



# YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

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## **Congratulations, Jake!**

### **South Coast Representative**

Jake Garner has become the first Yass High student to represent South Coast in Open Boys Football team. Jake played exceptionally well at the recent State championships where South Coast finished 6<sup>th</sup>. His excellent skill and team play was rewarded with him being named South Coast's Players' Player. This is the pinnacle award in team sports and a wonderful achievement that Jake and all of Yass High should be very proud of. Jake was also named in the NSWCHS seconds team which will play in the All-Schools tournament later this term. Congratulations Jake on an outstanding effort and for being a wonder ambassador for our school.



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## Captains Corner

Hey everyone! This fortnight's staff of the fortnight goes to Jo and Hailee. They have been running the Breakfast Club out of their own time to ensure students are able to have breakfast at our school. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, so thank you so much for this!

Joke of the fortnight:

Q: Did you hear about the Mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

A: He'll stop at nothing to avoid them

## Learning Hub 2

Learning Hub 2 have enjoyed learning about timelines in their History classes. Each student researched a topic of interest and produced a power point showing the important dates in history.

Topics included dance, telephones, school uniforms, hairstyles, football teams, gaming consoles and Lego. Mrs Kemp printed out our information and we constructed a large timeline on our back wall to show how our items have changed. Our next topic in History is about the animals that assisted the soldiers in WW1 and WW2.



## Anzac Commemoration Assembly

Following Anzac Day, our HSIE faculty organised our special commemoration assembly so students could pay their respects to our service men and women. With John Cockburn, recent centenarian and RAAF veteran joining as our very special guest, students were led through a range of stories and reflections relating to the centenary of the RAAF and the role and importance of the people of Papua New Guinea in the Kokoda campaign. Treated to a special musical performance by Year 10 music students, this solemn occasion was an opportunity to reflect on service, contribution and sacrifice.



## Entrepreneurial Learning at Yass High School

Over the past two weeks students in Commerce and Business Studies were treated to two special guest speakers talking about their entrepreneurial journeys. Both guests studied Business Studies in their HSC at Yass High School, and graduated in 2014. Sam Czvitkovits (pictured) founder and managing director of Fortem Media, spoke in Week 2 about his journey from studying business at high school, finance at University of Wollongong, and eventually establishing his social media content generation business and expanding to Denver, USA. Nick Whiting (also pictured) started his journey whilst still in school, now owner/operator of Superb Marketing here in Yass, servicing clients across the country. The opportunity to ask questions and hear the hacks and pitfalls of starting and running small and medium enterprises adds so much value to the entrepreneurial learning program here at Yass High School, and provides skills and mindsets for future commercial success among our students.



## State Champion

Lucy O'Sullivan competed in the State Championships at Harden over the weekend representing the Zone 16 Pony Club. The event is a like a triathlon for the horse and rider incorporating the beauty of dressage, the skill of show jumping and the bravery and endurance of cross country.

Lucy and her horse Jackson were leading after a brilliant dressage test, followed by a clear round of show jumping. Their cross country round was clear and within the time allowed which secured first place.

Eventually Lucy and Jackson came away winning the State Title Championship for Under 17 Years B Grade (95cm)!



## Interschools

Keely Owen represented Yass High at Oxley Interschools on Sunday 2nd May. She rode her new young 5 year old Warmblood, Lenny. Keely placed in 6 out of 7 events including showing, dressage and jumping out of a tough field of 16.



## Sports Report

Ryan Prins, Tom Bell, Taylor Doyle and Jake Garner have also been named in the South Coast Open Boys Touch team after strong performances at the South Coast Trials. The boys will travel to Inverell in Week 10 to play in the NSWCHS tournament. Well done boys.

Our open boys touch team are zone champions and will contest the South Coast Final 8 in Milton later this month to earn the right to go through to the Final 20 of the NSWCHS KO competition.



We will have 5 gymnasts attend the South Coast Gymnastic trials in Wollongong later this month. Good luck girls.

Our open boys squash team will travel to Dapto to contest the South Coast Semi Finals/Trials this week. Good luck boys.

