



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

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RETURN

From the Principal

Term 2 is shaping up to be a time of change and reflection. We began as we ended Term 1 with *Learning From Home* for the vast majority of our students. We then moved into a *Managed Return to School* plan of 4 phases of which we completed only one in two weeks (although we were able to increase the attendance of our senior students in this time).

We are now preparing for the **return of all students to school full-time from Monday 25th May**...an incredible amount of change within 4-5 weeks!

The NSW Department of Education yesterday released information for families to support the return to full-time, on-site teaching and learning from next Monday. This can be found on the school website and parent portal. Key points are:

- Schools are safe and **students do not need to physically distance** from one another, although we will continue to promote **good hygiene** practices;
- Additional cleaning will continue
- Non-essential adult presence is not permitted
- Canteen will be fully operational
- Uniform shop is able to open (P&C will provide an update)
- School assemblies, excursions and incursions are not permitted
- Work experience is not resuming yet
- VET work placement (Year 12) can resume from 1 June 2020
- Work placement (Years 10 and 11) can resume from Term 3
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can resume once workplaces are operating again

21 May 2020

Attendance guidelines are:

- All students should be at school unless they have an **ongoing medical condition** (medical certificate is required) or they are **currently unwell** (please do not send sick children to school)
- Parents/carers of students who are unwell at school will be called to collect their child from school – please make sure your contact details are correct and up to date
- Students who are well but live with a **family member who is at risk** (as per the AHPPC categories) should be at school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise (medical certificate or letter is required)
- Students who are absent without a medical reason for more than three days will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

I thank parents and carers for managing to support and structure this learning time with your children, allowing teachers to create, deliver and guide their students from a distance. I especially thank our dedicated staff of teachers, support and administration staff in meeting the various challenges and just getting the job done!

This has been no mean feat. All our school structures and processes are built around teachers, students and staff being in the one place at the one time. The level of creativity and rapid upskilling that has been required by everyone in our school community should be a source of great pride for us all.



Captains Corner

Hey everyone! Hope you're all jumping to get back to school in these coming weeks 😊 It has certainly been a strange time but we're sure you've been able to make the most of it.

A few tips for study at home (they may not be needed soon, but they're good habits anyway)

1. Exercise! Even if it's just a walk around the block, getting going will help you to handle life at home with your fam.
2. Find a distraction free and uncluttered study space, in your room, in the study, even outside If that is what it takes.
3. Write down your tasks the night before, so that you have a clear head and can get them done with maximum efficiency
4. Make time for yourself (family and friends aside), read, dance, kick a ball, run, listen to your killer soundtrack whatever it is that relaxes you.
5. Morning Routine! I know you hate it but even if it starts at 10, just kick start your day with some killer breakfast and STAY AWAY FROM YOUR PHONE FOR A BIT. And try to wake up at the same time everyday
6. Don't work in bed, if you cannot resist it because let's face it, we're not going to get this chance again, than change it up every now and then and make sure you ssttretch!!
7. Set periods to check your phone, don't have it sitting next to you tempting distraction.
8. You may be getting more work done without your chatty friends but it's important to stay social.
9. Have set time for school and pack up shop after that and chill with your fam or pets.
10. Learn a new skill.
11. Check out the stars next time you can - they have been fab

You absolutely don't have to do all of these and you may already do some, but hopefully you can make use of 1 or 2. Shout out anytime if you need a hand, we are always at your service.

And hey teachers and staff if you're reading this, you are awesome! And despite our attitude sometimes, we really do appreciate you.

Your Captains in isolation.

Yass High Show Team

Yass High School has had a spectacular win at the South Coast Beef School Steer Competition after their two steers, Stubb and Tank, won the Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons on the hoof, and then received Reserve Champion with a Gold Medal and a Bronze Medal on hook in a first-time live streaming of the hoof judging from Nowra. Stubb then went on to win the aggregate overall Grand Champion based on live and carcass results. Stubb received a total of 176 points out of a possible 180.



