



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL

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NEWS

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Calendar of Events

June 2018

Fri 8th - Assembly

Mon 11th - Queen's B'day Long Weekend

Tue 12th - P&C Meeting

Thu 14th - Writers Camp

Fri 15th - Writers Camp

Friday 22nd - YPS Athletics Carnival

July 2018

Fri 6th - Assembly

Fri 6th - Last day of term 2

Tue 24th - Students return for term 3

August 2018

Fri 3rd - District Athletics

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Principal's Report

A huge congratulations to all our 13 competitors that ran in the Regional Cross Country last Friday down on the South Coast. Many students did their best run and I saw a lot of Regional Representative jumpers at school on Monday. Thanks to all our parents that support our students to get safely to and from these big sporting events. A very special mention of a great achievement was Eloise Smith in Year 4 ran 6th at regional so she will be representing Yass District at State Cross Country on the 15th June.

Mrs Langton at Yass High school has let us know that Scott Anderson will be the Year 7 advisor for students starting high school in 2019. He will be visiting our school in the next few weeks to meet our current year 6 students.

Our Chess Club will be heading off to a Chess competition next Thursday at Crookwell. Mr Beresford is taking 13 students to participate. We are very appreciative of Mr Beresford's co-ordination as well as the parents that have volunteered to help transport students. Have a great time and good luck.

Remember to label all your child's clothes. We are picking up a lot of jumpers and it is easy to return them if they have names in them. Representative jumpers are very expensive so make sure names are inside these jumpers. Representative jumpers can be worn on Friday as part of the sports uniform.

Kind regards

Michelle Fahey

Principal Awards

Darcy Bell KB

- Improving in reading and literacy activities
- Great friend and role model
- Respectful and responsible
- He loves maths and tries very hard in maths.

Mekari Wallace KP

- He arrives each day motivated and ready to learn
- Always tries his best
- Always enthusiastic and helpful in the classroom
- Follows our PBL values
- Confident in having a go in the engine room, sounds out words he is stuck on and has very neat handwriting.



Writing Award

He lives in a cave that is in the deep dark woods. He has a black gooey tongue with white horns on his head and they are razor sharp. He has purple prickles that are spikey all over his back. His eyes are orange and glow so bright. He's got knobbly knees that are hard and it has a white patch. He stomps so loud and nearly brakes stuff. He looks brave but is scared sometimes inside. He always acts evil and mean.

The Gruffalo

By Harry Stuart 1/2v

I opened my lunchbox and it was there. It was like fat fluffy clouds that were lumpy and white. They were small but finger sized. They have small yellow bits all over it. It feels bumpy when you roll it around in your hand. It is hard when you bite it but also soft. It rattles and pops when you cook it. It smells like salt and butter. When I smell it, it reminds me of the movies. It tastes like butter and a little bit salty.

POPCORN

By Joshua Neuhaus 1/2V

Walking and Riding to School

This week we have had 3 reports from members of the community who have witnessed YPS students crossing the road in an unsafe manner. Mrs Fahey has spoken to all the students regarding this matter. Students should where ever possible use the Bridge underpass or designated road crossings. It is also important that all students have a properly fitted bike or scooter helmet and that it is securely buckled.

New Smart Boards

5/6B and 1/2P have been fortunate to get 2 brand new smart TVs. The P & C have purchased these as part of their plan to update the technology available to the students.

1/2P and 5/6B would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the P & C and the school community for making it all possible.

Here are a few photos of the students with the new boards.

Miss Piper and Ms Bird



The Schools Spectacular News

I am pleased to announce that our audition choir has been offered a place in the Schools Spectacular in Sydney later in the year. This is a great honour and a once in a lifetime experience for those children. I will send home more information once I have been able to investigate transport options. We will also be fundraising throughout the year to bring the cost of the trip down. I would also like to thank Miss Bird for her help with the choir while I was away in term 1.

