



Yass Public School

# YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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## Calendar of Events

2019

### Term 2

#### May

Wed-8th: District X-Country

Thurs-9th: Mothers Day Stall

Fri-10th : Assembly

Tues 14th to Fri 24th: NAPLAN

Fri 17th: National walk safely to school day

Fri 17th : Art about Canberra Art gallery Excursion

Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th: Art Workshops

Tues 28th : Book Fair

School Photos - 3rd July

## Principal's Report

Welcome to our new families that have joined us in the last few weeks. We hope you enjoy attending Yass Public School as much as we do. Well it looks like a very busy term planned for our school. Parents are able to catch up on all events, notes and learning experiences via lots of different ways. We have our school stream app for phones, we are also updating our school website frequently. We have our school sign that gives a bit of current information. We have a detailed newsletter every fortnight. We have 2 notice boards at the gates at school. Mrs Curtis also emails the newsletter to those on the distribution list. Students get notes sent home with them so please remember to check their bags regularly.

Thanks to all those parents that organised their child to march in the Yass Town Anzac service. A big thanks you to Mrs Bird and the other teachers that also helped with students marching on Anzac day. We also had a very moving ceremony at our school this Friday when our year 6 students led the Anzac service at school. Each child had made a poppy that they planted on our school garden around our flagpoles. I was very proud of our student leaders, staff and whole school for the effort put into making such a beautiful and thoughtful service.

Every classroom now has the latest technology. During the last week of last term interactive TV's were installed in 7 classrooms. That means that every learning space has the new technology. Mrs Barlow's room still has the smartboard as hers is the connected classroom for our school. This Wednesday will see our teachers staying back after school to do some more training on the TV so we get the most out of the new technology. Word on the playground is that teachers and students alike are enjoying the new technology.

Brace yourselves for a really busy term. We have art projects, dance groups, writer's camps, athletics and cross country carnivals to name but a few. Looks like some great opportunities for students. Please call in to see the improvements at school anytime. Give me a call if your family circumstances change and you think we can support your child or you in some way. We have a wellbeing teacher in on Wednesdays and can get some advice from a counsellor if needed but at the moment we don't have a regular school counsellor.

Looking forward to a terrific term,

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



### Corben Cummings

- Always willing to give things his best try
- Always trying to help other people
- Very co-operative
- A really nice person to be around

### Cooper Wykes

- a kind and helpful person in the classroom
- He helps others and does jobs without being asked
- Always listens to suggestions to make his work better
- Always respectful and has a smile on his face

## Writers Awards

### The Beach

The people walk across the squeaky sand. The bright blue sky is filled with clouds. The sea tastes like salty and sandy water. It doesn't taste nice.

Yuck!

The cold, white waves splash on the hot, golden sand. I love the beach!

Maddison Crowe 1/2D

### Excursion to Cooma Cottage

First we went on the bus to Cooma Cottage. 1/2D met a girl named Joleth. Joleth led 1/2D round the house. She let us in the house she showed us the front door, we went inside.

Then we dressed up as convicts we needed to have 5 convicts. We also needed to have Hamilton Hume and William Hovell.

Next we went to the stables with the Clydesdales a boy and a girl showed us the Clydesdales. One was Nugget and the other was Hunter. They were cool.

Finally we went home on a bus we look at the oldest building. It was 1816. It was fun at Cooma Cottage.

Lizzie Scarlett 1/2D

### **OzHarvest Visit - Article by Sage Molchanoff (3/4P)**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, all SRCs and a few others went to hear a member from OzHarvest speak. OzHarvest is an organisation about trying to stop food waste. We learnt a lot of MIND BLOWING facts about how much Australia is wasting perfectly good food. OzHarvest collects about 4 tonnes of wasted food per day from supermarkets, restaurants, bakeries and general food shops from across Australia.

We learnt that if a carrot wasn't straight enough or if a banana wasn't bent enough, it would get thrown out. OzHarvest 'rescues' all those beautiful foods and gives it to poor people who can't afford to buy food.

We discovered that when you waste food, you're wasting water. For example, if you throw away an uneaten hamburger you will be wasting all the water that would be used in a 90 minute shower. OzHarvest is doing a lot for wasted food, but you can too! Make sure you don't waste half a banana and instead eat it, freeze it, use some for a smoothie or to make banana bread.

#### **Shocking Facts**

If you put a lettuce in landfill, it takes 15 YEARS to decompose.

If you put a lettuce in a compost, it will take about a month to decompose.

It takes about 50 000 litres of water to produce about 1kg of minced beef.

#### **What you can do to help!**

Don't waste food.

Share this information with your parents because half of the food waste happens at home.

It's best to use a compost for food waste.

If you have chickens, feed them with the food you would otherwise throw out

Or you could feed your dog with the scraps!



### **Walk Safely to School Day**

Once again our School will be participating in National Walk Safely to School Day which will be held on Friday 17th May. This event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. On this day students and their parents/caregivers are invited to meet teachers at the Yass Post Office or at the Caravan Park to walk safely to school. Teachers will meet students at these two locations at 8:30am on Friday 17th May and will begin to walk to Yass Public School at 8:40am. When students arrive at School they are invited to share a healthy breakfast under the canteen cola.

