



Yass Public School

# YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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## Calendar of Events

2019

### March

**Friday 22nd** - PSSA Soccer

### April

**Friday 5th** - YPS Cross Country

**Thurs-Fri 11th&12th-**

State swimming Carnival

**Friday 12th** - Last Day of Term 1

**School Photos** - 3rd July

## Principal's report

It was great to see so many students remembering to wear their blue clothes on Friday to remind us how important it is to keep the profile of Anti bullying high. We encouraged discussions in class and in the playground on what bullying is? How to help and not just being a bystander. Students bought bands that say 'No to Bullying' and were also given little cards that have some great information around strategies to use with friends or for families to help their children as well as support networks in our community. Please contact the school if you are at all concerned about bullying behaviour at our school sometimes your children will discuss this with you and we have no idea it is happening, but we can help support them at school. And deal with the issues if we know.

P & C had their meeting on Tuesday night and we had one family take up the opportunity to use technology and Zoom into the meeting. It was our AGM as well as our regular March meeting. All positions were filled and there are some new people taking on some new roles within the P & C. I would like to encourage families to come to P & C as it is a great way to learn about what's happening at school. Now all the formal positions have been filled you can just come along without any pressure.

Thanks to all the parents that took their children down to Dapto for the Regional Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. We had some great results students and Mrs Phillips had a great day. Lara is a reserve for the South Coast team to state and Liana Deery came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her Butterfly final to make it into the State carnival in Sydney. This carnival will happen in the last week of the term. A huge congratulations to all our students and especially Liana for making the South Coast team.

We welcome Natasha Slade as our new canteen coordinator. Natasha worked with Michelle Maxworthy last week to learn the ropes and will start next week. We would still like to encourage any parents or grandparents that could help out in the canteen on a Wednesdays to ring school. Even if you can only do one Wednesday a term that would be great. I would like to thank Michelle for her dedication and enthusiasm in our canteen over the past few years it is with sadness we see her and the family relocate to Queensland. Take our good wishes and care with you for your new start.

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

## Principal Awards



### Lewis Mathews 1/2V

- Always follows instructions quickly and sensibly
- He can be relied upon to do his best work and ignore the distractions around him
- Consistently demonstrating the 5 L's for listening

### Mark Reid 5/6B

- Mark is doing some great work with programming the STEM robots
- Settling into a new class, new stage very well this year
- Did some great writing for Mrs Bird this week

## Writers Awards

### School Tour

by Cooper Hoad

On Monday we did our School tour. Firstly we went to Mrs Knowles classroom, where some students go to.

Then we went to Mrs Doyle's classroom which is called 1/2D. Next we went to the primary bubblers where the cold water comes from. Finally we got to look at the fruit and veggies. I liked it because we got to look at the veggies. Then I liked it because we got to go to my friends classroom which is 1/2D .

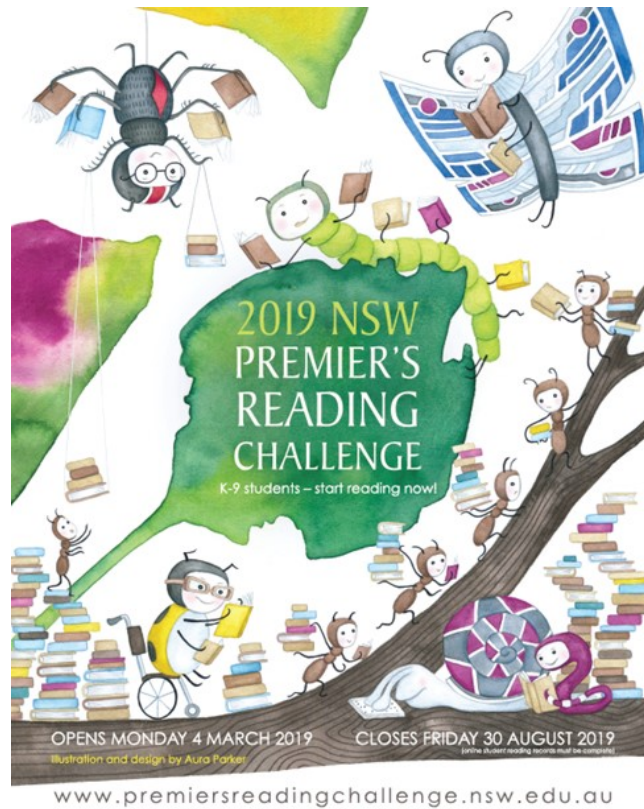
### Amelia Rackley 1/2B

Recount of the book "letter for Leah"