Mrs Hickey

Sports News

Mortimer Shield

On Wednesday 30th June, 20 Yass Public students headed to Young for the annual Mortimer Shield event. This year we combined with Binalong Public School to create 1 boys Rugby League team and 1 girls League Tag team.

The Rugby League team played 3 games. The first was a fast paced game against St Mary's Young, with the boys going down. The second game the boys faced a Berinba team. They made a lot of progress as a team and began putting plays together. This paid off with the boys winning that game. The last game they played was very evenly matched. The boys played St Mary's West Wyalong. The boys went down however played very well.

Zac Finch was awarded the player of the day for Yass Public with Dane Howard awarded for Binalong.

The League Tag team played 4 games. They again had players from Binalong. They began the day playing West Wyalong Public. The girls went down however played well for what was some of the players first game. Up next was Young North. This was an evenly matched game with the girls working together to score some solid tries and put some points on the board. They again went down, however were able to hold their heads up high. St Marys Young was a determined team with players who had played this sport for many years. The girls did well however again went down. Last up for our girls was the game against Berinba. As the girls had become more familiar with the game and growing in confidence, they manages to put together some amazing plays which saw our lead try scorer, Larissa Hulme cross the line many times in this game. The girls won the game.

Larissa Hulme was awarded the player of the day for Yass Public with Alerya Brayshaw awarded for Binalong.

I have a few people who I would like to extend a thank you to...

Justin Hughes and Toni Hulme – These two parents stepped up and assisted me in managing the teams on the day. I am so grateful to you both. You made my day so easy knowing that our students were in safe hands.

Cameron Woo and the NRL Regional Development Team – These days give students the opportunity to have a go at various sports and I am extremely grateful to you for putting in your time and effort to run these events for our children.

All the parents who assisted with transport to and from the event. I know the children are grateful for you time and effort in this as they are aware that we cannot do these things without your support.



Regional Cross Country

It was cold on Friday the 1st June. As I got out of the car all I could see was a sea of blue regional jumpers.

First stop, the Yass District flag to get my name marked off and get my district t-shirt. We began to walk the course where along the way the older students broke off to do another 1km loop. Then the races began.

With the 8/9 year old boys starting the competition. I was the third race and the 12/13 year old girls last finishing the primary cross country event. Each age group had about 75 people in each race but in my age race there were 81 kids!

At the end of my race I came 6th meaning I'm going to state on the 27th July.

By Eloise Smith



We were pleased to identify 13 students as they represented our school and district at the Regional Cross Country Event held last week in Cambewarra. By all accounts the students had a fantastic day and represented us well.

I am very excited to announce that Eloise Smith in year 4, (10 year girls) came 6th in her event opening the way for her to compete at the next level, State, next term. I wish her the best of luck. I know she will put in 100% and do us proud.

Go Luck Eloise!



School Athletics Carnival

Our School Athletics Carnival is on the 22nd June, a note will come home soon giving details of the day and asking for parent helpers.

Ms Bird

SRC News

At our meeting last Friday the SRC put together a proposal for a sporting program with Berinba. The committee is proposing that once a term the two schools will join together for a friendly sports game. The aim of the interaction is to help students at both schools get to know each other and offer more opportunities to play team sports. It is proposed that each team contain students from both schools, and that over the course of a year the four sports played would be cricket, netball, soccer and touch football. The SRC is looking forward to working with Berinba to develop the detail and put the plan into action.

Since the last newsletter we have raised \$52.50 taking our term total to \$84.80, which means this year we have made to total of \$226.80. A very special thank you to Tori Carter and her family who donated \$11.30 worth of eligible containers. If anyone else has some at home, please feel free to bring them to school, or take them to the return station and donate your voucher to the school.

