



Yass Public School

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# NEWS

Issue #5

9th April 2018

## Calendar of Events

### April 2018

**Wed 11th** - Meal Deal at the Canteen

**Fri 13th** - Assembly

**Fri 13th** - PBL Movie afternoon

**Fri 13th** - Last Day Term 1

### May 2018

**Tue 1st** - First day Term 2

**Wed 9th** - District X-Country

**28/29/30th May** - Book Fair

### Save the Date

*Grandparent and special person day*

*21st September 2018*

## Principal's Report

Our first term is nearly over and it has been really busy with new learning, lots of representative sport and leadership opportunities. Our SRC group are really humming along with their environmental projects. Our kinders have settled in and have made lots of friends.

I have had the privilege these past 2 days to be part of our Peer Support leadership training. Our student leaders have worked hard to develop their communication skills as well as learning many new skills they will need to run their Peer Support group next term. Peer Support will happen across our whole school every second Friday. A big thankyou to Mr Rae for co-ordinating the program and Mrs Stuart, Mrs Sharp and Ms Bird for their support with the training.

A gentle reminder about walking through both the top and bottom car park in the afternoons. Please meet your child at the gate. If you are walking to town or High School please walk through the school grounds rather than the car park.

Please keep an eye out for our school as the holidays approach. We had some vandalism at school over Easter which I have reported to the police, if you see anyone in our school grounds please report it to Police.

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

## Christian Ward 5/6B

- Hard Working and on task behaviour
- Settled and a good friend to his peers
- A good role model
- Improvement in Maths and Literacy



## Damian Ward 1/2V

- Excellent improvement in behaviour
- Beginning to say 'I can' rather than 'I can't' when attempting challenging tasks
- Making pleasing progress in reading and writing due to his improved attitude towards learning.

## Writing Award

Tyce received this award for his effort in Tightening Tensions.

### Quick Write

When I turned around mum was gone. I was shocked with fright. I was looking around everywhere but mum was nowhere. Then I started to feel sick. When I looked again I could only see people.

I am at the shopping centre and I've turned around and mum has vanished.

By Tyce Sattler 1/2B

### Mr Rae Leaving

It is with great sadness that we farewell Mr and Mrs Rae and Ewan next Friday. They are heading off to live in Ireland with Mrs Rae's family. We have appointed a teacher to take over from Mr Rae and she will arrive during the second week of the school holidays. Ms Ali Brown will be taking the class until the end of the year. Ms Brown has been a teaching Principal and an instructional leader in this area. She is currently working in the Northern Territory. Parents will be able to meet Ms Brown early next term. We wish Mr Rae and his family good luck in their new adventure.

### Assembly Change of date

Assembly will be this Friday 13th instead of last Friday as previously advertised.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thanks to the many parents that dropped in last week to catch up with their child's teachers about their progress this year. Teachers find this evening great to work with parents and touch base with families. Teachers will make times with parents that missed out on an appointment in the next week. Mrs Hickey will also catch up with parents next term.

## **Disco**

A great night was had by all who attended the disco last Wednesday night. The music was pumping and the dance moves were out of this world! The disco was a fundraising event for the Year 6 students, who raise money throughout the year to put towards buying a present for the school. A huge thank you to all the children who attended the evening. We hope you had as much fun as we did. Also, a big thanks to the parents who helped out in the kitchen and the staff who stayed late to supervise. It was an awesome night!

### **Stage 3**



## **SRC NEWS**

At our last meeting we discussed the list of suggestions that students gave to their SRC representatives. We grouped the ideas into 4 categories - suggestions that aren't possible, those that will be given to the PBL team to look at, and those that are high and low priority. We also agreed that we would put updates in the newsletter and have a regular report for assemblies.

While we are currently working on our list of projects and the project teams, the SRC will be focussing on how our school can have less of an impact on the environment. Our main aim is to reduce the amount of landfill waste we produce. The money we make from our Return and Earn containers will be spent on these projects. Our next meeting is this Friday.

