



Yass Public School

# YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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## Calendar of Events

2019

### February

**Friday 22nd** – Assembly @ 10.30am

**Wed 27th** —District Swimming Yass Pool

### March

**Friday 1st** —Clean up Australia Day

**Wed 13th** —Regional Swimming Carnival

**Friday 15th** – Questacon Science Circus

**Friday 15th** - Anti bullying Day

## Principal's Report

I love the swimming carnival every year and this year was no different. It is a great day that we can relax and enjoy the children's company as well as catch up with parents. I just wanted to acknowledge the effort and time Ms Bird has put into organising the carnival. She and her team make running the day so easy and professional. She will announce the district team as well as give students their times this week. The district carnival will be held at Yass on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. I love to see so many children having a crack at their races and getting in and having a go at as many events as possible. There were also some very hard fought battles for age champion medals during the day, lots of ties and lots of sportsmanship throughout the day. A top day! Well done to all students and all of our teachers and parents that worked really hard to make it such a great day.

It is with sadness that we will soon be saying farewell to the Maxworthy family as they embark on life's next great adventure in Queensland. Michelle has been our canteen coordinator and has done a great job on an increasingly demanding canteen. We would love to hear whether anyone is interested in taking over the job as we all love to use our canteen on a Wednesday and it cannot continue if we don't have anyone to take it on. P & C will have an advertisement on Facebook school stream and in the newsletter, please pass the word around. Best of luck Maxworthy family.

Thanks for your support of our school families, it makes the journey great fun and very worthwhile.

Kind regards,

Mrs 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



### Sean Bell

- A fantastic role model in the playground
- A fantastic buddy to the kindergarten students
- Consistently helping younger children in the playground
- Puts others first

### Darcy Boulding

- Responsible and caring buddy
- Sensible student
- Has a go at things even if it's hard
- Great work ethic
- A great sense of humour
- Great improvement because of his positive attitude

## Writing Award

### Archie Ellams –5/6B

Bang! Thunder clashes like a stampede is on my door step.

Lightning flashes like a flickering lamp in front of my eyes.

I fear the storm shall go on for a long time to come.





### Sports Captains

On Tuesday, 5 February 2019, we held our annual House Captain Voting.

Each student turning 8 this year or older, were in attendance and voted for their House Captain and Vice-Captains.

I am pleased to announce that the Sporting leaders for this year will be...

**McKellar** – Captains – Denver Field and Mia Shepherd

Vice-Captains – Harry Scarlett and Eloise Smith

**Gilmore** – Captains – Chase Condon and Poppy Fuller

Vice-Captains – Lachlan Penfold and Emma Barlow

**Patterson** – Captains – Lachlan Denaro and Makayla Langfield

Vice-Captains – Patrick Koen and Willow Curlewis

Congratulations to all the students who nominated for these positions within our leadership roles.



### Kindergarten coffee catchup

It was great to see so many parents drop in for coffee on Tuesday morning a fortnight ago. Parents were able to meet other parents and find out about some of the programs and ways they could get involved at school this year.

We even had a parents come to start helping out in our canteen on Wednesdays. Please keep us informed as to your families school journey as it sometimes takes a while to settle into such a big change.





## Robotics

This year Yass Public School I has been lucky enough to obtain two stem share kits.

The kits contain three different types of robots . One is called “bee bots” and is suitable for kindergarten and upwards. The other is called “Dash” and is good for grade three to six children the third kit is called Lego “Wedo 2.0” and it is being used in the primary.

The purpose of the kits is to stimulate the children’s thinking in the areas of science, mathematics ,engineering and technology.

In the last few weeks grades one to four have experimented with programming the “bee bots” to navigate prepared mats on the floor. The activity may also require them to work out a mathematical answer before they program their robots to get to it.

Grades five and six have used the “Dash “robots and iPads to work through lessons teaching beginning programming . They have also use the Lego “We Do 2.0” to first construct simple machines and then program them using the iPads.

I have had a lot of positive feedback from the children and other teachers. Hopefully you are also hearing what we are doing at home. Here are some pictures of the children using the various robots .





## Dance

K to 6 dance lessons have commenced for those students who elected to participate in the program. Students were highly motivated by the first lesson delivered by the dance instructor and are looking forward to participating in the remaining sessions.

The date of the in lieu session, due to the swimming carnival, has been confirmed and will be run on the last Friday of the term.



## Meet and Greet

It was nice to see parents that took up the opportunity to visit the school last Wednesday to meet teachers and look over our learning spaces. Many dropped in to have afternoon tea at the canteen and we had over 30 parents to each information session on Wednesday evening. Parents were very pleased with the information offered at these sessions .

## Book fees

Thanks to all those families that have paid for their text books. Children have started using them and are excited to be working in their books. It would be great to finalise these payments this week so that all students have their text books by the start of next week.