Writing Competition

We had 30 entries this year for our school writing competition, which is a significant improvement on last year. The high quality and the increased enthusiasm shown this year are a testament to this year's whole school focus on writing. After much deliberation the winners of the competition were:

K-2: Gabby Penfold

3-4 - Sage Molchanoff

5-6 – Isabelle Phillips

The quality of the entries was so high that Mrs Fahey also wanted to make mention of notable efforts. The following students were awarded Principal's Choice awards:

K-2 – Ekaterina Mulcair and Tori Carter

3-4 - Archie Martin

5-6 – Charli Ziarno

The first place entries, and Mrs Fahey's winner Charli Ziarno, were forwarded to the town library for judging in a community writing competition. The nine schools in the Binit Binit Learning Community that held writing competitions also submitted their winning entries. Winners will be announced at this week's assembly. We would like to thank the staff at the Yass Library for judging the entries and to both Alliance and Bloomsbury Publishing for donating book prizes. We look forward to making next year's competition even bigger and better.



Lunchtime clubs

Starting this term, teachers have been giving up some of their lunchtime to run clubs. The clubs are held during the second half of lunch each day and are aimed at providing students with a range of settings in which to interact with other students. The timetable for activities is as follows:

Monday – Mindfulness with Miss Pearsall

Tuesday – Chess Club with Mr Beresford

Wednesday – Activities in the library with Mrs Bradley

Thursday – Art with Ms Marple

Friday – Construction with Mrs Belling

All students are welcome to attend.



Stage 2 Camp

This year we are trialling a new type of camp for stage. We are travelling to Pambula for a beach life camp. We are employing experts in the field of camping to run the camp and I think the students will benefit from the experience. Please remember that expressions of interest for camp and deposits need to be paid by the end of this term. If you would like to ask any questions about camp please contact me.

Mrs Hickey

Stage 3 Dubbo Adventure

Stage 3 are looking forward to their Dubbo adventure. We will be visiting the Dish at Parkes, Western Plains Zoo, the Old Dubbo Gaol and Wellington Caves. How exciting! Please note that the dates for this adventure have changed due to circumstances beyond our control and will now occur from Wednesday 7th- Friday 9th November 2018. Please speak to your child's class teacher if there are any issues with this change of date.