Return and Earn Funds raised as at 22/3/2018: \$70.80

Mrs Barlow and the SRC

## **Netball Club**

Next term Netball Club will be offered again to Year 2 students. Participating students will be taught netball skills using the Net Set Go program one lunchtime per week. It is a great opportunity to learn skills for those wanting to attend the Boorowa Football/Netball carnival later in the year.

Mrs Barlow



## Writing Competition, Festival and Camp

Last year, as part of the combined schools Binit Binit Community, students in Yass and surrounding areas were provided with opportunities to increase their enthusiasm and ability in writing. A writing competition was held at each member school, and a week-long 'festival' was held during which classes undertook fun writing activities (you may remember our continuous whole school story!). The culmination of these activities was a two day Writer's camp at Warrambui that provided selected students with an opportunity to increase their writing skills. Due to the success of these activities we are doing it all again this year!

Next Monday the writing competition will begin in our school. Students in K-2 may submit a piece of writing, while participating students in 3-6 must submit a short story no longer than 400 words. Further details about the marking criteria will be sent home today. The competition closes on 11<sup>th</sup> May (Week 2, Term 2), which will coincide with the end of this year's Writing Festival. The Writer's Camp will be held on 14/15<sup>th</sup> June, and while nominations from students will be accepted, there are limited places available. Further details about the camp will be communicated next term.

Mrs Barlow

## Easter Hat Parade

Last Thursday afternoon we merged an end of week assembly with an Easter Hat parade. Students in K-2 came to school sporting a range of exotic hats that, no doubt, were made with a little help from parents and carers. During the assembly students paraded their creations around the hall, showing them off to staff, students and members of our school community. The students involved had a wonderful time, and it was a lovely way to begin our long weekend. There were possibly even a few primary students that wished they could have joined in with the entertainment!

Mrs Barlow



### Easter Egg Guessing Competition

Instead of an Easter raffle, this year the P & C ran an Easter egg guessing competition. For the week leading up to the Easter long weekend, students were given the opportunity to guess how many eggs were in the jar. No students guessed the exact amount of 163 mini eggs, however 3 students guessed 160 and were awarded their share of the jar.

Thank you to the P & C for organising this fun Easter event.  
Miss Bird

### Term One PBL Whole School Reward

We have counted the Yazza's and the students of Yass Public School have already reached their goal for Term 1. Hooray! Next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018, students will be taking part in a Mega Movie Event. Each teacher has chosen a movie to show in their 'cinema'. Winners from the assembly draws will receive their first choice of movie then everyone else has given their preferences of the movies they would prefer to watch. We look forward to a fantastic afternoon together! The students have worked very hard to display positive behaviour this term and we are proud of them.

Gillian Stuart

### Coles Sports for Schools

The Coles Sports for Schools program has now finished and we are busy counting the vouchers received. Thank you to those who contributed to our collection box and we extend our thanks to extended families and friends who collected for us. If you have any vouchers left at home please send them in by the end of the week so we can finalise our count.

### PSSA Soccer Trials

The PSSA Soccer trials were held in Goulburn on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Yass Public was well represented within the Yass Region Team and played in a good spirit. I was very proud of both the girls and boys. We came close to getting some players through to the next level of the competition, but unfortunately we will have to try again next year. A special thankyou goes out to all the parents who provided transport to and from the event, it was very much appreciated.

