



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

Issue #7

20th May 2019

Calendar of Events

2019

Term 2

May

Tues 14th to Fri 24th: NAPLAN

Wed 22nd : Disco

Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th: Art Workshops

Fri 24th- Assembly @ 10.30 am

Mon 27th & Tues 28th : Book Fair

June

Fri 21st: Athletics Carnival

Principals Report

Seems there is something for everyone at Yass Public School in the past few weeks. There was cross country, some PSSA sport selections as well as athletics rotations. There are art workshops and excursions happening over the next few weeks. We have writing activities within our school as well as writing competitions across our learning community. We have our writing camp running in the middle of June. So many exciting things to get involved with.

We have many of our teachers attending training this term to further develop their skills in the classroom and beyond. Mrs Stuart is going to do some more training in Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) on Tuesday. I will be away Thursday afternoon and Friday as I am off to Sydney to Curriculum Reference group meeting.

Mrs Curtis has taken some leave for 3 weeks. She is having a well-earned relax and Mrs Cathy Wilkinson will be in her chair for that time. Please have patience with us as we don't have all the knowledge that Mrs Curtis has but we will try our best.

In the next few weeks we will be training our senior students to become Peer Support Leaders. This training will take place over 2 days and the venue this year will be the Baptist Church as this is a convenient walk to venue. Peer support lessons will then take place in the last few weeks of term and into next term on Fridays.

We have an assembly on Friday at 10.30. Parents are welcome. We will be announcing the school winners of the poetry competition this Friday.

We are here to support you so just keep us in the communication loop with changes to your family or emotional events or even if you feel that your child isn't travelling very well. Keep well and enjoy the journey.

Cheers, Michelle

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Office Hours: 8.30am to 3.30pm

Uniform Shop is open each Friday
afternoon: 2.45pm-3.30pm

Principal Awards



Edan Cross

- Fantastic enthusiasm for learning
- Loves a challenge
- Very careful with his Maths work
- Has great manners
- Is honest and reliable
- Cooperates well with others and is a good friend

Meadow Hand

- Asks for help when she needs it
- Completes her work accurately and produces great results
- Always does the right thing but quietly without prompting or wanting praise from teachers
- Motivated to learn
- A great role model for younger students

Writers Awards

George

The mermaid
can swim very
fast in the
water.

Annabel Henderson

George is a cute, lazy and sleepy cat. He has some stripes on his face but most of his stripes are on his arms.

He has claws as pointy as poisonous spikes.

George has a black collar as black as the midnight sky. He looks stubborn like a sloth because he is sleepy.

George has a white belly and long legs.

George is a wonderful pet.

Nara Rosewarne

Disco

This Wednesday 22nd May 2019, Yass Public School will be holding our first DISCO for the year. Our students will have great fun dancing with their friends and perhaps some teachers too! The disco is a Year 6 fundraiser for their gift to the school which they will present at the end of the year. Notes were sent home last week and can also be found on the SchoolStream App. A meal deal of a hotdog, juice and packet of chips has been offered however notes for the meal were due last Friday and we are unable to accept any this week for catering purposes. Students are still able to join in the disco though- the more, the merrier! Disco tickets are \$6. These are the disco and dinner times for Infants (Kindy-Year 2) and Primary (Year 3-Year 6).

Infants Disco 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Infants Dinner 6.00pm – 6.30pm

Primary Dinner 5.30pm – 6.00pm

Primary Disco 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Stuart

Impromptu Teacher Performances

Given that the theme of the Writer's Camp this year is '*Poetry*', at our last assembly the teachers of YPS decided to raise the profile of this text type by performing some impromptu silly poems. Students were entertained with tales about teachers not letting students use the bathroom, students getting revolting canteen meals and little sisters picking on big brothers (aka Mrs Brown picking on Mr Beresford). Thanks to all that were involved – especially Mrs Sharp and Mrs Stuart who really got into the theme of their poem "*I Gave Myself a Haircut*".



Jay's Longest March

On Wednesday 8th March Yass Public School supported Jay Allen in his fight to find a cure for melanoma. During his 2000km fundraising walk from Adelaide to Sydney, Jay walked through Yass, right past our school. Teachers and students lined the fence to cheer Jay on, and as a school we added \$163 to his total. So far Jay has raised over \$300, 000 for this important cause.



