



Yass Public School

# YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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## November

Thur -7th, 14th, 21st– Kinder

Orientation

Fri– 8th—Assembly

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Annual Public  
Speaking Competition

Fri-15th– Assembly

## December

Mon 9th– Presentation Night

## January 2020

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> - Teachers return

Wed 29th—Students Years 1-6  
return

Wed 29th –Thurs 30th—Best start  
interviews

Fri 31st—All Kinders start full time

## Principal's Report

We welcome Grace Armour to YPS for 3 weeks, she is a prac student from Charles Sturt University (Wagga) . She is doing a prac placement with us and will be mentored by Mrs Vaughan while she is here.

We are feeling privileged to host 3 prac students from University and 1 work experience student from Trinity at Goulburn this term. We love our career and hope that we can guide and support new young people to consider teaching as their career of choice also. Please make all our visitors welcome while they are part of our school community.

We have a new addition to our school. Our P & C have paid for a new shed to be erected on our school grounds. This will help alleviate our storage problems. P & C will use the shed for storage of BBQ's and Murrumbateman Catering equipment. It will also provide storage for our stage 3 classrooms which currently don't have any storage rooms in their classrooms. Thanks P & C for solving a space issue for us.

We are currently working on classes for next year. It would be very helpful to let us know if you are planning to move away from our school so that we can balance our school classes. It looks like we are going to be bigger than ever next year, so please let us know your plans if they are changing. Also please talk to your child's teacher if you have any issues that they may need to consider about your child's class placement next year. Sooner rather than later is better for this conversation. Please be mindful that we can consider these requests but they may not be able to be accommodated.

Grandparents and Special Peoples day was a great success. We estimate there was over 250 visitors here on Friday. It was a little too warm but our students loved having you there and being involved in learning about culture and geography and history. Thank you for travelling so far and being part of their learning journey. You are truly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Michelle Fahey

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Office Hours: 8.30am to 3.30pm

## Grandparents and Special Peoples Day 2019.

What an amazing day to travel the world and experience the 14 countries that we had set up in our classrooms.

We started with the United Nations meeting with the delegates from several countries in attendance. Didn't they look amazing?

The costumes that each delegate wore were amazing and set the scene for what the day had in store. Students and their special people, then got to travel the world and complete activities relating to each country they visited.

We sincerely hope that you all enjoyed yourself and the time you spent with your special people at YPS. Thanks for coming and we hope to see you again next year for another fantastic day on our calendar.

Sam Belling and Beth Bird





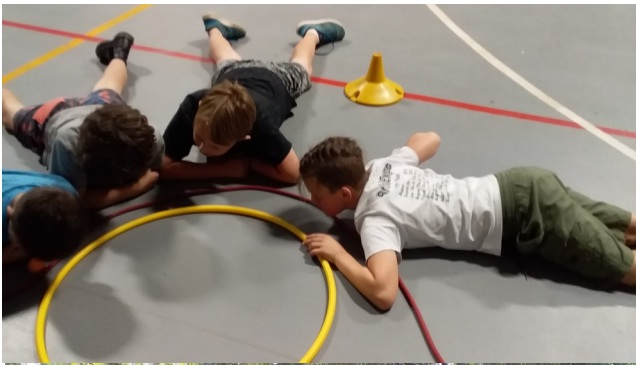
## Stage 2 camp to Borambola

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Week Two were very exciting days for stage two students at Yass Public School – our school camp to Borambola! Mr Beresford, Mrs Phillips and I were eager to expose Yass Public students to the resilience and confidence building activities that the Sport and Rec. camp staff were offering.

We were lucky with beautiful sunny weather for our entire trip, great food at mealtimes and an adventure packed range of activities for the three action packed days. Students and their teachers participated in a mud run, archery, rock climbing, low ropes, fencing and damper making amidst other fun filled events. The teachers were very appreciative to have Mr David Power attend as well, helping out in supporting our students – thank you so much Mr Power! We all even managed to get some sleep over the course of the two nights which certainly helped everyone in completing the rigorous course. I am sure all students slept very well on our return on Wednesday night.

Kind regards,

Ms. Marple





## Boorowa Touch/Netball Carnival

Last Friday, nearly 90 students from years 2 to 6 participated in the Boorowa Netball and Touch Football Carnival. Our students displayed great sportsmanship and participation throughout the day. All teams had a successful day with at least one win or draw.

