles and problems to solve, new articles to write about and more jokes.

If you have suggestions for the InTouch, you can drop them off at the Front Office in an envelope addressed to InTouch/Mr Szota.



Y Tally

Congratulations to the following students who have received the most Ys in the last fortnight. You can pick up your canteen voucher from the front office – but make sure you do it before the next InTouch is published!

Yr 7: Angus Mackay

Yr 8: Anthony Henderson

Yr 9: Samantha Pascoe and Tori Wilson

Yr 10: Matthew Doggett and Ayden Pothan

Yr 11: Thomas Rampton

Yr 12: Amy Kelly

Daffodil Day

Last Friday, Yass High's community students were fundraising money for Daffodil Day. Donations from the day go towards cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatments.

The community class set a fundraising target of \$2000; if this target was to be met, students were assured that both Miss Bills and Mr Harding would shave their heads to raise awareness for the cause.

In the end, the Year 10 Community class were able to fundraise over \$2600! True to their word, Miss Bills and Mr Harding now sport very short hair-dos!



Jokes for the Week

Q: Why do chicken coops only have two doors?

A: Because if they had four they'd be chicken sedans!

Q. What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

A. It gets toad away.

Q. How much room is needed for fungi to grow?

A. As mushroom as possible.

Q: What kind of key opens a banana?

A: A monkey.

Have a go Puzzle

Try and complete this sudoku, there will be a different puzzle each fortnight.
The completed puzzle will be in the next issue.

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Year 7 & 8 Problem of the Fortnight.

The first student to show Mr. Duncan their complete solution to this problem before school will be awarded a prize.

Year 7 & 8

Toni picks a number and multiplies it by 3. She then adds 4 to the result and finally divides this new number by 2. Her final result is 14. With what number did she start?

Year 9 & 10 (And those parents who want to compete for the prize!!!!)

On the TV show 'The Price is Perfect' Chloe will win all the prizes if she can work out the mystery number. Joe, the host of the show, says, 'Tonight's mystery number is the largest 7-digit number, which has these two properties:

- no two digits in the number are the same;
- each of the numbers digits divides into the number exactly.'

1. Find the three digits which cannot be in the mystery number. Explain why they must be excluded.
2. Find the mystery number. Explain why it is the largest 7-digit number which has these properties.

Dress as a Character Day



Next Thursday 6th September, students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book or film character.

Please bring a gold coin donation, with all money going towards the Write a Book in a Day for the Kids' Cancer Project. There will be awardssssssssssssssssss for best-dressed student, best-dressed staff member and the best-dressed team.

You are Invited!

The University of Canberra invites Year 10, 11 & 12 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students and up to 2 guests, to celebrate their success by joining us for the...

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA CELEBRATORY DINNER

Date: *Thursday, 27 September 2018*

Time: *6.00PM - 9.30PM*

Location: *Ann Harding Conference Center, Building 24
University of Canberra*

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SEPTEMBER, 2018
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Coming Events

Date	Event
Mon 3 - Fri 14 September	Valid Year 10
Tue 4 September	Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Evening 6pm IL Space
Thu 6 September	Character Mufti Day – Gold Coin
Thu 6 September	Johnny Shannon Visit
Thu 6 - Fri 7 September	Year 12 HSIE Excursion
Fri 7 September	Harden Show
Tue 11 September	Year 12 Legal Studies Excursion
Wed 12 September	Year 7 Parent 2019 Information Evening
Thu 13 September	Bell Shakespeare Masterclass
Fri 14 September	G'Day USA Trivia Night
Fri 21 September	Vaccination Day
Thu 27 September	Year 12 Graduation Evening 6pm
Fri 28 September	Year 12 Final Assembly
Fri 28 September	Last Day Term 4
Mon 15 October	First Day Term 1
<u>Click on the school website for the online calendar</u>	
<u>Remember assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars</u>	