



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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Calendar of Events

August 2018

Fri 17th - Assembly

Fri 31st - Father's Day Stall

- Pyjama Day

- Assembly

September 2018

Fri 14th - Regional Athletics

Thu 20th - NAIDOC Day

Fri 21st - Grandparents and special
person day

Fri 28th - Assembly

Principal's Report

WOW! What a week Education Week was in our School and in our district. Parents and our Community were able to see a Visual Arts display in the main street of Yass. A Spectacular evening at Yass High School last Friday was a highlight of the week with 3 Yass Public Items including the Senior Dance Group, the Infants Percussion Group and our School Choir. All students were very enthusiastic, proud and performed spectacularly. Thanks to all the teachers that trained and managed these items on the night.

I loved watching our school assembly on Wednesday, our students loved performing and loved having their parents there in the audience. It was great that so many parents made it a priority to see their children perform their class item. If you missed it you may be able to catch the item in fortnightly assemblies when we will be highlighting 3 items per week.

I would like to thank Mrs Bird for her organisation and skills in co-ordinating the District Athletics Carnival. It was great to hear so much positive feedback from all other schools around the district. A huge thankyou to all those parents that volunteered their time to either time keep, judge, helping with field events or in the canteen. It can't happen without you so I really appreciate you stepping up.

Thanks for your support.

Michelle Fahey

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Office Hours: 8.30am to 3.30pm

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

Kindergarten Information Sessions

This morning we held our first Kindergarten Information Session. New families were able to drop their little people off at our Kindergarten classes where they were able to play and meet other children. Parents met in the Library and learnt about what Yass Public School could offer their children. I thank our wonderful role models from Year 5 that helped with greeting families showing them around, speaking at the meeting as well as modelling our uniforms. 20 families attended our 10am session. There will also be a 6pm session this evening. Parents are very welcome to make an appointment with me to discuss the enrolment of their child if they would like.

Indigenous High School Mentoring Program

Last Monday was our first lesson in Yass Public School and Yass High School's Indigenous Mentoring Program. Every second Monday afternoon for half an hour during Term Three, twelve high school boys and girls will come to work with twelve Yass Public students. Boys will learn the didgeridoo and girls will learn traditional dances and create some indigenous inspired art. The first session was very beneficial and it was wonderful to see high schoolers and primary students forging new relationships and learning new skills.



Ms. Marple

Visual Arts Display

Miss Marple organised a spectacular Visual Arts exhibition in a shop display in the Yass main street. The display has 8 schools from the district represented. The display is in the Firth's old shop and will remain for one more week. Please have a look and enjoy the very talented artists from our local schools.

Narrangah State High School Band

Last Monday our school enjoyed a rare treat. We were visited by a High School Band from outside of Brisbane. The band consisted of 50 students from year 7 to year 12. The students were on tour to Canberra and we were their first stop. Our students enjoyed an hour long concert where they heard truly spectacular music and learnt about classical instruments. We even had a special Happy Birthday song performed by a teacher to celebrate my Birthday. What a fantastic experience for our students.



Father's Day Stall

We will be holding our Father's Day stall in a few weeks. Our P&C will be running this stall and students will be able to choose gifts for their father's or someone special, gifts range in price from \$2 to \$6. The stall will be set up in the Library on Friday the 31st August. There will also be a PJ day in Yass which raises money for Can Assist to help Yass people dealing with cancer. Yass Public School will also participate in this town initiative. Details will come home closer to the date.

Assembly Reminder

We will be holding an assembly this Friday at 11.20am. Kindergarten classes KB and KP will be performing their Education Week item. Mrs Knowles dance group will also perform their item. Please come and enjoy the assembly and catch up with items that you may have missed in Education week.



Todd Woodbridge Cup Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday August 22nd, selected year 3 and 4 students will travel to the Hume Tennis Club in Yass to join in with other schools from across the district in a modified tennis competition. If successful on the day, teams may have the opportunity to go to Sydney and even meet Todd Woodbridge later in the year. Looking forward to a great day!