Thanks again  
Mr Beresford

### 1/2B PBL Awards



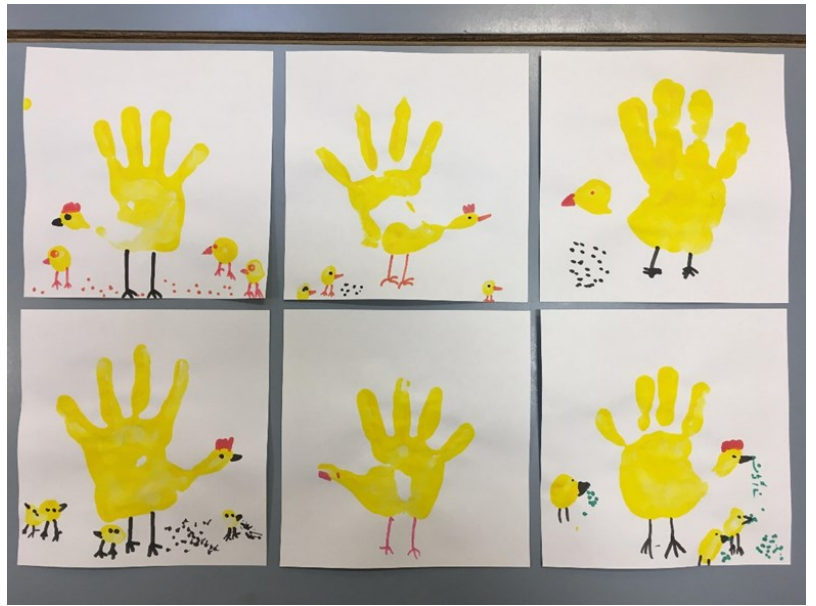


## 1/2P had special Visitors

In Week 8, 1/2P had some special visitors. They got to meet 9 baby chicks. They wrote about their experience and made some artworks afterwards. Here is one student's description of their experience and a few students' artworks.

*Today we got to hold some chicks. They are the fluffiest creatures in the world. They are so adorable. The chicks are Bella's chicks. They were singing chirp, chirp, chirp every time we tried to hold them. Some pooped on the mat and some even pooped on us! We got to hold them and play with them too. They smelt a bit stinky because they had been laying in hay but they also felt nice and warm. They had sharp claws and they scratched our hands but it did not hurt because they were only small. They tried to escape us sometimes when we held them. Some of them nearly fell asleep in our arms. They were oh so snuggly. Their wings were so floppy. Their feathers were very furry indeed. Some had black feathers but some had normal yellow feathers. I like the yellow ones the best. They were so small. The chicks were so tiny, soft and cuddly.*

Rose Ryan



## ANZAC Day 2018

Again, this year ANZAC day falls in our school holidays. I would like to invite all students who are available on ANZAC day 25th April 2018 to come down to the ceremony and march with the school. Students are asked to wear full school uniform and meet at 10:30am outside Kaffeine where we will assemble for the march to commence at 10:45am. Please insure that students have been to the toilet as this is difficult for teachers to manage through the march and ceremony.

We will also be holding our annual ANZAC assembly when school commences next term. On the 2nd May 2018 (Week 1, Wednesday) we will hold our assembly at our flag poles. Our senior students have been practicing hard and all our students have been working on completing our ANZAC art work which will be reveled at the assembly.

ANZAC day is a great day to stop and remember those service men and women who have served our country and fought for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

I would love to see any students available on the 25th April outside Kaffeine.

Beth Bird





## Cross Country 2018

What a fabulous day. The weather was amazing and the children were ready to compete.

This year our annual Cross Country carnival was a massive success. Due to our hard working community and parent helpers and our amazing staff, the children were able to enjoy a fun filled and encouraging event.

All children participated and tried their best. I was so proud of every student. Our younger students (5 to 7 year olds) completed a 1000m course. 8 to 10 year olds completed a 2000m course and the top 8 in these two divisions (8/9 and 10) were then invited to compete at the District event in Gunning next term. Our oldest students had to compete a 3000m course with the top 8 invited to go through to Gunning for the District event. Our Champions and Runners Up for this carnival were as follows...

Junior Boys –	Champion: Denver Field Runner Up: Oliver Hodge	Junior Girls –	Champion: Eloise Smith Runner Up: Shae Kemp
Senior Boys –	Champion: Jacob Reynish Runner Up: Isaac Reynish	Senior Girls –	Champion: Makayla Langfield Runner Up: Pearl Fuller

Once again, I would like to thank all our parent and community helpers. These events cannot be held without your support so on behalf of our students and myself I thank you.

