



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

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From the Principal

Welcome back to the final term of 2018.

As we sent our most supportive thoughts and best wishes to Year 12 for their HSC exams, we finish the year under the leadership of newly appointed student captains: Tom Rampton, Rhiannon Davis, Matthew Johnson and Makayla Cameron.



The term started busily with the Murrumbateman Field Days, a great event in which to showcase our many achievements despite the downpour on Saturday! The numerous visitors to the school stall and the Ag Farm display were amazed with the quality and variety of student work that was displayed - offers to purchase some of the timber and metal projects indicate the quality of the student work. Mr Armour kept the sheep and cows company, explaining our Agriculture program and gaining some helpers in feeding the animals. Thank you to all the teachers and students involved in setting up these displays and manning the tents during the weekend. You were all fabulous ambassadors for Yass HS.

Later this term, students will be travelling to Sydney to participate in the 2018 Schools Spectacular. The HSIE faculty is taking Year 8 students to the Blue Mountains, and a large group of Year 7 and 8 students will be taking part in a STEM project called 'Build Me A Future Day' at Crookwell in November. The focus on learning continues at Yass HS every day.

Captain's Corner

Hi guys, this is our first Captains Corner and to begin our first Teacher of the Week goes to Mr. Munn.

Mr. Munn has been working tirelessly behind the scenes at assemblies, graduation and celebration assemblies and organising the upcoming Yass Factor. None of these events would be possible without his knowledge and guidance for the Entertainment Students.



We would also like to give a huge thank you to Patrick Morton (also pictured) for all his effort and hard work he has put into the Yass Factor and giving Mr. Munn a helping hand.

Governor Visit

On Wednesday the 19th of September, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley visited our school to see what Yass High has to offer.

He began his visit with a look at the Entertainment Class and CAPA department where they discussed past and future projects (musicals, Binit Binit concerts, etc.) with some of the leads in our most recent performances. Students in the ISTEM class then provided an explanation of their assignments, along with a visual presentation of what they did, how it worked and why it would be useful.

He then moved on to the Social Justice club where he discovered what sort of issues they cover and events they take part in, such as the 40-Hour Famine and Operation Christmas Child. After that, he met some of the MC students and talked about their day to day activities and the work they've done this year.

The visit was concluded with a trip down to the oval where he met the show team and the fire cadets. Overall, the visit was successful and educational for everyone involved.



Year 12 Graduation

On 27th of September, Yass High school waved goodbye to another set of Year 12 students and wished them well as they embarked on their HSC exams.



On their final day of their long years of school, they had a breakfast with staff, a slideshow of their journey through high school and a staff vs Year 12 touch game.

For the first time, Year 12 were lucky to experience two separate graduations; one of the Thursday night for family and a separate assembly so that their fellow students could say farewell.

Year 12's HSC journey began on the 18th October with English – Paper 1 and concludes tomorrow with Design and Technology and Drama. The final exam coincides with their formal. Enjoy your well-earned celebrations, Year 12!

School Spectacular Raffle

On September 21 2018, the draw for the School Spectacular 2018 raffle took place. School Spectacular will see sixteen students from Yass High School perform at Sydney Olympic Park on the 23rd and 24th of November.

School Spectacular is a huge performance where schools from all over New South Wales will join together for two nights and perform many songs to a crowd at the Qudos Bank arena. Students of Yass High School, Berinba Primary School and Yass Public School will be a part of the choir which will be creating a beautiful array of voices and lights. The winners of the school raffle were Jani Elliot, Anita, Marilyn, Janette Miners, Megan, Isaac Jordan, Mike, Trish Clark, Darren, Libby McGrath, Mark Spencer, Rod, Judy. Thank you to everyone for supporting Yass High students perform in such a large scale production.



Murrumbateman Field Days

Recently, Murrumbateman hosted the 40th annual field days which was lots of fun for the whole family. This year, Yass High School had a stall set up to show all the artworks, assignments and extra-curricular activities that YHS has to offer. This year the 40th annual Murrumbateman Field Days was held on the 20th-21st of October.

The Field Days hosted around 22,000 people including 500 exhibitors. The weather, which included severe thunderstorms, didn't dampen the spirits of the students and teachers who attended to share their school with the community.



