



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Linda Langton

Deputy Principals: Andrew Facer & Ruth Riach

Message from the Senior Executive

As the term and first semester draw to a close, we reflect on the many challenges that have faced education across the state, our local community and Yass High so far this year. From the horrific bushfires over the Christmas holidays and into the early parts of Term 1 which closed many schools across the state, through to our period of remote learning due to COVID-19, then our phased return to school, and finally a full return with many modifications to our normal processes such as timetables, sport structure, parent information evenings and celebrations assemblies...all in two terms! As a school and community, we have adjusted our practices, supported each other and at all times held the best interests of our young people at the centre of what we do. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The amazing work of our teachers and support staff needs to be acknowledged. Teachers totally re-imaged their practice at the end of Term 1 within a period of 2 days to deliver learning from home to their students. Support staff ensured that resources were made available and access to technology was provided where needed. The online and personal contacts between the school and our families ensured all students were still “known, valued and cared for”. As a result, students have successfully transitioned back to school with a greater sense of their strengths and proven resilience.



Despite the NSW Department of Education extending the time for reporting on students to midway through Term 3, all students at Yass High School have been issued with their school photos and semester reports in this last week of term. Years 11 and 12 also receiving their Effort, Academic and Principal Awards, and students in Years 7-10 will receive their Awards at the start of Term 3. The reports and awards reflect the professional dedication of our teachers and highlight the outstanding success of our students in their learning environments (online and face-to-face). They contain many suggestions to ensure students can reflect on their efforts and set personal goals to further improve as individual learners into the future.

I would like to remind students and parents of the uniform expectations of the school. This is clearly outlined in the NSW Department of Education's Behaviour Code for students which states that "students are expected to comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code". As this is the last semester of the uniform transition period, we encourage you to review your uniform and replace items as needed. Thank you to the majority of our student body wear the uniform with pride every day. We ask everyone to use these holidays to resolve any uniform issues by purchasing additional items to replace those that have been outgrown or lost. Orders can be placed online through the P&C uniform shop.

The uniform does make a significant difference to our students' sense of belonging and identity with the school. Wearing the uniform places students in a learning mindset in a similar way that a work uniform does in a workplace. Additionally, students wearing the school uniform assist with school security and student safety in a very open school site, allowing for easy identification of intruders to the school. Students wearing the school uniform projects an image of our school into our community which can have significant benefits for all. The stronger the image of the school in the community, the more likely employers are to offer opportunities to our young adults in casual employment, work experience and placements, and permanent employment post-schooling.

It has been a busy year. We wish everyone a safe, restful holiday period that hopefully allows you to regain energy and motivation for Term 3 which starts for students on Tuesday 21st July.

Andrew Facer
Deputy Principal

Ruth Riach
Deputy Principal

Linda Langton
Principal

Captains Corner

Hey everyone!! Welcome to the last Captain's Corner for Term 2. This past term certainly has whizzed past, but we are definitely ready and excited for the holidays. Over the past few weeks, most senior and some junior classes have had the opportunity to use the new STEM building. There is a heap of cool new learning spaces for us to use and enjoy, including a brand-new science lab!

A friendly reminder that the SRC are still collecting second-hand jumpers and jackets for their Jumpers for July initiative. There are various drop bins located around the school including the IL space and PE staffroom, so please clean out your wardrobes and help others in need this winter.

This week's teacher of the week is Miss Rajchert. From teaching classes, assisting seniors with NESA problems, managing the study areas and organising books, she is constantly working hard to ensure everything in the library is running smoothly. Thank you, Miss Rajchert!



What's happening in English

The music of poetry, that's what.

Below is other example of our fine poetic talent here at Yass High School. Enjoy this heartfelt poem:

"The Love Poem" by Ella-Rose Bywater Yr 7

Love is gold and cherishable too, believe it or not but it will happen for you.

No matter the looks, no matter the size, but you will feel the spark when you look in their eyes.

Here is a story, warm and true, about love and memories but heartbreak too.

There once was a girl, who was kind and thoughtful, Who met her match at nine in primary school.

He was lovely and generous, and shared the same sense of humour, They knew from the start, HE was her knight in shining armour.

Happy days filled their lives together, it was clear that they were deep in love, everything was perfect when he held her hand, the universe was smiling from above.

He sent love poems in the mail, when she read them, she smiled a warm smile, every night she dreamt of a white dress and walking down the aisle.