Lastly, I cannot express how proud I am of all our students. You all did an amazing job and I thank you for all trying your hardest and encouraging others to do their best.

Beth Bird





## **Peer Support Training**

Last Wednesday and Thursday Mr Rae, Mrs Stuart, Ms Bird and Mrs Sharp Joined me and we took all year 5 and 6 students down to the Soldiers Club at Yass to do our two days of training to become Peer Support Leaders next term. We had a great time developing games and activities around developing leadership and friendship skills. We also had some great Domino's pizza for lunch on both days and played in the park. Students were very responsible and great role models. This week we will look at grouping our leaders and co leaders and then working on developing peer support groups with all of our students from kindergarten to year 4. We will start our new Peer Support lessons next term and our theme will be making and keeping friends. It was a great couple of days and we really thank the Soldiers Club for donating the venue to us to support Yass Public School.

Mrs Fahey



## **PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

A photography competition will be conducted as part of the Bookham Sheep Show & Country Fair on Saturday 28th April, 2018.

Sections are:

**Open** Portraits, Animals, Flora,  
Landscape, Farm Life/Local Area.

**Junior** (16 & Under)

Farm Life/Local Area,  
Animals  
Landscape

Entry forms, with all relevant information, are available at School Offices & Tribune Office – Meehan Street  
Any enquiries can be directed to Phil Cox (62262372).



**A job inside school hours**  
**Making a healthy and positive impact on our school Yass Public**  
**School Canteen Manager**

Yass Public School requires an organised and enthusiastic canteen manager. The position is Casual with the canteen open on a Wednesday (there may be extra hours on a flexible basis for shopping, food preparation and special events).

Salary is in accordance with the MA000003 Fast Food Industry Award 2010 To be considered you must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated understanding of healthy eating and cooking
- Experience in food preparation, food safety and handling
- The ability to work independently as well as supervise others and motivate volunteers
- Demonstrated time management skill
- The ability to manage the control and ordering of stock, maintain petty cash and undertake basic book keeping
- An understanding of the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy
- An understanding of Work Health and Safety principles

**Essential**

You must hold or be willing to obtain;

- a current NSW Food Safety Supervisor Certificate
- a NSW Working With Children Check.

It is a requirement of employment that a Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment Screening checks will be complete

A detailed job description can be obtained by emailing [ypspandc@gmail.com](mailto:ypspandc@gmail.com)

**Applications close 5pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

Apply in writing to:

Yass Public School P&C Locked Bag 4

Yass NSW 2582

Or to [ypspandc@gmail.com](mailto:ypspandc@gmail.com)



*Do you like to dance and move?*

*Does music get your toes tapping?*

*Do you like to create?*

*Then we have the group for you!*

Suzanne Pollack, A Yass Valley Occupational Therapist will be running a group for kids of all abilities.

The activities will include, Movement & Dance, Art & Craft and Music.

The aim of the group is to join in and have a go!

**When:** Term 2, Tuesday's at 3:15pm – 4:00pm

May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Where:** Berinba Public School Yass

**Who:** Kinder – Year 6 students

**Cost:** \$120 per term

To secure your child's position in this group please contact:

Suzanne Pollack  
0412 806 565  
Suzanne@yassvalleyot.com

- \*Family discounts may apply
- \* Reduced rate for health care card holders
- \* Limited spaces available





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# The simplest way

...to learn more about Fruit & Veg

Do you need help encouraging your kids to eat fruit and veg?

*Eat It To Beat It* is Cancer Council NSW's nutrition program. It helps make eating fruit and veg easy, cheap and fun.

Eating the right amount of fruit and veg is the crucial in the fight against cancer, but we all know it can be hard to get the family eating healthily.