Leah wanted a letter but she didn't get a letter. She went to the mailbox but there were letters for her mum, letters for her dad and letters for her neighbours but there weren't any letters for her. Then she went to the post office and watched her mum post a letter. Next she wrote a letter for her Grandma.

Finally ....she got a letter. She was happy.

## Premiers Reading Challenge



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The Premiers Reading Challenge has opened, encouraging students to read for leisure and pleasure. The challenge will close Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Students can either enter their reading records online using their NSW Department of Education portal login at - <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

OR

Keep an updated personal reading log sheet found in the library and I will enter in the book details to their online record.

The required number of books to be read are below -

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Happy reading fellow YPS bookworms J

Mrs Hopley – Librarian



## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2019, all students at Yass Public School took part in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Many students bought wristbands that remind them to 'Say no to bullying'. The whole school engaged in anti-bullying lessons.

We have decided to donate the \$282 raised to the Canberra Hospital Foundation. The money will be used to renovate a classroom named The Cottage for children and young people aged 0-18 years experiencing moderate to severe mental health difficulties.

It was a great day learning together about an important issue. We hope the students learned strategies and skills to help reduce bullying, not only at school, but also in our community.

Maddi Pearsall



## PBL in 1/2B

Congratulations to the students in 1/2B who recently achieved their Red awards. Well done to Jade Langdown for achieving her Blue award.





## Regional swimming

On Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 17 Yass Public students travelled to Dapto to represent the district in the Regional Swimming Championships. They were joined by students from Gunning, Dalton, Berinba and Bowning. All children swam wonderfully, with many competing at this level for the first time and lots of personal bests. Several Yass students performed at an exceptional level. I would like to congratulate Liana Deery for her 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 11 years girls butterfly and winning the chance to swim at the State Championships in April. Liana also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 11 years 50m freestyle. Lara McClelland had a great backstroke swim and placed 4<sup>th</sup>. The senior girl's freestyle relay also achieved an amazing 6<sup>th</sup> place against 12 year olds. Well done to everyone and thanks to all those parents and carers who travelled down for the day so the children could swim.

Mrs Phillips



## Student Wellbeing

My name is Fiona Northey and I am a new teacher to Y.P.S. this year. One of my roles is to monitor, assess and follow-up students' attendance and welfare concerns. This will involve me in making phone calls to home to discuss attendance and to provide home/school support where needed. I will also be guiding small groups of students in lessons to help meet their social and emotional learning needs. If you feel that your child may benefit from participating in lessons focussing on friendship, anxiety or anger management, please let your classroom teacher know. I will then liaise with your child's classroom teacher, as well as the school's Learning and Support team, to discuss how we can best support your child.



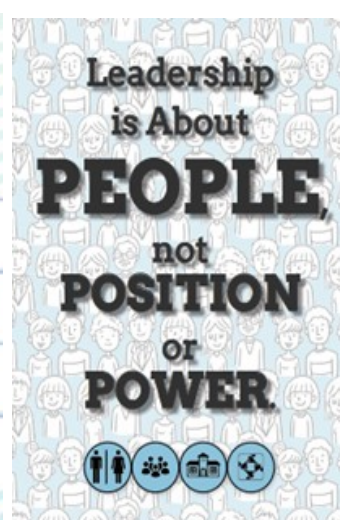
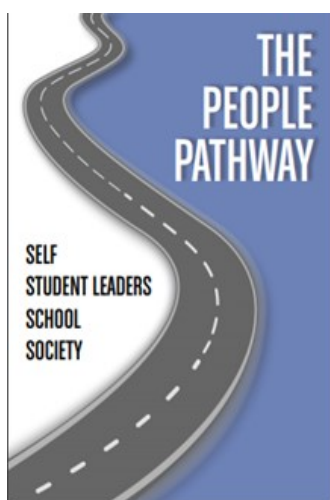
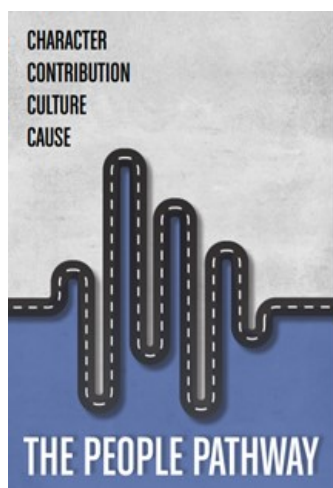
## SRC Report

