



# InTouch



*The Show Team at the Yass Show*

## WHAT'S ON?

### Cross Country

Wednesday 2nd April

### Year 12 Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 8th April

### Last Day of Term 1

Friday 11th April

### Students Return Term 2

Wednesday 30th April

## STUDENTS SHINE AT YASS SHOW

It's been an exciting and action-packed time in Agriculture, with students gearing up for the Yass Show which occurred on the March 15, 2025. In the week leading up to the event, Years 7 and 8 worked tirelessly in the school's vegetable gardens, carefully selecting the finest produce to showcase. They entered an impressive array of fruits and vegetables, including tomatoes, zucchinis, pumpkins, apple cucumbers, green long cucumbers, and green apples. Nothing went to waste — any leftover produce was handed over to the Food Technology department, who whipped up what we've heard were some award-worthy relishes!

The cattle judging and parading events saw a strong turnout, with 70 competitors from seven schools vying for top honours. The competition was fierce, but our students rose to the challenge!

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# PRINCIPAL



**Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,**

It has been another busy and productive fortnight at Yass High School, with many exciting achievements and opportunities for our students.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 9 students on the successful completion of NAPLAN. These assessments are an important milestone in tracking student progress, and I commend all students for their effort and focus throughout the process. Thank you also to our teachers and support staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Recently, our HSIE and Art students had the incredible opportunity to travel to Sydney for an excursion filled with learning and inspiration. Students explored key historical and cultural sites. These hands-on experiences help bring learning to life, and it was fantastic to see our students making the most of this opportunity.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to two of our local businesses for their generous support of our school. The Yass Bowling Club's sponsorship of our new lawn bowls uniforms and the in-kind support from Ground Diamond of our agricultural farm are truly appreciated. We are fortunate to have such a supportive community that continues to invest in our students and their opportunities.



Community partnerships play a vital role in enhancing the learning experiences we provide, and we value the ongoing contributions from local businesses, families, and volunteers who help make Yass High School a thriving place for all students.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another exciting few weeks ahead.

**Andrew Facer**

*Principal*





# CAPTAINS CORNER

**As we approach the end of the Term 1, Yass High School has been a pivot of activity, with students excelling in a variety of areas.**

Our sporting teams have been achieving fantastic results, with outstanding results from the students at the regional swimming carnival, alongside the soccer and touch teams. We wish well to all students in their sporting endeavours and are extremely proud. A huge congratulations to all involved!

Year 12 recently embarked on an exciting trip to Sydney for their selected HSIE classes, where they all learned an array of skills and knowledge contributing to their studies. As well as enjoying some well-earned time together as a cohort. Thank you to Mr Roberts for organising this trip, and to all the teachers that came along to make it possible.

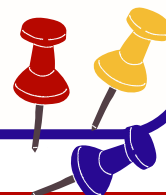


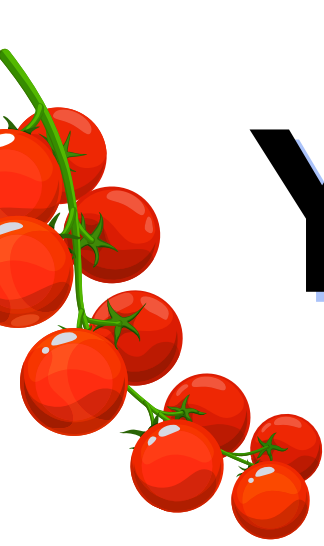
Looking ahead, we are coming up to ANZAC Day on the 25th of April, and we encourage all students to get involved in the upcoming school march to honour and pay respect. We will meet at 11am outside the front of Kaffeine and everyone is welcome.

For this InTouch's Teacher of the Fortnight we are pleased to announce that it is our wonderful office staff. Their incredible hard work, dedication and patience keep our school running smoothly, and we truly appreciate everything you do for students, staff, and the entire school community. Thank you very much ladies!

Finally, with the two week break just around the corner, we wish everyone a enjoyable and great rest of the term, and hope all can enjoy a restful and enjoyable holiday. Stay safe, and we'll see you in Term 2!

