



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Linda Langton

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Congratulations to our seven graduating Cadets from the NSW Rural Fire Service's Secondary School's Cadet Program. This program has been delivered at Yass High School for ten years now, and with the current bushfire season, there could not be a better time to congratulate, highlight and support the work the RFS does across the country.

Our students spent ten weeks during sport with RFS volunteers, learning about how fires behave, how to use the firefighting equipment, as well as basic communication and safety. Yass High School is thankful for the time and expertise the volunteers have spent with our students over the last ten years, with many of the participants going on to join their local RFS, and also becoming paid firefighters.

Well done to all students involved.



5 December 2019

## Captain's Corner

Welcome to our last Captain's Corner for 2019. Hopefully everyone has had a great year, especially this term with your new captains. Congratulations to everyone for doing so well in last week's quiz "How well do you know the SRC?", we had a lot of fun organising it and are glad you all enjoyed it. We have a busy few weeks coming up before holidays including; rewards excursions, junior celebration assemblies and presentation night, so have fun for the last 2 weeks.

We'd also like to say a massive Good Luck to Miss Broadhead on her journey to becoming a Mum, she will be missed at Yass High over the next year but we cannot wait to see her back here soon.

Our final teacher of the week for 2019 is the very deserving Miss Bills! Right now, Billsy is super busy organising the end of year Celebration Assemblies and Presentation Night, she is using every spare minute to ensure each one goes as smoothly as possible on the day. We appreciate all the effort she puts in to not only these assemblies but in everything she does, she is constantly doing things for other people and never expects anything in return. Throughout our past years at Yass High, Billsy has helped shape us into the leaders we are today and we would be struggling without her. Thank you Billsy!



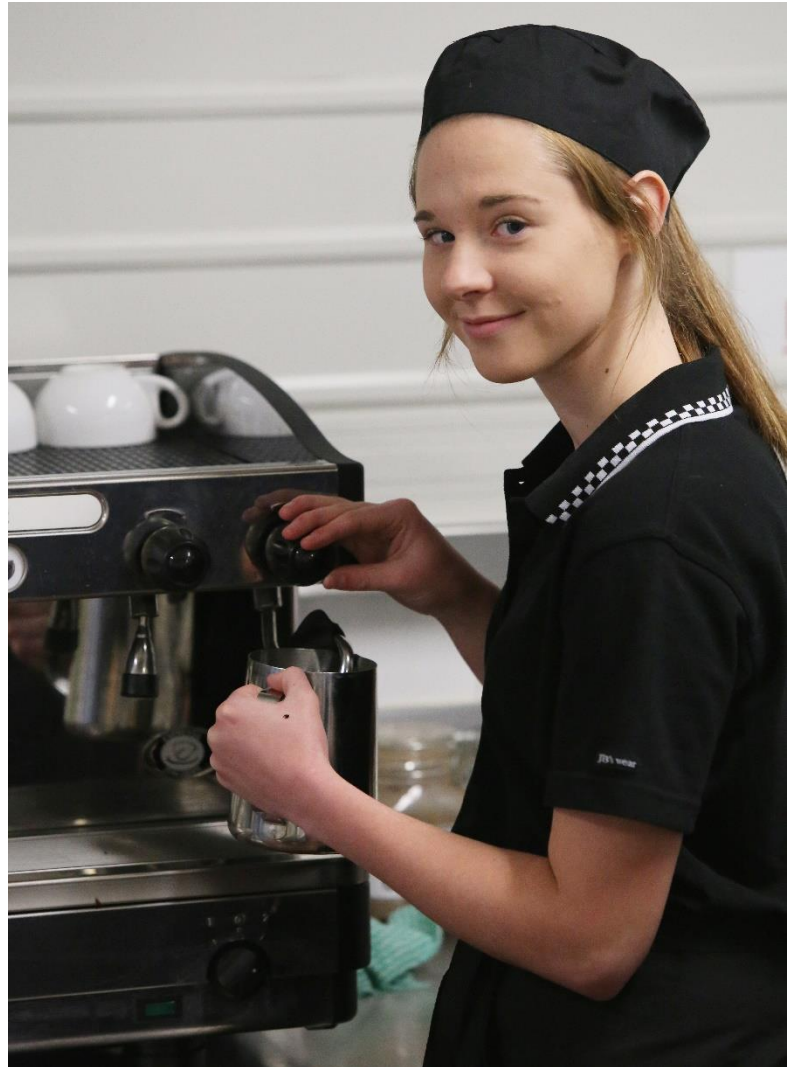
Joke of the week: What do you get when you combine Santa and a duck? A Christmas Quacker

Have a happy and safe holiday and we'll see you all next year!!