The live judging and presentation of carcass awards has allowed all students and teachers to see their animal being judged from their own homes. The videos were streamed on Facebook and links were made available to students through Google Classroom.

The South Coast Beef School Steer Competition had thirteen schools enter 26 steers, including steers from the Southern Tablelands, Southern Highlands, South Coast and Queanbeyan districts.

The steers began the process of being broken in at the school by the students, but due to the Covid-19 crisis, this was not completed. However, they had both been worked on leads in the yards and Tank had progressed to being washed. To complete the preparation of the steers, senior students gave the steers a single wash two days before transport to Milton Meats.

The two steers are both Square Meaters bred by Su McCluskey, of Cluskers Stud at the Mullion, who we have developed a strong relationship with over the years.

They came to us in forward condition after being selected from a group of 8 steers that were of suitable age and weight. The steers have been fed on a grain mix based on oats, barley and lupins which is prepared by Evan Fryer, of Fryers Feeds in Wantabadgery NSW.



The steers were on feed for a total of 90 days including a 21-day introduction period. During this period, the pair gained a total 205 kg together for a combined average daily gain of 2.27 kg.

This competition is a valuable experience for students at Yass High School, providing them with a practical application of, and feedback on, aspects of their studies. This promotes interest and encourages them to pursue this in a career in the future.

It is fantastic that the South Coast Beef Producers Association persevered in running this competition for our students, even in these difficult times. It enables the students to more easily transition back to face to face learning when the time comes and means that they have been able to stay in touch with their agriculture studies. We have already selected our steers for the next round of competitions which we hope will be able to return to normal later in the year.




Math's During Remote Learning

During our remote learning phase students in Years 7 to 10 have been introduced to an amazing free resource called Khan Academy. This website allows students to log in with their NSW DoE email address and password. Students then have a wide world of self-directed learning open to them.

Some of our students have enjoyed learning at their own pace – something they have been able to do in this format – and gained confidence in their math's skills, and they have then accelerated their learning. Additionally, having access to lessons on computer programming and computer animation has given many students a new found love not only of learning but a taste of a career that has economic resilience through different world events. Their teacher has also been able to see what they are exploring and support them with their learning by making suggestions and recommending alternative activities.

Overviews of Pixar in a Box for students and teachers.

Start here

-  Overview of Pixar in a box
-  Educator's guide
-  Pixar in a Box Lesson Finder



Years 11 & 12 have also been given a great opportunity to access a wonderful and relatively costly online learning platform for free! Edrolo is a website which has the NSW syllabuses broken down into lesson by lesson videos which have guided worked examples and 'check -in' progress quizzes along with topic tests all aligned to the HSC exams that the students will be sitting in just under 6 months' time.

There has been a lot come out of the past 8 weeks for both students and staff. I know my computing skills have climbed exponentially and those students who have also engaged with computer technology have also started to develop the skills which are clearly needed for Australia to succeed as a nation in the 21st century.

Agriculture Department

The farm has been busier than ever so far this year with the rain giving some stark relief from the drought. This has allowed for oats to be sown at the Flat Rock Farm site. The changed learning format has not changed the jobs needing to be done whilst the students have been away.



The 9/10 class had started to work with the school's White Suffolk stud at Flat Rock, classing the ewe lambs for last year for replacements and planning for the artificial insemination program to happen in the last week of term. This was then carried out by experienced technician John Hall of Yass Livestock Breeding Services who has been working with us for over 10 years. This year instead of the students assisting and participating we had to rely on the muscles of some of our more adventurous staff and so thanks go to Mr. Roberts, Mr. Harding and of course Mr. Anderson.



The autumn break was most welcomed by the lambing ewes who have lambed very successfully at the lower farm onto fresh pastures. We have 11 lambs from 8 ewes with only 1 ewe dragging the chain so to speak. The aim is for these lambs to be exhibited at the Illabo Lamb Hoof and Hook event in October if it goes ahead.