By Ethan Muscat

Year Twelve Leaving School Interviews

As you know, our 2018 Year 12 class recently graduated school. Seeing as our school will miss our beloved school leaders, we thought we'd interview two of them, in order to give you a couple of words of their wisdom so that you may know what it's going to be like when you head into Year 12. Here are some words from Joshua Chapman and Kimberly McMillan about what Year 12 might be like for you.



How do you feel about leaving school soon and going into the 'Big Wide World'?

Josh: "Well, most of us started the whole 'preparing for the big wide world' thing in Year 11, so a lot of us are actually quite keen to leave so we can see how we go, but it's certainly a huge reality check knowing that we'll have to start working and pretty much start the next however many years of your working life in about a week as well as the fact that we have HSC exams shortly after the holidays so it's really going to be a big change".

Kimberly:" It's very scary but exciting because we can actually experience a lot now that we've learnt everything we need".

What's one major thing you're going to miss about going to school?

Josh: "Probably just the good vibes and the friends and teachers going around the school".

Kimberly: "Probably the friends because usually you lose a lot of your friends when you go separate ways after school, but also the community".

Do you think Yass High has helped prepare you for after school in ways that other schools wouldn't have? If so, how?

Josh: "Yass High has helped me connect to the community and helped me become more socially active and because most schools are in the city, they don't really give you that kind of opportunity and experience".

Kimberly: "They've definitely helped me because in community studies, when I did that in Year 9 and 10, we got to go out in the community and I don't think city school are as open-minded to doing that".

What's been your favourite subject in school? Do you think it would still have become your favourite if you went to a different school?

Josh: "IT VET would probably be my favourite, but our course is completely different to other schools because you actually get to do a whole lot more practical lessons throughout school with the technology and physically experience what it's like firsthand instead of just reading about it and watching what it's like on computer and doing only theory work.



Kimberly: "Well, Art is my favourite and I feel that, yes, it would probably still be my favourite, but if I did Community Service or Family Studies, I feel like it wouldn't be as good in other schools".

What did you plan on doing for a career before coming to High School? Have you changed your mind? Has Yass High helped you achieve your goals for your future career?

Josh: "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do for my future when I'd first started high school but I originally wanted to do something in software and game design while also doing something along the lines of a professional trainer now I sort of look at it and I've set up a 2-year plan to where, through doing PDHPE and IT VET I'm getting a lot of courses set up so I can do some overseas work".

Kimberly: "Well, I knew I loved Art and I wanted to be an artist, but now I want to be an Art Therapist, so I can be helping people with disabilities or stress anxiety through art".

What sort of advice would you give to people in younger years when it comes to preparing for the HSC's?

Josh: "Try not to stress out too much because you can't let it define your life and try your best to study and talk to your teachers for advice and what to improve on. But you should also practice writing extended responses in each of your categories/classes as that will help you improve overall and show you what you need to improve".

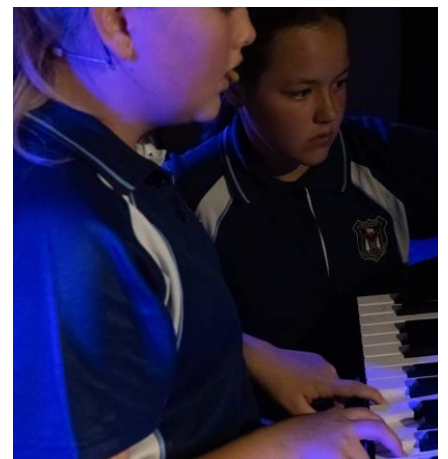
Kimberly: "I feel like the best advice would be to not stress and to keep your mental health high as well. It's okay to stress a bit, but it's not the end of the world if you don't do great in something, just try to do better and set goals for yourself

Yass Factor

Tickets are on sale now for Yass Factor at the front office. Come along to a night of music, magic and everything entertaining and check out some of the talented students at Yass High.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$14 per family (two adults, 2 children). No ticket sales on the night, so be sure to hurry in and get your tickets soon!

There will also be refreshments at interval, and the opportunity to vote for your Art-chi Prize, so bring along your spare change.



Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp/atsos>

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

Teachers v Students



The teachers vs. Year 12 students touch game was played on the last day of Term 3. We interviewed some teachers who had some very different opinions on the game, and asked them who was the best player on the teacher's team, who was the best player on the year 12 team, and was the game fair?

McDonald, Broadhead, Harding, and Wykes, were very popular choices for the best player on the teacher's team, although there were a few who chose Baines and Hansson. Reece Payne and Gabbie Davis were the ones the teachers had to look out for on the student team.

