Principals Report

Welcome back to Yass Public for what we hope is a spectacular year in 2016. The year has started well with new students and kindergarten students all settling in very well and they all seem to have great smiles on their faces. I would like to especially welcome the new families to our school whether they are staring kindergarten with us or one of the many new families that have
started their children at Yass Public after moving from another school. We hope you have enjoyed the Yass Public Family atmosphere at our school.

It was great to meet so many parents at our school swimming carnival this year. The weather tried to stop our carnival but we managed to complete it over 2 days. There were some very exciting races and some wonderful personal bests achieved over the 2 days. Congratulations to our age champions and all of our competitors that gave it their best shot. Thanks to Mrs Hickey for all her organisational skills and all the primary staff for their help. A huge thanks goes to all our parents that helped with all those jobs that needed doing at the carnival and gave up their time to be volunteers.

A big thankyou also to Mrs Dentrinos as she has officially taken leave this year. We will still see her visit us to help out and we are very appreciative. Mrs D has been helping to clean up the reading room and also giving a helping hand to settle in our kindergarten students. Thanks for everything!

Mr Brien and I were wondering whether any parents took any photos of the displays and photo competition we held last year for the creative arts day and if we could get a digital copy as we seem to have misplaced all of ours.

The P & C have organised a welcome breakfast for tomorrow morning so please come along and meet the P & C, Staff and other Yass Public Families. 8.30 to 9.30am with an egg and bacon roll. See you there.

Michelle Fahey
Principal.

Dates for your Information
The Uniform shop is open
Tuesday 8.45 - 9.30am and Friday 2.45 - 3.30pm

Term One.
February, 5th  Breakfast BBQ 8.30- 9.30AM
                      Assembly 11.30am
                  16th   P&C Meeting 6pm
                  19th  District Swimming
                 23rd   Science Circus
                24th   Footie Gala Day- Walker Park
New Staff

Ashleigh Greenberry
My name is Miss Ashleigh Greenberry and I am teaching years 3/4. I was fortunate enough to complete my last teaching placement at Yass Public in Term 3 of 2015 and am familiar with the school and most students. I was thrilled to know I would be having my own class this year. What I lack in teaching experience I make up for with enthusiasm and determination. I look forward to getting to know the students and parents at Yass Public School and being a part of the community. Please stop me in the playground and introduce yourself, I would love to meet you!

Phil Beresford.
This year brings a career change for myself, one that I am really looking forward to, as it means that all of the study involved has ended. I am married to my wife Alison and we have three great children. Cameron (10) Amy (3) and Adam (3 months). I have had a few different careers so far, those being Printing and working for the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the last 10 years. I am now enjoying getting to know your children and also sinking my teeth into the challenge that is teaching. If there is ever anything that you need to talk to me about please don’t hesitate to ask.
Kate Barlow.
My name is Kate Barlow and I am very lucky to have joined Yass Public this year as a Year 1/2 teacher. Many of you may have seen me around the school last year, as I completed my internship with Mrs Ranie in Term 3, before working casually during Term 4. My decision to commence teaching follows a career change after having spent over 10 years in Human Resource Management. Originally from Cowra, I am a mum of four primary school aged children and I enjoy cooking, attempting to play netball, and gardening. I am looking forward to a busy year ahead and meeting the parents in our wonderful Yass Public School community.

Staff Profile.
TEACHER PROFILE
Name: Mrs Diane Hickey
Position: Acting Assistant Principal
Class: 3/4H

My role is to look after the primary teachers, running the swimming carnival, cross country, out of school sport and other sporting events, choir and anything else that needs doing.
This is my 12th year at Yass Public School.
I love seeing children learn something new and improve their skills. I enjoy getting to know students and their families. I like it when students see me in the street when they are grown up and come and say to me “I remember when I was in your class”.
I have a husband Ross and three children Brent who is 21, Leigh who is 20 and Breanna who is 16.
I love my animals. I have 10 horses, 4 dogs, 2 cats and 5 chooks. My main hobby is riding my horses and my daughter and I travel away to shows and competitions together. I also enjoy painting, reading, playing the guitar and piano and singing.

I am looking forward to getting to know my new class of students. Working with new families and staff and working hard to make YPS the best school that it can be.
Text Books.
Thank you to all those parents that have already paid for textbooks this year. We were thrilled to see so many pay for textbooks in the first 2 days. Students will get their books the next day after payment.

School Stream App.
P&C have purchased the School Stream App, which will make it very easy for our school to communicate with families. The App is free and works on all smart phones. The App is being launched this Friday at the BreaKy BBQ.

P&C
We will be having our first P&C meeting on the 16th February at 6pm. We will also be holding our AGM. We would love some extra new members and we welcome all to join us on Tuesday 16th February, in the staff room.

Come along and enjoy a breakfast BBQ with us to celebrate the start of 2016 on Friday 5th February between 8.30 -9.30am. This will be a chance to meet new families, talk to staff and share in conversations about our school. We will also be launching our new School Stream App at the BBQ, which is a communication tool that will be used this year to deliver school information to parents and carers in real time via your mobile device.

