



InTouch



Pink Day celebrations

WHAT'S ON?

Year 7 2025 Orientation Day

Tuesday 3rd December

Presentation Night

Tuesday 10th December, 6pm

Celebration Assemblies

Thursday 12th December

TOGETHER FOR A CAUSE: PINK DAY

This years Pink Day was a resounding success, bringing together the Yass community and local schools for a fantastic day of fun and fundraising. Starting with breakfast in the quad, the event featured a lively fashion parade, raffle draw, and karaoke, creating a memorable day for everyone involved.

Together with contributions from Berinba, Yass Public, Bowning, Binalong, and Murrumbateman Public Schools, we raised over \$14,000! A special shout-out to Xander Vea, who raised over \$1,000 and bravely shaved his head, along with the other students who took part in the head-shaving initiative.

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I am incredibly proud of the school's efforts on Pink Day, where we raised over \$14 000 for local Can Assist and the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The level of commitment by the school community to organising their outfits was incredible. I want to extend an enormous thank you to Tracey Bills for her incredible effort in organizing the day. Her hard work ensured it was a meaningful and successful event, and it was wonderful to see the school community come together to support such an important cause.

A huge congratulations also goes to our Year 12 students for completing their HSC exams. It was fantastic to see you all at the formal. Everyone looked amazing dressed up for the special occasion, and it was fantastic to see the joy and celebration as students, families, and staff marked the end of this significant chapter. It was truly an evening to remember, and I wish our Year 12 students all the best as they move forward.

I'd also like to thank all the parents who attended our recent Round Table Meetings. Your insights and suggestions were invaluable, and the success of these discussions has resulted in a clear list of actionable items. I am committed to addressing these priorities as we continue to work towards improving our school.

Looking ahead, I am excited to announce that our End of Year Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, 3rd December, at 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students and reflect on the year's highlights. I encourage all families to join us for this special evening.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are creating a positive, thriving school environment for our students.

Andrew Facer

Principal



Ms Bills getting a trim for Pink Day



CAPTAINS CORNER

Yass High School has settled nicely into the last term of the year. As we come closer to the end of the term, we would like to reiterate to all students that you must continue to keep on giving your 100% during school, even if you have completed all assignments. If help is needed or you would like something addressed, please feel free to approach us captains, all four of us are more than willing to do so.

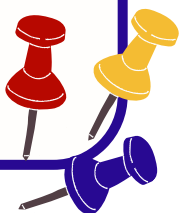
We would like to thank everyone who made a donation for Pink Day and big thank you to all the students who gave up their time and contributed to help sell raffle tickets in the main street over the past few weeks. The day was a huge success with students and staff all rocking their best pink outfits, and an



eclectic group of karaoke performances from both students and staff. A special mention to the Karaoke King himself, Mr Matthews, who made a very special appearance and proved his title as Karaoke King with some belting notes.

This fortnight, we are extremely proud and grateful to announce Ms Bills as our Teacher of the Fortnight. The months of organising and preparing for Pink Day done by Ms Bills was certainly not overlooked on Friday, her consistency and dedication in making Pink Day a day full of excitement and awareness to such an important cause displays her boundless heart and drive. From Yass High School and the community, Thank you Ms Bills!

Harrison, Oliver, Cassie & Ali



Pink Day

A heartfelt thank you to the Yass business houses and the community for their generous donations of prizes and hosting donation tins, and to the families and individuals who supported the cause. We are also deeply grateful to our students for their dedication over the past weeks in preparing for this day, and to Miss Bills for her outstanding leadership in running yet another successful Pink Day.

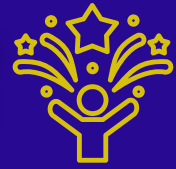
Thank you all for your incredible support!







GOOD NEWS STORY



John Brassil from Yass Rotary presented Theia Asimus with a 'Peace Pole'. The concept of let there be 'Peace on Earth' was turned into a movement by Masahisa Goi who survived both nuclear bomb attacks on Japan at the end of World War Two. Yass Rotary funded the erecting of several Peace Pole's to celebrate their 70th birthday.