There was definitely some controversy on whether the game was fair due to Matthews 'questionable' refereeing, there were a few remarks saying that the refereeing was rigged and Matthews wasn't much help.

In the end the game was very fair and very amusing. Congratulations to the teachers team for the win and congratulations to the Year 12 for trying but the teachers had a better side. Once the game had finished the teachers and students all shook hands and finished with Mr Harding being tackled.

Written by Emily Fuller, Samantha Sarah, Grace Bush & Abbey Selwyn.

Yass Little Athletics

Yass Little athletics has partnered with Ginninderra Little Athletics – google them for more information!



Pink Day

November is here, and we all know what that means: Pink Day!!!

Pink Day has been celebrated every year at Yass High for years, and we're not stopping now! On Tuesday November 6th, students showed their support by wearing pink and bringing a gold coin donation. Over \$4,000 was raised by



our wonderful community, and the money will be split between CanAssist and the Breast Cancer Foundation.

This year the rain meant that the traditional teacher/student relay and gift race had to be cancelled – we look forward to its return next year! This is one of the most looked forward to events of the year, check out the next InTouch for a full run down of the day!



Photos



Congratulations to all students involved in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza!



Great work from our students fundraising for the Red Cross Tsunami Appeal.

Jokes of the Week

Halloween themed

Q. What did the skeleton say to the vampire?

A. You suck.

Q. What do mummies like listening to on Halloween?

A. Wrap music!

Q. What do ghosts eat for dinner?

A. Spookgetti

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*Wolfman

*Bones

*Zombie

*Lollies

*Cat

*Undead

*Spooky

*Full moon

Interview with Mr Matthews

Ethan Muscat sat down with Mr Matthews to talk all things teaching, rugby league and getting in to trouble...

Do you like teaching at Yass High School?

“Yes I love it the other teachers and the student it’s just awesome!”

What do you like the most about Yass High?

“The teachers, students and of course the environment.”

How long have you been teaching at Yass High?

“I have been teaching at Y.H.S for 24 years.”

What is your favourite teaching memory?

“My favourite memory is one year, two Year 12 students were going into medicine. Also the South Coast rugby league team won in extra time to win the championship.”

Is Yass High a good place to teach?

“Good place to teach, good place to learn.”

When did you start teaching at Yass High School?

I started teaching at Yass High school back in 1995.

Did you get into any detentions as a student?

I got into a fair share of trouble as I like to say i learn from my mistakes.

Where did you go to school?

I went to school at Goulburn High.

How was your childhood?

I played a lot of sport like cricket, basketball, golf, soccer and rugby union.



Do you have a favourite memory?

Winning the CHS basketball in 1979 for south coast in Newcastle score 65-63.

What makes you like the south Sydney Rabbitohs?

Back then my uncles lived in Cleveland Street and were South Sydney fans.

How many schools have you taught at?

Well, only four, I loved every moment of it. I also taught in England in 2002.



Interview by Ethan Muscat

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!

Year 7: Sophie Woodcroft (14)

Year 8: Lachlan Morrison and Jaxyn Vickers (7)

Year 9: Selina Smith and Tori Wilson (7)

Year 10: Alfie O'Brien (7)

Year 11: Bailey Foster (7)

Maths Problem of the Fortnight

Every InTouch, the Maths department boggle our minds with a new problem.

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

Year 7 & 8

A bike lock has 4-digit combination.

Combination lock clues:

- The lock has four digits 1-9
- The first two digits add up to 10
- The second and third digits total to 14
- The total of all four digits is 17
- The combination is a prime number

What is the combination?



Year 9 & 10

(And those parents who want to compete for the prize!!!!)

Tom multiplied a number by $2\frac{1}{2}$ and got 50 as an answer. However, he should have divided the number by $2\frac{1}{2}$ to get the correct answer. What is the correct answer?

Coming Events

Date	Event
Fri 16 th November	GRIP Leadership Conference
Mon 19 th November	Second Year 12 Sign Out Day
Tue 20 th November – Sun 25 th November	School Spectacular
Wed 28 th November – Fri 30 th November	Year 8 Blue Mountains Field Trip
Tue 4 th December	Year 7 2019 Orientation Day
Thu 6 th December	P&C Meeting
Fri 7 th December	Year 9 Excursion to the War Memorial
Tue 11 th December	Presentation Night
Wed 19 th December	End of Term 4
<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>	