A big thank you to the parents who transported students to the carnival, especially those that were able to referee games, coach and manage the teams. Thank you to Ben Glover and Karen Clarke for driving the buses and Mrs Curtis and Ms Bird for organising a great day . Also to Mrs Fahey for providing us with shelter from the wind, dust and rain!

Well done everyone for a great (and very dusty) day!

Miss Heffernan, Mr Beresford and Mrs Barlow





## Public Speaking Competition Reminder!

### Public Speaking Competition

Our annual Public Speaking Competition will be held at 9:30-12:30 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the school hall.

Year 2-4 students will be required to present a 2 minute speech. Year 5-6 students are required to present a 3 minute speech.

If your child needs help with their speech, they are welcome to ask Miss Pearsall.

### Talkfest – CWA/Rostrum Public Speaking Competition

Nominations are invited from students in Years 2 to 6. The competition is held at Berinba Public School on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, 6:30pm for Years 2 and 3; approximately 7:30pm for Years 4, 5 and 6. If your child is interested in competing please ask Miss Pearsall for an entry form. Entries must be returned to school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Maddi Pearsall.

## Stage 1 Sport

Throughout Term 4, Year 1 and 2 students are participating in a soccer challenge during sport on Fridays. The students have been divided into 8 teams and are really enjoying practising their kicking skills while learning to work as a team.



## Todd Woodbridge Cup Regional Final

In term 3, 24 Stage 2 students played in the Todd Woodbridge Cup Gala with one of our teams winning the competition on the day. This Friday, students from the winning team will be travelling to the Murrumbateman tennis courts to take part in the regional final. Our team will play against Jerrabomberra and the winner will progress to the state final in Sydney on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck and enjoy the day!

Robyn Phillips



## Book Parade

Wow - what a morning!

Students and teachers joined schools from across the district in celebrating all things books. We participated in some great book related activities in Banjo Paterson Park.

We then had the opportunity to show off our fantastic costumes by parading down Comur St. Special mention to our enthusiastic staff in their creative crayon costumes (based on the book – The Day the Crayons Quit).

The author talks by Garry Fleming (K-2), R.A. Pratt (3-4) and Anthony Hill (5-6) were interesting and well received with students coming back to the school library wanting to read their books.





## Murrumbateman Field Days 2019

While it's certainly true that the Murrumbateman Field Days are our best fundraiser of the year, it's also a wonderful opportunity for us to show what a strong, supportive community we have here at Yass Public School. Around 60 people gave us their time over the weekend to help make our "Burger Joint" a great success. We were able to provide good quality food for the visitors at the Field Days, and raised \$8,500 in funds for our school. We want to sincerely thank everyone for their help, and hope that you had fun at our stall. We're already making plans for next year's stall, and hope that you'll consider joining us then.

The P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors/supporters of "The Burger Joint" at the Murrumbateman Field Days;

Ian McGrath of Grassy's Grass Fed Eggs. For the second year in a row, Ian donated his eggs completely free of charge.

Katerina Kormusheva of Hilltops Free Range eggs, who also donated her eggs completely free of charge.

Yass Valley Hire, who provided us with a truck at discounted rates to assist in moving all the equipment we need for the Field Days.

Capital Chilled Foods, who donated the use of a drinks fridge for the weekend.



## Schools Spectacular Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

A very big thank you to students, grandparents and special people who bought a sausage sandwich on Friday. Over \$1000 was raised and money has been put toward the cost for our students attending Schools Spectacular in 2 weeks. A special thank you to Mrs Curtis and our office staff for helping organise and purchasing food, as well as the parents who jumped in and helped on the day. I'd also like to thank School Spectacular parents who have been committed to our fund-raising and have assisted throughout all activities.

Mrs Stuart



### Chess Semi Finals

Last week four Yass Public Students represented our school in the semi-final of the NSW primary chess competition against Tudor House. The players included Malu Tunks, Angus Nelson, Archie Ellams and Otto Kringas.

While our players put up a good fight, the opposition won the day. All the games were played in a good spirit and I was very proud of our efforts. Well done Boys!!

A special thanks goes out to the parents from Tudor House for providing transport.

Mr Beresford



### Kindergarten Orientation

This Thursday is the start of our Kindergarten Transition days.

Our new little people will arrive at 9.15 until recess 11.15am this Thursday.

Session 2: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.15-11.15am.

Session 3: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9.15am-1.05pm.

We cannot wait to meet you all. See you then! Mrs Brown and Miss Piper.

### U3A ART EXHIBITION

The Yass U3A Group will be holding a Pop-Up Art Exhibition from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. It will be held in the vacant shop between Café Dolcetto & Country Charm – 10am to 4pm daily. Come along and see what the local U3A artists produce and a chance to pick up a bargain. Hope to see you there.