The Peace Pole movement was started in Japan by the visionary **Masahisa Goi**

He was deeply distressed by the catastrophic devastation caused by the atomic bombs dropped on **Hiroshima and Nagasaki**, instantly killing an estimated 200 000 people.

In 1955 he began a mission to spread this simple message

'May Peace Prevail on Earth'

This peace pole is one of over 500 planted across Australia. It joins over 250 000 planted worldwide.



SCAN WITH YOUR CAMERA TO LEARN MORE





Mr Priem and Students from Yass High School Pathways projects, with champion bull rider and former Yass High student Clay Bush.

PATHWAYS STUDENTS SADDLE UP FOR RODEO PREPARATIONS

Yass High School Pathways students proudly lent a hand in preparing the Yass Showground for the recent Yass Rodeo. Under the guidance of Mr. Priem, the students dedicated their time and skills to ensure the grounds were in top condition.

Clay Bush, a former Yass High student and champion bull rider, visited the team during preparations to present them with Yass Rodeo caps as a token of appreciation for their hard work and contributions.

We're incredibly proud of our Pathways students for their teamwork, community spirit, and enthusiasm in supporting such an iconic local event. A big thank you to Clay and the Yass Rodeo committee for recognizing their dedication!



★ COMMUNITY RECOGNITION ★

Liana Deery

Mrs WENDY TUCKERMAN (Goulburn) — I rise to recognise Liana Deery a Year 10 student at Yass High School. Liana was recently recognised at the 2024 Swimming ACT Awards night held in August. Former Olympian, Petria Thomas OAM, who represented Australia at the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Olympics was in attendance and presented Liana with the fifteen Years Girls Champion trophy at the awards night. Liana competed in multiple events and medalled in the Open (15 years and over) 200m Individual Medley event, placing third, receiving a bronze medal at the ACT Swimming Championships in February earlier this year. Liana had previously reached Australian National Age level, competing on the Gold Coast in 2023 in both butterfly and backstroke events.



I sincerely congratulate Liana on these wonderful achievements and recognise both the dedication required to compete at this level and the demands of managing training and schoolwork. I wish you all the best Liana with continuing success in your swimming and all your future goals.



CAREERS



This Term has been very busy for many students who are engaging with VET pathways.

This includes a variety of work experiences - including Early Childhood Education and Care at YECCA and Early Learning on Rossi. Allied Health at Yass Hospital and with a variety of local Tradies - concreting, plumbing and carpentry.



GOO - Grow Our Own information session

Two successful YES - youth engagement strategy Programs in Introduction to Agriculture and Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers. These 5 week programs finished on Wednesday 20th at Yass TAFE Campus.

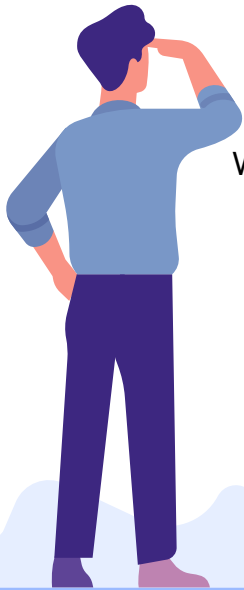
20 students also achieved qualifications in Asbestos and Silica Awareness, that will help and support their pathway into the Construction Industry. These qualifications are very important because they are mandatory in the ACT and will soon also be in NSW. Many local Tradies work across the border and are more likely to employ young people with these qualifications.

Advance Notice - another White Card Course - General Induction Training for the Construction Industry will be happening early next year. If you are interested in achieving this qualification please see Ms Wykes or Mr Hardy for more information and details.

A Career Information Session hosted by GOO - Grow our Own presented excellent employment and training opportunities available in our local area. This included presentations by Early Learning on Rossi - Childcare sector, Trader & Co - Hospitality, Barista and Coffee Roasters, Hume Link East - Construction and Renewable Energy sector and TAFE NSW - courses and training opportunities at Goulburn and Yass Campus'



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Where are they now? Showcases the enormous variety of talent, capabilities and pathways to achieving career and employment aspirations.