## Structured Workplace Learning

Yass High School, together with Southern Region Business Enterprise Centre, would like to express our gratitude to the following local businesses that have supported our students who took part in the Structured Workplace Learning Program in 2019:

Café Dolcetto  
Curly and Crow Fencing and Fabrication Yass  
David Cleary Electrical  
Elite Event Technology  
Foran Building Company  
Galutzi Café  
GK Medway Contract Fencing  
Hongo Plumbing  
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Luff Motors Pty Limited  
Matt Barnes – ANU Recording Studios  
SA & FM Carpentry  
Six 8 Coffee Roasters  
Thyme to Taste  
Yass Engineering  
Yass Valley Automotive & Offroad



The Structured Workplace Learning Program is for students enrolled in HSC industry recognised courses. These **V**ocational **E**ducational and **T**raining courses have compulsory work placement requirements for successful completion of the HSC. The coordination of Structured Workplace Learning is funded by the State of New South Wales through the Department of Education under the Structured Workplace Learning Program and delivered by Southern Region Business Enterprise Centre. For more information visit [www.srbec.com.au](http://www.srbec.com.au)

## Everybody Wins

On Monday the 18th of November Years 10 and 11 had the opportunity to participate in the Everybody Wins program at school. The whole day initiative focused on personal growth and development through goal setting, building healthy habits, mental toughness, financial education and resilience. Students participated in number of activities and sessions run by presenters Dave Barrie, Ben Abstacker, David Ross and Erin Molan.



Thank you to all the presenters for bringing this initiative to Yass High and to the students for your involvement.

## School Spectacular 2019

Once again Yass High School had a wonderful experience at School Spectacular in Sydney, and would like to thank all the parents and community members, who helped us to get there. Our students were polite and well behaved and we were very proud to have them



representing our school. We sang in the 2,800 person strong choir, which was fantastic! The choir set off after school on Tuesday afternoon on the train from Yass, and arrived at the Sydney Central YHA. Wednesday was spent rehearsing with the choir, then back home for dinner and walk down to Darling Harbour and through China Town.

Thursday was a full-dress rehearsal and run through of the show in the arena at Olympic Park, a very busy day. We got home at 7pm in time for dinner and a quick look at the shops. Friday was show time – two performances with an early dinner in between and a fun and yummy stop at Cold Rock for ice cream.

Saturday saw us walking around the Opera House and Botanic Gardens before performing twice more, finally falling into bed at 1.30am on Sunday morning. But, no rest for us! We were awake again 4 hours later, to make it onto our bus home to Yass. We were tired but elated after a wonderful experience. Mrs Hansson and Ms Vale are already planning for next year, when we will do it all again!

We would like to take the opportunity once again to publicly thank the local businesses and organisations that supported us financially, including the Yass Rotary, Clementine Restaurant, Trader and Co, Woolworths, Aldi, Murrumbateman Mechanical and Automotive, Bernadette Collins and Hoyts Belconnen.

The School Spectacular will be televised at 7pm on 7<sup>th</sup> December on the 7 Network.

## MCC1 Geography

MCC1 have been studying bushfires as part of their work in Geography on natural disasters.



*Photo taken by Adam Stevenson on 12th November after bush fire at Wallabi Point, New South Wales, Australia.*

The kookaburra was at the tree before he saw smoke coming from the north-east. All the trees were burnt after the bush-fire went to the south-west. The fire was at the farm paddock called Winslow. The owner Patrick wasn't home and he didn't know about it until he saw it on the breaking news that there was a bush-fire.

By Anthony.

The kookaburra is sitting in the tree. The fire burnt the green grass and turned into dark black ground. The kookaburra was sad because he was worried about his friends and his house. The sun was setting in the sky.

By Tiarna

The kookaburra watched the fire as it got worse. Two helicopters flew over the fire. One was using water to put out the fire and the other one was looking for survivors.

By Sam.

The kookaburra is sitting on the brown tree looking at the beautiful sunset. The sunset has red and orange in the sky. You can see the mountains from where the kookaburra is sitting. The ground is very dry and dirty. After the sun went down and it got pitch black the kookaburra is too scared to go home by itself so he sang to get his friends to pick him up and help him get back home. When the kookaburra got home his friends had a big vegemite sandwich.

By Caitlin

One day a big bush fire roared through NSW bushland. The kookaburra flew down to the really burnt black branch. A storm came and saturated the ground. The kookaburra sat and waited for the green grass to grow again.