## Little Learning Labs



Just a reminder that applications are open! The University of Wollongong has invited your students to LITTLE and EARLY LEARNING LABS, an academic enrichment holiday program. We are targeting students from Year 1 to 6 during 2019, who are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners.

**Dates:** Little Learning Labs (Years 1 and 2): 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Early Learning Labs (Years 3 to 6): 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Venue:** University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus only)

**Applications close:** 6th November 2019

For further information about workshops and the application process please visit our [website](#)

A Brochure will be at the end of our newsletter

## Aurora College

The virtual selective school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's first virtual selective school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes. The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

**Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW.** Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

The college also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school. For details please visit our website.

Aurora College offers students expanded career options through innovative partnerships with businesses and with scientific, cultural and tertiary education institutions.

Students in the selective stream are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools.



**Applications for entry into Year 7 in 2021:**  
**Open 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**Close 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Visit Selective High Schools website  
<http://bit.ly/shs2019>

For further information about Aurora College, visit our website  
[www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au) | or phone 1300 287 629





117 Cunningar Road, Boorowa

# Official Opening and Open Day Boorowa Agricultural Research Station

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**11.00am – 2.00pm**

Join us to celebrate the opening of our state-of-the-art research station agricultural research facility near the town of Boorowa.

Activities include an opening ceremony, tours of the site and demonstrations of our science, BBQ and kids activities.

Boorowa Agricultural Research Station (BARS) is a purpose-built 290 hectare facility designed to help develop Australian farms of the future by testing emerging technologies in crop science, agronomy and farming systems.

**[www.csiro.au/bars](http://www.csiro.au/bars)**







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# Learning Labs

## JANUARY 2020

### **AN ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS FROM YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6**

More information about the workshops on offer and the application process  
can be found online at [uow.info/learninglabs](http://uow.info/learninglabs)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2019**



### **LITTLE LEARNING LABS** **(FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2019)**

**WHEN:** 6 and 7 January, 2020  
**WHERE:** University of Wollongong  
**TIME:** 9:00am - 2:00pm  
**FEE:** \$160

### **LITTLE MINI-LABS** **(FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2019)**

**WHEN:** 8 January, 2020  
**TIME:** 9:00am - 3:00pm  
**FEE:** \$85

Location and times are the same as above

### **EARLY LEARNING LABS** **(FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2019)**

**WHEN:** 14 and 15 January, 2020  
**WHERE:** University of Wollongong  
**TIME:** 9:00am - 3:30pm  
**FEE:** \$170

### **EARLY MINI-LABS** **(FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2019)**

**WHEN:** 16 January, 2020  
**FEE:** \$90

Location and times are the same as above



## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Little and Early Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays. For January programs we look at the year your child is in for 2019. There are some exceptions to move up a stage at the discretion of the coordinator.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants- please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

## **WORKSHOPS ON OFFER- FULL LIST & WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS ONLINE**

Learning Labs workshops cover a range of diverse and innovative disciplines that are designed to challenge and stimulate the interest of self-motivated and curious learners. Here are **some examples of what's coming up** in January:



#### **InPring Mathematics**

In this exciting hands-on workshop, you will discover extraordinary mathematics and put your problem-solving skills to the test. It will promote your deeper understanding of mathematics, test your abstract thinking and reasoning skills, make you question the world around you, and give you a new appreciation for this universal language.



#### **EV3 Robotics**

Bring the fascinating world of robotics alive with Lego Mindstorms EV2. We'll go through the process of assembling sturdy robots that you can modify or customise and then work with your partner to problem solve your way through a number of challenges before we prepare our robots for the grand finale – a Sumo battle!



#### **The Joys of Writing**

Writing gives you a chance to find your point of view and to explore ways of composing the stories that you want to share. You will experiment with different ways of writing to discover what suits your storytelling as you will have the opportunity to create interesting characters facing challenges and tensions in worlds that you imagine. Be prepared to challenge yourself to find ways to express your ideas and to construct engaging stories.



#### **Clay Cafe**

Come join us at Clay Cafe where you get to develop your clay sculpting skills whilst creating any food (made completely out of air-dry clay!) your tastebuds desire. Warning: You may leave this workshop with an increased appetite!

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in October 2019 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

## **APPLICATION & CONTACT DETAILS**

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQ's, and the online application form, please go to:

**uow.info/learninglabs**

For all other enquiries, please contact the Learning Labs team via:

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