***Oliver, Harrison, Cassie & Ali***





# YASS SHOW

2025

## Fantastic Results for Our Students!

Our students' hard work paid off with outstanding results across multiple categories:

### YEAR 7:

#### **Zucchini**

*(Class 52 – Juniors)*

#### **Cherry Tomatoes**

*(Class 50 – Juniors)*

#### **Cucumbers**

*(School Class 9 – Long Cucumbers)*



### YEAR 8:

#### **Heaviest Pumpkin**

#### **Green Apples**

*(Class 38 – Apples)*

#### **Cucumbers**

*(School Class 8 – Round Cucumbers)*



#### **Apples**

*(Class 38)*

#### **Cherry Tomatoes**

*(Class 50)*

#### **Cucumbers**

*(School Class 8 – Round Cucumbers)*



#### **Cucumbers**

*(School Class 9 – Long Cucumbers)*





# SUCCESS IN CATTLE JUDGING & PARADING

A huge congratulations to **Ellee Southwell**, who stepped into the ring for the first time and made a fantastic debut in the Novice Cattle Parading category.

Meanwhile, **Lucy McClelland** faced stiff competition in the Over 16's Cattle Parading and secured a commendable 4th place finish.

**The Show Team** also played a crucial role in the Merino Sheep Judging, lending a hand to hold some particularly spirited ewes—without halters! Their efforts were greatly appreciated by the event organizers.

**Well done to all our students for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievements at the Yass Show!**



## *A Special Thanks*

We would like to extend our gratitude to the **Yass Show Society** and especially **David Sainsbury** for allowing us to bring back the used hay. This valuable resource will be put to good use as we work on revitalizing our vegetable gardens.

We would also like to thank **Lisa White and Hallee Southwell** for lending a hand on the day and parents who transported their children to and from the show.











# Pulse Alive Concert Excursion



The choir went to Sydney to perform in a combined schools performance event called Pulse Alive. We rehearsed all day with the other schools then performed at the Ken Roswell stadium that evening. There were amazing singers, dancers, gymnasts and even a marching band! Here is what the students had to say:

"I really enjoyed the Pulse Alive experience. I enjoyed spending a few days with my friends. The Pulse performance was great, there was a lot of great solo singers and chorus singers along with the dancers. Next year I hope to be a part of the massed dance group." (Charlotte)

"I enjoyed the Pulse Alive because I played some footy, and got to annoy Charlotte, and I got to sing. And spent time with my friends" (Kosi)

"Practising was not great, but the actual performance was big cool." (Adam)

"It was wonderful getting to know Adam, Rehan and Jack. The sprinkler is a totally new move for me. Next year I might rehearse for singing on stage or the drums" (Jayden)

"It was pretty cool" (Rehan)

"I think Pulse Alive was amazing! I loved the whole performance but mainly the dancing and singing. Seeing my old school felt so special to me because I saw a lot of my old friends. I loved hanging out with my friends. My absolute favourite part was chilling with my friends and being able to get the crowds joining in." (Karovie)

"I fumbled the words real bad, still enjoyed the show though. That guy called Ocean had a poetic voice. Really fun experience, would maybe do it again. Recommend it to you all." (Jack)

"It was cool, I guess. Cool experience and singing was fun. We missed Josephine" (Penelope)

"I enjoyed the marching band, even though we weren't involved in it, it was a great experience. I also liked singing 'Start a Wave' because we did a Mexican wave. My favourite part was when we got the crowd to do the 'Y.M.C.A' and Mexican wave." (Indy)







**Respect, Responsibility and Honesty.**





# STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



## Megan Lymbery

Year 8

For continuously seeks assistance and attempts her best for the maths assignment.



## Grace McPherson

Year 9

For excellent application and progress in Music.



## Natalia Tomeski

Year 9

For excellent effort and focus in Visual Arts.



## Jeremy Stonham

Year 10

For consistently assisting other students in timber.



## Mohamed Beltaief

Year 10

For excellent design skills in CAD drawing.



## Isabelle Mossop

Year 9

For excellence for her technical drawings.





## Josephine Burke

Year 11

For outstanding application in classwork and homework



## Adina Hinds

Year 12

For consistent hard work and dedication to further develop her PDHPE knowledge.



## Anika Lyons

Year 7

For consistently applying herself with diligence in maths.