Mrs Stuart

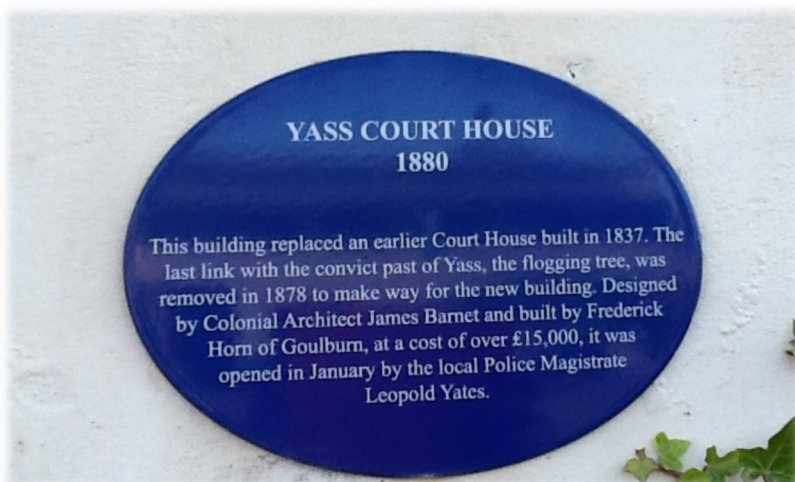
Stage 1 Science Excursion

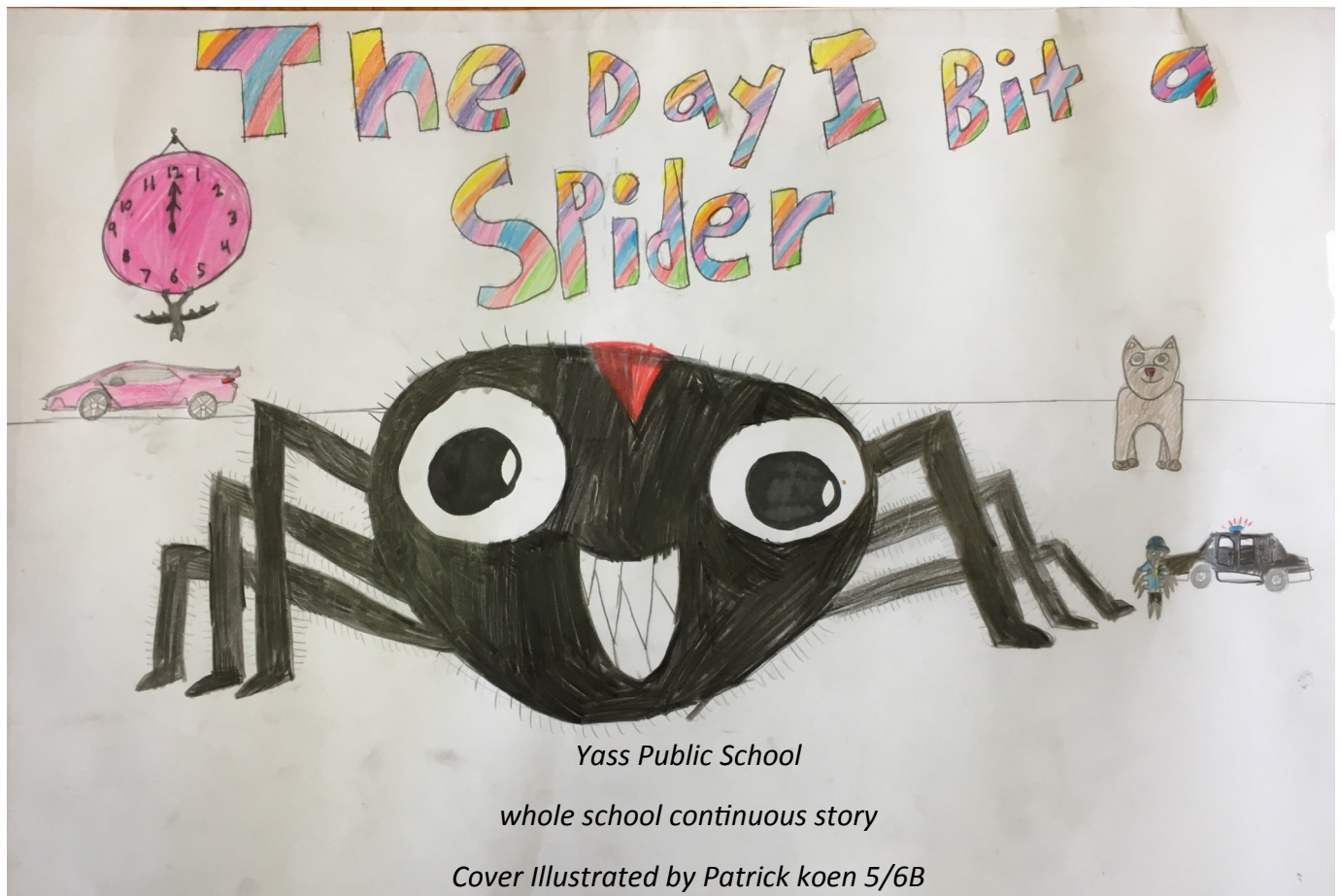
Year 1 and 2 students have been on an excursion to Yass Courthouse as part of their science unit on 'Built Environments'. They learnt about the purpose of the courthouse and how it is designed to meet its purpose. They had lots of fun sitting in the gallery, witness box and jury box and were very interested to hear about the secret tunnel underneath the courtroom. This week, Year 1 and 2 students also studied Yass Riverbank Park. They looked for built features in the park and discussed their purpose and design. They also came up with ways they could change the park to make it better. In the next few weeks, they will look at our school playground and think of ways they could improve it. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the parents who helped these students on their excursion.

