



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

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## Peer Connect for Orientation day

Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December was Orientation day for our Year 6 students coming into Year 7 in 2021.

With temperatures soaring up near 38°C it was a tough day for the Year 6 students to get through. They completed a whole range of different activities to help them get acquainted with what high school will be like next year. The day was made easier by the amazing work and attitudes of the Year 9 Peer Connect and sport leaders. Lots of work was done by Year 9 Advisor Ms Ree Nicholson and Ms Tracey Bills in organising and training the students before the day.

The Year 9 students did an amazing job supporting me as the incoming Year 7 Advisor throughout the day. They ensured that every Year 6 student felt welcome and knew where they were supposed to be at all times.

Well done Year 9 Peer Connect Leaders!

Thank you also to Miss Bill's community studies class that seamlessly cooked and served the BBQ in accordance to COVID restrictions.

The Peer Connect program will continue to run next year when school resumes in 2021. With the leadership qualities and maturity displayed by the Year 9's on Orientation day, I think that the Year 7 are very lucky and will hugely benefit from the future sessions with their leaders.



2 December 2020

## Captains Corner

This edition's teacher of the fortnight goes to Ms Barberis! She has been running Geordie's Cafe at school for the past four weeks, providing our school with lovely food and drinks. Thank you Ms Barberis for your efforts!

Joke: Why do sharks swim in salt water?

Answer: Because pepper water makes them sneeze





## Yass High School Fair

Well, finally we got to have the Yass High School Science Fair!

After a tumultuous year with revised plans, dates, downsizing and constant checking of restrictions the Science Fair has gone ahead. In Week 6 of this term Yass High School was able to invite all the local Year 5 and 6 students from the Yass Valley, as well as Year 3 and 4 from Yass Public school, to come and visit the amazing new STEM building which hosted our first ever Science Fair. Plenty of projects and Yass High School student work from Science, iSTEM, Visual Arts, Physics, Chemistry and Biology were on display.

The quality of work that has come from the Yass Public School has been very impressive and is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the teachers at the primary school.

At Yass High School our Year 10 students complete a major SRP (Student Research Project) as part of year 10 science. Completing and presenting SRPs allows the students to really grasp the very important skills of working scientifically, which gives them a head-start when undertaking HSC courses of Chemistry, Physics, Biology or Working Scientifically.

In 2021, Yass High School will again invite all local primary schools to be part of our Science fair. We are very hopeful it will be an event that all members of the community can come to and be a part of.



## Geordies Café

Year 12 Hospitality students have just spent 4 weeks running Geordies Café out of the hospitality kitchen and bistro, serving coffees and food to teachers.

Operating like a restaurant, the students took orders, made toasties and other meals and deserts. Their coffee making skills have increased as they have given the teachers their caffeine fix each day for a month. This has been an invaluable experience as students have learnt what it is like in industry. A major advantage is also having the opportunity to document themselves making all the beverages, setting up and closing down so they can submit a *portfolio of evidence* for their Certificate II in Hospitality.

One of the highlights was Will Wijaya making his own signature fried rice. An accomplished chef already, Will amazed us with his skill and delicious food. We made a video of Will making this and a recipe will be available to those who wish to recreate this great meal themselves.

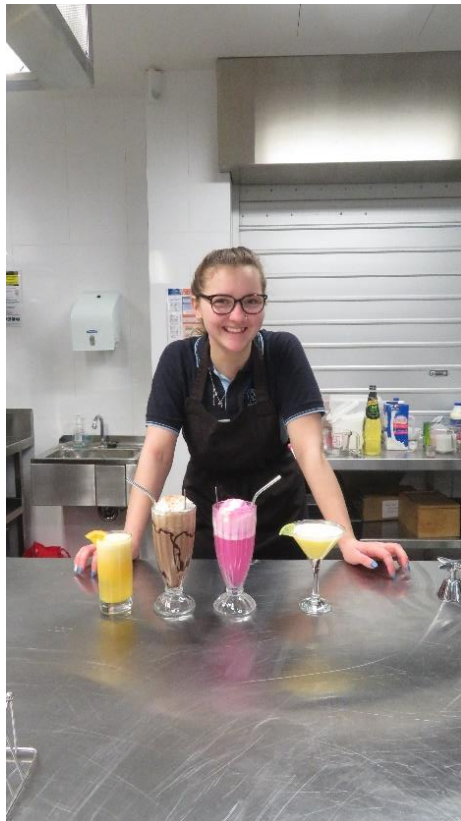
Students learnt to navigate an online ordering system and have meals ready for teachers at specific times. Coffees of all types, especially the ones seldom ordered like ristretto or macchiato were mastered. Toasties, pies, fried rice, quiches, slices, rocky road, biscuits and cheesecakes were all on the menu.

