Calendar of Events

TERM 4

November
Wed 14th, 21st & 28th - Kinder Orientation
Thurs 15th - Colour run
Fri 16th - Dress like a farmer day - Assembly
Mon 19th - Todd Woodbridge Cup
Fri 23rd - School Spec Excursion

December
Yass Public School Presentation
Fri 7th - Infants Presentation
Mon 10th - Primary Presentation

Principal’s Report

Glad to be back safe and sound from my bucket list trip to China. We had a spectacular trip and saw some truly amazing sights like the Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors and Tiananmen Square. We had 4 days cruising down the Yangtze River. What a great experience. I also really appreciate the warm welcome back I received from teachers, parents and students. Some students even made a replica Great Wall in the sand pit. A huge thank you to Mrs Hickey for taking my position for the 3 weeks I was away, everyone stepped up and helped make my absence smooth.

I would like to congratulate Darcy Worthy on his wonderful achievement of being first place in High Jump at State Level. He told me he felt he had great competition with many competitors much taller than he. Darcy jumped a personal best of 163cm. He is now heading off to national championships in Melbourne at the end of November. We will be having some fundraisers to help Darcy pay for entry fees for Nationals.

A huge thanks to the Stage 2&3 teachers that planned and supervised both 3 day camps. All students had a great time and experienced some great activities. Our teachers enjoyed getting to know students in a more casual environment and had no concerns about behaviour. Thanks teachers for organising your own families and children so you take our YPS family away on such great school camps.

Don’t forget our Assembly this Friday @11.20 am

Kind Regards

Michelle Fahey
Makayla Langfield and Willow Curlewis

- Mature
- Consistent effort in all KLA’s
- Good friends to others
- Engaged in their learning
- Responsible
- Reliable

Writing Awards

Christian Ward’s Cinquain

Australia

Roll cage, Buring, screeching, smoking
Stockeys and super charge
Summernats

Should all children learn to swim?

Written by Hayden Howlett

I think all kids should learn how to swim.

When it is hot you can swim at the beach. You can jump in Yass swimming pool because you will have swimming lessons. If you have swimming lessons you can get better at swimming.

Then if you go to the big swimming pool you can jump in or step in the pool.

I think all kids should learn how to swim.
P&C News
A huge thank you to our P&C committee and loyal Yass Public volunteers for their time and hard work making Murrumbateman Field Day such a success. It was our first year of going it alone and with many parents, grandparents and friends stepping up to make it all happen. Even the wild weather of the storm on Saturday couldn’t put a damper on the event. Thanks to everyone involved for the huge effort. There is a P&C meeting this Tuesday evening @ 6pm in the school staff room. Everyone is very welcome.

Friday Afternoon Plans
Please try to make plans with your child on Friday morning before leaving home. It is very difficult to get messages to students while they are out at sport and not in their classrooms. They may be at Joe O’Connor Park and it is difficult to get messages to children.

Yass Public’s Spelling Bee
This term we will have our annual spelling bee! Mrs Barlow and Miss Piper have started planning the event, which is scheduled for Monday 26th November. Students who have been nominated for the competition will bring home a note with further information this week.

SRC News
At our last meeting we decided on a date for our drought relief fundraiser. We will be hosting a “Dress like a Farmer” day on Friday of this week. For a gold coin donation students can come to school dressed like a farmer and all money raised will be passed onto the farmers that need it.

Our latest total for Return and Earn funds is $795.20. This includes $11.80 made at the Murrumbateman Field Days and $4.50 at the Boorowa carnival. Taking out our expenses we have $728.20 to spend on school projects and equipment. At our last meeting students agreed on a few small purchases, with more to come.

Our filtered water station was installed last term, and although the bubbler part was working we had a few technical glitches getting the bottle refilling tap working. With thanks to Mick Benton it is up and running, and very cold. With the weather warming up, students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to school and make the most of this new addition to our school.
Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday the 1st November 17 students from Years 2-6 competed in the Yass Public School Public Speaking Competition. All participants showed immense courage and talent to deliver entertaining, persuasive and informative speeches on a range of topics. A huge congratulations to all those who participated in the competition and a special thank you to Poppy Fuller for being an excellent presenter. The winners and runners up are as follows. Congratulations!