But later he found he was moving states! Her heart instantly shattered, but they hoped desperately they could be faraway mates.

As months bled into years, now adults they are, Not in contact but still in heart, thinking of one another from afar.

Not every story has a happy ending, but luckily this isn't the end! Both single with kids, just looking for a friend,

She has two older girls and he has a young boy, her eldest has a school excursion to the other state, Her mother decides to come, to meet up with her special mate.

She stayed at a hotel the night, and met up with him the next day, Being in his presence, she remembered why she stayed.

After coming home from the excursion, and their mums "love at first sight", They remained in contact this time, and called each other every night.

Nothing official at all, that he is just her friend, But their mum could not stop talking about how she just wanted to once again hold his hand.

Wouldn't want to keep any secrets, but it's very hard not to tell the other, Something so important, like still being in love with each other.

One night they talked for four hours, and confessed their love on the phone, But then later they realised, "living in separate states isn't home!"

With them being crazy in love, and deciding to move in together straight away, Their kids have talked on the phone a lot, and with joy they said okay!

With his boy finally having a mum, and her girls finally having a dad, Jumping with excitement feeling ever so glad!

They had their happy family they always dreamed of, with great schooling and great friends, The love surrounding them all will DEFINITELY never have an end.

What I have shared with you today is not only warm, but it is true, Believe it or not but I'm in the story too!!

Remember the eldest daughter with the excursion? Yes, that is me, the daughter of two love birds, horrible, but its sweet!

Because love is gold and cherishable too, Believe it or not but it WILL happen for you!!

English Challenge

Of course, there has been a lot of wonderful poetry written by our students this term. We will leave you with one more composed by one of our students during what was a beautiful autumn here in Yass. Inspired by this poem, the English challenge for the holidays is to compose a poem about winter. Please submit your entries to Mr Grose by Week 2 next term.

Autumn breeze

Winter's breath is twirling gently
And summer's eye is looking down
The sheep on yonder hill do feed
As the shepherd wanders the grounds

Unordered rows of golden crowns are dancing
Their simplicity a welcome picture
The bees from flower to flower are prancing
They cannot decide from the mixture

Would they choose the tantalizing polyanthus
Or the cyclamen, a graceful prize
Maybe the lupin will steal their hearts climbing with elegant fuss
But close companion, snapdragon is most worthy I surmise

Oh, if the sun's arms could but settle around me
Pulling in close and forgetting me there
To dance among the sunbeams,
Even the gentle pixies would stare

Oh, pastoral lands give up your earthen secrets
And bear to me Ruth's field and David's sling
Only a drop of the wind could leave me breathless
Never more to hope and never more to sing

But you've given me a glimpse of great
And tis not for me to be unsatisfied



Down on the Farm

Much has happened on the farm since our last article. Sheep have been shifting paddocks with the main ewe flock now in the Ron Davis paddocks at school after spending some time at Principal Langton's property. The ewes and lambs at the Flat Rock farm are now grazing all of the oats paddocks as the lambs that were so small at the start of term are now over 30 kg.



Years 7 and 8 Ag classes have been looking at animal welfare requirements as they come to the end of their rotation in agriculture and are now able to buy their baby chickens from the farm.





9/10 Agriculture have been busy working with both sheep and cattle lately including weighing the lambs and also taking a class trip out to Newton Wood farm run by Mr and Mrs Williams of Murrumbateman who kindly adjust our senior cow herd for free. We were there to assess our calves from Coco, Boomer, Breeze and Hera as well as to select one of the Newton Wood steers to come to school for Show Team to work with.



Year 11 Primary Industries have started fencing and taken this opportunity to start some much-needed repairs to some of our fences such as restraining and repairing broken wires as well as marking the young lambs at Flat Rock Farm.

Herding to holidays,
Agriculture Department

What's happening in Textiles?

This semester Years 7 and 8 have been really busy making very cool things. After we came back from isolation Year 7s learnt to do a variety of hand embroidery stitches. Straight stitch, back stitch, chain stitch, French knots and couching were some of the things they practiced on a felt booklet.

They then designed a cover for a felt earbud case and stitched their picture in coloured thread. The things they learnt will be useful to them in life too. When clothes come apart or buttons fall off they will know how to sew them up. The student's hand stitched a zipper on the back of their case and blanket stitched the sides together.