By Jack

There was a bushfire burning in NSW Australia. There was a kookaburra sitting in the burnt tree. The kookaburra saw smoke and burnt grass where the bushfire had been.

By Anthony

As the sun rises in the east there sat a kookaburra. The top of its beak was dark grey like the ashes and smoke where the flames of the bushfires had passed on. His eyes blurred as tears welled up. Memories flashed in his head, looking at them made him feel petrified, the voices screamed at him begging for his help. He heard something climbing the tree that he was on Looking down he saw a scrawny cat looking at him. The kookaburra was startled and began to flap his wings to escape.

The frightened cat leapt towards the shivering kookaburra and 'Snap' went the black as lead branch. Both animals landed on the black smoky ground. The kookaburra started to flap his wings again and when he flew into the air he saw the cat coughing trying to stand up. He flew in a bit closer and noticed that the cat's back was burnt black like the galaxy. "Hang on" said the kookaburra. "We really should stop fighting, I understand now why you tried to grab me. You are scared just like me. I noticed that your back got bunt from the fire are little bit" The cat got up and nodded in agreement. They both headed out looking for some water and a new home.

By Isabelle



## Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory Excursion

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November Year 12 Food Technology and MCC1 travelled to Junee to visit the Licorice and Chocolate Factory. We travelled in Mrs Southwell's and Miss Kylie's car. The car trip was fun but very noisy. Renee made the Year 12 students listen to Justin Bieber and Chester kept asking "Are we there yet?"

At the factory we got to make our own giant chocolate freckle. We had to wear hair nets and wash our hands before we started. While they were setting we watched a video and listened to the tour guide tell the story about how the factory started from an old flour mill. The lady explained how all the different machinery worked. Everyone got to try samples of different products. Annabelle definitely didn't like the new product that contained Inca berries.



All the equipment is behind glass windows so no contamination happens from the visitors. The final machine used for the licorice before it is packed was a metal detector. Any licorice with metal in it is removed for safety. We also saw a giant machine that coated thousands of almonds at a time.

We used an old part of the original factory to play vertical bowls. It used to be used for transporting flour bags. There were 3 pins and a ball made from dried licorice. There was a choice of going high or low to knock over all 3 pins. Renee won the high competition and Blake and Tiarna won the low competition.



Everyone spent time in the gift shop buying sweet treats for themselves and their family. On the way home, we stopped for food at McDonalds, KFC & Subway.



Thank you, Mrs Southwell, Mrs Kemp and Miss Kylie, for organising a fun day out. The Year 12's learnt about the food production process and could see first hand what they had been studying in class. MCC1 had the chance to practice their food preparation, social and money handling skills in real life situations. We all learnt how much we love chocolate!!!

By Blake, Chester, Tiarna & Isabelle.



## Year 10 Students to ACU Canberra - Widening Participation Excursion

On Tuesday 3rd December some Year 10 students were given the opportunity to look around the ACU campus in Canberra, speak with current students and discover what going to University might be like for them. They were provided with information about the courses ACU has to offer - Education, Nursing and Paramedics and Social Work. ACU very generously provided bus travel and lunch for our students as well as valuable information and interaction to enable students to make informed decisions about their own tertiary pathway.



## Possum Boxes

These possum boxes were built by Mr Hansson and his Year 11 construction team for WIRES an organisation for wildlife, helping to relocate possums out of your home and into the wild



## YES Program Semester 2

Two groups of Year 9,10 and 11 students were invited to attend TAFE at Yass to engage in the YES -Youth Engagement Strategy programs run in Term 4. This time TAFE was able to offer courses in Welding and Horticulture.



The students all received a statement of attainment and gained valuable practical skills in these areas. The students engaged well in an adult learning environment and were very ably supported by Steve Derrone. Many thanks to Ray Cosgrove, George Dashwood and Judith Scown at Yass TAFE who provided these learning opportunities for Yass High students.



## Music Review

This year has been an exciting one for the Music department! You may have seen the musical “Oliver” which featured some of our band students as well as singers, actors and dancers on stage, to rave reviews, but a lot of other things have been happening too.

## Band

Lots of Year 7 students had a try of instruments with a visiting trombone player from Canberra who showed us how to play lower brass instruments. We also got to see two bands perform at the school, one concert was by the Combined Canberra Schools’ Band, the other by the Dubbo School Band. Keva Abotomey started conducting the band and we managed to learn enough notes to play at the Remembrance Day Assembly, all the while having a lot of fun discovering how to play together. She has guided us through the difficult first year and she will be sorely missed. To celebrate our achievements, we had an excursion to watch the Royal Military College Band perform and they were inspirational!



