



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Linda Langton

Deputy Principals: Andrew Facer & Ruth Riach

From the Principal

Term 3 started with a combined Staff Development Day hosted by Yass HS for all schools in our network – almost 300 staff attended on Monday 22nd July. The day began with a keynote address by Jane Caro, a strong advocate for public education. A range of workshops filled the rest of the day with staff able to choose areas of interest to explore. Boorowa Central School's P&C catered this event, adding to the success of the day.

This term has a full agenda with parent-teacher nights; Year 10 into 11 subject information sessions for students and parents; Year 8 into 9 and 10 into 11 subject selection for 2020; Year 12 trial exams; and Year 11 final exams to name a few. Most importantly, we graduate our Year 12 group at the end of this term.

The term is busy but will go quickly. I encourage all students to continue their focus in class as they work towards achieving personal and academic goals.



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From the Deputies

Welcome back to Term 3, we hope that all members of the school community had an enjoyable break and are ready for a busy term. There are a number of important events occurring this term including Year 10 selecting their subjects for the senior school, Trial HSC exams for Year 12, end of course exams for Year 11 and the Year 9 camp. We encourage all students to get involved in school life and participate in extra curricula activities such as sporting events, camps and leadership activities.

Each week we will be highlighting a safety issue at school – this week we have included the factsheet on knives at school in the newsletter. There is no reason to bring a knife to school, please leave them at home.

The new building is progressing slowly and all students should be congratulated on their behaviour around the busy site. The new site fencing along the road has significantly hindered access to the school buildings but has limited student movement on roadways as planned. The construction team have also mentioned the friendly and polite manner in which students have interacted with them and how rare this is in a school setting. Well done to all students; let's continue this approach. We are not surprised by these comments; we know that Yass High has many responsible and respectful students.



Captain's Corner

Hi guys! Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing break. As relaxing as holidays are, we all know that some things lapse from our minds as we unwind. We would like to remind all students of our school values: Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Learning. Carry these values in the classroom, playground, at home and in the community.

Our Teacher of the Week is Ms Vale. Ms Vale is an integral part of our school community, assisting many students with supported learning opportunities and liaising with our Aboriginal community. Ms Vale's Indonesian classes have helped students develop skills and a global understanding of other countries in comparison to the small town of Yass. Ms Vale is a quiet achiever and often her work goes unnoticed; however, many students are enriched by her work, ongoing support and consideration for others.



Congratulations and thank you Ms Vale.

Textile Excursion to Sydney

Last semester, the Year 12 Textile and Design students had the chance to have a workshop with Internationally renowned Australian fashion designer, Akira Isogowa. They travelled to Sydney in the one day and had the chance to learn some of his techniques, see his work at his show at the Powerhouse Museum and talk to him about his 25 years of fashion design. This was a once in a lifetime experience and a wonderful chance to see and meet an artist who they study in their course.



A week later the same Year 12 class and Year 10 Textile students had the opportunity to visit Sydney for an overnight excursion. They enjoyed staying at the Central Youth Hostel and experiencing city life, multicultural food and icons, such as Starbucks. They visited The TEXSTYLE exhibition, which is a showcase of the best NSW Year 12 textile projects from last year, held at Ultimo Tafe Fashion School. They went to the Powerhouse Museum as well and saw many exhibits and played on the amazing equipment outside.



On the second day students attended a fashion drawing workshop at Whitehouse Institute of Fashion. They enjoyed a tour of the fashion school and had an exciting morning drawing the fashion figure using a variety of mediums.

One of the students, Emily Fuller, won a three day fashion workshop, to be run in these holidays, at the Institute in Sydney. Overall it was a wonderful time to see lots of new things and be inspired by creative people. The students are to be congratulated for their behaviour and participation.



Australian Youth Aerospace Forum

During the holidays, I enjoyed a weeklong camp at the Brisbane AYAF (Australian Youth Aerospace Forum) University of Queensland to learn about aerospace engineering. We started off with an activity where we built gliders out of balsa wood and flew them with varying degrees of success. After that we had a tour of the university where we saw their wind tunnels, car workshop, and my personal favourite the UQ space workshop where we were able to see the rocket Athena, that won the 10,000 ft challenge.