There are no limits to what Yass High School students can achieve!
The focus for the next few weeks will be:

Fabulous Families

A family of 4 high achievers:- a Lawyer who proof reads Government Policy, an F18 Fighter Pilot, an Extreme Sports trainer and mentor, and an Engineer.

A family who made their home in Yass after fleeing from conflict in the Middle East. Now working in Aged Care and Allied Health as a Nurse and Dental Technician.

Sisters - one is a Primary School assistant principal at a local school and the other a high school teacher in the ACT.

And many more families who include but are not limited to: Tradies, Teachers, Nurses and other Allied Health Professionals like Physiotherapists, Real Estate and Property Management and Small Business Operators working in the Agriculture sector.



Stay tuned for more Fabulous Families in next editions and soon to come Tradies and Technicians, Indigenous Allstars, Creative Creatures, Power Partners And more!

Mathematics Challenge

#12:

Figure out the pattern below and calculate the missing answer.

$$8 + 2 = 16106$$

$$9 + 6 = 54153$$

$$18 + 4 = 722214$$

$$10 + 5 = ?$$

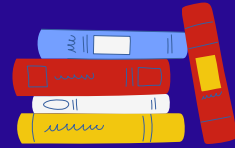


Solution slips are in the mathematics foyer area. Submit your slip with your name, working out, **and solution to one of the fabulous Maths teachers before the end of the fortnight for your chance to win a delicious prize!**

Last answer:
 $0 = 44 - 44$
 $1 = 44 / 44$
 $2 = 4/4 + 4/4$
 $3 = (4 + 4 + 4) / 4$
 $4 = 4 \times (4 - 4) + 4$
 $5 = (4 \times 4 + 4) / 4$
 $6 = 4 \times 4 + 44$
 $7 = 44 / 4 - 4$
 $8 = 4 + 44 - 4$
 $9 = 4/4 + 4 + 4$
 $10 = 44 / 44$



LiBRARY



Open for borrowing:

- From 8.45am in the morning.
- Second half of lunch and recess.



Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised with Gold and Platinum Awards for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

These students have shown dedication and passion for reading through their commitment to the challenge over an impressive number of years.

Well done to all award recipients and all students who participated in the challenge this year, we look forward to more students joining in for 2025 and receiving recognition for their reading accomplishments. This year, YHS students who completed the challenge read a combined total of 340 books!

Platinum Award

Shaun Job

Congratulations to Isla Golding for her sixth year completing the challenge, only one more year until a Platinum Award.

Congratulations to Abby McEvoy for her eighth year completing the challenge, she is on track to receive a PRC Medal in Year 9.

Gold Award

Ella Grange
Oliver Tetley
Brooklyn Ritters
Daniel Ryan
Amelia Thornley
Bella Waters

NEW BOOK SPOTLIGHT

Check out what's new in the catalogue



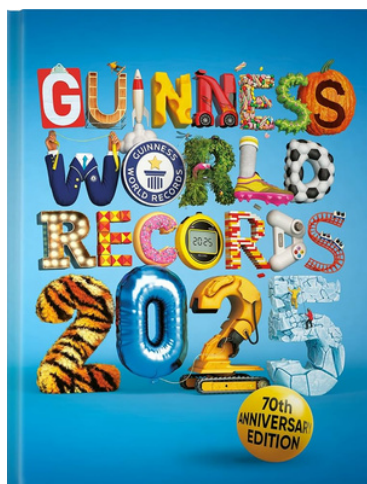
The Secret of the Stone by Kathryn Leroy

When Olive and her friends find a mysterious stone and discover it grants wishes, they think their lives are made. Sure, they're going to save the world and all that stuff, but there are a few fun things they want to do first. Then they realise other people are looking for the stone. People who will stop at nothing to get it. As the stakes get higher, secrets are kept, loyalties are questioned, and promises are broken. How much are Olive and her friends willing to risk to make all their dreams come true?



Johnathan Thurston - The Autobiography

Johnathan Thurston is widely regarded as rugby league's greatest player. This autobiography will follow Thurston's journey from a Brisbane kid who was written off as too skinny, too slow and too wild to play professionally, to his debut with the Canterbury Bulldogs in 2003, to State of Origin star, to Dally M and Clive Churchill Medal winner, and the fairytale premierships.