Before the holidays 9/10 Agriculture had also journeyed all the way to Dubbo to participate in a learning day and collect 7 merino wethers to compete in the 2020 School Wether Challenge. They have now settled in at school and are growing well. Now that classes are slowly starting to return, Year 8 have taken the opportunity to revive the vegetable gardens that were abruptly abandoned at the end of last term.

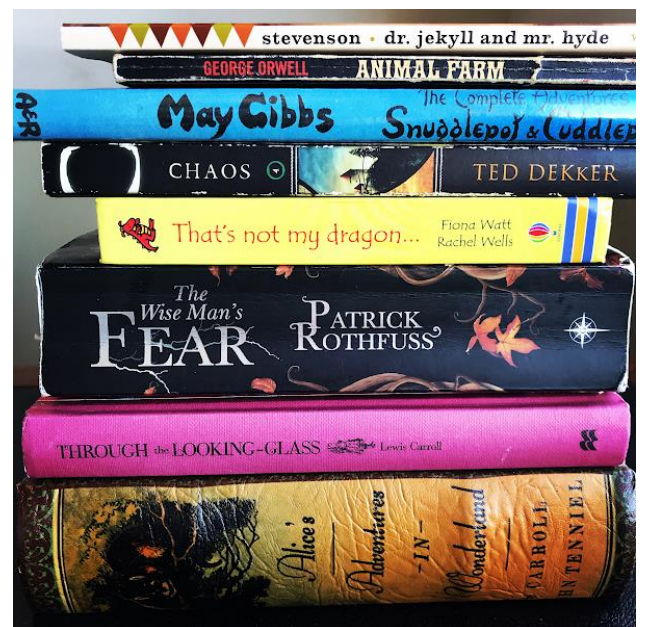
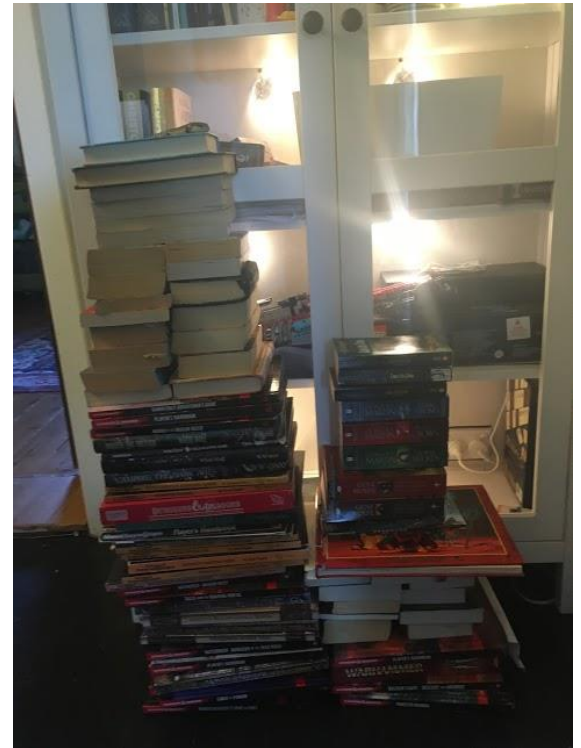
We look forward to having classes back.

Flat out farming,
Agriculture Department.



Year 8 Fantasy Stack

This week my year 8 class is doing a "Fantasy Stack" challenge, where students need to search their houses for all the fantasy books they can find and then count them, stack them and take a picture. They then upload it to our classroom captioned by the opening line(s) from one of them Here are some of them that have been uploaded so far.



Sport Information

At the moment we are giving students their codes for the Premier Sporting Challenge.

The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) encourages all students in public schools to be more active more often by increasing their participation in sport and physical activity.

