



Yass Public School

# YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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## Calendar of Events

### TERM 4

#### November

Wed 28th- Kinder Orientation

#### December

Mon 3rd- 14th- Swim school

#### **Yass Public School Presentation**

Fri 14th- Infants Presentation

Mon 10th- Primary Presentation

Wed 19th- Last day for students

## From the Principal's Desk

I have been going to Schools Spectacular as an audience member for over 15 years. Every single year those amazing students and committed teachers and organisers deliver a totally professional and creative experience for us the audience but this year I personally saw the other side.

I was able to go with Mrs Hickey and our 13 students in our School Spec Choir. Teachers and students had 2 days to learn actions, songs and how to perform as a mass choir. The students learnt about the professional expectations and it was a great incite for any students wishing to pursue a career in the arts.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and being part of the show. We performed in 4 concerts and had 2 very full rehearsal days. We returned on Sunday exhausted but proud and pumped from our experience. A huge thanks to Mrs Hickey for her months of organisation and planning, to Mrs Liz Phillips for all her support while we were in Sydney. Mrs Bird who helped me in the few last shows and getting our students home safely back to Yass.

Public Education does many absolutely fantastic things but the last few days renewed my enthusiasm and made me proud to be part of such a professional experience for our students. Watch the show on TV on the 8th December and check out our clip on School Spec facebook.

Kind Regards

Michelle Fahey



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Office Hours: 8.30am to 3.30pm

Uniform Shop is open each Friday  
afternoon: 2.45pm-3.30pm

## Principal Awards

### Sophie Bramley

- Kind and considerate she always follows the core values of the school
- She is an excellent friend who can be relied upon
- At Stage 3 camp, she was willing to try new things and loved every opportunity given to her
- Always has a smile on her face and does the right thing

### Seth Faulkner

- Motivated to learn new things
- More settled and dedicated in Maths
- Offering to help with meal preparation and clean up at camp
- Supporting and helping other students in his cabin at camp who were upset.



## Writing Awards

### Tiana McWilliams 5/6G

The wolves fled down the hill, eyes on their prey

The alpha runs down the middle

The rest of the pack bolt down the side

Surrounding the herd of deer, ready to attack

They jump into the air, digging their jaws

Into the tasty flesh, eating away

Looking at the moon, howling as one, hunger gone

### Lochlan Howlett

#### The Classroom

Flickering light and the smartboard

Ray chirping and a bell jingling

Lead pencils

When is lunch?

"How do I spell mutant?"

#### The Beach

Blue water and yellow sand

The waves crashing and seagulls squawking

Salty water and rubbish

The water tastes disgusting!

"Yuck"

### **Staff Development Days**

Students last day of term will be Wednesday 19th December. On this day we will have the Graduation assembly for our Year 6 students. They will also get to ring the bell to signify their journey into high school in 2019.

Teachers have already attended staff training on weekends and evenings so they will not be attending school on staff development days at the end of the last week. There may be teachers around tidying up on Thursday the 20th December.

### **Student changes for 2019**

Please let us know at the office or your class teachers in the next week if you are planning on leaving Yass Public School in 2019. Teachers and executive staff are looking at classes for next year and would appreciate if we knew which students won't be returning. Teachers are staying on the stage they have taught this year for 2019.

Staff will be very similar in 2019. Mrs Bradley has taken a year of leave next year and her replacement has not been selected.

### **Keeping Safe**

Please revise road safety and bike safety with your children. Last Friday afternoon/evening 4 Yass Public Students were nearly involved in an accident at Flat Rock while on their bikes and playing near a busy road.

A community member rang our school after observing the students but we don't know who they are.

Please have those safety conversations as the holidays approach.

### **Swim School 2018**

The government run "Learn To Swim" school of 2018 will run from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December until the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

This program has been designed for Year 2 students across the state to help them to reach the goal of swimming 50 metres.

Any additional spaces that we may have left are held aside for any Years 3-6 students who are still not able to reach this important swimming target. Years 3-6 students who may require this intervention were tested last Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of November to determine their placings.

Any school students, from Years 2-6 who have been placed in the program will be notified this week and be required to send back a NSW government designed permission slip to attend the program. Students attending swim school will require the daily \$1.50 entry fee or a pool pass, their swimmers and towel and an optional pair of goggles. We wish them every success in learning this life saving skill and appreciate parent and carer support.

Regards,

Ms. Lisa Marple



## Todd Woodbridge Cup

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, a team of 8 students and their families travelled to Sydney Olympic Park's tennis centre to compete in the Todd Woodbridge Cup. Over 5000 students played in the rounds across NSW and the ACT, before the top 20 teams came together for the play offs. After winning the regional competition held in Yass a few months ago, our team of eight students have worked hard on improving their game. This was reflected by their awesome achievement of qualifying for and playing in the semi-finals!

Yass was nominated after just 1 game as a team showing good sportsmanship at the tournament. Congratulations to Telopea Park School from the ACT who won the overall competition.

Students were treated to a tour of the Sydney Tennis Centre with the highlight, walking 'the players tunnel' to come out onto the main court of the Ken Rosewall Arena. Apart from the inspiring opportunity to play at an internationally recognised sporting facility, meet other schools from all over the state, and have fun playing tennis with their team mates, students also met Australian tennis doubles champion Todd Woodbridge.

A huge thank you to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Smith, and all the parents and families for supporting the students, and travelling to Sydney to make this experience a reality.

Congratulations to our 2018 Todd Woodbridge Cup tennis champions - Jessica Condon, Liana Deary, Janika Vanu , Eloise Smith, Lachlan Penfold, Jet McGrath, Hayden McHugh and Louis Derone.

