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18th November 2019

November

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December

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Last day of Term

January 2020

Tues 28th- Teachers Return

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Return**

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Principal's Report

The year is quickly drawing to a close and although it has been so very busy it has also flown by. Teachers and support staff at YPS are all getting organised for presentation evening, end of year functions, class lists for 2020 and all of the other learning and organisational activities that need to happen before the 19th of December.

Teachers are also spending the next week or so collecting assessment data and writing student reports. The students will take home their reports in the last week of the term. It was wonderful to see over 25 students participate in the YPS public speaking competition this year, it was pleasing to see the increased numbers compared to last year. Thanks to Miss Pearsall for her organisation of the event as well as Miss Piper and Mr Cox for their adjudication of the event. Mr Cox commented that it was the best student speakers in year 4 that he has ever seen in his teaching career. High praise for those students.

We welcome 3 pract students to our school for the next few weeks Miss Armour is teaching with Mrs Vaughan, Miss Sillar is with Mrs Barlow and Miss Smith is in Mrs Brown's room. We hope that they are enjoying their time at Yass Public School and getting great support and knowledge from their mentor teachers.

There are still some tickets for the day trip to School spectacular this Friday. We would really like to fill up the bus and it is a relatively cheap way to see the show without an overnight stay. Please call the office if you would like to join this trip.

We had a wonderful visit this week from Adrienne Francis from ABC radio in Canberra. She came to do several interviews about our schools breakfast program and our SRC projects around Recycling. Apparently the interviews were heard by a large audience and we have had some great feedback about our students and teachers. Great to get some our school projects the recognition they deserve.

Have a great fortnight.

Kind regards Mrs Fahey

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Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday 12th November 25 students from Years 2-6 competed in the Yass Public School Public Speaking Competition. All participants showed immense courage and talent to deliver entertaining, persuasive and informative speeches on a range of topics. A huge congratulations to all those who participated in the competition and a special thank you to Makayla Langfield for being an excellent presenter. The winners and runners up are as follows. Congratulations!

Year	Winner/s	Runner/s Up
2	Billie Faulkner	Miley Jones Harry Stuart
3	Gabby Penfold	Savannah Bywater
4	Anzac Longley Kate-Marie Storey	Sage Molchanoff Amelia Doherty
5	Lachlan Penfold	Jed Glover Janika Veal
6	Yana Markova	Isaac Reynish

Maddi Pearsall



ROSTRUM Public Speaking Competition

On Friday evening, 5 students from Yass Public School participated in the ROSTRUM Public Speaking competition. They competed against students in their grade from other schools in our region and did our school proud. Congratulations to all the students who stepped out of their comfort zone & had a go!

The following students received a medal in their section:

Miley Jones (Year 2) – 1st Place

Kate-Maree Storey (Year 4) – 2nd Place

Lachlan Penfold (Year 5) – 1st Place

Isaac Reynish (Year 6) – 2nd Place



Kindergarten Orientation 2019

Welcome to our 2020 Kindergarten students. For the past two Thursdays we have had the future leaders of our school come for orientation. The children had a taste of school life with lots of activities: blocks, construction, playdough, drawing, craft, dancing, sport and making the yummiest cupcakes in the kitchen. Our last day will be this Thursday the 21st of November from 9.20am-1pm. We really look forward to seeing everyone again, and Miss Piper and I cannot wait to work with these beautiful students next year. Mrs Brown.



Schools Spectacular 2019

Show Week is finally here! 12 students, Mrs Condon and myself are off to Sydney tomorrow afternoon at 2pm for a massive week of rehearsals and four performances across two days. We are all very excited, and perhaps a little nervous, but I'm sure we will have an amazing time and create wonderful memories as we perform with 5500 NSW Public School students. We will hopefully be back before lunch on Sunday. Students have been working so hard learning the words to the songs and rehearsing together every lunch. A huge thank you to Ms Bird for doing administration for the group and helping rehearse with students. She will join us on Friday and come home with us on Sunday. I'd also like to thank Mrs Curtis and Mrs Fahey for helping with the organisation of the week.

The theme for the show is STARS and I am sure our students will shine this week! Break a leg everyone!

Mrs Stuart

School Spectacular Excursion

This Friday Yass Public will be sending a bus up to the School Spectacular for the day on Friday 22nd November. There are still some seats left on the bus for students and parents wishing to attend. The details are as follows:

What time to be at school on Friday: 6.30am– bus will leave the school at 6.40am.

What to wear: Full school uniform for students, including a hat for when we stop.

What food to bring: Morning tea, Lunch, drink and a snack to eat during intermission.

How long will the performance be: 2-2.5 hours with a 20 minute intermission.

Will I need money: Yes. You will require money to buy yourself dinner at McDonalds on the way home.

What time will we be home: Our expected time of arrival back in Yass is approximately 8pm. Parents and carers will be updated if the arrivals time changes by School Stream.

Cost: \$54.00 per person.

If you would like to attend, please call Mrs Curtis in the Front Office to secure your seats!

Garden Club

You may have noticed the recent construction happening at the Yass Public vegie garden. We have had some concrete steps removed, garden beds extended and lovely new steps installed to make access easier.

With the weather heating up, the Garden Club is also getting back into action. In the last couple of weeks, students have planted potatoes and beetroot in the garden beds and new herbs in the pots purchased through the Junior Landcare Grant. We have picked (and eaten) asparagus, strawberries and snow peas. This week we will be harvesting broad beans and clearing some space to plant out summer crops like tomatoes, zucchini and cucumbers.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Blake Howlett's grandmother Kim Robbins, for her very kind donation towards purchasing mulch.

