



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

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Year 12- From their Year Advisor

It is with a tinge of sadness but also a huge sigh of relief that we can safely say Year 12 have nearly made it to the end of their schooling journey at Yass High School. The last weeks have been busy ensuring that plans are in place so that the students have fond memories of their final weeks of school.



As Year Advisor to this delightful group, I can reflect fondly on the wonderful memories I have shared with them since they began their journey in Year 7. We truly have had some fun times and special moments. Those moments for me include our rewards excursions at various venues throughout their junior years, our numerous trips to Jamberoo and our Year 10 camp at Jindabyne. We have also had some special moments in our senior years including Pink Day Celebrations; our Year 11 luncheon; our successful fundraising at the swimming carnival and all the laughs in senior study.

For me though the stand out memory with this wonderful group was our organisation of the school fete when the group was in Year 9. This was a huge success and highlighted all of the individual talents and leadership skills amongst so many of the students.



This week we are pre-recording our celebration assembly for the school to watch on a recorded stream which will also include some live stream speeches and a final roll call. Last day for Year 12 will be Friday of Week One and will begin with the traditional Year 12 breakfast followed by the celebration assembly and then the annual students v teachers touch match.



Enjoy your last weeks at Yass High School Year 12, it has been an absolute honour to be your Year Advisor and I am excited about the next few weeks of activities that are ahead. Oh, and last but most importantly, hopefully somewhere in there, study is happening at a consistent rate to ensure success in your upcoming exams.

Ms Baines

Captains Corner

Well this is it; this is the end. Who would have thought, walking into Kindergarten 13 years ago, that we would be here today, graduating Year 12 and saying goodbye. It's been a heck of a ride, but we wouldn't change it for the world. Well, actually for the world we might... but we've built life time friends and memories that we will never forget. As we all head off on different paths, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank every single teacher and staff member at Yass High. You have all made our time at high school incredible and everyone of you has played a part in our journey to this day. On the up hills you waited at the top with cake and on the down you waited at the bottom with cake. And we LOVE cake. So thank you peeps. You've suffered through all our awkward interventions and for that alone we show our gratitude. Keep it quirky, keep it real. Don't miss us too much.

We've been saving this one up.... This week's teacher of the week (more like year) is our year advisor Ms Baines! Where do we even start? Bainesy has been with us the whole way along this journey through high school. She has been there since day 1 and has stuck by our side through it all. We were nothing but trouble in our junior years, constantly giving her grey hairs. Yet somehow, she stayed with us, paving every step of the way. Bainsey has shaped the Year 12 cohort into the wonderful group of adults we are today and not a single one of us would have made it through without her. She is a mother to Year 12 and has always gone the extra mile to ensure we are safe and happy. Without her, our lives at school would have been so drab; she has organised a bunch of fun activities for us including the Year 9 fete, Year 10 camp and she is currently working really hard organizing our Year 12 formal, which we hope can go ahead. Thank you just isn't enough to express how incredibly grateful we are to have had her by our side through thin and thinner for the past 6 years and we are definitely going to miss seeing her smiling face every day.

2020 has certainly been a mess and without her Year 12 would not have made it through. Thank you Ms Baines!!! WE LOVE YOU!!!



2020 school captains over... and out!

Down on the Farm

Down in the Ag Farm we are patiently waiting for our second lot of ewes to start lambing, but we did have one ewe jump the gun and has given birth to a beautiful but rather large ram. Not bad work for her first baby. The rest will hopefully start lambing soon.

In the meantime, the cleanup of the Ag Farm continues and all the school's Agriculture classes have been helping to move the vast amount of surplus material to the other half of the Ag Farm as well as carting the cut up wood from two trees that were felled during the last school holidays. We now have plenty of wood stockpiled for the school's pizza oven.



In addition, the Year 8 students packed up the surplus lambing pens and moved a rather large quantity of straw to become mulch on next terms vegetable gardens. Next term, Years 7 & 8 will be busy planting out the school's Ag Farm vegetable gardens with no less than 16 different varieties of tomatoes and other spring vegetables. The tomatoes were raised by this terms Years 7 & 8 Agriculture students in the glasshouse. This was made possible by the recent purchase of a heating source for the glasshouse. This purchase will allow the students at school the opportunity to grow vegetables during winter which we have not been able to do so in the past. Let's hope for a bountiful crop.