A huge thank you to our faithful customers and Hailee Southwell, our invaluable assistant, who has given us the benefit of her industry experience and helped us out so much. The students themselves have risen to the occasion and deserve congratulations for the professional way they conducted themselves. They are a wonderful group of young men and women Yass High can be proud of.



Will Wijaya preparing his masi goreng and Heath Buffington his trusty sous chef





Non-alcoholic beverages were popular



A range of delicious toasties were prepared to order





Customers could eat in or take away



## Y Tally:

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

Year 7: Imogen Bradley

Year 8: Riley Gibbs

Year 9: Arielle Robinson

Year 10: Kitty Duncan

Year 11: Cara Coates



## Year 6 into 7 Taster Days

In Week 6, Year 5 and 6 students from all our local primary schools finally had a chance to come and see Yass High and participate in some taster lessons. The students enjoyed having taster sessions in art, drama, food technology, science, agriculture and careers.



Welcome by Mrs Flynn, 2021 Year 7 Year Advisor



Visual Arts with Miss Watson



Drama in the hall with Miss Moss





Science with Mr Anderson (and George the Diamond Python) and Athena, everyone's favourite dog



The Ag farm with Ms Slowiak



Careers and goal setting with Mrs Wykes



Decorating cupcakes with Mrs Southwell in Food Technology

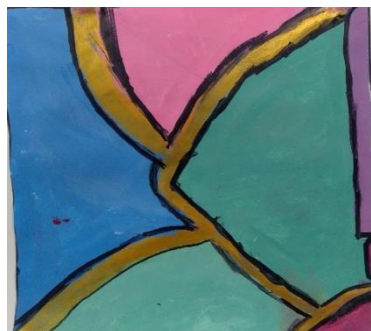






## Year 7 Art

Year 7 have been exploring how nature can be an inspiration for the development of an artwork. They produced a land art work reflecting the practice of English artist Goldsworthy, and a range of drawings and paintings. Students have taken their observations and simplified the images with a viewfinder to create a colourful design. They used the elements and principles of design to balance their use of shape, line and colour. Solving creative problems and thinking critically are skills that underpin the Visual Arts.





## Year 8 Art

The ordinary to the extraordinary

Year 8 have developed a range of sculptures exploring the practice of artists and how the world can be used as an inspiration to create artworks. They focused on the Pop Art movement looking at famous artworks by Lichtenstein and how materials can contribute to the audience's understanding of meaning.