At our last meeting we discussed student suggestions and began to form a plan for 2019. Some ideas that students came up with that the SRC are thinking about implementing include having clocks around the playground, installing smaller basketball rings for the infants to use and adding some shade sails to our playground. We also discussed the possibility of having coloured bins in our classrooms to match the bins outside.

Our Return and Earn total so far for this year is \$245.60. A special thanks to Mrs Sharp for donating vouchers worth \$20.70. At our last meeting we agreed to use some of this money to buy shelving for the garden shed.

## GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, thirty four Stage 3 students attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Throughout the day, we listened to speakers and were given challenges that involved sharing ideas with students from other schools. There were some funny moments too when Tabitha played the air drums and Ilya did the limbo! We learnt about the character traits of a leader, that we don't have to be in a special position to be a leader and that even though we are young, we can make a difference for ourselves, our school and our society. It was a great day and we hope to show through our actions that we are all student leaders.



## Stage 2 Science

This term, Year 3 and 4 have got to do Science with a class pet. The class pet was Monarch caterpillars and we got to see them change over their full life cycle. They started off as small caterpillars and ate milkweed. As they grew bigger, they formed from caterpillars into a green chrysalises (unfortunately two caterpillars couldn't hang on and died but the other four changed). After the transformation the chrysalises became clear and the butterflies emerged. The butterflies had to dry their wings before they could fly. After four weeks, we finally released the butterflies into the fresh air for them to live the rest of their lives.

By Amelia and Sage

In Science we looked at the Monarch butterflies as they transformed and went through their metamorphosis. We learnt how to tell if they were a boy or a girl and we learnt how the males have scent that attracts female butterflies. Then we released them when it was warm enough.

By Sani Van Iddekinge





## On The Road With Optus Visits Our School

Last week we were fortunate to have "On The Road With Optus" visit our school. They did a virtual reality activity with 3/4P as well as investigating the Sphero robots. The children were particularly enthusiastic about the virtual reality exercise which involved them riding a rollercoaster. Luckily no one was sick but some students had to take the headsets off! Year 6 did an activity about improving their digital awareness. This was well received and the children learnt a lot about how to make safe passwords. It was a very enjoyable day for everyone!  
Mr Brien

Included below is the link where Parents can get more resources about digital awareness

<http://www.digitalthumbprint.com.au/parent-resources/>

Optus links for safety



## Questacon Visit

Last Friday, the Shell Questacon Science Circus visited our school. All students from Kindergarten to year 6 had a fantastic time participating in hands on experiments to learn about liquids and gases.

The highlights included making a hot air balloon and making a rocket to help Shelly the sugar glider fly.

We all look forward to the next visit!





### Wombat Talk

Last Tuesday Stage 1 were treated to a visit by Donna from The Sleepy Burrows Wombat Sanctuary. Donna's visit was part of our 'Living Things' Science unit and the objective of the talk was to discover ways humans can encourage living things to thrive. Donna spoke to students about the needs of wombats, and provided practical examples of things we can do to help wombats survive. She also brought in a 10 day old baby wombat that she is rearing. Students learnt a lot about how to care for a baby wombat including that it must be worn 24/7 to be kept warm and that it needs to be fed every two hours! Donna has promised to bring her baby wombat back in three months so that we can see how much she has grown.