## Izabella Blayden

Year 7

For excellent completion of classwork and homework in Science







## Year 12 HSIE Sydney Excursion

Our Year 12 Geography, Business, and Legal Studies students recently embarked on an exciting HSIE excursion to Sydney, packed with hands-on learning and unforgettable experiences. Geography students explored urban renewal at Green Square and met with City of Sydney town planners, while Business Studies students conducted market research in the heart of the city's retail hub. Legal Studies students had the incredible opportunity to observe real cases at the Downing Centre and engage in insightful discussions with Magistrates.

Beyond their studies, students enjoyed Sydney's vibrant atmosphere, taking in the dazzling Harbour lights, indulging in Chinatown's culinary delights, and exploring Pitt Street's bustling shopping scene. From scaling 35 flights of stairs to discovering hidden bookstores, every moment of the trip was both educational and memorable. A fantastic experience for all!







The HSIE trip to Sydney was an eye-opening experience that bolstered my learning whilst allowing a delicious taste of freedom in the real world. When we got to Sydney it was late and everyone was exhausted, but the delicacies in China Town made it all worth the wait, not to mention the beautifully decorated streets adorned with Chinese iconography with the seasoning of delicious smells.

The next day we roamed the shopping districts to go shopping to study the trends of marketing giants, the high end specialty stores and bustling malls are a far cry from the main street markets located in Yass. That night we visited the beautiful Sydney Harbour, we watched the sails of the Opera House illuminated by a thousand stars in the inky sky, washing it down with milky ice-cream.

The final day of our journey was approaching fast, with no desire to waste it, we visited the Sydney local courthouse and sat in on real trials, this was an invaluable experience for the students who studied Legal Studies. Finally we were offered some free time to eat lunch and say our final goodbyes to the grand city. We took the train home and held our heads high. I still can't say what the next journey for Year 12 will be, but I know it will forever evolve us as individuals as well as a collective.

Dominic Owen - Year 12 Student





# PBL MVP



## Seth Faulkner

Year 11

For supporting technical needs in the school.



## Harrison Waters

Year 8

For consistently participating in class discussions and striving for excellence with a happy disposition.



## Charles Fleming

Year 11

For always extending a helping hand to others in the Music classroom.



## Leilani Gillespie

Year 9

For displaying school values along with kindness integrity and compassion in our class PBL discussion on Casual Racism.



## Vera Roche

Year 9

For excellence complete working and always doing her best in textiles.



## Indra-Rose Bonarius

Year 7

For consistently being polite, thoughtful and well-mannered.





## Levi Bulger

Year 7

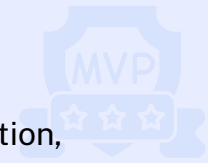
For exemplifying school spirit through selfless participation, allowing for team success.



## Teuila Teofilo

Year 7

For exemplifying school spirit through selfless participation, allowing for team success.



## Genevieve Holgate

Year 7

For being conscientious and displaying school values in all Science lessons.





## More Swimming Success for Yass High Students at Zone and Regional level.

Yass High swimmers continued their dominance at Zone level with Yass winning the **Zone carnival** convincingly by over 200 points from Mulwaree and Karabar.

**Felicity Shannon** 17G, **Kaylee Douven** 16G and **Jake Deery** 15B were named aged champion on the day after impressive performances. Jake broke the 15B 100m Breaststroke record whilst Felicity improved her own record in the 200m Freestyle.

**We had 40 of the 46 swimmers make it through to the regional carnival.** Yass' dominance could be seen through the number of relay teams making it through. Only 2 relay teams didn't make it on to the next carnival.

The Yass swimmers continued their wonderful form at the **regional carnival** where we had 12 swimmers make the South Coast team which will compete at the NSWCHS championships in early April.

**Felicity Shannon** continued her outstanding form by qualifying in 8 individual events and 2 relay teams. She was rewarded by being named South Coast Age Champion in the open girls division.

Our Open girls 4x50m Freestyle relay team of **Felicity, Addie Hinds, Lara and Lucy McClelland** were regional champions. Felicity, Addie, Lara and **Liana Deery** combined in the Open girls Medley relay to finish second and qualify for state.

**Kaylee Douven** qualified in the 16G 100m Fly and Breaststroke whilst **Jake Deery** made it through in the 15B 100m Breaststroke.

Our boys All Age relay of **Levi Bulger, Trae Douven, Ethan Doherty, Jake Deery, James Cavanagh and Brodie Doyle** qualified third fastest and are also off to state.