## Show Team

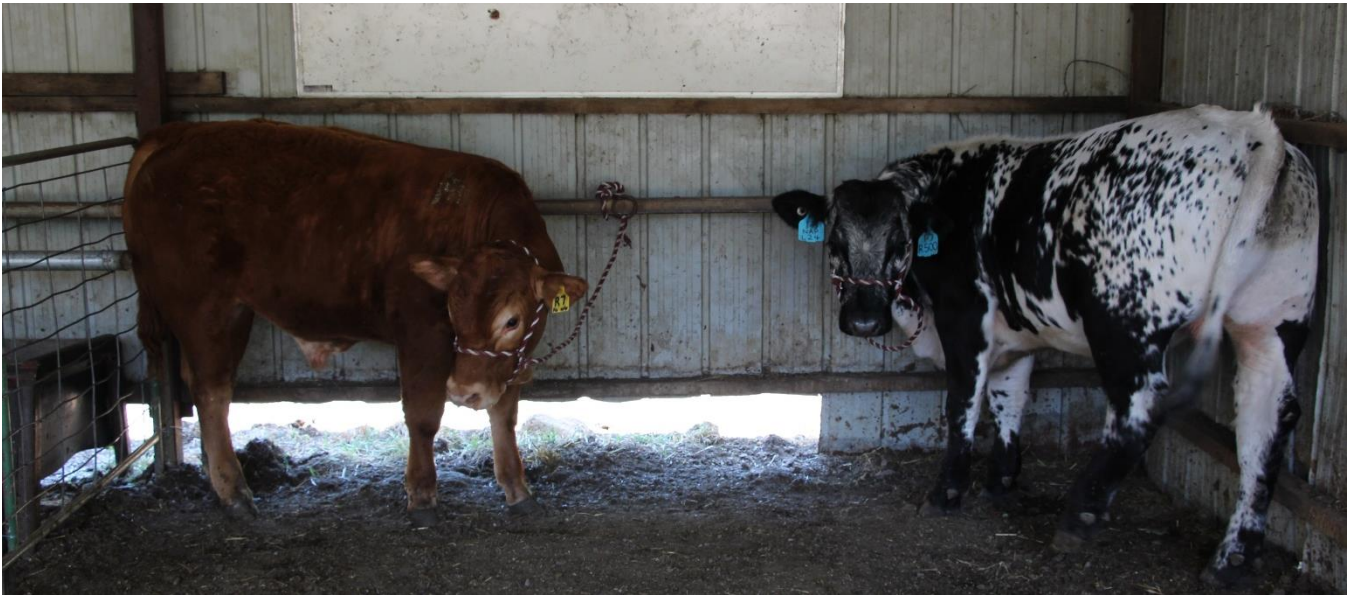
The news is in, Canberra Royal and the South Coast Steer Extravaganza are both confirmed for early 2021 and the steers are all settled in. Although there will be no spectators expected at either event the cattle competitions have been confirmed and after a long absence from the show circuit there is excitement in the air.



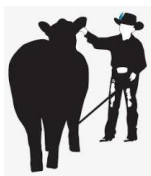
The last steer has come in at school and is a school owned and bred animal. He is a black Limousin cross Murray Grey by the name of Heracles. He is out of the Hera who was also bred by at school and goes back to our foundation cow Mini. He was born at school but spent the last 12 months at Newton-Wood farms thanks to the generous patronage of Glyn and Ann Williams.







The Team has been working hard breaking them to lead and the steers have been travelling well. The 9/10 Ag class weigh the steers each Friday and they are averaging just over 1 kg a day in gain. Washing and clipping has also just started and was used as a demonstration for the visiting Year 6 students for Orientation Day.



Striking a pose  
Show Team





## Out on the Farm

It has been a hectic time on the farm. The Primary Industries class has been working hard on a new paddock improvement plan which has seen students spraying and ploughing all of the paddocks at the bottom farm in preparation to plant a new forage brassica. This is a part of a longer-term plan to control weeds and get back to improved pastures after the drought.



The lambs have also been marked with most of the ram lambs making the grade so far. They have been moved to agistment on the edge of town whilst the paddocks undergo renovations. The heaviest of the lambs have already tipped the scales at 45 kg at only 3 months. The autumn ewes are also being prepared for joining for lambs in April/May next year.

The junior Ag classes have been busy maintaining their vegetable gardens weeding and mulching in preparation for the warm summer.





9/10 Ag have been busy all over the farm working in the gardens maintaining the tomato bed and undertaking a major clean up for the end of the year. This will set up next year's Year 10 class to work on marketing of the vegetables from the farm and hopefully producing some YHS Passata.



The 11 Ag class have nearly finished their product study and will immediately start the planning and implementation of their corn plant density trial. This has already been started with 11 PI using the tractor to prepare the bed using compost collected from the Show Teams steers.



Counting down but not slowing down  
Agriculture Department

## Lise Meitner – Stem Building Super Scientist

One of the rooms in the wonderful new STEM building is named after an amazing scientists, Professor Lise Meitner.

Lise was born in Austria in 1878. She played a major role in one of the most momentous events of 20<sup>th</sup> Century physics – the discovery of nuclear fission. Fission occurs when a sub atomic particle called a neutron is slammed into an atom forcing the atom's nucleus to split and releasing an enormous amount of energy. She spent her life investigating radioactivity and isotopes. She managed to do all this research and work full time as a professor teaching physics at the University of Berlin.