School Sport Captain Elections.
Last Thursday we held our school election for our sport leaders.

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Congratulations to these students and thanks for your organisational skills with cheering and getting relays ready at the swimming carnival.
Swimming Carnival
This year we held our swimming carnival over two exciting days due to the inclement weather on Friday. It was wonderful to see so many students doing their best and winning points for their house. The age champions for this year are:
Junior Boy - Tony Davis
Runner Up- Malakai Vea
Junior Girl- Makayla Langfield
Runner Up-Lara McClelland
11 years Boy- Cooper Thornely
Runner UP-Jake McDonald
11 years Girl-Eve Williams
Runner Up- Lucy O’ Sullivan
Senior Boy- Will Fahey
Runner Up- Dylan Mann
Senior Girl- Tomika Grieves
Runner Up- Mckenzie Keith
Well done to those students. I would like to thank parents and teachers for their efforts in making the carnival run smoothly. The District Carnival will be held at Yass Pool on the 19th February and permission notes will go out early next week.
**Sporting Schools**
We have the opportunity to participate in the Sporting Schools Program again this year. The delivery of the program has become more flexible and Yass Public School is looking to employ coaches in a variety of fields to deliver sports to our students in school time as opposed to after school. Last year interest waned as the year progressed. This new delivery will allow all students the opportunity to be exposed to a variety of physical activity.

**Kindergarten KR and KB**
Welcome to our 38 new kindergartens who started this week. We enjoyed their company and I know Year 6 buddies enjoyed showing their buddies around and playing with them in the playground. Mrs Ranie and Mrs Belling have complemented their class at their settled approach to school. Notes will come home to help families get kindergarten needs and routines established at home. Please let us know if we can help you or your child with any school matters.
K-2 News

The year has started with a lot of enthusiasm from our K-2 staff and students. We have been working hard and have enjoyed settling into our routines. Welcome back to our returning families and a special welcome to our new families. This year we have started with 9 new year one and year two students as well as 38 new Kindergarten children. The children look fantastic in their uniforms and we thank the parents and carers for their efforts.

This year we have Mrs Belling (KB) and Mrs Ranie (KR) on Kindergarten. Mrs Vaughan (1/2V), Mrs Barlow (1/2B) and I (Mr Rae 1/2R) will be on the Year 1/2 classes. Ms Marple will also take a year 2 maths group and will be our Reading Recovery teacher. I will also be relieving as Assistant Principal and will be supervising K-2. We encourage parents to make contact with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns. If you have any ongoing concerns please contact me at school and I will call you back as soon as possible. We look forward to working in partnership with you and look forward to having a successful year.

Hamish Rae
Uniform Shop.
A big thank you to Mrs Belinda Banfield and her band of helpers for giving up their time to get all our kindergartens and all our new students sorted for their uniforms this year. The uniform shop is open **Tuesday 8.45 - 9.30am and Friday 2.45 - 3.30pm**

**SRC**
Classes were electing their Student Representative Council over the past 2 days. Students will be presented with their badges at this weeks assembly.

**Assembly.**
We will be holding our first whole school assembly at 11.30 on Friday. Teachers will be talking about PBL and Homework rewards. SRC will also be presented with badges.

**At the end of the School Day.**
All students need to move quickly to the gate if walking or bus lines or the infants or back gate. Students must wait for parents at those gates as there is no supervision at the play equipment and parents and teachers will get worried when children are not in the tight spot.

**Canteen.**
Our canteen will remain closed this term while our P&C work out how best to run our canteen in the most financially viable way. We will be having several meal deals this term, and we look forward to getting our canteen back next term.
We are enjoying using our canteen space for breakfast club each day.

**Homework.**
We are hoping to have a renewed enthusiasm for our homework program this term. Homework for both Spelling and Maths will come home on Monday. Completed homework should be returned the following Monday. The homework will directly relate to the work we are doing in Spelling and Maths groups. Students need to return 6 pieces of spelling and 6 pieces of maths homework to be able to access the reward at the end of the term. If you have any queries please ring the school.
Parents/Caregivers are reminded

- That children aged between 6 and 17 must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness. Visiting family, being tired and staying home on birthdays is not acceptable reasons to be away from school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of an absence. You must state a reason. Saying my child “was away” is not good enough.
- Attendance every day at school is important for your child’s progress. It helps build friendships, life-long work habits and makes sure learning takes place.
- Wherever possible, holidays, dental and medical appointments should be made out of school hours. If a holiday is during school you must first apply to the Principal for approval and it is up to their discretion if it a Certificate of Leave is granted.

It’s not OK to be away

It’s not great to be late
A reminder that schools commences at 9.15am and finishes 3.20pm.

Tips to help your child to succeed at school.

1. Pack school bag the night before.
2. Go to bed at a set time every night, read or listen to soft music for half an hour and then go to sleep. Do not use electronic devices for at least an hour before bedtime. Research indicates that children who receive sufficient sleep are more likely to be alert and resilient.
3. Eat Well, Learn Well – Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It is well known that children who eat breakfast everyday are more receptive to learning.