Year 7 Nature Study in the Visual Arts

Year 7 are working on their study of nature as a source of inspiration for their artworks.

They used the leaf as the subject matter for their work and added pattern to create interesting and engaging designs.





The world inspires artists to create and comment on their surroundings bringing the conceptual to life in the physical world.

Y Tally:

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

Year 7: Dominic Owen

Year 8: Liam Barlow

Year 9: Hayden Smith

Year 10: Amante Jones-Hope

Year 11: Mitchell Starr

Year 12: Sam Coffey

Show Team

Show team has started with preparations for early 2021 shows. This has meant we now have 3 steers at school.

One has come from Su McClusky of Cluskers Murray Greys and Square Meaters, a longtime supporter of the Show Team. Su bred our recent champion success at the South Coast Show in May and has provided us with hopefully another champion in this steer.



The other two steers are from Ben and Leanne Toll of Toll Cattle in Dubbo. They bred the steer that was the Grand Champion live and on the carcass at Sydney 2019. It is very exciting to be able to partner with Ben and Leanne with these steers. They are a cross between limousin and speckle park cattle that have been specifically aimed at hoof and hook competitions. It was a long trip out on the Friday to pick them up but worthwhile, especially to see the pigs.





In addition to this we have completed replacing the roof on our cattle shed in time for the rain meaning that the cattle will be able to stay dry and cool with the coming summer. It will also be most welcome by students working the cattle next term as we build up to full swing with these new cattle.

In more general farm news, the natural lambs have started with yet another set of triplets arriving. There are now nearly 40 lambs with 7 ewes still to lamb at writing so we are looking at our largest number of lambs for a spring in a long time.



Grinning like winners



Year 8 Study The Great Masters

This term Year 8 are studying the development of Modern Art. Often students ask why do we look at the work of other artists. Isn't art about making art? As artists, we all grow and develop based on what we experience in our lives. Artists have always learnt their trade initially as artisans or apprentices, then in guilds during the Renaissance and later at art schools and in educational settings.

Why I hear you ask? Like all skills art is developed through practice and an understanding of the basics. Our students have been exploring the art practices of artists such as Monet, Van Gogh and Cezanne. Each artist has a unique style that developed as a result of collaborative experiences in their art world and changes in society.



Whether they accept the work of the past and build upon it or reject it and look for new ways to express themselves, artists develop their work based on the what has gone before. It's a little like speaking or writing in that you need to know the language and rules so that you can be understood. Postmodernist theorists question and challenge what we accept as the rules and by understanding the context of when, where and how artists work. Students can challenge the established practices and find their own voice.



Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons and Dragons Club meets each Wednesday lunchtime, and its action packed! Epic battles have been waged, sieges endured and dragons slayed. Great adventurous journeys are underway, but the chances of survival and victory are slim. If you would like to join the brave men and women undertaking these dangerous quests, bring your lunch and come along to Room 6, or see Ms Vale for more info.



Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight Stage 4:

Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage were pioneering researchers into early mechanical computers. They were born 24 years apart.



Ada Lovelace
December 1815–November 1852



Charles Babbage
December 1791–October 1871

To the nearest year, how much longer did Charles Babbage live than Ada Lovelace?

Stage 5:

Consider the *undulating* number sequence

1,4,7,4,1,4,7,4,1,4,.....

Which repeats every 4 terms. The running total of the first 7 terms is 28.

Which of the following is also a running total of this sequence?

Students of the Fortnight

Kianah Waters



*Outstanding results in Science for
her Corrosion Assessment task*

Pearl Fuller



*Excellent work in Visual Arts and
Music*

Annabell Smith



*Consistent effort in English and
improving her skills*

Addie Hinds



*For consistently demonstrating
an outstanding work ethic to
both health and practical lessons
this term*

Mitchell Starr



*All-round excellence in
Manufacturing and
Engineering*

Maddison McKinless-Brown



*Consistent effort in all Maths
lessons*

Cate Wells



*Consistent application and
positivity, before, during and
after trails*

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A FREE WORKSHOP FOR ABORIGINAL FAMILIES

Date: Wednesday September 23

Time: 12pm-3pm

Where: Meet outside Yass Valley Council
Chambers 209 Comur St, Yass

Lunch will be provided
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