### World Wildlife Fund Cupcake Sale

Thank you for all those people who participated in baking and donating money for the cupcake sale and in raising money for the WWF. The sale was a giant success as we raised a whopping \$230.80. All that money will go to animals such as tigers, rhinos and koalas. We are all very passionate about animals and really hope this contribution of money raised from everyone at Yass Public School will help these animals in some way.

Many Thanks

Harper, Matilda, Jess, Amelia, Sage and Eriu

### PSSA Sport trials

This fortnight has seen many children out of school for various sporting trials. 3 students travelled to Bomaderry to trial for Tennis. We have also had students travel to Goulburn to compete for a place on the Tablelands cricket squad.

Denver Field and Lachlan Penfold were successful and will now travel to North Nowra to play and compete for a spot on the South Coast team. Good luck boys.

Mr Beresford is also busy co-ordinating a team of Soccer players to trail at Goulburn. They were due to trial today but due to the weather, this has been postponed until this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our Regional Swimmers who have also travelled this fortnight to compete at the South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival. I have heard wonderful things, many PB's and amazing swims were posted.

Congratulations to Liana Deery who will now travel to Sydney to compete at State Championships in April.

Beth Bird

## Stage 1 Excursion

Stage 1 recently had a visit to Cooma Cottage in Yass. A number of volunteers kindly gave up some of their time to be guest speakers and tour guides, informing our Year 1 and 2 students about the history of this historic site.

During their visit, students were given tours of the homestead, the gardens and the stables. It was a great learning experience and we recommend visiting Cooma Cottage with your family if you get the chance.

The Twilight Autumn Picnic Fair will be held at Cooma Cottage on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. Below are some photos and a recount of our excursion written by one of the Stage 1 students.

### Cooma Cottage

*By Amelia Schofield 1/2P*

On Tuesday we went to Cooma Cottage. We had to go on a bus to get there.

First we went and had lunch on the spiky grass.

Then we went to our tour guide and dressed up as Hamilton Hume and his wife and sidekicks.

Next we went and saw the horses named Nugget, Hunter and Ashleigh.

Then we went to the garden spot. The grass was soft like I could sit on it forever.

Finally we went in the house. The house was beautiful.

I loved it because we got to see the horses. It was a lot of fun.





## **Cooma Cottage**

756 Yass Valley Way, Marchmont NSW 2582

# **Twilight Picnic Fair**

***Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
April 2019***

***3pm-7pm***

***Gold coin  
entry***



***Bring your family and friends along to have a picnic at Cooma Cottage in the same location where Hamilton Hume lived. There will be a variety of stalls, refreshments, musical entertainment, animals and much, much more. Bring a picnic hamper, make yourself comfortable and enjoy the afternoon and evening.***



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# **EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**16, 17 & 18 APRIL  
23 & 24 APRIL 2019**

Enjoy your school holidays with days full of fun activities. Yass Gymnastics strive to promote and improve fitness, confidence and self-esteem in all our participants.

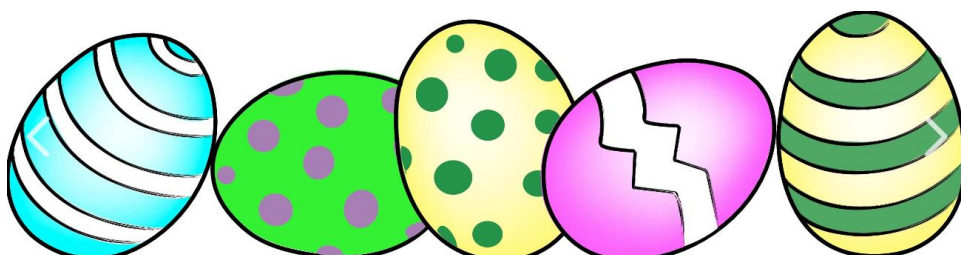
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# Dalton Public School

## Election Day

## BBQ and Mini Fete

Saturday 23 March, 8 am–1 pm

**Bacon & egg rolls, sausages and vegie burgers**

**Espresso coffee**

**Wood raffle and vouchers to win**

**Cakes, plants and preloved books**

**Scholastic Book Fair**

**Jumping castle**

**Free face painting**

**Guessing games and kids' activities**

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