The next day we built model rockets that would fly as high as possible and keep a single egg safe. We then travelled over to the Queensland museum to see the 'NASA: a Human Adventure' exhibit, which held many different items from the history of spaceflight, both Russian and American. We launched our rockets, half of them failed in spectacular "eggsplussions". There was a careers day where we had a plenty of companies talk about their workplaces, such as Boeing, UQ Space, Air Force, and Griffith University. The next day we made the trip to Griffith University and we participated in a flight simulator, and drone quidditch. Each activity had its own difficulties

especially with flying a virtual Boeing 737.

The next day we went on some industry visits where we were able to see Airbus A380s during their maintenance, some massive engines up close. The last day we went to the RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force) base Amberley where we saw a number of growlers take off as they were doing an exercise that day. At the end of this amazing visit we were able to look inside a C-17 troop transport. In the end I made lots of friends and connections and had the most amazing week of my life.



Pearce Gourlay

From the Front Office

Welcome to our first blurb from the front office. We plan on regularly using this spot in InTouch to keep you up to date with administrative matters at Yass High School.

This week we would like to talk to you about communication with the front office and request that all notes regarding absences, along with excursion notes and payments are handed in to the front office as soon as your child arrives for school. All of these notes can be posted through the mail slot at the front counter, so students do not have to wait to be served. Requests for early leaving slips should go up to the library before 9.00am.

We would also like to mention that although we love chatting with parents on the phone, it can sometimes be problematic to get telephone messages to your child during busy times; this is particularly apparent on Wednesday afternoons when many students are at sport locations off site. While we will do our best to deliver messages to students, please allow us sufficient time to do this.

Of course for requests to talk to or make appointments with your child's teachers or any other concerns you may have, please don't hesitate to ring and we will direct your call to the appropriate person.



Agriculture Award

Congratulations Hailey Lennon on being presented with the Outstanding Agricultural Student by the Bookham Agricultural Bureau. Hailey (Year 12) has enjoyed studying Agriculture since she started at Yass High School in Year 7, and it seems her hard work and love of the subject has paid off.



Hailey is a wonderful example to all Agriculture students and this community award is a reflection of her hard work and love of Agriculture.

Mrs Pia Slowiak and Mrs Jan Young (Murrumburrah High School) are delivering this course as a Binit Binit Learning Community Initiative

Girls Netball South Coast School Knockout

Congratulations to the U/14 and Open girls Netball teams that travelled to Nowra to participate in the South Coast Regional Finals. Both teams played great netball and progressed to the finals, placing second and third respectively in their groups. The Opens played some very strong South Coast teams in the finals to end up placing 8th overall. The U/14 Girls played with determination and skill to place 3rd overall, which is an outstanding result for Yass High School considering the standard of competition.



All of the girls displayed exemplary sportsmanship and are to be very proud of their efforts. A big thank you must go to the parents that left Yass at 5.30 am and drove the girls to Nowra and in particular to Trudy Polsen who not only transported girls but Umpired as our Qualified C Badge umpire on the day.



Burn Bright-Leadership Camp

Burn Bright, although a “Leadership Camp”, far outstretched our expectations. It wasn’t like anything we had ever experienced before; from the first day meeting our tribe (total strangers) and having our first meal (priorities=the food is AMAZING) we were hooked.



It took us on a humorous and inspiring journey jam-packed with games, Olympics, bootcamp, team building exercises, therapy sessions with our tribes that brought most of us to tears, disco, guest speakers and did I mention Delicious Food! The camp taught us to own our story no matter how simple we may think it and to put ourselves out there and have fun (well the time of our lives). If you’ve considered going on a camp or if you “wouldn’t in a million years” it was truly life changing for us and we absolutely recommend it.

A loud shout out to Rotary our sponsors and the lovely Ms Bills for organising this for us!

Emily Targett and Caitlin Witt



Clothes Swap

Thanks to everyone who brought in clothes and accessories for the clothes swap last semester and swapped or bought items. We saved 2,700 litres of water for every t - shirt you bought in and swapped (that's what it takes to make this item) and 1,800 litres of water for a pair of jeans. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped. We swapped many items of clothes and made \$55 to donate to Oxfam "What She Makes" campaign to help textile workers in developing countries who do not even get paid a fair wage to make our clothes.