Robyn Phillips



Intensive Swimming Program

With summer approaching, it is once again time for the annual Intensive Swimming Program at the Yass pool. This program is aimed at Year 2 students, with any extra places being offered to Primary students most at need. The program will start on Monday December 2nd and continue for two weeks.

This week, students in Year 2 will receive a note about participation in the program. Could you please ensure that permission slips are returned promptly, even if your child does not intend to participate as this allows more time for us to determine final numbers, group children, and offer any extra places to Primary students.

Regards,

Robyn Phillips

Todd Woodbridge Cup Regional Final

On Friday November 8th, a team of ten year three and four students competed in the Todd Woodbridge Cup regional tennis final in Murrumbateman. The Yass team played against three other teams from Jerrabomberra and Mt Carmel. All students played very well and displayed great sportsmanship, finishing in third place. In the end it was a very strong team from Jerrabomberra that won the competition and the chance to progress to the finals in Sydney. Congratulations to all students involved!

I would especially like to thank all the parents who took the time out of their day to support the students and transport them to and from the venue.

Mrs Phillips



Library News – 18/11/19

Book Fair – Buy One, Get One Free!

We are holding a Book Fair this Thursday (21st November) in the Library from 12pm to 4.30pm.

Would you like to purchase books without the kids? The Book Fair will be open from 12pm to 1pm and 2pm to 3pm for parents and carers only.

New Kindy parents for 2020 are also welcome to visit the Library and purchase from our Book Fair.

Borrowing

The last week for borrowing from the Library for this year will be next week (Week 7).

Mrs Manderson

Teacher/Librarian



Lego Club

Lego Club began at the beginning of this term and the talent and creativity of our Master Builders has been amazing! Ten students from Stage 1 and Stage 2 were selected to participate in Lego club and each week they invite a friend to help them with their build. The students are given a challenge at the beginning of every week, are set a time limit and are awarded points for the most creative and well-built construction. Points will be accumulated all term with our Lego Master Builder winners being announced at the end of the term.

Mrs Kristy Barber



SRC Report

Earlier this year the SRC committed to buying the Garden Club some shelving for their shed. We are pleased to announce that the shelving has been purchased and has been given to Mrs Phillips. We have also just ordered a new filter for the drinking fountain.

At our meeting last week the SRC discussed how the locations of bins around the school makes it difficult to recycle. Our plan is to move them around so that we have all types of bins in central locations.

Our current Return and Earn total for the year is \$972.10. Unfortunately the 10c containers were stolen from our school playground during Week 4, but we would like to thank Mrs Fahey for her donation of \$12.60 in vouchers to help cover what we lost.

PBL in 1/2P

Congratulations to these students who recently received a PBL award in 1/2P.



PBL in 1/2B

Congratulations to the following students in 1/2B who recently received PBL awards. Well done to Jade Langdown and Stella-Mae Bell who also received their blue bands at assembly.



Principal's Award

The Principles awards go to Maddie Miller and Josiah Barber.

Maddie Miller is a mature student who consistently works hard in all areas of her learning. Where she really stands out is that she is a wonderful friend, she is always kind to others and will go out of her way to help both her peers and teachers in the classroom. Both her actions and words show that she is a genuinely caring person.

Josiah Barber has shown drastic improvement in the presentation of his work. He is very keen to rise to the challenge in his learning. Josiah is contributing more in class discussions and has insightful ideas. He is responsible and respectful to his classmates and teachers.



Meet Miss Sillar

Last week Miss Caitlin Sillar joined 1/2B as a Teacher Education Student. From Newcastle University, Miss Sillar is in the third year of her studies and will complete her 4 week practicum at the end of Week 8. Some interesting facts about Miss Sillar include that she is originally from Armidale, has two dogs, loves Pad Thai and started horse riding at 5 years of age. We wish Miss Sillar all the best during her stay. If you see her about the school, please make her feel welcome.



P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 27th of November at 6pm in the Yass Public School Staffroom. We hope to see you there.

Writers Award

Lewis Matthews Year 1

Waves crashing everywhere

Amazing hotels

Going swimming in cool blue water

Driving for hours

Delicious pizza

Relaxing everywhere

Most exciting thing ever

Best time of the year!



Writers Award

Reuben Paulo Year 5

We have been studying elements of poetry and attempting to use figurative language like personification, metaphors, similes and onomatopoeia.

Reuben has been focused and willing to try new things. This is one of his poems.....

Meadows

See the sun glimmer across the grass

As time goes past

The flowers bloom in the wind

The dandelions, the roses, the morning glory

The clouds form to start pouring

As morning ends, the dew unravels

Crunching feet on the gravel

A precious child, running on the ground without a sound

The first ray of light announces the sun

And they turn to the sun's power

The apple tree sings to me

The fruit is as fresh as can be

The sun shines across the grass

As time goes past.

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Yass High School Year 7 Orientation Day!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new group of Year 7 students to Yass High School in 2020. Orientation Day is coming... the perfect way to introduce our amazing staff, endless opportunities and learning facilities. Students will be participating in peer support activities, meeting the farm animals and having their first taste of high school.

Tuesday 3rd December 9am-3:20pm.
Parent information session 9am-11am.





Yass Swimming Club is excited to announce we will be hosting our first official Swimming Carnival at the Yass Swimming Pool on Sunday 24th Nov. 2019 for the first time in almost 10 years!
Save the date, more details to come.

To compete in this carnival, and many others in the series, it is a requirement to be a member of the Yass Swimming Club. 2019/20 Yass Swim Club memberships are now OPEN.

Go to yass.swimming.org.au and click on JOIN NOW to register or search for Yass Swimming Club on Facebook.

Membership fees (valid 1st Oct. 2019-30th Sept. 2020)

Swimmer 8 years & under: \$80

Swimmer 9 years & over: \$100

Non-Swimmer: \$22.50

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