



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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Calendar of Events

June 2018

Friday 22nd - YPS Athletics Carnival

Tues 26th - Mt Carmel Concert

July 2018

Wed 4th - Street art Day

Fri 6th - Assembly

Fri 6th - Last day of term 2

Mon 23rd - Staff development day

Tue 24th - Students return for Term 3

August 2018

Fri 3rd - District Athletics

Principal's Report

This week I have been blown away by the amazing staff I work with. Kate Barlow organised and ran work shops for the writers camp and both Frances Sharp and Robyn Phillips also helped with the organisation and taught workshops. Ashlee Piper also helped supervise students overnight. This camp provided an opportunity for students from ten schools across the district who were interested in writing to extend and learn new skills in writing

Students met new friends and reconnected with friends they met last year. Students from year three to year eight were encouraged to attend to extend their skills in writing. Thanks to the teachers from other schools who helped with working with children in workshops to give them individualised attention to achieve their personal best. Teachers helped students to produce a piece of edited and published work that will be included in a combined camp book.

I have received phone calls and emails congratulating us on organising this experience for our students.

On Monday we will see many students from our district and one student from our school travel to Sydney to stay at Stewart House for two weeks. Stewart House hosts many students from over the state every year. Students that have attended from our school in past years have made friends from different areas and had some amazing experiences. Many teachers help financially to keep Stewart House running as it is such a valuable resource for our students.

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

The first award goes to someone who has been taking their words home every night, has started going up the levels and has started making progress in their reading. This person comes to class very excited to show Mrs Brown how much he has read the night before.

This award goes to: Bobby Stevens K/1R

The second award goes to someone who has also been taking their words home every night and is flying through the colours. In a few weeks this person has gone from the bottom to nearly the top. This person has also been reading so well they have gone up two levels in their reading PM levels. This person is the most improved in literacy.

This award goes to: Trae Douven K/1R



Writing Awards

Granny's House

I'm scared like I just saw I ghost. I feel a chill up my spine like I'm a fridge.

I hear a groaning noise that sounds like they're hunting. I hear the creaking of the house being swayed back and forth in the breeze. I smell a rotting odour that's creeping up my nose with a foul fragrance. Touching the cupboard floor, I'm shaking. I hear the door locking. I try to hold my breath so they don't smell my fear. Suddenly, the door opens...

Tim Rowe 5/6B

Scrambled Eggs

Emily crouched down as low as possible. She had her eyes on her goal. It's perfect curves, no corners and a dazzling white shell. It's the biggest there. Finally, when the gigantic crow left, she shot out and grabbed the egg at lightning speed then sprinted across the circle of shrubs. Suddenly Emily heard squawks and thunderous flaps of wings. She ran so fast that her legs were working in over drive. She looked behind her and saw a squadron of 8 or 9 crows in pursuit. Suddenly out of nowhere she saw a wombat hole just big enough for her to fit. She didn't think at all, but then dived in.

Jacob Reynish 5/6G

Athletics Carnival 2018

Tomorrow is the day!!! Excitement is in the air as the equipment is coming out and everything is getting ready for the day. The carnival will be held tomorrow at Victoria Park starting at 9:30. All students from year 2 through to year 6 will walk across to Victoria Park with teachers and spend the day doing various track and field events.

The 800 m event will be held at 9am sharp. Students have already nominated for this event and those students need to ensure that they come straight to Victoria Park and see myself for this event. There will be a canteen available on the day however students are asked to ensure that they have food, water, hats and warm clothes. Please make sure that all clothes are labelled with students name so that any lost property can be returned to its owner. Students are welcome to wear their house colours. Running spikes may be worn as can SKINS. Looking forward to a great day tomorrow!

Beth Bird

Responsible Pet Ownership

On Tuesday students from K-2 welcomed back Jess and Ned to our school for a Responsible Pet Ownership presentation. The 50 minute presentation is an initiative of the the NSW Government, and is one of three education programs targeting responsible pet ownership and safe pet interaction. Through hands on activities such as songs, role plays, and patting a real dog, students learnt how to recognise how dogs are feeling, how to approach them and what to do near a dangerous dog. They also learnt how to look after their own cats and dogs. Students thoroughly enjoyed the show, and like the attending teachers, probably can't get the song they learnt out of their head!

Kate Barlow





PBL 1/2B

Congratulations to these students who recently received their Bronze and Silver awards.

Back (L-R) Angus Maxworthy, Ethan Doherty

Front (L-R) Lizzie Scarlett, Charlie Clarke and Amelia Thornely

Grandparent interviews

As part of our History unit, Stage 1 students have been learning about family life in the past. To help them gain a deeper understanding, we invited grandparents and friends of students to be interviewed about their experiences growing up. Our panel graciously gave up their time, and in some cases travelled, to answer questions that the students had prepared. The students learned about the foods that were eaten in the past, as well as what school was like (including the cane!). They also gained an insight into how young people spent their leisure time and what chores they were expected to do. A huge thankyou to Pauline Scarlett (Lizzie's nan), Robyn Cashion (Nick's Nan), Chris Senior (Emily's Pop), Michelle Tilley (Cooper's Nan) and Gloria Carlos (Amelia Thornely's friend) who gave up their time to be bombarded by questions.