Mrs Phillips

P&C News

Gold Coast Holiday Raffle

Tickets are absolutely flying out the door for our Gold Coast Holiday Raffle. Thank you so much to our fabulous families for getting behind this fundraiser and selling tickets. We can't wait to see who wins this great prize. We would really appreciate it if you could return your sold tickets and money as soon as possible. This means we can get the money to the school quicker to buy the things they need. Also, if you have any unsold tickets, please return those soon too, so we can try to sell them elsewhere.

Thanks again YPS families - you're amazing!

Canteen

Can you spare a few hours this term? Our Canteen Manager, Michelle, has things well under control, but she's no octopus - an extra set of hands is essential in serving all our students quickly, and with a smile. We love our volunteers - they help us ensure our Canteen costs are kept low, and food quality kept high. If you are able to help out in the Canteen at all this term, please get in contact.

BinIt BinIt Education Week Concerts

Last Wednesday the 8th of August and last Friday night the 10th of August Yass Public School held and participated in the BinIt BinIt Education Week Concerts. Wednesday was the very exciting day that saw our entire school student body participate in performing various items, whether as part of a class group or a specialist performance group. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and grandparents make the big effort to watch their children display their skills in music, dance and song. All the teachers and their students put a lot of work into their performances and costumes to make them spectacular. Thank you to everyone involved!

Friday night Yass Public School's special performance groups – the School Choir, Mrs Knowles Dance Group and my Infants Recorder, Percussion and Dance Group, participated as part of a multi-schools concert at Yass High School. It was hugely rewarding for all involved to have the opportunity to perform in front of a large audience. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their children by making sure they were there on time and ready to perform. It was a very successful event and I look forward to collaborating with our partner schools again in the future.

Ms. Marple



Term 3 PBL Whole School Reward

The PBL team are very excited to announce our Term 3 Whole School Reward will be the Yazza Mega Market to be held on the last day of term. The teachers will be setting up fun and exciting stalls around the school and students will be able to spend the Yazzas they have collected this term to participate in the activities or 'buy' the experience. Each stall will have a 'price' of an amount of Yazzas needed and students will be able to choose which activities/ experiences they would like to do. This means that children will keep collecting their Yazzas at school and hand them to their class teacher. If you find some at home in school bags or pockets, please encourage your child to bring them in as they can be used at our Yazza Mega Market. Teachers will be deciding on their stall over the next few weeks and will reveal them to the students each week.

This will be a fantastic afternoon of fun!

Mrs Stuart and the PBL team

NAPLAN on line

We will be doing a trial for Online NAPLAN. This will happen on Thursday in Week 6. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will do this computer based test. Mrs Hickey will be co-ordinating this event.

SRC News

Last week the SRC members met to discuss a number of items, including requests for fundraising and our action items for projects. The representatives were presented with a variety of fundraising requests and have agreed to support one more this year in addition to the CanAssist Pyjama day on August 31. All members present agreed to support the drought relief effort, and plan to hold a 'Dress like a Farmer' day in term 4. In addition to this, tomorrow the SRC will begin launching their campaign to begin recycling soft plastics in our school. Using grant funds new bins have been purchased and painted blue (thanks to Mick Benton our GA!), and starting next week students will begin to sort their playground rubbish.

The Return and Earn funds raised to date total \$473.90. It is with great pleasure that the SRC has offered to use some of these funds to buy a mini greenhouse to help Mrs Phillips in her quest to re-establish the vegie patch.



Donate a Bear

As part of a national project of commemoration of Australia's role in the First World War, a 'Bears to Schools' initiative has been launched across Australia. Through donations, *Bears to Schools* aims to place historically accurate uniformed teddy bears in every primary school in Australia to share their remarkable stories of service with young children during the final year of the Anzac Centenary. If you or someone you know is interested in donating a Great War bear to Yass Public School, or you would like to know more about the program please go to <https://anzacbears.com.au/> Our school currently has Nurse Bernadette O'Meara and Trooper Bert Jones.