Cancer Council NSW is offering *Fruit & Veg Sense*: a free 60 minute session at **Priceline Pharmacy Yass**, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6:30pm-7:30pm. The session will give you a range of ideas to deal with fussy eaters, plus provide you with a **free recipe book** packed with Cancer Council approved meals.

This program helps busy parents make simple changes to make the whole family healthier. Places are limited, so if you're interested in attending the session, please contact Priceline Pharmacy Yass on 6226 1003.

For more information visit  
[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

Eat It To  
Beat It 



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**17,18 & 19 APRIL  
24 & 26 APRIL**

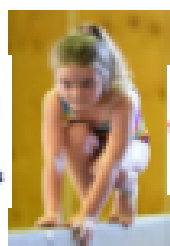
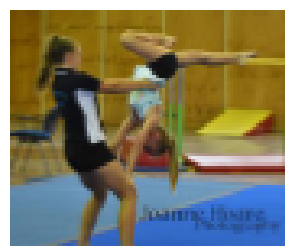
Enjoy your school holidays with days full of fun activities. Yass Gymnastics strive to promote and improve fitness, confidence and self-esteem in all our participants.

Book your kids into Yass Gymnastics School Holiday Program. Each day consists of

- Gymnastics class
- Trampoline class
- Outdoor games & activities
- Morning and afternoon tea provided
- Movie matinée &
- Arts and craft session

Don't need to be a member or have previous gymnastics experience. **FUN FOR EVERYONE**

**Qualified and experience coaches**



**Fun, Fitness &  
Friendship**

**Catering for kids  
4-14yrs of age and  
all abilities**

**Morning &  
Afternoon Tea  
provided  
(Bring your own lunch)**

**8.30am – 4pm**

**\$60 per day**

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Yass Showground  
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[www.yassgymnastics.com.au](http://www.yassgymnastics.com.au)

**For more  
information or to  
book your spot call  
Michelle  
0416 082365**



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in a different  
league



## PlayNRL Term 1 School Holiday Clinic



Date: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Venue: Walker Park, Yass

Time: 10am-1pm

Ages: Boys & Girls between 6-16 years

To register, please visit:

<https://membership.sportstq.com/reqofrm.cgi?formID=49493&programID=41136>



# TRIVIA NIGHT

## **Fundraiser for Yass Netball Association**

Yass Golf Club  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Tickets \$10 per head – Tables of 10  
(Age 12 years and above)

BYO Nibblies – no hot food!  
(Platters available for pre-order through the Golf Club)

Tickets available from Yass Netball Courts  
each Friday from 5-7pm  
\*\*\* until sold out \*\*\*

Enquiries: Patrina Langfield – 0421 636 889







# GKR KARATE

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Children who train in karate  
are less likely to be bullied and  
school work and class behaviour can improve

**classes continue during school holidays**



- Build confidence
- Improve fitness
- Gain self discipline
- Learn self defence

Yass classes in:

Berinba Primary School

Classes: all around Canberra, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Yass

For your **Free Trial Class**

contact Wendy: 0406 375 091  
[wendy.gkr@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.gkr@gmail.com)

**GKR Karate supports Beyond Blue**  
**self defence for all ages**



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Hosting overseas students promotes an exchange of cultures, languages and traditions and will enrich your family's lifestyle. Students, aged 15-18, are wonderful role models for Australia's future generation.

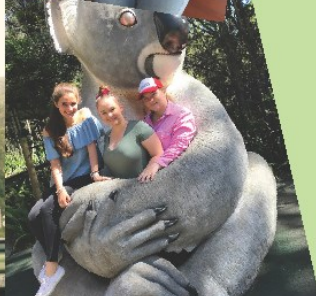
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10,000 Tim Tams consumed  
Countless memories made**

*"Our daughter has a big sister now, someone to talk to other than mum or dad! If you're thinking about hosting, do it! It's the most rewarding experience for your family!"*

**Nicole, three-time host mum.**



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