## NSWCHS Swimming

We had 18 swimmers represent South Coast at the NSWCHS Swimming Championships last week. All swimmers performed exceptionally well with the majority swimming personal best times in their events. Liana Deery (7<sup>th</sup> 100m Breatstroke), Felicity Shannon (10<sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle) and our 13 years girl relay team of Liana Deery, Lara McClelland, Lucy McClelland and Emma Barlow (10<sup>th</sup>) can all be proud to be NSWCHS finalists.



Other results included:

Liana Deery	13 <sup>th</sup> 100m Fly
Felicity Shannon	11 <sup>th</sup> 400m Free (14sec PB), 13 <sup>th</sup> 100m Back (PB), 11 <sup>th</sup> 200m Free(PB), 15 <sup>th</sup> 50m Free
Kaylee Douven	20 <sup>th</sup> 100m Free(PB), 21 <sup>st</sup> 100m Back(PB), 19 <sup>th</sup> 50m Free (PB)
Riley Gibbs	16 <sup>th</sup> 50m Free, 18 <sup>th</sup> 100m Fly(PB), 18 <sup>th</sup> 100m Free (PB), 23 <sup>rd</sup> 100m Back(PB), 24 <sup>th</sup> 200m Free(PB), 20 <sup>th</sup> 100m Breast (PB)
Lara McClelland	21 <sup>st</sup> 200m Free
Gus Hind	20 <sup>th</sup> 100m Breast
Luke Barlow	21 <sup>st</sup> 100m Back
14 Girls Relay	(Felicity Shannon, Kaylee Douven, Addie Hind and Alivia Kruger) 14 <sup>th</sup>
Girls All Age Relay	(Kaylee Douven, Lara McClelland, Felicity Shannon, Tegan Davis, Bronte Anderson and Chelsae Shannon 14 <sup>th</sup> (7 sec PB)



Our 12 years boys relay team of Malu Tunks, Hunter Waine, Hayden McHugh and Archie Ellams unfortunately were DQed in their heat but the boys should be very proud of their efforts in making it to the State Championships. Archie and Hayden stepped up when the boys needed extra swimmers after others pulled out and did themselves and our school proud. We are all very proud of all our swimmers who have really performed exceptionally well. Well done everyone.

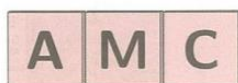
### Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

#### Stage 4:

These three cubes are labelled in exactly the same way, with the 6 letters A, M, C, D, E and F on their 6 faces:



The cubes are now placed in a row so that the front looks like this:



When we look at the cubes from the opposite side, we will see which 3 letters?

#### Stage 5:

A circular coin of radius 1cm rolls around the inside of a square without slipping, always touching the boundary of the square.



When it returns to where it started, the coin has performed exactly one whole revolution. In centimeters, what is the side length of the square?



## **It's not just a Show, it's an ADVENTURE!**

The following is a saga of epic proportions worthy of being immortalised in timeless ballad.

The Show Team left for the South Coast Beef School Steer Spectacular in high spirits ready for anything and everything, little did we know, that is exactly what we were in for.

After being ready in good time to leave, and prepared for some predicted light rain we had an early stop in Goulburn for lunch.

However, upon leaving Goulburn, and amid some slight confusion on our route towards our destination, the ute was struck down. Despite all efforts our reliable work horse was declared beyond saving for our trip. Then it started to rain. On the side of the highway, we were forced to improvise. Emergency calls were made, and authorities consulted. It was decided to have the ute towed to a local mechanic to allow it to recuperate whilst an emergency vehicle was delivered. The ever-reliable Mr. Anderson (not from the Matrix) was quick to volunteer and immediately left with our salvation. Our ute was unloaded, and the cattle taken off the trailer in between the thundering trucks. We then reloaded our gear, attached the trailer, and reloaded the steers onto the replacement ute. Unfortunately, it was not as large as the school ute so swags were jammed onto the bus.



It was raining.