Stage 3 Built Environment Excursion

On Thursday 24th May 2018, Stage 3 went on a walking excursion to the main street of Yass. The three classes rotated through 3 different activities. The activities included hearing from Yass Valley Town Planner Chris Berry about the history of the main street of Yass, zoning in the Yass Valley and the process taken to make changes in buildings. The students were able to sketch some of our beautiful historic buildings and take photos using the iPads. The final activity was hosted by our lovely friends at Trader & Co. Mr and Mrs Rayner shared photos from when Mr Rayner, and his father before him, used the current Trader & Co building as a hardware shop. It was so interesting hearing about how the hardware shop used to look and the services they provided our community. Kate MacMaster from Trader & Co kindly shared how the building has changed to suit the purpose of the businesses at Trader & Co. She also shared how they intentionally kept features of the hardware shop to honour the history of the building. A huge thank you to our presenters and hosts for supporting the learning of our Stage 3 students, Chris Berry, Yass Valley Council, Sophie Peer, Dan and Toni Neuhaus and Kate MacMaster from Trader & Co.

Mrs Stuart and Stage 3





The second exciting instalment

I felt terrified and furious! That spider had taken my body and I was the spider! My eyes started to blur. I went to yell "HELP!" but I wasn't sure if I could talk. Suddenly dad looked down at me and shrieked "It's a spider!!" The creature that looked like me gave me sly grin. Dad raced towards me, raised his giant foot and.....By 3/4P

I tried to scatter away, but it was too late! Crunch! I looked over to see two of my beautiful legs lying lifeless on the floor, looking like discarded toenails after being ripped from their life source. At least I was still alive. I now needed to come up with a plan for how to bite my human body, so I could once more be the child that I had always been. I missed my life and all the fun things I used to do, being a spider was not as much fun as I imagined. I really missed being part of my family. By 3/4B

I commando crawled on my six remaining legs. I had to avoid dad, as he had gone on a rampage looking for insect spray to polgarise me. "Time to be spider woman," I squeaked to myself. Using my web for disguise, I waited in the hallway to jump on the evil body swapper. I wait, I jump, fangs ready. I bite straight in to the skin. I hear a yelp I realise my mistake. I had bitten our dog Banjo. By 3/4H

Banjo collapsed on the floor. The floorboards made a loud thump! Then there was silence. "What have I done?" I gasped, and quickly scurried up the wall. "My poor Banjo!" Suddenly, Banjo stirred. Slowly he stood up and shook himself vigorously. "I'm okay" said a deep husky voice. I looked around "who is that?" I thought. "It's me, Banjo!" the voice replied. "I don't understand" I cried out. "look down below you," said the voice. I peered down to see Banjo waving a paw at me. "I saw what happened to you," Banjo said. "I can now hear your every thought! That spider venom has opened a passage between us!" By 5/6G

"We need a plan!" I said to Banjo quickly. For the next 20 minutes we discussed all the possible options, and eventually agreed I needed to bite the old me in order to put this curse to bed. Suddenly, from out of nowhere the bat came swooping in and landed on Banjo's shoulder. "About time mate" said Banjo. "I heard you call and I'm here to help" replied the bat. "thank you old friend, lets do some body swapping." Within seconds the bat was flying around my fathers head and the girl was cowering in the corner near the bookshelf. Now it was my turn to fulfil my role in the plan....By 5/6S

While my bat friend, Jeff was distracting dad, I jumped into my mini pink Lamborghini and sped towards the corner. Racing recklessly I jumped through the window and bit the girl squarely on the ear. In the blink of an eye, we were all transported to OZ. There the ant police were waiting to take the girl in to custody. They arrested me, as the bite had worked and locked me in the toilet. Planning my escape, I heard Pop calling my name. Then in an instant I was swallowed by the toilet. I woke up in a sea of sweat as Pop was coming into my room. "It's alright sweetie," Pop soothed, "it's just a dream." Looking under the blanket, I saw 6 hairy legs. By 5/6B

Media Release

June 2018

Call for more on-call firefighters at Yass Fire Station

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is calling for community-minded men and women to consider joining the retained (on-call) firefighter ranks at Yass Fire Station.