Year 8 learnt to sew and decorate fabric and how to sew a led light on and link it to a battery in a battery holder. They used aluminium thread to make the circuit and used the led lights in a variety of applications. Some were lights on a truck and some lights of the sun.

The theme of their cushion was their relationship with the environment After they finished the cushions, they completed pencil cases, soft toys and earbud cases as well. All the Year 7 and Year 8 students are to be congratulated on doing a wonderful job especially after the disruption of COVID.



Year 11 Celebration Assembly Friday 26th June

Year 11 received their reports and awards at their Celebration Assembly. They are to be commended for their resilience and ability to overcome adversity in Semester 1 during the pandemic, while still being able to engage successfully in their learning with the support of family, friends, teachers and the school community.

The following students received a Principal's Award of Excellence or a School Award. The fact that so many of the Year 11 cohort achieved these awards is a testament to their endurance and growth into fine young people. Congratulations to ALL Year 11.

Principals Award of Excellence

Mikaela Allen	Thomas Bell	Chrissie Davis
Keegan Doyle	Bridgette Edwards	Emily Fitzgibbons
Jacob Garner	Lia Gaspari	Elizabeth Gray-Bastock
Corinne Green	Max Hansson	Nicholas Hinds
Heidi Hough	Claire Howlett	Maeve Hughes
Callum Ironside	Mia Jephcott	Kaitlin Luff
Kaila Lymbery	Jared Nash	Darcie O'Sullivan
Ronin Packham	Samantha Pascoe	Tahlia Pothan
Reuben Robinson	Amber Rousell	Samantha Sarah
Mitchell Starr	Aimee Vitler	Stacey Whyte
Zoe Wright		

School Award

Jaime Burgess	Cara Coates	Emily Fuller
Calvin Morgan	Ryan Prins	Jorja Rawson
Shannah Seddon	Joshua Vale	Hayden Vaughan
William Wijaya	Tori Wilson	

A video of the assembly is being edited and will be available for parent/carer viewing very soon!

Fiona Wykes
Careers Teacher
Year 11 Adviser

Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the InTouch survey. If you haven't completed our survey yet please take a moment to do so.

As you would be aware, InTouch has been both an emailed digital publication, as well as a printed one. As we move back into more regular operation here at school, we would like your opinions on InTouch, and the way in which it is delivered to you. There is a very quick survey on the link below, please tell us what you think, and if you would rather printed or digital version.

Thank you!

[InTouch survey](#)

Coming Events

With no upcoming events happening due to restrictions this term we are hoping to have our Coming Events page back up and running as soon as is possible.

Reading Comprehension program

Congratulations to Holly Regan and Tashi Phillips who have won rewards for hitting the target in the Reading Comprehension program. Year 7 and 8 are all in the running for some great prizes, and many students are getting very close to achieving the first round of prizes, despite the disruption caused by COVID. Keep up the great work!

Kate Vale

Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

Stage 4:

A rectangular area measuring 3 units by 4 units on a wall is to be covered with 6 tiles each measuring 1 unit by 2 units. In how many ways can this be done?

Stage 5:

A courier company has motorbikes which can travel 300k starting with a full tank. Two couriers, Anna and Brian, set off from the depot together to deliver a letter to Connor's house. The only refueling is when they stop for Anna to transfer some fuel from her tank to Brian's tank. She then returns to the depot while Brian keeps going, delivers the letter and returns to the depot. What is the greatest distance that Connor's house could be from the depot?

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.

Sanae Panton – Year 11 Year Advisor

I've been teaching at Yass High School since August 2013, so coming up to seven years now. I've also been teaching in general for almost seven years.

Yass High School was the first job I got when I finished university in Newcastle, and I guess you could say I have made my home here now. I came with a suitcase of clothes, thinking I would only be here till the end of that year, and here I am nearly seven years later, with a house, a husband and a one year old. Yass has been very good to me.



I have been loving my time as Year Advisor to the current Year 11s. It made me really sad to miss a year of their journey while I was on maternity leave, but I'm really pumped to be now working alongside Ms Wykes to bring this amazing year group through to a successful end of Year 12 next year!

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:	Domonic Owen
Year 8:	Liam Barlow
Year 9:	Abdullah Rubani
Year 10:	Trent Robinson
Year 11:	Heath Buffington
Year 12	Dylan Huey