Guinness World Records 2025 - 70th Anniversary Edition

This year's edition compiles the very best of the thousands of new records approved over the past year. This 70th anniversary edition also looks back over the last 70 years, to highlight the best and most interesting records of all time.



STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



Abby McEvoy

Year 7

For great focus and preparation for Term 4 Maths exam.



Natalia Tomeski

Year 8

For academic success in English.



Will Mihaljevic

Year 10

For consistent effort and application in all areas of PDHPE and PASS.



Adam Beltaif

Year 9

For consistent effort and application in History.



Emily Senior

Year 8

For outstanding technical drawing skills and application in Visual Art.





PBL MVP



Tyson McDonald

Year 7

For always respectful and friendly attitude.



Jenna Robins

Year 8

For consistently demonstrating respect and responsibility in English



Sophie Mossop

Year 10

For outstanding contribution to the community.



Arabella King

Year 10

For outstanding contribution to the community.



Janika Veal

Year 10

For outstanding contribution to the community.





Emma Barlow

Year 10

For outstanding contribution to the community.



Destiny Taylor

Year 10

For outstanding contribution to the community.



Charlie Thomas

Year 9

For being an upstander in the play ground.



Jesse MacDonald

Year 8

For demonstrating kindness and supporting other students



Alex Bell

Year 9

For demonstrating a positive approach to his studies of History





Mia Smith

Year 8

For diligently applying herself to her artmaking and modelling school values to others in class.



Kyron Edwards

Year 8

For exceptional behaviour and exemplifying the school values of respect and responsibility.





2025 Calendar

Yass High School Students

Term 1

**Thursday 6 February to
Friday 11 April**

Term 2

**Wednesday 30 April to
Friday 4 July**

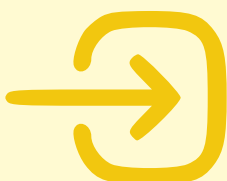
Term 3

**Tuesday 22 July to
Friday 26 September**

Term 4

**Tuesday 14 October to
Friday 19 December**

REMINDER



Students must sign in and out at the front office if arriving or departing outside normal school hours. Parents can add a note on Compass to explain the absence, but students are still required to sign out.



Logo Design Competition



The Yass Valley Learning Community is composed of 8 partner schools, 7 Primary & 1 High School, a total of 1400 students. The schools work collaboratively together to ensure all students can learn to their full potential.

Whilst we have individual logos we don't have one that represents the combined community.

This is where we need our student's help.

What we are looking for:

A design that symbolises the diverse cultures, backgrounds and experiences of our school community

Use colours and elements that represent the natural landscapes, historic landmarks and local traditions of our region

Provide an explanation of why you chose the colours and graphics in your logo

Submission Guidelines

Format

Submit your design, digitally or a hardcopy to your school principal

Deadline

All entries must be submitted by Monday 10th February 2025

Eligibility

Open to all students in attendance to the 8 local schools

Prize

Best Primary entry
\$50 Art pack
Best Secondary entry
\$50 Art pack





You are invited to a

Christmas *Celebration*

Yass Community Carols
Sunday 8th December 2024
Victoria Park, Yass

Activities start 4:30pm

Market Stalls | Jumping Castle
Kids Games | Santa | Nativity Dress up
Hot Food | Live Music | Coffee | and more!

Carols start 6pm

For more information and
the latest updates visit
facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols.





3:30 to
4:30pm
Tuesday 3
December

Summer Reading Launch Party Gunning

Get ready to read all summer! Summer Reading Club starts in December and continues through to the end of January, with heaps of great prizes to keep you excited about reading. Join us for our launch party to pick up your Summer Reading pack and enjoy some yummy food and fun activities.

Call 4845 1231 for more information



BYOD 2025

Bring Your Own Device

In 2025 Yass High School will be requesting that all students in years 9-12 bring their own laptop to school every day.



MORE INFO

For more information scan the QR code or visit our website



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