For more information go to <https://whatshecreates.oxfam.org.au/>

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Remember to collect your canteen voucher before the next InTouch!

Year 7 – Riley Gibbs

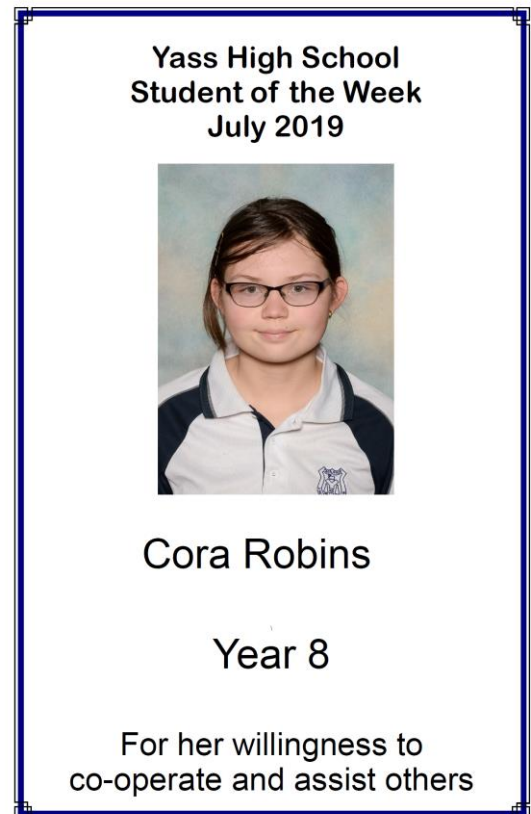
Year 8 – Hayden Smith

Year 9 – Thomas Field-Ripphausen

Year 10 – Jaime Burgess

Year 11 – Zoe Tritschler

Year 12 – Zane Morgan



Maths Problem of the Fortnight

Give your solutions to Mr Duncan. First correct answer wins a prize.

Stage 4:

















Pictures of fruit have been placed in this grid to represent numbers less than 10.

The totals for each row and column are shown.

What is the total value of an apple and an orange?

Stage 5:

Jenna measures three sides of a rectangle and gets a total of 80cm. Dylan measures three sides of the same rectangle and gets a total of 88 cm. What is the perimeter of the rectangle?

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ARE YOU FINISHING SCHOOL OR LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

Join us at the Disability Employment Provider Expo. You'll meet a range of organisations who can help you with future employment options.

When:

Friday 30 August 2019
9am-2pm

Where:

Hedley Beare Centre for
Teaching and Learning,
51 Fremantle Drive
Stirling ACT

For more information contact the Inclusion team on **(02) 6205 3629** or email inclusionemployment@act.gov.au

No knives at school – parent factsheet

Health and Safety Directorate

There is no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances

If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.

The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.

Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including gaol sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a child to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

As school policy is designed to keep all students safe, no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives and star knives are all prohibited.

Your child cannot bring to school any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).

In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.

There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives.

Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.

Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.

It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old

Pyjama Day

Wear your PJs to school on Friday 9th August, and make a gold coin donation. The SPIN Foundation supports locals – your \$\$\$ stay local. Just make sure you are wearing safe and appropriate footwear for school.

YASS VALLEY
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Raising funds to assist those in our local Community with Medical needs

Gold Coin Donation

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Friday 09 August 2019

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Coming Events

Date	Event
Thursday 1 st August	Second Parent Teacher Evening
Friday 2 nd August	Regional Athletics - Canberra
Friday 2 nd August	Science and Engineering Competition
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th August	Education Week
Tuesday 6 th August	Binit Binit Art Exhibition Memorial Hall – 6pm
Wednesday 7 th August	Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Information Night - 6pm
Friday 9 th August	Binit Binit Concert YHS - 6.30pm
Friday 9 th August	Pyjama Day - Gold Coin Donation
Monday 12 th – Friday 23 rd August	Year 12 Trial Exams
Tuesday 20 th August	NSW South Coast Regional Finals Netball
Wednesday 21 st August	Year 8 Into 9 Subject Selection Parent Information Night - 6pm
<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>	