



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Linda Langton

Deputy Principals: Andrew Facer & Ruth Riach

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal on Friday night was a wonderful and memorable occasion for our students to mark the completion of their studies at Yass High School.

The students all looked amazing, and it was lovely to see them enjoy this occasion as a group of fun, caring and respectful young adults. While some students have accepted early offers from different universities, others have work and travel plans, and some are already engaged with apprenticeships and traineeships.

Thank you to all the teachers who helped on the night, but particular thanks to Ms Dymond for her organisation of the event, as well as all she has done for this fine group of students.



21 November 2019

Captains Corner

Last week we celebrated World Kindness Day. It was great to see people doing random acts of kindness around the school and we hope to see this positive attitude more often throughout the year. Also last week we attended the GRIP leadership conference in Canberra. We all had a great time learning some new skills and we hope to implement these and become better leaders around our school. We encourage all aspiring leaders to attend this event in the future.

Teacher of the week is Miss Joseph. She has put in a lot of effort to organise our remembrance assembly for 2019. She created scripts, PowerPoints and contacted special guests to ensure the assembly ran smoothly and professionally. She also took time out of her teaching day to rehearse with us captains and the entertainment team to ensure everyone was comfortable with their role on the day.

Thank you Miss Joseph!



Joke of the week: Knock Knock - *who's there* – Lettuce – *lettuce who* – lettuce in and you'll find out!

Driver Safety Stimulator

Thank you to the Rotary Clubs of Young and Yass for running the Driver Safety Simulator for our Year 10 students this week.




Our students gained some valuable experiences through this program and we look forward to doing the program again next year.





Introducing Some of our Mo'Vember Team Mates.


This year some of our staff and even a student are participating in the Mo'Vember men's health fundraiser. Team Captain, John Duncan has collected profiles on half of our team. Make sure you follow our progress in next fortnights In Touch.

If you'd like to support our team you are welcome to make a donation at <https://moteam.co/yass-high-mo-bros?mc=1>

	Andrew Facer, Deputy Principal.	
	What's your motivation for participating in Mo'Vember	Men's health; as simple as that.
	Is this the first time you've grown a Mo' & how's it going?	This is the first time & it's bloody itchy!!!
	What sort of Mo' are you going for?	Big handlebars would be nice; not sure if I'll get there in just a month.
	What's your motto for life?	Have fun, keep smiling.

	Craig Barrett, PE teacher.	
	What's your motivation for participating in Mo'Vember	Not look so bad that my wife can't stand me! Actually It's to raise awareness, prostate cancer kills nearly as many men as breast cancer kills women, us blokes need to clean up our act and take better care of ourselves.
	Is this the first time you've grown a Mo' & how's it going?	This is my second one, the first one I started with a goatee and shaved my chin; it was bad!!!!
	What sort of Mo' are you going for?	Not Chopper Reid!!!!
	What's your motto for life?	Dream, Believe Achieve!

	Scott Grose, Head Teacher English	
	What's your motivation for participating in Mo'Vember	To look amazing. Oh, and raise money for a good cause.
	Is this the first time you've grown a Mo' & how's it going?	I did it once 10 years ago with a mediocre result.
	What sort of Mo' are you going for? (Who's your inspiration)	A red headed Errol Flynn.
	What's your motto for life?	Humility, Gratitude and Humour.

	Ian Munn, English Teacher	
	What's your motivation for participating in Mo'Vember	It's a good male cause, I've lost close friends to suicide and want to be part of positive stories about men.
	Is this the first time you've grown a Mo' & how's it going?	I did it once before and did not raise a cent!!!! (Comment from team captain: Pretty much all of our \$380 raised so far this month has come from Mr. Munn). I'm also doing the Move for Movember, so far done 112km and with an 8 km run scheduled for tomorrow morning I'll have averaged 60 km a week (Team Captain again: "Over Achiever").
	What sort of Mo' are you going for?	The "Trucker" but I've promised Mrs. Munn it's only for the month and then it's GONE!!!
	What's your motto for life?	Take a Mo'ment or maybe it should be; Be Mo'tivated!!!

