



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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Calendar of Events

2019

February

Tues 5th— Coffee catch up 9.20am

Fri 8th— Assembly 11.45am

Fri 8th—Dance Classes

Tues 12th -P&C Meeting

Fri 15th Feb— Swimming Carnival

Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone. I hope you were able to keep cool over the summer holidays. I found it a challenge. It is great to be back with so many familiar faces and some new students as well. Friday was a great day with 57 new kindergarten students. Our year 6 students were very excited to help out their little buddies. They will also spend the next term getting them settled in for big school.

We will have our first whole school assembly on Friday at 11.45.

Parents are most welcome to attend. We hope to have our SRC and Sports Captains and Vice Captains elected and they will be presented with their badges during the assembly.

I would like to invite you to a coffee catch up on Tuesday as you drop off your children, we thought it would be a great way to meet other parents. We will meet under the COLA near the canteen. There are many ways you can be involved in our school and on Tuesday you may find one that suits you.

Our staff are very approachable and keen to make your child's schooling smooth so please see your class teacher or myself if there is anything you clarification with. There also some time when our school will be asking for money for different activities or resources please feel free to contact school if this is a problem as I'm sure we can work out a payment plan or some financial assistance.

I look forward to support your family and building a relationship with your child so we be our very best.

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



School Banking

We have had school banking available to our students however our parent rep that ran this program has now left the district. I would love to hear from parents or grandparents that could spare an hour a week at most to run this service for our students. You would need a little computer knowledge be able to count money and be honest and trustworthy. Please see Mrs Fahey if you think you could help us out with this program.

Afternoon pick up safety

As our school continues to grow, our bus and pick up areas are becoming very hectic in the afternoons. I would encourage parents picking up students to either wait inside our playground or just outside the fence near the notice board. Parents please be very vigilant around the buses and in the carpark. The buses cannot see people walking through them to get to their car. Parents please walk through our playground if going into town rather than through the carpark. Students need to stay with the teacher on gate duty until parents meet them at the gate.

Canteen news

Mrs Maxworthy is still running our canteen this term and she has organised a great menu. Our canteen day is Wednesday and you can do online ordering or ordering with the paper bags. There is a new menu out and it has been loaded onto the Schoolstream App and the P & C facebook page. Paper menus are available at the front office. We would also love to hear from any parents or grandparents that could help with canteen on a Wednesday, either for a couple of hours or a Wednesday a month. Any of your time would help out a lot. Please contact the school or P & C.

School bags available

The P & C uniform shop has just added a YASS P.S. backpack to its shop. It is very smart and durable. The cost is \$35. Uniform shop is open on a Friday afternoon from 2.45pm.



School supplies stage 3

School supply packs have arrived for stage 3 students (years 5/6). They will be distributed this week. There are still packs available through the front office and they cost \$33.

Text book note

A text book levy note will be sent home today. We will use these books in both maths and spelling. They provide excellent follow up work for the programs that we teach at YPS. The fee will be \$55 for students in year 1 to 6 and \$17 for Kindergarten. Books should arrive at school this week and students will receive their books as soon as payment has been made. Parents can also start a payment plan if that is easier. Payment can be made with cash, POP and EFPOS.

Dancing lessons for sport

Last week a note went home offering the opportunity to take up dance lessons this term on a Friday. The lessons are optional and cost \$27. The lessons will be taught by the Footsteps dance company. The stage 1 group is now full and there are limited spaces in kindergarten, stage2 and stage 3. These lessons will start this Friday.

SRC and House Captain Elections

Students in Year 2 to 6 will be eligible to take on leadership opportunities this year in the Student Representative Council. Peers within their class will elect their representatives this week and badges will be presented at our Friday assembly. SRC roles will last the whole year and Mrs Barlow will be the coordinating teacher along with Mrs Phillips.

Students in Year 5 and 6 will also be eligible to run for house captains and vice-captain this week. They will also be presented their badges on Friday's assembly.

Kinder coffee catch up

This Tuesday we will hold our first kinder coffee catch-up. We hope that it will help new families meet some YPS families. After the bell goes on Tuesday join us for a cuppa under the COLA near the canteen. Any parents are welcome to attend.

P & C meeting

Our first P & C meeting will be held in the staff room on Tuesday evening 12th Feb. The meeting starts at 6pm and is finished at 8pm at the latest. Please join us, it is a great way to get involved in the school and know what is going on.