Yass High finished 10th overall in the school point score at the Regional carnival which is an outstanding effort considering our size and limited swimming season.

Congratulations to all swimmers, thank you to all the parents who supported our swimmers on the day and good luck to those going on to the state championships.



Open Girls Freestyle Relay Team



# ***SOUTH COAST SUCCESS***

We have a number of student vying for South Coast selections in the following sports this term and we wish them all good luck in their endeavours.

Gymnastics, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Cricket, Golf and Table Tennis.

## **SOUTH COAST DIVING REPRESENTATIVE**

**Liana Deery** has made history by gaining selection in the South Coast Diving team which will contest the NSWCHS championships in Sydney in early April. Liana has just taking up the sport and is looking forward to competing in Sydney.



## **REGIONAL TOUCH SELECTION**

Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection in South Coast Touch teams this term.

**Violet Smith, Cooper Hoad and Ollie Hodge** (SC 15s)

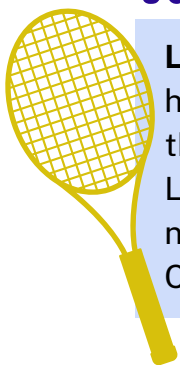
**Bonnie Whitehead and Addie Hinds** (SC Open Girls)

**Brodie Doyle, Tom Jaimeson, Will Mihaljevic, Logan Collins** (SC Open Boys Squad of 16)



## **SOUTH COAST TENNIS REPRESENTATIVE**

**Lachlan Penfold** represented South Coast at the NSWCHS Individual Championships held in Parramatta earlier this term. This is the 5th year in a row Lachie has played at these championships and has been a proud ambassador for our school and our region. Lachlan played very well in the championships with some very close games. He will now strive to represent South Coast in the teams championships early next term. Congratulations Lachlan.



## **SOUTH COAST GYMNASTICS REPRESENTATIVE**

**Miley Brown** has gained selection in the South Coast Gymnastics team after finishing 4th overall at the South Coast Championships. Miley will travel to Sydney in early June to compete in the NSWCHS Gymnastics Championships.





## ZONE GALA FOOTBALL

The Open Boys Football team competed at the Zone Gala Day in Moss Vale on the 13th of March. They came up against some strong opposition and represented the school with pride. A special mention to Owen Hopwood (yr12) who was the hero of the penalty shootout, saving several penalties, despite having two left handed gloves... Also, **congratulations to Cooper Wykes of year 9 who was selected for the South Coast trials**, and Henry Shoring, who was selected in a shadow position. Well done boys!

The Open Girls Football team competed against the other Tablelands Zone Teams in Googong on the 17th of March. A massive congratulations to the whole team for coming 1st in that competition and progressing to the next round of the knockout. This victory is significant as it is the first time in decades that the Yass Girls have won the Zone competition. A special mention to **Mackenna Dorsett (yr10), Ella Hall (yr10), Amelia Reynolds (yr9) and Tayla Brayshaw who were selected for South Coast trials**. Good luck in the next game!





## ZONE GALA TOUCH

Our boys and girls touch teams have made it through to the South Coast final 8 after a dominate display at the Zone Gala Day. Both teams went through undefeated which was an outstanding effort. The boys scored 45 touchdowns in their 4 games and had none scored against them. The girls' played well throughout the day and were convincing winners.



So far this year Yass has already had 34 students make South Coast teams in 5 different sports.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!





# OLIVER CASEY SHINES AT MELBOURNE JUDO TOURNAMENT

Last weekend, Oliver Casey travelled to Melbourne to compete in a high-level Judo tournament. Demonstrating skill and determination, Oliver won three out of his five fights on Sunday, including a hard-fought victory against a competitor from China.

His outstanding performance earned him a Gold Medal in the Under 13s category and a Silver Medal in the Under 15s.



Oliver's success has also secured him a place at the Melbourne International Open on April 6, where he will face top competitors from Western Australia, Victoria, and Tasmania. This tournament serves as a crucial qualifier for the National Championships on the Gold Coast in June.

Adding to his achievements, Oliver has been offered the prestigious opportunity to represent Yass High School at the Australian Schools Championships in September.

