



# InTouch

*From the*



## Principal

I am delighted to share with you the remarkable success our students have achieved in both the classroom and a diverse range of extracurricular activities, including excelling at the Zone Swimming Carnival and showcasing their talents at the Canberra show. Our students have demonstrated dedication and skill beyond the classroom in both settings and many more sporting events. Their achievements highlight their individual abilities and reflect the supportive environment fostered within our school community. As we celebrate these accomplishments, I would like to remind all students of the importance of adhering to our school uniform, particularly regarding our blue school shorts. Maintaining a sense of unity and pride in our appearance is integral to upholding the values of our school and projecting a positive image both within and outside the school grounds.

I urge our school community to rally together to support our efforts to improve attendance rates. While we celebrate our students' achievements, it's crucial to remember that every day matters. By prioritising attendance and ensuring our students are present and engaged in their learning, we can provide them with the best opportunities for success both now and in the future.



*Yass High School Show Team attending the Canberra Show*

## WHAT'S ON?

### Year 7 2025 Information Evening

Wednesday 6th March, 6pm

### Year 7 Vaccinations

Friday 8th March

Together, let us continue to nurture a culture of excellence and commitment within our school community.

This fortnight's attendance data is listed below; this is a positive shift compared to last fortnight. WELL DONE, Yass High!

**85.6%**  
Attendance Rate

**43.3%**  
Students Attending  $\geq$  90% of the time

Beginning this week, we will be sending weekly attendance percentages home for all our students. A reminder that it is expected that students are attending school greater than 95% of the time. If you would like to discuss our attendance strategy further, please contact the school to arrange a time to meet with me.

***Andrew Facer***

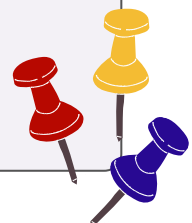
## CAPTAINS CORNER



This fortnight has been jam-packed with a variety of sporting activities. We want to give a huge congratulations and thank those who have found success and represented Yass High School with pride over the past term. We wish everyone continuing to represent the school and community the best of luck in their upcoming events.

Unfortunately, this term, we have witnessed a significant increase in the number of students being sent to the processing room. A majority of the time, these students in question are simply being disrespectful, disrupting class, not following teachers' instructions, and so on. We want to remind these students that, whether they believe us or not, their time in school will be one of the most valuable and important moments in their lives, and by being disruptive and disrespectful, you are hindering the ability of both yourself and others at getting the most out of school.

***Malakai, Grace, Lachlan, Riley***



**Respect, Responsibility and Honesty.**



# PBL MVP



## Lachlan Leister

*Year 12*

For demonstrating respect and responsibility at all times.



## Mclean Young

*Year 11*

For assisting other students with practical activities.



## Bronte Fraser

*Year 10*

For exemplary leadership in school sport.



## Meadow Hand

*Year 10*

For consistent diligence in her application to her work in PDHPE and PASS.



## Caitlin Bradley

*Year 11*

Outstanding work in Visual Arts and helping with the School Musical.

## Lucas Gray

*Year 7*

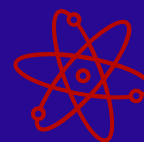
For going above and beyond to assist other students in his sport time.

## Bede Collings

*Year 9*

For positive and respectful interactions with staff and students.

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## HSC Chemistry at Charles Sturt University

On Tuesday of week 3, the Year 12 Chemistry class met at school at the very early time of 6.30 am for a trip to Charles Sturt University at Wagga. To ensure that Malakai could make the trip without starving, we stopped at McDonalds on the way out of Yass for breakfast. The two-hour trip went quickly (ok, not quickly, but safely and without getting lost).

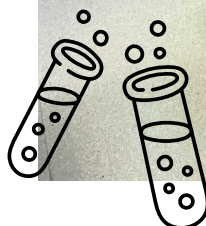
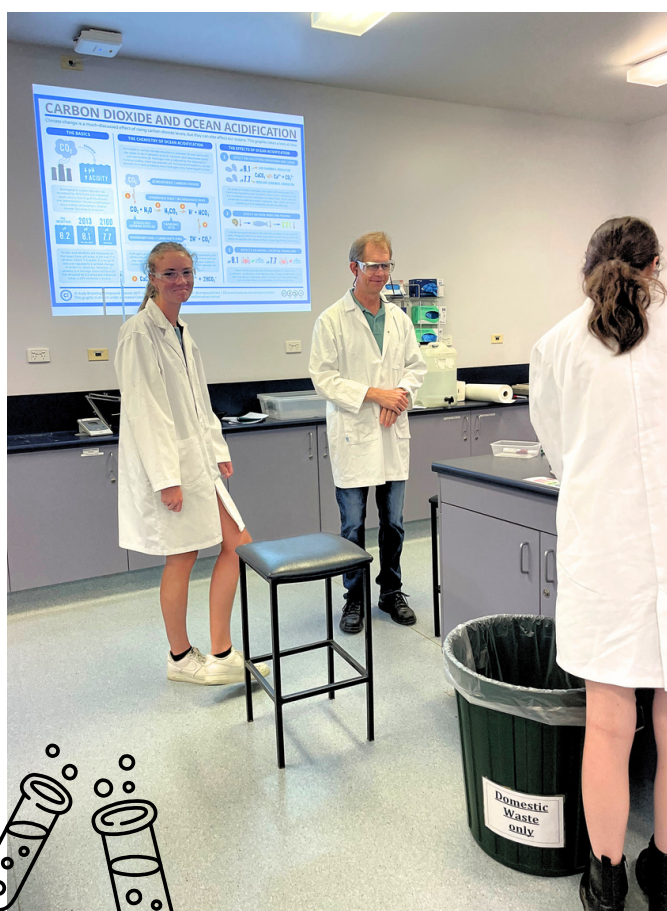
***“At Charles Sturt University, the students had the opportunity to use equipment that isn’t available to high school students.”***