2018 Year Six tree planting

Year 6, 2018 planted their leaving tree and finished their Mosaic tile. Thanks Miss Marple for organising the working group that made the tile and thanks to Jason and Kylie Carniel for the donation of the tree.

Staff for 2019

As you have probably realised we have come back to the new year with more students than ever.

We have 3 kindergarten classes and a newly established class. Our 3 kinder classes are KP – Miss Pearsall, KB – Mrs Belling and KA - Mrs Brown (Assistant Principal). Our stage 1 teachers are Miss Piper – 1/2P, Mrs Barlow 1/2B, Mrs Doyle 1/2D and Mrs Vaughan (Assistant Principal)– 1/2V . Our stage 2 teachers are Mr Beresford 3/ 4B, Mrs Phillips – 3/4P and Mrs Sharp 3/4S (Assistant Principal). Our stage 3 teachers are Ms Bird – 5/6B, Miss Heffernan – 5/6H and Mrs Stuart- 5/6S (Assistant Principal).

Some new faces in our office will be Mrs Cathy Wilkinson on Monday ,Tuesday and Miss Billy Blackman on Wednesdays, Mrs Angela Parker on Thursdays and Mrs Joy Blackman on Fridays. Mrs Vicki Wright will be here every second Monday to collate our newsletter and help out with our website. Mrs Curtis is office manager and will be here every day.

Year 6 Graduation

On Wednesday the last day of the year in 2018, we farewelled our year 6 students. We had a graduation assembly and a tunnel made by all the students from the school. Students rang the bell to signify the end of their time at Yass Public School.



Work over the holidays

These holidays have been extremely busy for improvements to our school. The termite damage was completely fixed in our hall and the whole floor resurfaced.

We built a wall to make Mr Beresfords classroom into 2 learning spaces. Mr Beresford is at one end and Mrs Doyle is in the front room.

Our school has been measured up for our new air conditioners funded by the cooler classrooms project. As yet we are unsure when they will be installed.

We have had a lot of external painting and some internal painting of classrooms.

We have ordered 5 new interactive TV's to be installed over the beginning of this term.

We have ordered some fancy new pin boards to go up in some classes.

Busy, Busy, Busy.

Welcome to New Kinders

Last Friday saw all of our new Kindergarten students start their first full day at school. Our year 6 buddies were on hand to make that a great day for them. Mrs Belling, Mrs Brown and Miss Pearsall will be our kindergarten teachers this year. We would like to welcome all our new families to YPS and hope that their educational journey with us will be terrific. We also welcome many siblings to our school and there are many proud big brother and sisters helping out their kinders.



Welcome to new families

Welcome to our new families that have joined us this year. Many have moved from interstate to settle in Yass. We have at least 2 join every grade. I know our families and students will make them feel very welcome and many of the new students already have lots of new friends.

Term 4 2018 PBL Whole School Reward

In the final school week of 2018, the students of Yass Public School had a ball participating in their Term 4 PBL whole school reward which was a water fun afternoon. Students darted through the octopus and other sprinklers, braved the cargo net pool, dodged the sponge throw and rode the slip'n'slides. A huge thank you to the Yass branch of the NSW Fire Brigade who came and put their hoses onto the delighted students. This was a fantastic way to end the year and recognise the respect, responsibility and participation of our students.

Mrs Gillian Stuart



Learning Labs

Learning Labs is an academic and creative arts enrichment holiday program. They are targeting students from Year 1 to 6 during 2019, who are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners. Please see the schedule below:

Dates: Little Learning Labs (Years 1 and 2): 23 – 24 April, 2019

Early Learning Labs (Years 3 – 6): 23 – 24 April, 2019

Venues: University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus) Little Learning Labs only
University of Wollongong (Loftus Southern Sydney) Early Learning Labs only
University of Wollongong (Batemans Bay campus) Little and Early Learning Labs

Applications close: 25 February, 2019 for more information you should contact the school or check the website <https://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/learninglabs/index.html>

Swimming Carnival

The annual Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday 15th February 2019 at the Yass Swimming Pool.

Notes have already gone home about this and I have asked that they be returned by this Friday 8th February 2019.

If your child is turning 8 this year and you have not received a note it is on the school stream app or they can be found in the office.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and cheer on their peers. It is a whole day event. I encourage the students to bring food and water for the whole day, also to have sun protection including sun screen and a hat.

I look forward to the carnival next week,

Yours in Sport,

2018 infants presentation photos