With his dedication and growing list of accomplishments, Oliver is proving to be a rising star in the world of Judo. We wish him the best in his upcoming competitions





# DEBATE CLUB



## DEBATING SEASON KICKS OFF WITH A WIN



**The senior YHS debating team have begun the debating season with a victory in the first round of the Premiers Debating Competition.**

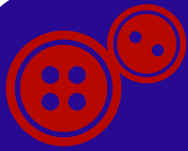
Matched against Mr Facer's previous school, Bowral High School, the Yass High team were able to successfully execute their case that 'the Department of Education should NOT be made up of ex-teachers,' and in doing so confirm that Mr Facer is now the principal of the superior school.

While the experienced Bowral team provided a high quality argument, with a clever model that pushed the boundaries of a reasonable definition of the topic, our team of Ben Duncan, Tanika Young, Freddie Grose and Bronte Fraser were able to outsmart the Bowral team to demonstrate that even with teachers as advisors the status quo works better than the proposed model.

Our senior team will next take on Ryde High School in the second round of the competition.



*The Senior Debating Team analyse Bowral High's argument.*



## What's been happening in Textiles?

Year 7s and 8s have been having fun tie dyeing in Technology Mandatory. They bought in hoodies, t-shirts, socks and pillow cases and got creative with dyes and folds. Unveiling the patterns is always exciting as every design is unique and fabulous. Congratulations on some excellent pieces of work







## **Welcome to Atomi: Helping your child succeed**

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Let's set up for a strong start — encouraging your child to watch the video, log in, and explore.

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## Parent Info Guide

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#### Engaging and interactive

Teachers can find, edit and share relevant educational videos with students, including interactive learning tasks, through which teachers can monitor each student's understanding. Students can upload and share their work with teachers and other students to demonstrate their learning.



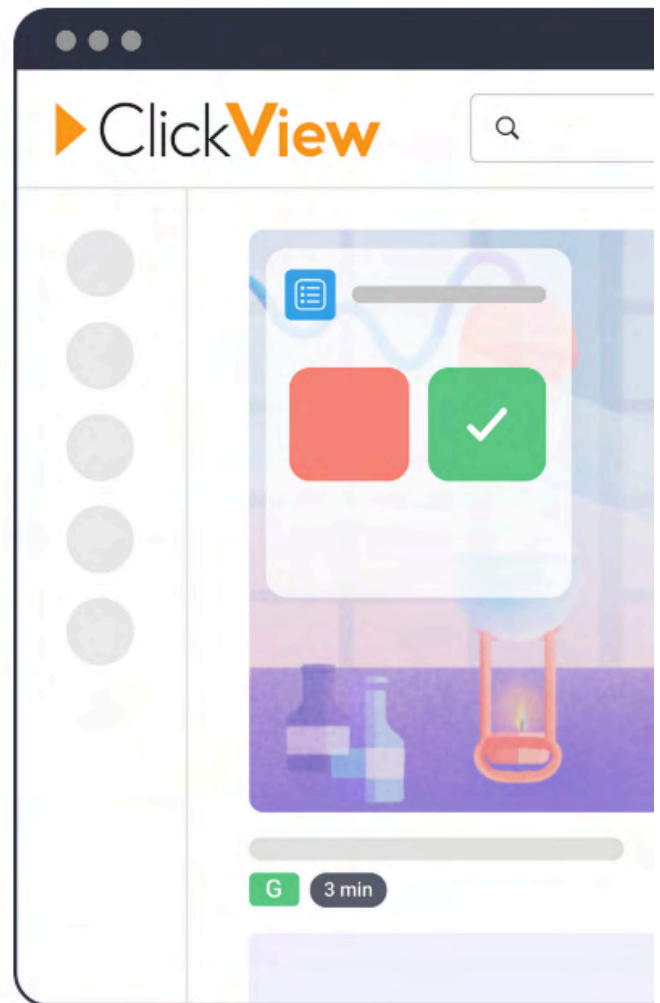
#### Access videos anytime, anywhere

Teaching staff can share clips with students to view at home so they can use class time for quality discussions, higher-order thinking and problem-solving.



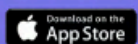
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ClickView resources feature Australian content classifications to help ensure students are accessing age-appropriate materials.