Sharing the pride and spirit that is carried in our history

Please be part of helping our school children engage in this last year of the 2014-2018 Centenary by gifting an Australia in the Great War uniformed bear through [AnzacBears.com.au](https://anzacbears.com.au/) to your local primary school or to the school you attended. You'll be giving teachers and kids a truly engaging way to connect to the stories of our past. Help us share Australia's Great War story in every classroom.



CWA Poster Competition

Last Friday I took 20 students that entered and won prizes in the CWA Poland Poster competition. Students listened to a great special guest speaker that recollected her life experiences living and visiting Poland. Students were presented with their certificates and had a wonderful morning tea. It was a terrific morning and all of our students were excellent role models for YPS.



Kinder

1st: Ekaterina Mulcair
2nd Ayla Ellams
3rd Lewis Matthews
Highly Commended: Jarvis Cross

Year 1

1st: Sani Van Iddekinge
2nd Lucas Butt
3rd Isla Golding
Highly Commended: Rose Ryan

Year 2

1st: Gabby Penfold
2nd Hayden Edwards
3rd Jake Deery

Year 3

1st Xander Vea
2nd Liana Deery
3rd Sage Molchanoff
Highly Commended: Jazmin Hulme
& Anzac Longley

Year 4 & 5

1st Janika Vea & Olivia Carneil
2nd Jed Glover
3rd Lachlan Penfold

Year 6

1st Malakai Vea

PYJAMA DAY

Friday 31st August 2018

*Gold Coin donation to support Yass Valley
Branch of Can Assist*



Trent Barrett Shield

On Tuesday 7th August 3 teams of 3/4 students travelled to Harden to compete in the Trent Barrett Shield Competition. The day was a cold start, but the sun came out and created a lovely atmosphere for the children to play in.

Each team played 3-4 games, however due to some children being sick on the day, some children stepped up and played multiple games for all teams.

It was great to see the enthusiasm and effort put in by our students. They improved immensely from the beginning of the day to the end. I was proud of each and every student who put in a great effort and played with the upmost sportsmanship and displayed outstanding behaviour all day. Thank you also to all the parents that came along on the day, supported our students with transport and encouragement from the sidelines.

Beth Bird



District Athletics

Friday the 3rd August 2018 saw approximately 60 YPS students compete at the annual Yass PSSA District Athletics Carnival. It was a beautiful day with the sun beaming down and warming each and every one of us. Carnivals are a great day for students to spend time with others from our district. I would like to congratulate all students on a great effort and many PB's for the day.

As always, I had parents on the day step up and don a stop watch or help out on field event. I would like to personally thank you for your time and assistance. I simply can not run events such as these with out parent support and it is forever appreciated.

Regionals will be held at the AIS stadium in Bruce, ACT on Friday the 14th September. Notes have already gone home to eligible students. Could you please remember to return those along with a \$10 t-shirt deposit as soon as possible?

Beth Bird



Community Notices

Annual Christmas Book Appeal

1 - 31st August 2018

Leave your book donations at Yass Valley Library



Kids YOGA

7 week term starts Tuesday 31st August 2018. 3.30pm - 4.30pm \$90

For bookings call Skye 0428 565 441



Yass Netball Grand Final Fun Day

24th August 2018. 3.45pm to 5.45pm

Yass Medical Centre

Still Open 6 days a week 02 6226 6178 BULK BILLING



**The School Writing Competition
for 2018 is NOW OPEN!**

Calling all Australian school students... prep
to grade 12...

Write a poem or short story for your chance
to win \$1,000 cash (\$500 for you & \$500 for
your school)! As well as one of the
AWESOME prizes below.

All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of
creativity and a little bit of effort for great
poems and stories to appear! We can't wait
to read yours!

Entry is FREE! Entries close Friday 31st
August, 2018.

Enter to WIN!



\$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card

OR



Apple iPad 32GB



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OR



Playstation 4

For more details visit www.write4fun.net