Our students practised their titration skills, used spectroscopy and engaged in various other activities, which were all part of their HSC course. All the students performed their Chemistry skills to the highest level and could answer questions asked by the Chemistry Professors.

At lunch, we were given a lot of information about Charles Sturt University. They have five campuses around country NSW. Wagga teaches a lot of agriculture and viticulture courses.

Bathurst teaches engineering. If you get offered a place there, they guarantee you accommodation in the first year so you can experience the life of a uni student. Charles Sturt also has a great program to help students get into a degree if they don’t get a high enough ATAR straight out of school – only one semester in a bridging course! For more information, ask Ms Wykes or go online.

At the end of the day, we headed home, stopping, of course, at McDonalds for more food. The rain came down but didn’t diminish the laughter and singing to lots of different music (but not Justin Bieber!!!).





# YHS SHOW TEAM CANBERRA SHOW

*Images by Lucy McClelland Photography*

The Yass High School Show Team made a commendable appearance at the 2024 Royal Canberra Show, showcasing their dedication, talent, and hard work this early into the 2024 Show calendar. Despite facing several challenges along the way, the team's resilience and passion for agriculture shone through, leaving a lasting impression on students and allowing them to build on critical skills needed in the industry.

One of the event's highlights was the school paraders' competition, where Jasmin Hulme demonstrated exceptional skill and poise, earning a well-deserved 4th place. Her confident handling of the cattle and attention to detail impressed the judges and showcased the high standard of stockmanship nurtured at Yass High School.



Another highlight was in the junior judging competition; Lucy McClelland and Hannah Petty showcased their keen eye for quality livestock, securing an impressive second and fourth place, respectively, outperforming over 40 other students. Their ability to assess animals based on breed standards, conformation, and market suitability highlighted the rigorous training and mentorship provided by the school's agricultural program.

Despite stiff competition, the school's cattle also made a mark in the stud class, securing a respectable fourth place.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the students, who spent countless hours preparing and grooming the animals to showcase their best qualities.

Beyond the accolades and placements, the experience at the Royal Canberra Show was invaluable for the students. It provided them with a firsthand understanding of the cattle industry in Australia, from breeding and husbandry practices to the intricacies of livestock judging. Working alongside industry professionals, they gained valuable insights and practical skills that will serve them well in their future endeavours in agriculture.

The trip to the Royal Canberra Show would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the parents who stood behind their students every step of the way. Despite facing several unfortunate complications, their encouragement and willingness to go the extra mile ensured the students could participate in this enriching experience. Their commitment to their children's education and passion for agriculture are commendable.

As the students reflect on their experience at the Royal Canberra Show, they can take pride in their achievements and the knowledge gained along the way. They have honed their cattle judging and handling skills and forged lasting memories and friendships that will stay with them for years to come. The Yass High School Show Team is looking forward to building on this success in the 2024 Show calendar, with the next event being the local Yass Show. We look forward to seeing you there!



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# STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



## Emmily-Rose Cairns

*Year 12*

For working to a high standard in Numeracy.



## Liam Guymer

*Year 9*

Excellent engagement and application in Geography.



## Jasmine Taylor

*Year 11*

Outstanding work in Visual Arts.



## Jayde Forth

*Year 8*

Working diligently on her Engineering tasks and being responsible of her own learning as well as others.

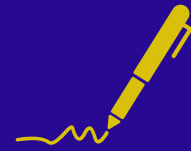







# ENGLISH

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Can you read at least 20 books by August 23rd?



Artwork by Sami Bayly

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## 2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

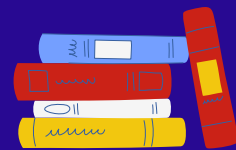
**Key dates for students in K-10:**

- Challenge opens Monday 26 February
- Challenge closes for student entries Friday 23 August

Digital Partner: ePlatform  
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# LIBRARY



Do you like books? Are you interested in connecting with students across year groups for book recommendations, special events and fun in the library?

See Ms Morse in the library and join the Library Crew!



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# WELLBEING



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## Every Day Matters

If your child misses  
as little as

**1 day**  
per fortnight

they will miss

**4 weeks**  
of school  
per year

which adds up  
to over

**1 year**  
missed over  
their school life



Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Emotional development



Scan the QR code  
to learn more

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## OTHER INFORMATION



### Head Lice Awareness



There have been reports of head lice cases at school.  
please conduct regular hair checks and encourage good hygiene practices to prevent the spread of head lice. Notify the school promptly if any cases are detected.



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