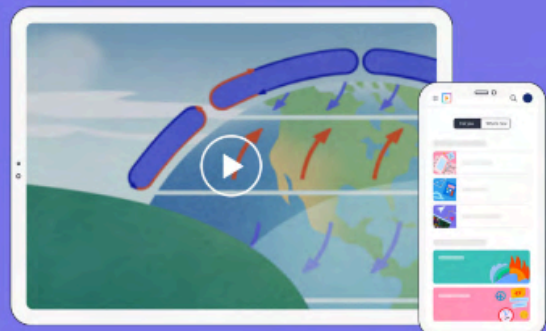


### Get started with ClickView at home

1. Go to [clickview.net](https://clickview.net) on any browser or download the ClickView app.



2. Sign in using your child's school login details.
3. Browse over thousands of educational videos.







# CAREERS



## *What have we been up to?*

- All Year 10 students participated in a workshop hosted by **Legal Aid** on "Your Rights at Work."
- **YES Programs** will be running Mechanics and Welding in Term 2 at Yass TAFE for Pathways students and other selected participants.
- The first **GIT White Card** course was held this week, and another course will be available later in the year to support students' work readiness.
- Many students are actively engaging in **work experience** across various industries, including childcare, civil construction, trades, allied health, and agriculture.
- **UC Explore at Canberra University** will take place on May 22nd. Year 11 and 12 students interested in attending this career information event should see Ms. Wykes.



Yass High students raised **\$365** for the **Boot Bash Fundraiser** to support the **Country Education Foundation (CEF)**. The Yass CEF branch works tirelessly to provide financial support for school leavers, helping them achieve their goals and complete their training and education. Scholarships are offered annually through CEF—students who may benefit from this valuable support should discuss it with their Careers Adviser or a CEF Yass member.

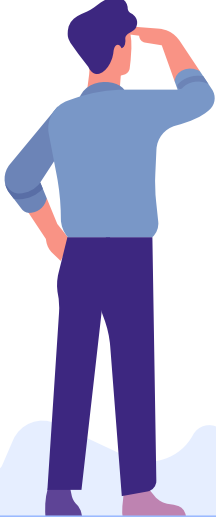


# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?


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

Continuing with our Sporting Super Stars and Yass High's proud sporting tradition

## Sporting Superstars



**Athletics** - middle distance runners and XCountry, students represented at Regional, State and National level, specifically in 400 and 800 metre events



**Touch Football** Representation has always had strong representation including playing for NSW at National Carnivals

**Swimming** representation also at all levels even when they were at Primary school and all through High school in individual events and relays

And some of our current students are now working towards becoming **soccer** -football superstars. Who knows maybe a Matilda one day!

Professional **Rugby League** players who have played for Titans, Raiders, Dragons, Roosters just to name a few

We also have had great representation for Coaching and Managing at an elite level in such sports as Touch Football, Rugby Union, Dressage and Polocrosse



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### Quick facts about SEE

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- Training is based on your future goals
- You can begin at your own level
- You can learn at your own pace, studying full-time or part-time (up to 25 hours a week)
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To be eligible for SEE, you need to be:

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- an Australian citizen or
- a permanent visa holder or
- on a provisional or temporary visa with working rights and eligible for the Adult Migrant English Program or
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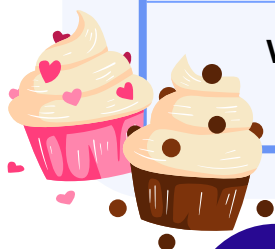


# Coffee & Cake

We're excited to introduce our **Coffee and Cake Morning Tea** initiative, an informal opportunity for parents and carers to connect with each other and the school's senior executive team. During Term 1, this will be piloted in various cafés around Yass, offering a relaxed setting to discuss school matters, share ideas, or simply have a chat. If successful, we plan to expand these gatherings to our more rural centres, ensuring all families have the chance to participate.



<b>Week 3</b> 13/2	Trader & Co	Ruth Riach & Caterina Herder-Beke
<b>Week 5</b> 27/2	Thyme to Taste	Andrew Facer & Bronwyn Ackhurst
<b>Week 7</b> 13/3	Dolcetto	<del>Andrew Facer &amp; Ruth Riach</del>
<b>Week 9</b> 27/3	Kaffeine	Caterina Herder-Beke & Bronwyn Ackhurst
<b>Week 11</b> 10/4	Tootsie	Andrew Facer & Bronwyn Ackhurst



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