PBL Awards

A number of parents have been asking about our PBL behaviour level system and what they mean. Each day, students have the opportunity to receive Yazzas from any teacher in both the classroom and playground for demonstrating our school expectations: Respect, Responsibility, and Participation. Students need to keep their Yazzas and then hand them to their classroom teacher. The teacher records the amount of Yazzas and presents each student with an award when they achieve each level. Students receive levelled awards in a particular order based on the amount of Yazzas achieved. The number of Yazzas needed increases for each level.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher. Please find the order of levels below.

PBL team

PBL Level order
1. Red Level
2. Blue Level
3. Bronze Level
4. Silver Level
5. Gold Level
6. Red Band
7. Blue Band
8. Gold Band

NAPLAN

Thanks to Mrs Sharp for all her organisation and Mrs Stuart for her help in running NAPLAN testing last week. We only have a few tests to catch up on today. Students seemed to enjoy that we have taken the plunge this year and moved to online testing. The only paper test was done last Tuesday and was the year 3 writing test. It was a timetabling feat to get use the lab and class space as well as every piece of technology and laptops each day but thankfully the wi-fi held up.

PBL in 1/2B

Congratulations to the students pictured below who recently received a PBL award.



SRC Report

At our last meeting the SRC met to discuss the progress of our projects.

We had hoped to have purchased our outdoor clocks by now but we are having difficulty finding large, affordable weatherproof clocks that have numbers, not roman numerals.

If anyone has any suggestions about where we can purchase some, please let Mrs Barlow know.

We have also had some progress towards getting some school chickens. Stay tuned for more details about this.

The sorting of waste has declined recently. Lots of things have been going in the wrong bins which adds unnecessary rubbish to landfill and reduces how much money we can earn.

At our last assembly Sage and Jasper showed students a range of rubbish that had been placed in the wrong bins.

Our Return and Earn total so far for this year is \$418.00.

This includes voucher donations of \$3.70 from the Neuhaus family and \$14.60 from Jed Glover and his family.

P & C mother's day stall

We hope you had a great Mother's day last weekend and we thank Belinda and all her P & C helpers who organised, and purchased some amazing gifts. So thanks for your time and support our children really appreciated you having the stall at school. We hope you got some beautiful presents Mums and hope you were a little bit spoilt.

Whole School Continuous Story

In what has become a Term 2 tradition, the whole school recently participated in a continuous story. The purpose of the story was to engage students in a fun writing activity where each class had to contribute a page, picking up where the last class left off. The story started in 1/2B....

"That's it! I've had enough!" Zippee was furious. He was about to lose it. After a long day of eating rocks to repair his shell he was exhausted. In the last month Zippee had had a rock thrown on him, a grocery bag sat on him and even a baby spew on him. It wasn't easy being a snail! Now today, after being out and about since early morning, on his way home in the dark of the night a bird had just dropped something disgusting on him. He longed to be back in Mrs Barlow's garden, hidden and safe in her vegetable patch. After what seemed like forever he finally saw the familiar shape of lettuce leaves, but then a dark shadow crept across his body.....

From 1/2B the story made its way to 3/4B:

The shadow was coming from Mick who was outside spraying the garden for pests. Just before Zippee was going to go to snail heaven, along came Emily and Caillen shouting "STOP! There's Zippee!" Mick was so relieved that they rescued his little pal.

Emily and Caillen scooped him up on a lettuce leaf and carried him over to the gardening club. Just as they were getting there, Caillen tripped over and Zippee went suddenly flying through the air.....

To be continued in the next Newsletter

District Cross Country

On Wednesday 8th May, 55 students travelled to Gunning to compete at the Yass District PSSA Cross Country Carnival.

Although the weather was against us, the children had some great results. We came away with 3 age champions and 16 top 5 places. This means that 16 children will now travel to Nowra to compete at the Regional event on the 7th June.



Thank you to all the children, parents and family members who came across for the day and made it an enjoyable day for the students.

Good luck to all those who have made it through to the next stage.

Notes have already gone home.

Please return them as soon as possible with the \$10 deposit for the shirt.

Writing in Stage 1

This term Stage 1 are learning how to write procedures. We have looked at a variety of reasons why people write procedures, including recipes. Pictured below are students in 1/2P following the procedure they wrote for how to make fairy bread and students from 1/2B enjoying the corn relish dip they made.



Little Learner 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): 8 – 10 July, 2019

Early Learning Labs (Years 3 to 6): 16 – 18 July, 2019

Venue: University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus)

Applications close: 29th May 2019

A brochure with more details is at the end of the newsletter.

Walk Safely to School Day

Last Friday was National Walk Safely to School Day. A small number of keen students and parents met teachers at either the post office or the caravan park to walk safely to school. The annual community event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. After students safely walked to school they shared a warm breakfast under the cola.