Yass High Celebrates Pink Day

On behalf of the staff and students of Yass High, we would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' for the many generous prizes, hampers, vouchers and donations that we received for prizes for Yass High Pink Day 2019.

We are grateful for our community's wonderful donations and thankful for the wonderful support and generosity we received. We are very happy and proud to split the \$6540 raised between NBCF and the local Yass CanAssist organisations.

We are very thankful for the astonishing support we received from the Yass Business houses listed below. You have played an invaluable role in which has allowed us to help our community in such an effective and enriching way.

- Active AG
- Mobile Service station
- Thyme to Taste
- Label Love
- Priceline
- Yass IT
- B&G Plumbing
- Millers Pharmacy
- Bargain Base
- Yass Outdoor Sports and Camping
- Belle Mere
- Auto-Pro
- Kaffiene
- Galutzi
- Narelle's Hair
- Merchant Campbell
- Australia Post
- Yass Jewellers
- Trader and Co
- Vinnies
- Canberra Raiders
- Canberra Centre
- Sydney Thunder
- Athletics Australia
- Label Love Boutique
- Kemp Family
- Sydney Thunder
- GWS Netball
- DJs Family Butchery
- Yass Wellness Centre
- ACT Brumbies
- Yass Bakery
- Yass McDonalds



The winner of our 200 Club was Geoff Frost who kindly donated his \$75 winnings back to the fundraiser.



THANK YOU

Drumming Day

Wow! What a fun day we had making lots of noise on the Djembe drums!

Mrs Johns from Berinba Primary School visited Yass High bringing with her 26 drums. All the Year 7 music classes got to play African rhythms, learning about tones and bass notes, and drumming techniques.

With the expert tuition by Mrs Johns we managed to learn a complete song sequence and even played them in polyrhythm (if you don't know what that is, ask a year 7 student). We have also purchased three drums of our own so we can keep practising.



Grip Leadership

On Thursday the 14th of November the senior leadership team were given the opportunity to attend the GRIP leadership conference in Canberra. The day involved us working with others through small games, learning how to keep speeches interesting, how to run an effective meeting and interact with our peers and teachers.

We had the option to choose elective sessions that interested us more than others. We decided it was best to divide and conquer so we could all collaborate and share each session later. The day allowed us all to work together more effectively and understand how different leaders do things.

Everyone actively enjoyed the day and took a large amount from it, and it was a perfect way to expand our leadership abilities. We all thank Miss Bills for giving us this wonderful opportunity.



Community Help

A big shout out to Mark Vallender from the Clubhouse Hotel in Yass for being so accommodating to our school by helping out with the use of his bus. The staff and students are very appreciative of your help and support that we receive from the community. Also to Sam Bucknell for giving up his time to volunteer to drive the bus for us.

Late Arrivals to School

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE LATE TO SCHOOL (AFTER ROLL CALL) MUST SIGN IN AT THE LIBRARY.

YOU MUST HAVE A NOTE FROM HOME.

NO STUDENT IS TO SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE, UNLESS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED WITH:

MRS LANGTON

MRS RIACH OR

MR FACER

NO EXCEPTIONS



Olympics Come to Yass

Year 9 and 10 PASS students enjoyed meeting an Australian Olympian last week. Nathan Katz represented the Australian Olympic Committee and spoke to the students about the qualities and traits it takes to represent your country at the highest level possible. Thanks to the AOC for bringing this initiative to Yass.