If you would like more information go to:

<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/psc>



Push Up Challenge



We have a small number of teachers and the PASS classes doing the Push Up Challenge.

The Push-Up Challenge is raising money to support **headspace, National Youth Mental Health Organisation**, an organisation working to strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of young Australians.

The Push-Up Challenge started in 2018 and aims to raise awareness of mental health in Australia. This year, The Push-Up Challenge highlights the devastating number of Australian lives lost to suicide in 2018.

3,046 push-ups for 3,046 lives lost to suicide

Take on The Push-Up Challenge to help make a real difference to millions of young people living with mental health challenges. If you would like to donate please go to the following website.

<https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/team/16092-yass-high>

Unfortunately, the tracker is not working at the moment but currently the staff teams would already be over 1000 push-ups.

YHS Year Advisor Profiles

In each InTouch a small insight will be given into a particular Year Advisor, what they do, and how they help our students at YHS.

Fiona Wykes - Year Eleven Year Advisor

This is my 4th year as the Careers Advisor at Yass High and before that I was the Art teacher and Head Teacher Teaching and Learning for many years. I feel like I've taught Visual Arts to most of the students/adults that live in Yass!



I've also been a Year Adviser 4 times in the past and picked up the Year Adviser job for Year 11 2020 when Ms Broadhead went on maternity leave. As of Term 2 I will be sharing the role with the very caring and able Ms Panton, who has come back from maternity leave to start work again part-time.

I'm really looking forward to supporting the HSC year of 2021 and helping them to achieve their goals and dreams.

Y Tally:

Congratulations to the following students receiving the most Y's for the fortnight – collect your canteen voucher from the font office!

Year 7: Isabella Frean

Year 8: Lachlan Leister

Year 9: Abdullah Rubbani

Year 10: Chelsea Shannon & Jasmine Smylie

Year 11: William Wijaya

Year 12 Ben Thornely & Cate Wells

Year 10 Subject Selection Day

YR 10 into Yr11/12 Subject Selection Information Session for 2021

FRIDAY 22nd May 2020 Week 4 at Yass High School

9am start

Year 10 are invited to attend Subject Selection Information Sessions – including NESAs HSC requirements, faculty subjects and career pathways advice, course guide hand outs and student panel Q&A to prepare for subject selection preference interviews in Week 6

Virtual Parent Information Session will be communicated in Week 5

All students in Year 10 are encouraged to attend this day so they can make informed subject selection choices based on career/job aspirations to enable their successful transition from school to work or further education



**BACK TO SCHOOL
WINTER UNIFORMS**

**Do you need assistance in getting
winter uniforms for school?**

**If yes, please contact Gugan
Gulwan on 6296 8900 and ask to
speak to Karla or Malcolm.**

 **Gugan Gulwan
Youth Aboriginal
Corporation** 

Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

Stage 4:

The diagram shows a large rectangle which has been divided into six smaller rectangles. Four of the smaller rectangles have perimeters of 10, 12, 14 and 16 centimeters, as shown by the numbers inside them.

10	
12	16
14	

If the sides of the rectangles are whole numbers, what is the smallest possible perimeter, in centimeters, of the large rectangle

Stage 5:

A four-digit number $abcd$ is called *cool* if a is divisible by 4, the two-digit number ab is divisible by 5, the three-digit number abc is divisible by 6 and $abcd$ is divisible by 7. How many cool numbers are there where 8 is not one of those digits?

Survey

Yass Valley Council is preparing an application for NSW Government's Youth Opportunities funds to employ a Youth Development Officer. As part of the application they are conducting a survey for residents of Yass Valley between the ages of 12 & 25.

This is an important opportunity for our students to contribute their ideas to a community service that may be of benefit to them.

The information is here: <https://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/our-council/news/article/696>

And the survey is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yassvalleyyouthsurvey>



CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional 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.

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Permanent Part-Time Position
(18-20 Hours per week)



4. Casual Educators-
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