Art & About" National Gallery of Australia Excursion



Last Friday the 17th of May, Ms Marple and a very excited group of 24 Yass Public students went on an excursion to the National Gallery of Canberra. These 24 students were all part of our "Art & About" program, which is a Binit Binit multi-schools initiative designed to give students in our regional area the opportunity to create works for an exhibition to be held in Education Week with some local artists.

A convoy of buses set off to Canberra and when we arrived we participated in a tour designed to expose students to the key art works in the gallery. After this, all 128 students participating had lunch in the outdoor sculpture garden and enjoyed the beautiful day amidst some very interesting pieces of art. Then our students went back inside the gallery and toured some art works that were linked to that which they would be making themselves in the artist workshops. All students were highly engaged throughout the day and I was very proud of their excellent behaviour on the excursion.



Well done Yass Public students! We are all excitedly looking forward to what they will create for our Education Week art exhibition.

Kind Regards

Ms Marple

Bedwetting Information

We have received information from the bedwetting Institute. This is relevant with overnight camps coming up this year.

Bedwetting

For a fact sheet on all the causes of bedwetting and an outline of the treatment options available to cure the condition please see the Bedwetting Institute® website or text DRY to 0417 280 373 to have the fact sheet sent direct to your phone.

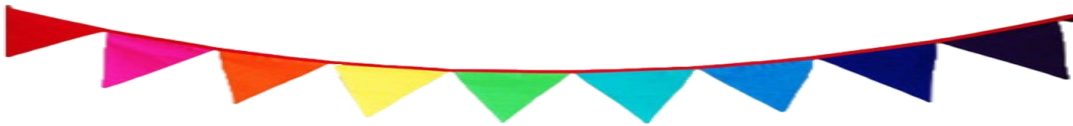
Contact details are : Bedwetting Institute®

Phone- 1300135796

P.O. Box 1197

Broadway, **NSW** , 2007

Website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au



Scholastic Book Fair News

On Monday 27th May and Tuesday 28th May Yass Public School will be holding its book fair in the library. Students will have the opportunity to buy books, stationary, wacky book packs and posters.

Prices of books will be from \$4 upwards, with a majority of books able to be reordered. A limited number of books will be available to buy within the range of \$1 - \$5 however they are in small supply and once sold cannot be reordered.

Prices of stationary, posters and wacky book packs will be from \$1 upwards however cannot be reordered. Once sold out there will be no more available.

Students will have the opportunity to buy books in their allocated class library time for that week as well as the below extended book fair times. This has been done to allow parents to come and view the books and pay for books using eftpos which will be available both days.

Monday 27th May –

Open from 8.30 in the morning, during lunch and open after school until **5pm**

Tuesday 28th May –

Open from 8.30 in the morning, during lunch and open after school until **6pm**

I look forward to seeing you all.

