



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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Calendar of Events

August 2018

Fri 3rd - District Athletics

Tue 7th - Trent Barrett Shield

Wed 8th - Education Week Concert

Fri 10th - Education Week concert at YHS

Thu 16th - Kindergarten Orientation

Fri 17th - Assembly

Principal's Report

Welcome back and I hope you had a relaxing holiday trying to stay warm. You may have noticed Mrs Cathles here for Mrs Sharp for a few weeks as Mrs Sharp is on leave. We also welcomed 4 new families to Yass Public School and our new students are settling in very well. We also said farewell to Sage and Ilya for six months and look forward to their return in 2019 with some stories to tell.

I have seen a few parents and artists visiting classes this week to work on their combined class art works for Grandparents day at the end of the term. Classes are also working hard on refining their item for our Education Week Concert in the school hall on Wednesday starting at 11.30. Our combined School Concert at Yass High School commences at 6.30 and we have 3 items from YPS performing on the night. Mrs Knowles dance group, Miss Marples recorder/percussion group and our school choir conducted by Mrs Hickey.

We are all looking forward to showing off our beautiful school to new families around Yass that are thinking of sending their new kindergarten students to school in 2019. Our year 5 students are busy getting organised to meet and greet, be uniform models and also speak to parents about their experiences at YPS. The information sessions will be held at 10am and 6pm on Thursday the 16th August in our school Library. Spread the word.

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 **Charlie Clarke in 1/2B**. He is an enthusiastic participant in class discussions and readily has a go at all activities. He readily accepts responsibility, is a polite, good-humoured and a friendly class member. Charlie is a bit of an undiscovered artist - having produced some great artworks this semester. He is resilient but most of all he is one of the happiest students in our school.

The second award goes to **Bronte Brown in 1/2V**. Bronte always follows school rules diligently and can be relied upon to listen respectfully to other students and teachers and always puts her hand up when she has something to say. She considers the feelings of other students and is a kind and caring friend. She works hard to solve any problem within her friendship groups fairly and she always strives hard to do her best in the classroom.



Writing Awards

I see flashing lights all over the place and I hear the motor sparking. I start to smell smoke and old food. I can feel cold metal and taste bitter rain.

Oh it's petrifying . I start to feel faint from fear. I hear "fight fight" in the distance, I smell dirt. I go over and I see two men beating each other up and a big crowd. I am shocked, will someone die? I touch people everywhere I go and I taste dirt and blood.

By Malu Tunks 3/4H

New canteen Menu

We have a new canteen manager, Michelle Maxworthy . Don't forget we have canteen on a Wednesday. The new Term 3 menu is out and our online ordering is also available for your convenience. There is a 50 Cent treat surprise each canteen day.

Kindergarten Information Sessions

We are holding two information sessions for families of students looking to start School at Yass Public School in 2019. We have sent out information to those that have contacted us. We have flyers out in all the preschools throughout Yass. Please feel free to pass on the word to others you know might be interested. The sessions will be 10am and 6pm on Thursday 16th August in the School Library.

Playground Changes

This term we have made some changes to our playground as a result of an analysis of the playground data we keep on student behaviour. This is also a result of our growing student numbers. We have opened up the river playground for running games at morning tea. We have a catch up classroom at lunch, where students can catch up on work they needed to complete in classtime. We also have a playground group that happens first half of lunch run by a teachers aide. Second half of lunch everyday we groups students can go to such as Lego construction, Chess, board games, gardening, mindfulness colouring, art, netball and Auslan Signing.

School Photos

Today we are taking school photos. Students should return their photo envelope if they want their photos taken. Family envelopes can be picked up from the office. There will also be a Sports Captains photo an SRC photo, and a School Spectacular Choir photo. Infants classes will go first on Thursday finishing of with family photos.

P&C News

The P&C are very excited to announce our fundraiser for Term 3 – a family holiday raffle! Someone in our school community will win this exciting prize for two adults and two children to stay at the 4½ Star Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast, Australia's holiday playground, fly Virgin Australia and have unlimited entry and fun at Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet 'n' Wild Gold Coast. The winners will have 12 months to plan and use the prize and have the flexibility of using it over the school holidays. Tickets are only \$2, and we will have books available for sale from the start of Term 3. In Canteen news, we're having a baking/preparation day for Term 3 during the holidays. We would love your help to prepare some delicious healthy meals for the kids from 9am on Thursday, 12th July. Also, check out our Facebook page for some upcoming exciting canteen news.

Another special visitor in 1/2P!

Last term 1/2P had some baby chicks visit their classroom. This term they have been lucky to meet a baby lamb named Yurt! Corben and his mum, Sarah, taught the class how to care for a baby lamb and some students got to feed Yurt some milk through a bottle. I wonder what special visitors we might have next term?