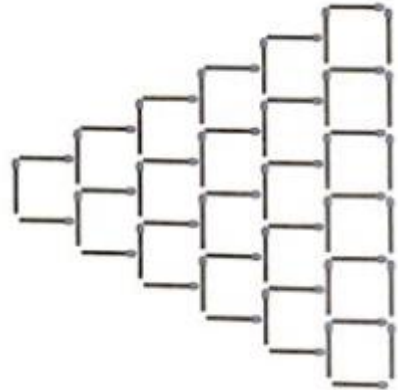
Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

Stage 4:

I have a three digit number, and I add its digits to create its *digit sum*. When the digit sum of my number is subtracted from my number, the result is the square of the digit sum. What is my three-digit number?

Stage 5:

Mike has 2015 matches and uses them to build a triangular pattern like the one shown, but as big as possible. How many matches does he have left over?



Y Tally:

Congratulations to the following students receiving the most Y's for the fortnight

Year 7: Pearl Fuller

Year 8: Isaac Anderson

Year 9: Ryland Jones-Hope

Year 10: Jaime Burgess

Year 11: Talissa Polsen

**Yass High School
Student of the Week
November 2019**



Thomas Fieldhouse

Year 7

For demonstrating our school
values on the bus by supporting
a younger student

Yass High School Year 7 Orientation Day!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new group of Year 7 students to Yass High School in 2020. Orientation Day is coming....the perfect way to introduce our amazing staff, endless opportunities and learning facilities. Students will be participating in peer support activities, meeting the farm animals and having their first taste of high school.

Tuesday 3rd December 9am-3:20pm
Parent information session 9am-11am



Careers News - Calendar Dates

ACU Widening Participation Excursion for Year 10 3/12/19

General Induction Training Course (white card) 12/12/19 at Yass TAFE and 2nd course TBA in February 2020

University of Wollongong Discovery Day 6- 7th February 2020

Human Rights Essay – Zara Vale

*Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 20*

The right to protest is fundamental to our human rights. The Declaration of Human Rights is a document created to put down in words a set of rights that are set to entitled to humans around the world, regardless of sex, religion, ethnicity or political affiliation.

Protesters gather because it is their duty to uphold their right of public assembly. They do so because they know that by peaceful demonstration they will achieve their goal of a better world.

It would be a violation of all our rights if they didn't express their opinion and act as people to move towards a world in which we can all thrive.

But they aren't met kindly by all. Leaders seek to suppress protesters because they threaten their grip on power. PM Scott Morrison has claimed that 'we do not support out schools being turned into parliaments'. In response to the over 240 casualties and nearly 1000 injured as a result of gun violence in the U.S. in 2019 alone, President Donald Trump has failed to produce a solution that many Americans find acceptable hinting that people protesting against gun violence are Democrats trying to impinge on the rights of gun owners, twisting protests to suit his political ends.

The initially peaceful protests conducted by residents of Hong Kong to push their government towards democracy, protesters were met with tear gas and politicians accusing harmless gatherers of initiating a riot.

These are examples of people being stripped of their rights. This not only disrespects protesters and forfeits their status as humans, but it escalates tension in the gatherings, driving peaceful protesters to extreme measures. Suicides. Vandalism of parliament. Attacking journalists. This has also triggered an increase in the extremity of police tactics. Water cannons have been used to deflect crowds. Civilians and protesters alike have been attacked in public areas, such as the Prince Edward train station. Protesters have been killed.

In taking away the right to protest in peace, peace is taken out of the picture. Sometimes it is crucial to break the law to obtain our human rights. In denying Hong Kong protesters their right as human beings to express their opinions, their right to democracy and their right to tranquil assembly, violence has spread and lives have been lost. It is not only crucial that we are given our liberties because we deserve

them, but it is tantamount that we are given them so we can all live in a safe, equal and amiable society.

“Remember always that you have not only the right to be an individual; you have an obligation to be one. You cannot make any useful contribution in life unless you do this.”
- Eleanor Roosevelt.

Zara’s essay recently won first prize in the Yass Human Rights Film Festival Competition.