## Choir

Several exciting things happened with choir this year. We were invited to participate in the “In Concert” performance which included rehearsals at Wagga Wagga with regional schools, and then combined with Sydney school choirs and orchestra at the Sydney Town Hall, and we sounded amazing! We also auditioned for School Spectacular and succeeded in getting in for another year. It was an exhausting term of rehearsals and preparations, but totally worth it! A big shout out to Ms Vale who led the fundraising drive and helped look after us during the show week. A number of boys participated in the Boys Vocal Workshops in Young which culminated in creating a music video, and led onto the formation of the Yass High School Boys’ Vocal Ensemble (or “Da Boyz In Blue”). The Choir and Boys’ Vocal Ensemble have performed at assemblies, the Yass Irish Festival and Binit Binit Concert.



## Other events

The Year 7 students participated in a Drumming workshop given by Neha John from Berinba school. She showed us how to play rhythms on djembe drums, which was loud and very engaging. The Year 9/10 class performed a special concert at Linton Nursing home, featuring songs from various decades which the residents loved.

The next event is a trip to Sydney to watch School of Rock the musical! We may get some inspiration for our 2020 musical production, auditions are now open!

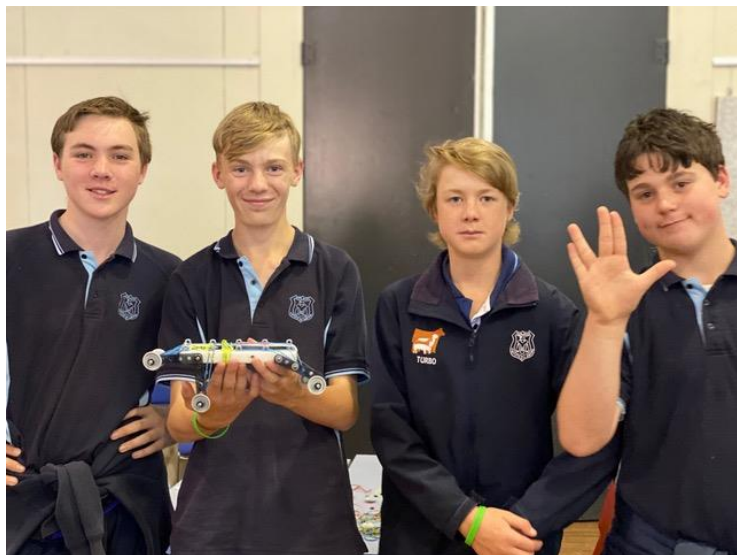
So much is happening in our school, and it’s worth taking the time to ask yourself if you are fully exercising your creative bones! Now is the time to sign up to be involved in any of these activities for next year. Your time at Yass High School can be so much more fun if you give things a go!

Looking forward to seeing you next year.

Mrs Hansson

## Year 7 & 8 Discovery Day

On Thursday the 21st November, Yass High School participated in the University of Newcastle's STEM Discovery Day Challenge. The Challenge saw students in Years 7 and 8 attempt to solve science and engineering problems using their creative thinking skills. There were 8 engaging, hands-on engineering activities for students to work through, four in the morning and four in the afternoon. During the lunch interval, students were shown a multimedia presentation and there was a science demonstration.




Students were separated into groups to work on the activities and each group earns points for the school through their solutions to the engineering problems and how tidy they kept their work stations. At the end of the day, Yass placed third after Murrumburrah and the home team, Goulburn; there was not many points separating third and first and our students are to be highly congratulated for their efforts.


This discovery day is only the beginning for these students as the University of Newcastle also runs the NSW Science and Engineering Challenge for 9/10 students interested in further study and careers.

## YHS Mo Bro's Smash their Target!!

I'm extremely proud to announce that the YHS Mo Bro team has raised \$1110 at the time of writing this article!!!! A huge thank you goes to all our supporters.

Part two of our introduction to team members is;

	Chris Campbell, Student Rep.	
	What's your motivation for participating in Mo'Vember	I'm doing it for Men's awareness of their mental health. I really want to build a connection with other men. I'm also wanting to honour my Pop who was a great man.
	Is this the first time you've grown a Mo' & how's it going?	Yeah it's the first time I've done Mo'vember but I've pretty much been growing a Mo' since year 6 (Mr Harding is so jealous).
	What sort of Mo' are you going for?	I'd love to look like Jack Black.
	What's your motto for life?	Grow a Mo for a Bro!!!