Crammed in like sardines we resumed our journey although instead of being at our destination we were still over 2 hours away and the night was closing in upon us quickly. Through increasingly steady rain we journeyed down the hill and found our way to the showgrounds which were already well dampened from rain. In the dark cold night, we settled the cattle in, unpacked our gear and set up our camp kitchen, and under dull flickering lights cooked, ate, and slept in the open horse stables. It continued to rain.



Before first light the team was up and moving and despite the rain which came in increasingly heavy patches the cattle were washed and prepared for the day, students were fed and as best was able made presentable in the wet. Junior judging kicked the day off. Luckily the rain was only very light at the time. However, to complicate things the power for the entire showgrounds was turned off due to safety concerns. This led to a delay in all other sections for the competition day as computers ran out of battery and the cattle were unable to be fully prepared for exhibition later in the day.



It kept raining (there is a theme here).

The day kept moving, although slowly, and after lunch it was time for the steers to be judged. At weigh-in our three steers fell into the three different classes in the Opens section of the competition and it was here that all we had been though became worth it. Our steers placed first in each of the three classes.



This meant that it was just our three steers standing up for the Open Champion Steer which was awarded to our Square Meater steer Turbo, bred by Su McCluskey and led by Jarrah Apelt. We then also went on to win the Reserve Champion Steer with Master, bred by Sarana Limousins and led by Tyson Harrison, taking a clean sweep of the Open section. This was a great achievement and a credit to the effort the students have placed into preparing the animals.



The rain continued.



During the oral component for the junior judging competition, we had three students qualify: Nic Hinds, Josephine Burke, and Harper Cross. All students had to present the judgment of a class of animals on a microphone before the 400-500 people attending the show. Josephine and Harper ended up coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division which was a great effort for their first competition.

The rain started to get serious.



As the paradors competition was starting, the light started to fade. By this point everyone was wet, and the puddles seemed to be more prevalent than any type of solid or muddy ground, but the team pushed on. In trying conditions multiple places were won by our students and several others were extremely unlucky to be missed in huge classes.



Everything is just wet.

As the dark took a final hold and all of the events had finished, we bedded the cattle down and under the lights now being powered by a borrowed generator had pizza in our swags as it rained. The plan was to rise early in the morning to come home via Moruya to collect a steer for the shows later in the year.

It was 12.30 am when the nightwatchman came calling.... steers had escaped! Bleary eyed and in the only time when it was not raining (there was even a star in the sky...briefly) Ms. Slowiak and the senior students were roused. They were not our steers, but the job needed doing and so that is what they did. The escapees were wrangled, the grounds scoured for any others and all halters double checked before an hour later they collapsed back into bed.

The rain returned.

It was not quite as early as anticipated in the morning and the rain was back with renewed vigour. It was a slow and damp process to pack whilst keeping things as dry as possible. Despite this we headed on our route down the coast towards

Moruya. Here we collected a black steer from Charlie Welch where he had a measly 180 mm of rain which meant the creek had not risen much more than half a metre. In the sticky mud the trailer was backed in and the new steer loaded up before we ourselves loaded up for the long return trip via the Kings Highway. A long winding steep hill that seemed to take an age to climb.



It was a long drive and rained until Braidwood where we stopped for lunch but as we approached the Yass Valley the blue sky appeared and even a glimmer of sun peaked through. It rained, there were breakdowns and breakouts, but not only did we survive we conquered!



Drenched, Exhausted but Ecstatic!  
Show Team



## Your New Compass App

Have you found your way around Compass yet?

Compass is our new web-based management system that allows you to access school information, school events and monitor your child's progress.

If you are yet to start using Compass make sure you go to the App Store or Google Play and download the app.

You will need your log in details, which the front office staff can help with if needed. Yass High School sends out school updates, notes and permission slips via compass.

You can also easily manage your child's attendance via the Compass app.

Need your child to leave school early for an appointment? No worries. Just enter details via the Attendance Note section on the home screen. Once in this section you can alter the date and time and also add a written explanation as to why your child needs to leave early. You can also do this for whole day absences and for when your child may run late to school.

Compass will allow you to:

- Pay and provide consent for events
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness.