Girls Rock Camp Canberra - by Zara Vale

Girls Rock Camp is a music program aimed towards young musicians. First established in Portland, OR, Girls Rock focuses on motivating young girls, trans, non-binary and gender diverse people and to teach them music skills, no matter how much experience they may or may not have on their instrument. I attended their five-day program in Canberra during these past holidays; here’s some information about what it involves.

At Girls Rock Camp, you are assigned an instrument of your choice from guitar, bass, drums, electronics and vocals. You participate in amazing workshops, like ‘Experimental Voice Workshop’ and ‘Zine Making Workshop’. We also listened to a bunch of interesting talks from experienced musicians, like Grace Stevenson - whose songs have played on Rage many times - who talked about how to feel confident in a genre that isn’t conventional, and from sound engineer, musician and music producer Becki Whitton, who performs under the stage name Aphir.

At the start of the day, you participate in two hours of instrument instruction from experienced musicians. The guitar mentor was Kristy, an awesome Canberra-based rocker who has been playing for over thirty years. Campers are also put into bands. During the program, your band writes and perfects a song, which is performed on the fifth day during the showcase concert. My band members were Red, on rhythm guitar and vocals, Ruben, on vocals and AB on drums - I was lead guitar. Bands are assigned two band mentors - ours were Steph and Lydia. Girls Rock Camp is an amazing experience for any girl, trans or gender non-conforming identifying musician. It teaches confidence and self-worth as well as music. It affirms that you don’t have to make music like Taylor Swift, be a boy or be pretty and submissive to be successful in the music industry and in life in general. I have made quite a few supportive and musically minded friends during my time at Girls Rock Camp Canberra, and I highly recommend the experience to anyone.

FREE DYSLEXIA SEMINAR

INLAND **NSW**
2 DEC - 7 DEC

← *CHECK THIS OUT!*

ATTENTION!

Parents is this your child...

- *Struggles with Reading*
- *Lacks Comprehension*
- *Can not focus in Class*
- *Confuses letters like b & d*
- *Has problems with sight words*
- *Is very creative and hands on*
- *Struggles with Writing*

If YES, then you should come.

Registration Essential!

Online www.dyslexia.com.au/register
or email - support@dyslexia.com.au

Organised by:
dyslexia.com.au
THE ONLINE LEARNING CENTRE

90 minute Seminar:

Dyslexia is a disorder that involves difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters & other symbols. Many people go un-diagnosed & struggle through school & later life. Recent studies show that up to 15% of the population are affected by it.

This Dyslexia Seminar will be 90 minutes of tips, insight & practical knowledge about what dyslexia is & how you can go about remediation.

Learn How...

You can finally break free from the cycle of reading failure & learn how to help your child read.

Learn why it is that dyslexia occurs. Understand what's happening in the classroom & how to accelerate your child's reading quicker than you thought possible - all at an affordable price, in the comfort of your own home, at a time that works with the family commitments.

You will see that small adjustments can make big changes to your child's learning and you'll gain powerful insight on how to support your child to ensure their promising future.

Tom Mullally
Dyslexic Himself
Your Seminar Speaker



Coming Events

Date	Event
Thursday 21 st November	STEM – Goulburn 8:15am – 3:45pm
Tuesday 26 th – Wednesday 27 th November	Year 9 Peer Support Leader Training – Memorial Hall 9:00am – 3:20pm
Tuesday 26 th November	Band Excursion – Canberra Theatre 9:20am – 3:20pm
Thursday 28 th – Friday 29 th November	HSC Urban Field Study – Sydney 7:30am
Thursday 28 th November	Junee Licorice Factory – 8:45am
Tuesday 3 rd December	Year 7 Orientation Day
Tuesday 3 rd December	ACU Widening Participation 9:00am – 3:20pm
Thursday 5 th December	P & C Meeting 6:00pm All Welcome
Tuesday 10 th December	Presentation Evening 6:00pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Celebration Assemblies – Various Times
Wednesday 18 th December	Last Day of Term
<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>	