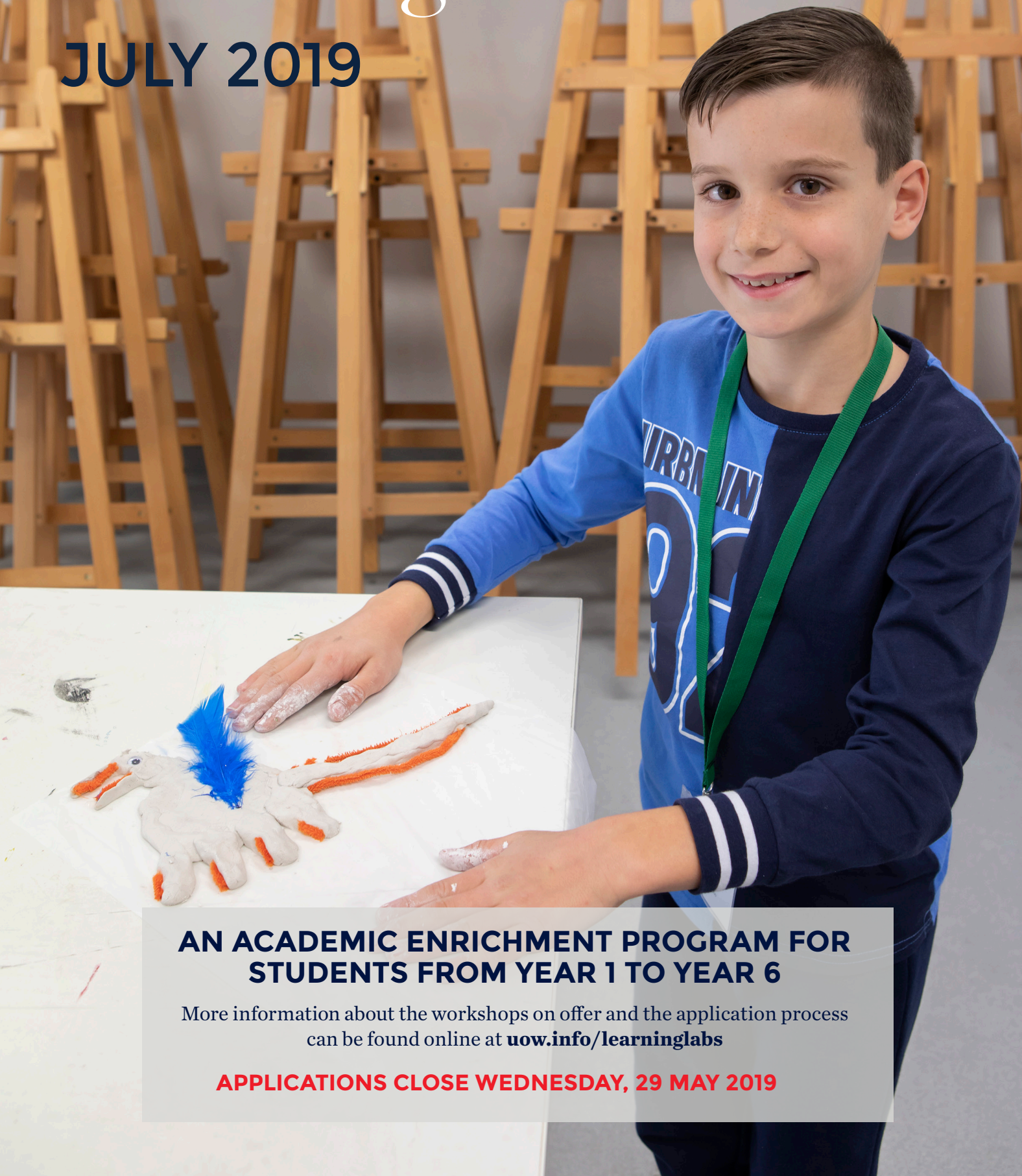
Ashleigh Hopley



UNIVERSITY
OF WOLLONGONG
AUSTRALIA

Learning Labs

JULY 2019



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

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2019

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

WHEN: 8 and 9 July, 2019
WHERE: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm
FEE: \$155

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

WHEN: 10 July, 2019
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: 16 and 17 July, 2019
WHERE: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm
FEE: \$165

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

WHEN: 18 July, 2019
FEE: \$90

Location and times are the same as above



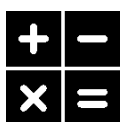
PROGRAM INFORMATION

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.

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 July:



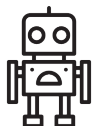
STEM Challenges

Do you enjoy solving problems and finding ways to improve designs? This workshop will be quite different to standard lessons at school. We will be learning how to apply Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths to the real-world.



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!



Sphero Bolt Rockin' Rollin' Robots

Curious about coding? Ever wanted to learn to program your own robot? You will learn to write code and program a Sphero Bolt robot to overcome a series of individual challenges. Then, design programs and watch your robot compete in a variety of group competitions.



Stop Motion Animation

Why watch movies when you can make your own? Brainstorm ideas, create a storyboard, design your set and shoot your very own stop motion animation. We'll look at lighting, sound creation and green screens to make your animation come to life. Draw your characters, make them or build them – the choice is yours.

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in April 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:

E: learning-labs@uow.edu.au

P: (02) 4221 5557

Facebook: www.facebook.com/UOWOandP

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2019



Kids Nutrition Workshop

A interactive session covering:

- General nutrition needs
- Fussy eating
- Packing healthy lunchboxes
- Navigating allergies & intolerances

Friday 31st May, 2019 @ 10:30am

Yass Health Clinic - 73 Lead St, Yass NSW 2582

\$35 per person (morning tea provided)

follow us on



Tickets via EventBrite (link available on Facebook)

Enquiries please email natalie.corcoran@hotmail.com



CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at local sites in the **Yass** region.

Monday to Friday, several casual positions available.

Flexible shift times, experience is preferred but not essential.
Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to:
Joss Facility Management,
PO Box 204 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Or for more information contact Lee-Anne
Ph: 0429 184 135 between 8:00am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday

A working with Children Check is required for this position