All students will be presented with their prizes from Tennis NSW at the next assembly. Thanks go to Scott from Spinifex Tennis for his help preparing the team, and to Todd Woodbridge for his time in presenting awards to the students.





### Paddock to Plate

Year 3/4 were very lucky last week to start using some of the wonderful produce grown in the school veggie patch. We picked lettuce, spring onions and snow peas then washed, cut and prepared everything before making San Choy Bau. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience the food production cycle from growing seeds to picking and eating produce.

I would like to thank Cindy Wilson and Ms Belling's mum for their kind donations of seedlings and Mrs Curtis for donating biodegradable pots.

Robyn Phillips



### Rostrum Public Speaking Competition

On Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 3 students from Yass Public School attended the annual Talk Fest hosted by Rostrum and the CWA.

They represented our school with respect and encouraged others to perform to their best. I am happy to report that Jed Glover won his division in year 4 and Malakai Vea also won his division in year 6.

Thank you to those parents who took the time to take their children and support them in their efforts. I was proud to see our students performing their speeches with gusto and enthusiasm.



### Colour Run

On Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, was the date of our rescheduled "Colour Run" P & C fundraiser. It was a very exciting day with students and staff changing into their alternative clothes to be sprayed with colour.

After lunch, all of the students moved to the infants grassed playground where a variety of activity stations had been set up by the P & C, manned by teaching staff and volunteering parents. The children ran the race in their year groups, encountering a rainbow of colour dyes as well as water guns which were enthusiastically used by Mrs Belling and Miss Pearsall.

After the races, the students congregated together for an informal disco and a multitude of prizes.

Thank you so much to Belinda Banfield who was our fabulous P & C organiser of the event, the parent volunteers and teaching staff who helped contribute to the fun afternoon.



### Visitor in 1/2B

During Weeks 3, 4 and 5, 1/2B was delighted to have Perri Modrak, a student teacher, in our class. During her time with us Miss Modrak led both whole class and small group lessons, and made valuable contributions to our class. The students had a wonderful time during her placement and were sad to see her go last Friday. Miss Modrak is currently an educator at Yass Little Learners and will complete her education degree next year. We wish her well with her studies.



## SRC News

### Dress like a farmer Day

The SRC would like to thank everyone that dressed like a farmer and made a gold coin donation on Friday 16th November.

The day was a huge success, with the school raising \$432.70 to help farmers in need.

The money will be deposited into a school account and will be pooled with the funds raised by other schools in NSW. During Friday's assembly the SRC showed a brief PowerPoint presentation to help students understand the extent of the current drought, and at lunchtime students and teachers got into the country spirit by line dancing on the playground.



### Return and Earn Funds

Our latest total for Return and Earn funds is \$863.90. This includes \$10.60 donated by Mrs Sharp and \$31.70 donated by the Banfield family. Taking out our expenses we have \$796.80 to spend on school projects and equipment. At our last two meetings we have agreed to use these funds to purchase a recycling bin for Mrs Webek in the Library, a hose for Mrs Phillips and the garden club, and wheelbarrow for the school. We will present these at the next assembly.



### Library News.

We have commenced the 2018 library stocktake and would appreciate that all books be returned as soon as possible.

We will also not be allowing further borrowing this year.

We are holding a second hand book sale every Tuesday, second half lunch.

Prices are from 20 cents. Please come to have a look, you might find your favourite old title in the boxes.

**Book Club.** All orders must be in By Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. No Late Orders.

### Bringing a little bit of the beach to the bush

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November Yass Public School gladly welcomed the Beach to Bush tour to our school. Our students, from Kindergarten to year 6, had fun learning about beach safety. They were taught about swimming between the flags, how to signal for help and dangers they might face at the beach.

The Beach to Bush program, was born out of research that showed 50% of people rescued from the surf live more than 50km from the beach. It has been running for over 20 years and has educated over 250 thousand young people about safety at the beach.



### Kinder Orientation

Over the last two weeks 2019 Kindergarten students have been attending our Kindergarten Orientation Days. Students have been singing, dancing, listening to stories and learning about how to be a good learner. Last week our new kindies met our current Year 5 students who will next year be their Year 6 buddies and made binoculars to explore our School. Our next Kindergarten Orientation Day will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.





## Community Notices



# 2019 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM TRIALS

**SATURDAY 1/12/18 - 9.00 TO 11.00 AM**

**SATURDAY 2/2/19 - 9.00 TO 11.00 AM**

*UNDER 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 (MINIMUM AGE 9)*

*PLEASE BRING WATER AND SUNSCREEN*

*COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION - FROM OUR WEBSITE*

*BOTH TRAIL DATES TO BE ATTENDED*

*Any enquiries to: [yassnetball2582@gmail.com](mailto:yassnetball2582@gmail.com)*



### CLEANING POSITIONS AVAILABLE - CASUAL

Menzies Property Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer looking for honest and reliable workers to clean Schools and Government Departments in the YASS area.

The positions are casual working morning and/or afternoon.

Interested applicants must have a Working with Children Check before submitting Employment pack.

You can apply for the WWCC at [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) or at any Roads and Maritime Office.

Please contact: Renaye Lacey to obtain further information.

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**Summer Tennis Camp 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Venue: Hume Tennis Club, Yass**

**Games, skills and prizes available for all participants. Qualified Tennis Australia Coaches available.**

**Times: Red Ball: 8am-9am. Cost \$50. Ages 3-6**

**Orange Ball: 9am-10am. Cost \$50. Ages 7-10**

**Green/Yellow Ball: 10-12pm. Cost \$75. Ages 11-16**

**Registrations by 20/1/19 to: [scott.eulenstein@outlook.com](mailto:scott.eulenstein@outlook.com) or PH: 0421016365.**