Remember help is only a phone call away if you need some assistance with the payment of the books. Please ring the school and talk to Mrs Curtis or Mrs Fahey.



## Science in Stage 1

Across the school this term all students are learning about living things in Science. So far in Stage 1 we have learnt about the differences between living and non-livings, the external features of living things and the needs of living things. To complement our lessons we have undertaken a school yard bug hunt and introduced an experiment involving mealworms where students are determining the impact of temperature on the growth of mealworms. Thanks to a discovery of eggs in Mrs Fahey's dam, the whole school is also studying the lifecycle of frogs, with each stage currently looking after a tank of tadpoles.



## Library News

I'm excited to announce that this term there will be a fun competition going on in the library! There are 6 Golden Tickets hidden in books within the library.

Two tickets can be found in the junior fiction, two tickets can be found in the picture fiction and two tickets can be found in the senior fiction. If found, the student will need to write a brief summary of the book the ticket was found in and return the summary AND the Golden Ticket to Mrs Hopley to claim your prize.

The prize for each ticket found is a choice of an item/s from the recent Scholastic Book Club magazine to the value of \$10.

May the odds be in your favour fellow bookworms!

Mrs Ashleigh Hopley - Librarian



## Swimming Carnival 2019

Wow, what a day! We held our annual swimming carnival on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. I was so proud of all the children that got in and had a go. Well done.

Throughout the day we saw many PB's and there was much rivalry between the age champions. I was fortunate to work alongside Mr Beresford to bring the first set of novelty events to our swimming carnival. We are already talking about next year and how we can change and improve them.

Our newly appointed house captains and vice captains were put to action in assisting the organisation of the relay teams and even had to nominate themselves when no-one else could be found.

As always we saw the great supportive, competitive and friendly nature of our students shine through and make the day a successful one. I would like to thank all our wonderful parent helpers who volunteered some time to assist me and other staff on the day with the time keeping and other roles, as well as the lovely and supportive staff that I work alongside. I could not hold such successful carnivals without their support, so thank you.

Now to announce the overall winners for the day.

Junior Champion – Anzac Longley and Kaylee Douven

Junior Runner Up – Jasper Koen and Jake Deery and Rachael Barlow

11yr Champion – Lachlan Penfold and Lara McClelland and Liana Deery

11y Runner Up – Rory Arneman and Lucy McClelland

Senior Champion – Patrick Koen and Makayla Langfield and Mia Shepherd

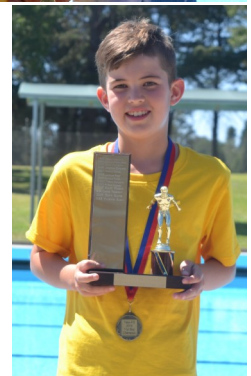
Senior Runner-Up – Jacob Reynish and Willow Curlewis

Champion House – GILMORE

District will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Yass pool. Notes will go home in the next few days. Please let me know ASAP if your child wishes to withdraw from an event, and return the notes to myself.

Yours in Sport,

Beth Bird





### Gardening Club

Last Thursday our Garden Club met for the first time this year with great success. It was very popular with around 25 students taking part. Children from any year level are welcome to help with the mulching, planting, picking and maintaining of the garden. As the summer crops finish we are now getting the soil ready for autumn/winter planting. If anyone is able to donate horse or cow manure it would be greatly appreciated and will go a long way to improving the soil.

Thanks for your support.

Mrs Phillips



### Tennis Knockout Trials

This year Yass Public will be participating in the Victor Kelly 5/6 tennis knockout. The competition involves students playing a series of tennis matches against schools across NSW. The team will be made up of three boys and three girls and each round they will play both doubles and singles matches.

On February 7th, 12 students tried out for the opportunity to represent our school under the supervision of Scott Eulenstein. I would like to commend everyone on their effort and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Liana Deery, Antonella Zlatar, Eloise Smith, Tobey Smith, Lachlan Penfold and Denver Field who were selected for the team.

Mrs Phillips





## SRC News

Last week the SRC members of 2019 were elected by their peers. In total 20 representatives were selected to represent the views of their fellow students and work with the school staff to achieve change at a school, community and global level. Congratulations to the following people:

Rose Ryan	Oliver Tetley	1/2B
Lizzie Scarlett	Harley Smith	1/2D
Isabella Waters	Declan Wilson	1/2V
Charlie Clarke	Nara Rosewarne	1/2P
Sage Molchanoff	Josh Neuhaus	3/4P
Emma Phillips	Lucas Butt	3/4B
Rachael Barlow	Jasper Koen	3/4S
Lucy McClelland	Denver Field	5/6B
Mylee Jenkins	Mitchell Blundell	5/6H
Isabelle Phillips	Lachlan Penfold	5/6S



At our first meeting last week students were tasked with hosting class meetings to help form the direction of our plans for this year.