Retained firefighters are on call from home or work to respond to fires and other emergencies. There are currently 8 vacancies for retained firefighters at Yass Fire Station.

Station Officer Camilleri urged residents from all walks of life to consider becoming a retained firefighter.

"Yass Fire Station relies on people in the community to put their hand up to become firefighters – without that support, regional fire stations cannot survive," he said.

Retained firefighters balance work and family commitments to respond to fires and other emergencies on an 'on call', part-time basis.

Station Officer Camilleri said training includes advanced first aid, heavy vehicle driving, and how to deal with emergencies such as fires, road accidents and hazardous material spills. Firefighters also educate the community on fire safety and prevention.

"Retained firefighters are on call, however this does not mean that you have to be available every minute of every day," he/she said.

"Sharing availability with other retained firefighters can reduce any potential impact on work and private life."

FRNSW Commissioner Paul Baxter said retained firefighters played a critical role in the delivery of fire and emergency services across regional and rural NSW.

"You don't need to be superman or superwoman to be a firefighter – we want people who are reliable and keen to help others, especially local residents who are available to respond to emergencies during the day," he said.

"If you're a local employer, think about encouraging your staff to become firefighters. Not only will you be helping the community, but your staff will be trained in a whole range of skills."

For more information on becoming a retained firefighter, contact the FRNSW Goulburn Zone Office on 4822 9395 or visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au/retained.

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School Banking News

School Banking continues in Term 2 with 2 new rewards available to redeem:

Glow Light

Released Term 2 2018



1 x AAA battery included

Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Sparkle Glitter Pens

Released Term 2 2018



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

If you have 10 or more tokens please choose a reward and return your reward selection with your bank book on banking day. If you are unsure how many tokens you have pop us a note and we will let you know.

The following rewards are also still available to redeem while stocks last:

Secret Scratch Notepad

Released Term 1 2018



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Twister Power Handball

Released Term 1 2018



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Smiley Emoji Keyring

Released in Term 3, 2017



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Pencil + Tech Case

Released in Term 4, 2017



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Colour Change Markers

Released in Term 1, 2017



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Tablet Case

Released in Term 2, 2017



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Volt Handball

Released in Term 3, 2017



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

Epix Earphones

Released in Term 4, 2017



Name: _____

Class: _____

Student ID: _____

School Bankers still have time to complete 15 deposits and make it into the draw for the National School Banking competition.

Keep saving for a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of two adults and up to three children to Hawaii.

The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- A \$2,000 spending money

How to enter

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 2 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The Super Savers Grand Prize Competition (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) ABN 48 125 121 124 at Level 32, 111 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts on 1st April 2018 and ends on 31st March 2019. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-17 years who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their Commbank "Youthbank" account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry per person. The first eligible entrant who meets the criteria will win the trip to Hawaii, Hawaii. \$200 for two adults and up to three children aged 17 years and under, including 7 nights accommodation and \$2,000 spending money, valued at \$2,000. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 10pm AEST on 31/03/19 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 1/04/19. Winner must claim the prize by 31st March 2019 or the prize will be forfeited. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Authorised under NSW Permit No. LTP01719318, ACT Permit No. ACT-01-010-086 and SA Permit No. 1710055. ADP 4346/2018



More information on School Banking can be found at commbank.com.au/school-banking or contact Jo Whatman on 0475821274.

WHAT IS MY HEALTH RECORD?

MHR is a Government initiative to help keep track of your family's important health information – securely, in one place.

My Health Record is a secure online summary of your key health information. Access is available 24/7 nationwide.

You can control what goes into your record, and who is allowed to access it.

You can share your health information with doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers involved in your care from anywhere, any time.

My Health Record helps parents keep track of their child's health, including immunisations, developmental milestones, healthcare provider or hospital visits, medications and other important medical information.

To find out more or to register go to www.myhealthrecord.gov.au.

Should you have any questions about this information – please feel free to contact me on the number below.

Many thanks for your assistance in this endeavour.

Regards

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