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Colour Run

Our colour run is on this Thursday afternoon. We hope for great weather and that students are continuing to collect sponsors for the event. Remember students to wear old clothes that you are happy to get wet and covered in coloured powder. We hope you have a terrific time on Thursday afternoon.
This term Stage 1 have been creating artworks by investigating the details of living things, such as butterflies and dragonflies. We have had lots of fun adding fine details to our drawings with felt tip markers.
Representative Student

Darcy Worthy is a student at Yass Public school and he was named in first place at the Athletics Carnival at State level. Darcy jumped a personal best of 1.63m. He has earned the right to represent his state at a National level in Melbourne on the 24th November.

This is a very expensive exercise and the administration fee alone to participate is $600.

We would like to hold several fund raisers to help out Darcy get to Nationals.

We are very proud of his achievements as he has made this journey through the PSSA school carnival, district carnival and then through the state level.

Remembrance Day

Last week 1/2P learnt about the significance of Remembrance Day and made red poppies to commemorate the occasion. We also paused for a minute’s silence to remember those who gave their lives for peace 100 years ago and in all conflicts since 1918. We will remember them.
Stage 3 Dubbo Adventure

Last week, Stage 3 went on an adventure. Our adventure began on Wednesday as we travelled to Parkes and visited the CSIRO Radio Telescope Observatory or “The Dish”. We watched a series of 3D short films on the observatory and space. We then went on a scavenger hunt to find things throughout the CSIRO facility. That afternoon, we travelled to our accommodation in Dubbo. There was a fantastic water park there. It was raining, but most of the students braved the rain and went in the pool anyway! After dinner, Mrs Sharp organised a Trivia Night that was both hilarious and competitive.

On Thursday, we headed to the Old Dubbo Gaol where we were taken on a guided tour. It was terrifying going in the solitary cell and hearing the stories of the prisoners. Some people had a try of the stocks. It was hard to scratch your nose when you were in them! We then ventured to Taronga Western Plains Zoo. It is such a big place and we all walked long distances to see our favourite animals. The elephants, giraffes, lions and meerkats were highlights. We got to have some time with zookeeper Kirsty and got up close and personal with some Australian wildlife. That afternoon, we were all so tired that another swim was in order to ease our weary bones.

Mrs Stuart organised a mega game of Scattergories and it definitely brought out some rivalry between Mrs Sharp and some Year 6 boys.

On Friday morning, we packed up and headed to Wellington to the caves. We split into 2 groups and went with a guide into the Cathedral Caves. It was fantastic fun looking at the stalagmites and stalactites and thinking about how many years they take to form. We then travelled home safely to Yass. It was a much quieter trip than the way there!

Stage 3 teachers were so proud of our Stage 3 students who displayed outstanding behaviour. They were such a delight to take away. We would all like to thank Mr Hughes who came with us as well as Steve the coach driver. We hope that all the students will remember this adventure as fondly as the teachers will.

Ms Bird, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Stuart
**P&C NEWS**

**Uniform Shop**
Some very exciting news about our Uniform Shop at YPS - we’re online! That’s right, you can now check out our entire range of uniform items, order, and even pay online. We will even deliver to your child’s classroom. If you’re on www.school24.net.au you can go ahead and order today. Have a look at your opening menu screen for the Uniform Shop link. If you’re not on school24.net.au already, now is the perfect time to join!

**Canteen**
For the rest of Term 4, the canteen will be adding toasted ham, cheese and tomato sandwiches to the menu. If you order online at www.school24.net.au you can see the new addition.

**Run4Fun with Colour Explosion.**
We were so disappointed to have to postpone the Run4Fun on 2nd November, but now we’re getting excited again, because it’s on this Thursday! If you have a spare hour, we’d love some parent helpers to spread the colour! We’ll start around 2pm at the infants playground. The kids can also still fund-raise, right up to the run day. There are some excellent prizes they can earn through their fundraising, and we’ll also have some little prizes for them on the day such as Most Colourful, Fastest, Best Sportsmanship and Wooden Spooner. If the rain holds off, it should be a great day!