Poor patterns of attendance in the early years lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.
There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.
Student Concerns
If you have a concern about your child the best place to start is with your class teacher. They will investigate or know what has happened. Your next stop is Mrs Hickey (primary) and Mr Rae (Infants). Teachers will ring you back if they are teaching when you call. If you need further help you can contact Mrs Fahey.

Responsible Pet Ownership.
Infants will have a great opportunity to learn about how to look after their pets next Wednesday. This is a free visit to our school.

Rugby League/League Tag Gala Day.
Come and Try League Tag/Rugby League Gala Day will be held at Walker Park on 24th February, 2016. Notes went home on Tuesday please return them to school if you wish your child to attend.

YPS Playground Reward Competition

Students are invited to enter a competition to re-name the playground reward tickets (white) and design a picture.

Rules
The picture needs to include images that are relevant to the school, eg, the vegetable patch, old rail line above the river playground, the heritage buildings etc.
The picture should include the 3 school values:
Respect
Responsibility
and Participation.

Prize
The winner receives a gift voucher and the joy of seeing their image on all playground reward tickets.
The winner will be announced on Friday the 12th of February LIVE on the new school App. Schoolstream.

The ENTRY FORM will be sent home today. Please look for it in your young persons bag.

Good luck
The PBL Team
Yass Montessori Preschool is pleased to announce we have extended opening hours for 2016! Now open from 8.30 am to 4 pm, Yass Montessori has vacancies for children ages 3 to 6.
Yass Montessori is a not-for-profit preschool run by the community, for the community.
Fees are only $36 per day (or less for eligible concessions). To enrol your child or grandchildren for Term 1, or for more information please call Kathy on 6226 1596.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine’s, Yass, invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion.
If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St Augustine’s Presbytery on Wednesday 10 February or Thursday 11 February between 5-6pm.
For further details contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.
YASS FOOTBALL CLUB INC

WINTER FOOTBALL

Pee Wees to U18

Commences  Saturday 30 April 2016
The competition is for players born 1998–2011

(Pee Wee's play at home each week)

Pee Wees 5-7 $70 per player
Juniors U/8 – U/9 $70 per player
Juniors U/10 – U/11 $100 per player
Competitive U/12 – U/18 $110 per player

Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au by 22nd Feb

Fees are to be paid by EFT direct to Yass Football Club Inc
Westpac Yass
BSB 032-771
Account 159593
Please use your name as the reference

Further Registration Info www.yassfc.com.au

Enquiries
Jodie Gallagher 0400 260 172
Yass Pool’s 50th Birthday splash!

In 1965 the Canberra Times reported that approximately 4,000 people attended the opening of the Yass & District Memorial Swimming Pool. The opening coincided with the crowning of "Miss Woollen Wealth", with marching bands from Goulburn, Canberra and Yass, as well as decorated floats from local community groups and organisations.

"There could be no better war memorial to serve the present age and generations to come than the swimming pool", said NSW Assistant Minister for Education, Mr Fife when he officially opened the pool. Contributions for the pool were received from Goodradigbee Shire Council £10,240, Yass Soldiers Club £2,000, Woollenwealth £11,247, Yass Municipal Council £28,072, Government subsidy £10,235.

50 years later and the Yass Olympic Swimming Pool still plays a major role in the community, from swimming lessons to swimming carnivals, as well as providing residents with a wonderful recreational facility. As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations Yass Valley Council has a number of activities organised that will suit every member of the family.

As part of the celebrations a gigantic, inflatable obstacle course will be erected from 10:00am on Saturday, 6th February 2016. Official celebrations will be marked at 5:30pm by the cutting of a birthday cake for all to enjoy!

The annual Yass Valley Youth Council Dive-in-Movie will commence from 6:30pm and features the screening of the popular G rated film, Monsters University, which is the sequel to Monsters Inc. Entry is $2 per person or $10 for a family. Don’t forget to bring your deck chairs and blankets and help us celebrate 50 years of swimming and fun at Yass pool.

Yass Valley Youth Council will be operating a fundraising BBQ from 12:00pm until the conclusion of the movie at around 10:00pm. Youth Council will direct all proceeds from the BBQ to the purchase of their very own movie screen and projection equipment, which will be used for future community events.
VASS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB
IS INVITING PLAYERS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON

With rugby debuting at the Olympics in 2016 and the Wallabies in great form at last year’s world cup, why not make this the year your family gives rugby a go!

Registration Day will be held on 13 February 2016 at Victoria Park in Vass, 9.00am to 12.00pm

Players are invited to register in the following age groups:

Under 7’s (children turning 6 & 7 – non-tackle) Under 8’s, 9’s, 10’s, 11’s and 12’s

Registration includes the player’s jersey to keep!

For more information about the Rams or playing rugby call: Greg Weller – YJRUC President, on 0438 846 752
Yass Music Tuition

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the Guitar / Drums / Saxophone?

Currently offering Guitar and taking bookings for many other instruments.

Individual and Group Lessons Available.
All levels and ages catered for.
Locally based.

Ben & Jo Hoare
0408 505 797