Kate Barlow



Street Art PBL reward

On Wednesday 4th July we will be celebrating reaching our whole school reward for PBL. We will be able to have a crazy hair and mufti day with a gold coin donated to SRC to go towards our new water station that P & C are helping us to purchase. In the afternoon students will be able work in groups to create some street art in the playground on the asphalt with brightly coloured chalk. So start looking up some amazing designs for inspiration.



Writers Camp

Last Thursday and Friday 66 students from eight different schools attended a Writers Camp at the Warrambui Conference Centre in Murrumbateman. Coordinated and taught by Yass Public teachers, the event was our contribution to the Binit Binit Learning Community which is an initiative aimed at pooling the resources of local public schools to provide more opportunities for students. The purpose of the camp was to provide students with workshops that would assist them in writing narratives. Students were treated to a visit by guest author Will Kostakis as well as local cartoonist Simon Streatfeild, and participated in a range of writing activities associated with developing starts, endings, characters and tension. Each child planned and wrote a story, the culmination of which will be a book for each school's library. The students enjoyed themselves over the course of the two days, but worked hard to fulfil its intention. I would like to thank Mrs Sharp, Mrs Phillips and Miss Piper for assisting me with making the camp run so smoothly.

Kate Barlow



Akiara Kamada Art Workshop at Wee Jasper

Wee Jasper School Has Kindly offered a small number of Yass Public School year 6 students the opportunity to attend an exciting art workshop with world famous artistic Akiara Kamada.

This workshop will run on the last two days of Term Two, free of charge, with the lucky few students providing their own transport to Wee Jasper.

All Permission notes expressing an interest to attend the free workshop need to be handed in by Friday the 22nd of June and the chosen students will be informed on Monday the 25th of June.

Ms. Marple



Chess Competition

On Thursday 14th June, 12 Yass Public Students made their way over to Crookwell Public School to compete in a Chess Competition with two other schools. Over the past term the Yass Public students have been practicing their Chess against each other and now it was time to set their sights on other schools.

All students represented the school well and played to the best of their abilities. One of our teams came third overall and should be very proud of their efforts. A special thankyou should go to all the parents who provided transport for the day. Congratulations to all the students and we look forward to more chess games in the future.

Mr Beresford



Room Upgrade

Next Monday will see the completion of the bathroom renovations that have been occurring for the last month in K/1R and 1/2P classrooms. The new toilet cubicles, sink and hallway look a treat! The new floors, paint and bag hooks give our students convenience, privacy and now modern facilities. Feel free to go into see the new upgrades after Monday.

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.

Mt Carmel Orchestra performance

Next Tuesday will see YPS walk to Mt Carmel School to attend a concert by Canberra Symphony Orchestra. Years 5-6 will attend at 9:30am until 10:30am. Years k-2 will attend at 11:30am until 12:30pm. Years 3-4 will attend at 12:30pm until 1:30 pm.

They will have a film crew attending so please let us know if you do not want your child to be filmed and they can sit in a separate section.

SRC NEWS

We need your help!

One of the projects our SRC has been looking into is the installation of a filtered water station. It has been brought to their attention by their peers that they do not drink as much water as they should, particularly in Summer. Having researched options, two of our representatives, Malu Tunk and Josh Neuhaus, attended the P&C meeting last week and presented them with a proposal to install a chilled, filtered water fountain. The P&C have agreed to fund 90% of the cost and the SRC 10%, with the SRC covering the ongoing cost of replacement filters. To do this the SRC are planning on raising funds in two ways: a mufti day on the last Wednesday of term (further information will be provided about this) and a can/bottle drive.

Until the end of this term the SRC are collecting as many bottles, cans and return and earn vouchers as we can to contribute to the cost of the water station. We understand that our students collect and return the recyclables to gain pocket money but we are hoping that for this purpose, which will benefit all students, families might donate one or two weeks' worth to the school. You can do this by either bringing the products directly to the school, or returning them and selecting 'voucher' at the depot then sending the voucher in to school. Thank you to Eloise Smith and her family who donated their voucher this week.

Kate Barlow

Community Notices

YASS VALLEY LIBRARY - SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

July School Holiday Fun. Week 1	Lego Competitions 10.30 to 12	Tues—Space Wed—Houses Thurs—Free Style	Free. Bookings Appreciated Ages 5 and up
July School Holiday Fun.	Movies 10.30 to 12	Tues—Peter Rabbit Wed—Sherlock Knomes Thurs—Early man	Free Event
July School Holiday Fun. Weeks 1 and 2	Story time 2pm to 3pm	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	Preschool ages
July School Holiday Fun. Teen/Tween Movie night	A Wrinkle in Time (PG)	Thurs 19th 5pm	Free event. Bookings Appreciated Ages 12 and up

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Spinifex Tennis Holiday Camp

Hume Tennis Club, Yass

17th 18th & 19th July 2018.

Games, giveaways and coaching available

Ages: 4-6. Time 11-12pm. Cost \$50

Ages 7-10. Time 12-1pm. Cost \$50

Ages 11-16. Time 1-3pm. Cost \$75

Registrations via email by 11/7/18

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