	James Harding, HT PDHPE	
	What's your motivation for participating in Mo'Vember	I'd just like to raise a bit more awareness for men about their mental health and what they can do to improve it.
	Is this the first time you've grown a Mo' & how's it going?	1 <sup>st</sup> time. I'm finding it easy to grow a Mo'. Growing a Mo is easy, growing an impressive Mo though...
	What sort of Mo' are you going for?	Well around home it's being called 'the Sanchez'.
	What's your motto for life?	Be like a Duck, calm on top but paddle like crazy underneath.



John Duncan.	
What's your motivation for participating in Mo'Vember	To raise some money towards Cancer and build some camaraderie across the school.
Is this the first time you've grown a Mo' & how's it going?	I've done it once before and it didn't go well. This time around I'm doing the beard & Mo' combo. It's looking better but geez it's itchy!!
What sort of Mo' are you going for?	Originally I was going for the 'Tony Stank' but now I've got a better hero. I call it the 'Great Silvestro'!!!
What's your motto for life?	Life is a contact sport; get into it!

At the beginning of November



At the end of November





## 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



## Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

**Stage 4:** Warren has a strip of paper 10 metres long. He wishes to cut from it as many pieces as possible, not necessarily using all the paper, with each piece of paper a whole number of centimetres long. The second piece must be 10 cm longer than the first, the third 10 cm longer than the second and so on. What is the length, in centimetres, of the largest possible piece?

**Stage 5:** I have 800 mL of water in jug X and 800 mL of milk in jug Y. I pour 200 mL from jug X into jug Y and stir the mixture thoroughly. I then pour 200 mL of the resulting mixture from jug Y into jug X. What is the volume of milk that is now in jug X?

## Y Tally:

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

Year 7: Grace Foster

Year 8: Isaac Anderson

Year 9: Darcy Coburn

Year 10: Nicholas Downey

Year 11: Millicent Duncan

## Careers News - Calendar Dates

General Induction Training Course (white card) 12/12/19 at Yass TAFE and 2nd course 4th February 2020

University of Wollongong Discovery Day 6 - 7th February 2020

## Special Religious Education (SRE) in 2020

SRE lessons will be held for one period per fortnight for Years 7 and 8 students.

**Year 7** students have a form in their enrolment package that requires parents/carers to **either OPT IN or OPT OUT** of SRE.

**Year 8** students will be automatically placed in SRE classes if parents gave permission for their child to participate in SRE in Year 7 during 2019. This will involve 31 students from our Year 7 2019 cohort of 107 students. Only **new Year 8 enrolments** will be asked to **OPT IN or OPT OUT** at the start of 2020.

The stated preference for SRE participation can be changed at any time throughout the year if parents send a note in to school.

Year 9 and 10 students will not have timetabled classes. A one hour concert will be held for each year group by the Combined Churches of Yass for these year groups.



# YASS WELLNESS CENTRE

is hosting a Morning Tea for Can Assist Yass

Date: Saturday 7 December 2019

Venue: 74 Rossi Street

YASS

Time: 10am

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Homemade Cakes and slices

Tea and Barista Coffee

Lucky door prize



100% of all funds raised goes to Can Assist

Can Assist Fundraising Number 12748

A red poster with white polka dots. On the left is a white silhouette of an angel with wings and a trumpet. The text is in white. It reads: 'YOU ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS Celebration', 'YASS COMMUNITY CAROLS', 'SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019', 'VICTORIA PARK YASS', 'ACTIVITIES START 4:30PM', 'FACE PAINTING | JUMPING CASTLE', 'KIDS GAMES | SANTA | NATIVITY DRESS UP', 'HOT FOOD | CHEESE PLATTERS | COFFEE | AND MORE!', 'CAROLS START 6PM', 'For more information and the latest updates visit facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols.', 'Combined Churches of Yass Supporting the Yass Valley Community'. On the bottom right is a white silhouette of a Christmas tree.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# CHRISTMAS *Celebration*

YASS COMMUNITY CAROLS  
**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019**  
VICTORIA PARK YASS

ACTIVITIES START 4:30PM

FACE PAINTING | JUMPING CASTLE  
KIDS GAMES | SANTA | NATIVITY DRESS UP  
HOT FOOD | CHEESE PLATTERS | COFFEE | AND MORE!

CAROLS START 6PM

For more information and  
the latest updates visit  
[facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols](https://www.facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols).

Combined Churches of Yass  
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## Coming Events

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Evening 6:00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Assemblies – Various Times
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	General Construction Induction Training Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Rewards Excursion – Jamberoo Action Park
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School of Rock – Capital Theatre Sydney
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day Term 4
<u><a href="#">Click on the school website for the online calendar</a></u>	
<u>Remember assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars</u>	