If you need any help accessing or downloading Compass please feel free to see the front office staff for assistance or find FAQ's at: [compass.education/guide](https://compass.education/guide)



## Growing Up Digital Australia Research

'Growing Up Digital Australia' is part of an international research project investigating how digital media and technologies impact children's wellbeing, health, and eventually learning at school.

The Phase 1 findings with 1,876 Australian teachers and principals can be found at:

<https://www.gie.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/documents/Gonski%20infographics%20GUP%20v2.pdf>.

Phase 2 research surveyed nearly 2,500 parents, grandparents and caregivers and collected data about more than 5,000 children across Australia on home use of digital devices by young people during the pandemic.

[https://www.gie.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/documents/GONS5000%20Growing%20Up%20Digital%20Infographic%20report\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gie.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/documents/GONS5000%20Growing%20Up%20Digital%20Infographic%20report_FINAL.pdf)

**This research report by the Gonski Institute for Education reveals digital media and technologies as a great distraction in Australian family life.**

- More than 9 out of 10 parents think digital devices negatively distract their own lives, and 83% think their children are also negatively distracted by digital gadgets.
- While parents find digital technologies useful in staying connected with their children and keeping them safe, three-quarters of parents think it is difficult to control their child's digital habits. As many as 65% of parents also admit that negotiating the use of digital media and technologies at home causes conflicts with their children.
- About a third of families allow their children to use their digital devices after bedtime every single day. Furthermore, three of five children who struggle in school regularly sleep with their digital gadgets.
- Growing up digital is also becoming an equity issue. According to the study, lower-income parents and lower-achieving students, in particular, are most at risk of distraction from interactive media use.
- The study is also one of the first efforts to include grandparents' views of their own and their grandchildren's digital media habits. Almost four in five grandparents feel they are in control of their own digital technology use, and most would rather see their grandchildren play sports than video games.

### Key Facts

- More than 4 in 5 children own at least one screen-based device that belongs to them, and children own, on average, three digital devices at home. Personal ownership of gadgets starts as young as four years old.
- Only 46% of parents felt that their child spends a day without digital technology.
- 73% of parents and grandparents think it is harder to control their child's digital habits since getting their own screen-based device.
- 65% of parents agreed that '*negotiating digital technologies use causes conflicts in our home*'.
- 83% of parents, carers and grandparents felt that their child was negatively distracted by digital technologies.
- Half of parents said that they would welcome more support from their child's school to help them and their child to manage digital media and technologies use at home.

The final phase of the research will begin later this year and will capture the views of young people on their use of digital media and technologies.



# P&C Association

## Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop now has a changeroom available to make your uniform selections easier.

Thank you to Cathy Cleary who generously donated a beautiful curtain to make the changeroom a reality.



## HALF PRICE SALE

**Sport track pants (as pictured) were \$40 now \$20**

(Medium size unavailable)

Grab yourself a bargain, while stocks last!!!

Uniform Shop Hours: Tuesday 8:30 – 9:30am  
Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm

Order Online [www.school24.net.au](http://www.school24.net.au) (School ID 2516 7963)

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Contact us at [yhsuniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:yhsuniformshop@gmail.com)



## Coming Events

Date	Event
Friday 14 May	School Athletics Carnival – Victoria Park
Monday 17	NAPLAN – last day
Monday 17 May	Year 9 Geography Landcare Nursery Visit – 1pm
Monday 17 May	South Coast Touch Knock Out – Frogs Holla Narrawallee
Tuesday 18 May	Biology Excursion Year 12 8:30am – Sydney
Thursday 20 May	Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening
Friday May 21	Zone Cross Country 8:45 am– Mulwaree High School
Tuesday 25 May	National Gallery Australia 8:00 am
Wednesday 26 May	South Coast Gymnastics Trials 9:00am - Shellharbour
Wednesday 26 May	Indigenous Girls Yarning Circle
Thursday 27 May	Australias Biggest Morning Tea
Friday 28 May	South Coast Touch Knockout 7:00am Frogs Holla Milton