District Athletics

Just a quick reminder that the district athletics carnival will be held tomorrow at Victoria Park. Students are expected to arrive by 9:30am, however if students are coming to school as normal, Mr Beresford will walk them across to the oval at 9:15am. Students have been given a canteen menu and running sheet with approximate times. The canteen will be raising money for the School Spectacular Choir.

If you're able to help on the day we have plenty of jobs that need to be filled. Carnival's like this can only run on the power of volunteers and I thank you for your time and effort with this.

Yours in Sport,

Beth Bird

Trent Barrett Shield

Next Tuesday, 7th August 2018, 20 3/4 students will be travelling to Harden to compete in the Trent Barrett Shield competition. Students have been training hard to learn skills and rules for Rugby League and League Tag. It is set to be a fun and exciting day. Cameron Woo has notified me that a canteen will be available on the day and a draw will be coming home shortly.

Regards,

Beth Bird

On the last day of term 2 special teddy bears from homes around Yass came together to have a teddy bears picnic in the infants playground. Their doting owners from classes K/1R, KP and KB brought in delicious food and refreshments to share with the teddy bears and their peers. After everyone ate the feast students played on the play equipment whilst the teddy bears had a sleep in the sun. From all reports from the teddy bears who attended every bear had a fantastic day at school and now realise why their owners come home from school tired but always happy.

KB and Mrs Belling



EnviroMentors Visit

On Tuesday this week K-2 students enjoyed a visit from an EnviroMentors Sustainability Educator. EnviroMentors is an organisation within Keep NSW Beautiful that is dedicated to transforming behaviour to create a less littered, more environmentally sustainable NSW. Sponsored by Yass Valley Council, the program taught our students about minimising waste through recycling with a focus on bin contamination, waste reduction and sustainability. There were 5 sessions throughout the day allowing students to attend in small groups, and each session included interactive discussions and a rubbish relay.



On the last Thursday of term 2 K/1R had a box construction afternoon. Parents and family members were invited to come visit the classroom for an afternoon tea and to see the student's work from our Three Little Pigs Unit of Work. Then we went into the playground and built our own house out of hundreds of boxes. The families assisted the students in building a house that had windows and a door before the big bad Wolf blew it down, or kicked it down. It was a lot of fun and a nice way to wrap up the end of Term. Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended.

Mrs Alison Brown K/1R.



Education week 2018

Yass Public Students have been excitedly preparing for Education Week. Every student in our school will be performing on Wednesday the 8th of August at our school hall. The concert begins at 11.30 with the infants classes, guitar and drumming students as well as my percussion group. Then we will have an intermission with the primary students items, the two special dance groups and the school choir presenting their items. Everyone is welcome to attend our very entertaining event!

On Friday evening the 10th August at Yass High School, the infants percussion group, Mrs Knowles' dance group and the school choir will present their performance items as part of a large multi-schools concert. Any spare tickets for this event will be available from 6pm at the door. The concert will commence at 6.30pm. It is fantastic to be able to showcase the unique abilities of our students in dance, singing, recorder and percussion.

Ms Marple

Writing Competition

Write4Fun's national school writing competition is now open. Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems or short stories, and battle it out for great cash prizes. Write4Fun.net is a company that was established in 1997 to enhance the writing abilities of primary and high school students throughout Australia and New Zealand. For more details about their current competition go to <https://www.write4fun.net/>. Entries close 31st August.

SRC News

Congratulations and welcome to the new SRC members for this Semester. Congratulations also to the students that voted them in – we have a very dedicated and enthusiastic group of people who are very worthy of the role. It was very pleasing to see that the students voted in were chosen on their commitment and ability to make positive changes in our school community.

The newly formed group had their first meeting last Friday. The agenda included reviewing the progress of Semester 1's priorities and forward planning for Semester 2. The students agreed that the SRC should continue to focus on making our school more environmentally friendly, with a priority being to rebuild the school's compost. They have also agreed to support a local community fundraiser, and will do so by participating in the CanAssist Pyjama Day on Friday 31st August.

Our Return and Earn program is still running well, with total funds raised (including the wonderful donations gathered by Eloise Smith) being \$421.00.



CanAssist Pyjama Day

In support of the local CanAssist branch, Yass Public School will be participating in pyjama day on Friday 31st August. On this day students (and teachers!) can wear their PJs to school for a gold coin donation. Funds raised will support local cancer patients with ongoing medical costs.

Community Notices

Sacrament of Confirmation - 10am Sunday 23rd September

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine's, Yass, invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, who have made their First Holy Communion and are in Year 6 or beyond, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St Augustine's Presbytery on Wednesday 8th August or Thursday 9th August between 5-6pm. For further details contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.



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



Xbox One X

OR



Playstation 4

For more details visit www.write4fun.net