In 1917 she discovered the radioactive element protactinium (Pa). She wrote many research papers on her findings but most scientific journals would not publish her work because she was a woman. To overcome this problem she decided to publish her research under the name L Meitner, this allowed her to get her research published. She was offered a position with the Manhattan project in 1942, to develop the first atomic bomb but refused to accept the position because she knew how destructive the invention of the bomb would be to humanity. She believed nuclear energy should only be used for peaceful purposes.

She was nominated for a Nobel Prize in Physics 29 times and a Nobel Prize in Chemistry 19 times but was never awarded a Nobel Prize for her outstanding achievements. A radioactive element was discovered in Germany in 1982 and it was decided to name it Meitnerium (Mt) in recognition of her research.

Yass High School is very proud to name a STEM learning space after her in recognition of her role in our understanding of physics and nuclear fission.



## Structured Workplace Learning Program

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 2020:

B & V Engineering
BMW Concreting
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ET & JA Gruber Fencing
Hogno Plumbing
JB's Auto Electrical Service
Luff Motors Pty Limited
Matt Barnes - ANU Recording Studios
Murrumbateman Rural Supplies (CRT)
Statement Landscapes
Yass Fencing & Fabrication Curly and Crow

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)**



## Students of the Fortnight

Isabella Frean



Exceptional achievement in  
Semester 2 Science  
Examination

Ruby Froelich-Chapman



Outstanding work in Food  
Technology

Isabelle Lloyd



Consistent application and  
focused effort in both Drama  
and Visual Arts

Ellen McCrudden



Improved responsibility  
towards learning in  
Mathematics



Kitty Duncan



Thoughtful and empathic  
discussion during the Sydney  
Jewish Museum project

Tahlia Pothan



Consistent hard work and  
effort in SLR and positive  
application in PDHPE

Tahlia Diamond



Writing an excellent essay  
response for her English  
assessment this semester

Kurt Marshall



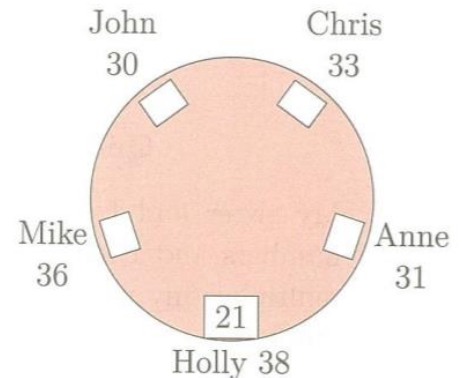
Determination and effort

## Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

### Stage 4:

John, Chris, Anne, Holly and Mike are seated around a round table, each with a card with a number on it in front of them.

Each person can see the numbers in front of their two neighbours. Each person calls out the sum of the two numbers in front of their neighbours. John says 30, Chris says 33, Anne says 31, Holly says 38 and Mike says 36. Holly has the number 21 in front of her. What number does Anne have in front of her?



### Stage 5:

In my dance class, 14 students are taller than Bob, and 12 are shorter than Alice. Four students are both shorter than Alice and taller than Bob. How many students are in my dance class?



## NEW YEAR NEW JOB?

Are you looking for a fresh start in 2021? Do you want to work for a family owned company that empowers and encourages its staff?

In 2021 Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW. At Joss we value our diverse and committed workforce and we are regularly recruiting for cleaning positions across NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on [careers@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:careers@jossgroup.com.au)



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## Coming Events

Date	Event
Tuesday 8 December	Year 9 & 10 King Pin excursion
Wednesday 9 December	Extra transition small schools 2pm
Wednesday 9 December	Celebration Assembly (Students Only)
Thursday 10 December	Celebration Assembly (Students Only)
Thursday 10 December	MC Transition Pd 1 & 2
Wednesday 16 December	Last day of school for all students
Saturday 9 January	Uniform Shop Open 9 – 1pm
Saturday 16 January	Uniform Shop Open 9 – 1pm
Monday 25 January	Uniform Shop Open 9 – 1pm
Wednesday 27 January	Staff Development Day
Thursday 28 January	Staff Development Day
Friday 29 January	Years 7, 11 and 12 return to school
Monday 1 February	All students return to school
Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 February	Year 7 Camp
Tuesday 23 February	School Photos