The SRC and garden club have also been talking about introducing a worm farm to the school. However before we do so we would like to educate students about how they work. If there are any parents or carers that are knowledgeable about worm farms and would be able to talk to a group of students one lunchtime we would love to hear from you. Please let the office know if you are able to help.

Our Return and Earn fundraising has gotten off to a flying start this year, with the SRC already accepting \$100.40 in donations. A huge thank you to the Banfield family, the Neuhaus family, Mrs Curtis and Mrs Sharp for their donations. In addition we have raised \$33.80 from playground containers. Only three weeks into the school year we are well on our way to beating the \$975.10 raised last year.

Return and Earn funds raised this year: \$134.20

## STEM Lessons

Last Monday Yass Public School was lucky to have a few STEM teachers visit some of our classrooms. They taught students how to code on iPads, use robots and some classes even learnt how to make a fan out of Lego. Students were very engaged in the STEM lessons and had a lot of fun. Some of our teachers attended a training session after school so we can continue to provide engaging STEM lessons for our students.



## Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure with School Banking!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2019, School Banking is taking children on a Polar Savers adventure to the Ice Cave of Savings.

There are **8 new reward items for 2019** from:

Scented Stackable Highlighters

Snowy Origami Set

Icicle Slapband Ruler

Yeti Fluffy Notepad

Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring

Scratch Art Cards

Water Skimming Bounce Ball

Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers



If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

## Banking person

A huge thanks to Nicole Wykes who we have talked into being a school banking coordinator. She has taken over from Mr Phil McHugh who managed the program for many years. Our new school banking day will be Thursday, Kinder students will also get their banking forms shortly should they wish to participate as part of the school banking program.



## Position Available – Canteen Assistant

**Yass Public School P&C Association** requires an enthusiastic Canteen Assistant to work in our school canteen. The position is casual, three hours per week on a Wednesday, providing support and assistance to our Canteen Manager.



Salary is in accordance with the MA000003 Fast Food Industry Award 2010.

To be considered, you must meet the following criteria:

- ☐ Experience in a food preparation and service setting
- ☐ Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- ☐ Demonstrated ability to work as a team member
- ☐ Knowledge of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy
- ☐ Experience and or qualifications in food safety and handling
- ☐ Understanding of work health and safety and ability to meet legislative requirements
- ☐ Interest in nutrition
- ☐ Demonstrated computer literacy using Microsoft Office applications and the internet

You must hold or be willing to obtain:

- ☐ A current NSW Food Safety Supervisor Certificate
- ☐ NSW Working With Children Check

It is a requirement of employment that *Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment Screening* checks will be completed.

A detailed job description can be obtained by emailing [ypspandc@gmail.com](mailto:ypspandc@gmail.com)

**Applications close 5pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Apply in writing to:  
Yass Public School P&C  
Locked Bag 4  
Yass NSW 2582

Or email: [ypspandc@gmail.com](mailto:ypspandc@gmail.com)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine's, Yass, invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion. 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 6 March or Thursday 7 March between 5-6pm. For further details and to print an enrolment form please visit the parish website [www.staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments](http://www.staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments) or contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.





# **YASS MINOR RUGBY LEAGUE**



**Please join us to celebrate the 2019 season**

**U 6 - 16 Players  
U15 Girls and U18 Girls  
& PARENTS... YOU'RE INVITED!!!**

**WHEN: SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019**

**WHERE: WALKER PARK**

**TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**BBQ and Entertainment provided**

**Merchandise for sale**

**Don't forget to register online at: [Playnrl.com/register](http://Playnrl.com/register)**

**Don't forget to get your active kids voucher first**

**Cost: \$145 (1<sup>st</sup> child) - \$130 (2<sup>nd</sup> child) - \$115 (3<sup>rd</sup> child) – additional free**

**Each player's kit includes: jersey, training shirt, shorts and socks**

## **2019 SEASON LAUNCH**



**PLAYNRL »**





# **YASS HIGH SCHOOL** **OPEN EVENING**

**YEAR 7, 2020 ENROLMENTS**  
**WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

**5.30pm - 7.00pm**

**School Hall**

Principal: Mrs Linda Langton  
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# JUNIOR RUGBY

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## REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

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Players are invited to register in the following ages groups:

Under 7s (Children turning 6 & 7 - non tackle)

Under 8s, 9s, 10s 11s ,12s, and 13's

Registration includes a jumper for you to keep

**[WWW.YJRUC.COM.AU/REGISTRATION](http://WWW.YJRUC.COM.AU/REGISTRATION)**



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