Mrs Belling



## **PBL in 1/2P**

Congratulations to all these students who received a PBL award at the end of Term 1.



## **Library News**

### **Golden Tickets Found**

Congratulations to the students who found the hidden Golden Tickets in the library in term 1.

The students below received their \$10 prize chosen from the Scholastic Book Magazine after each writing detailed summaries of the book they found the Golden Ticket in.

Isla Golding – 1/2V

Kael Johnston – 1/2B

Edan Cross – 3/4S

Well done!

There are another 6 Golden Tickets hidden within books in the library this term.

Keep up the fantastic reading YPS bookworms!

### **Book Fair**

This term the book fair will be held for one day only on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Please note this date and watch as more details are communicated closer to the date.



### **Band Visit**

Last Thursday we were lucky to have an 80 piece big band visit our school for a 45 minute performance. Students really enjoyed the mix of classical and contemporary songs as well as learning about different instruments. Dallas even had a go at conducting the band.

The band was made up of Canberra students from year 9 through to year 12. Many of these students had been learning their instruments from early primary school. The Goulburn Conservatorium are looking to establish a Yass Band and handed out flyers to interested students. Teachers are going to come to Yass for lessons and Yass High School has some instruments for loan to help students get started. Please see the office for more information if you and your child are interested in learning an instrument.



### **Mother's Day Stall**

This Thursday our P & C have organised a Mother's Day stall at school. Presents will range from \$2 to \$8.

Students will have time to shop for their mums, grandmothers or carers at lunch time.

So remember to bring your money on Thursday so you can get mum something really special. Then don't forget to hide it and keep it a secret until Sunday morning

### **SRC Report**

The SRC have held two meetings since our last newsletter. At those meetings we talked about some requests for fundraising that we have been sent, and have been chipping away at some projects for our school. We have decided where our outdoor clocks should be positioned and are currently researching where to buy them.

The SRC has also decided that something we would like to do as a school is sponsor a child overseas. We have decided that we are happy to support a child in need from any country, and would like them to be a similar age to the students at our school. We hope to be able to tell you all about the child in the coming weeks.

Our Return and Earn total so far for this year is \$350.80. This includes a donation of \$37.70 in vouchers from the Banfield family.

## Athletics Rotations

Wow, where has the time gone? We are already in term 2 and talking about the athletics carnival. All students turning 8 this year (born in 2011) and above will be participating in the Athletics carnival to be held in week 8. In the lead up, students will participate in rotation groups. These groups are aimed to give students a go at the various field activities and group them for the carnival day. Discus is offered as a field event, however due to the safety regulations required for this sport, we cannot offer it on the day of the carnival. During rotations, students will participate competitively at this sport.

Students are grouped according to their ages. These groups are set by NSWPSA and as such are not decided by us. In our school we have 3 age groups. Junior, 11yr and Senior. The Junior group is made up of students turning 8,9 and 10; 11yr is students turning 11; and the Senior group are students turning 12 and 13.

This year we have also been asked to offer a 1500m race to students turning 10, 11 and 12. This will be a non-compulsory event. Students will have to meet a qualifying time to continue to District or Regionals. The qualifying time is dependent on age and gender. This event will be held during the term as we cannot fit it into the carnival. More information about this will be given to students as it comes through.

## Cross-Country

Our annual Cross-Country carnival was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> last Friday of Term 1. It was a fabulous morning with parents as far as the eye can see to volunteer and support our students as they ran.

I would like to say a massive Thank you to Ms Karen Clarke who acted as our first aid officer on the day. I am forever grateful that we have such supportive families in our school who are willing to give their time and expertise to events such as these to ensure that our children have many opportunities.

All students had a fantastic day and staff were seen to be enjoying themselves as well.

I would like to congratulate our winners for the day.

Senior Boy Champion(s): Isaac and Jacob Reynish

Senior Girl Champion: Eloise Smith

Senior Boy Runner up: Harrison Scarlett

Senior Girl Runner up: Shea Lee Kemp

Junior Boy Champion: Edan Cross

Junior Girl Champion: Jessica Condon

Junior Boy Runner up: Oliver Hodge

Junior Girl Runner up: Kaylee Douven

Winning House: McKellar





### ANZAC School Service

Our year 6 students presented a lovely heartfelt service at school to commemorate ANZAC day. They were respectful and responsible in their role and are to be congratulated for their presentation.

Students across the school helped to make the service a success contributing to poppies and singing the ANZAC song. This was a moment to be remembered when the entire school sang together to show respect and appreciation for those men and women who lost their lives during the Great War and in conflicts since.



### ANZAC day

During the holidays we celebrated ANZAC day. On the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 48 students and a number of staff gathered at the corner of Lead and Comur Streets for the annual community march.

It was a warm day and students were extremely respectful throughout the service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the day and gave up a day in their holidays to show the respect for service men and women who have made multiple sacrifices so that we can live in freedom.





### **Surprise visit in 1/2P**

On the last day of Term 1, 1/2P found large bunny footprints in their classroom and were very excited to see some Easter eggs in the bunny baskets they made.



### **BINIT BINIT Dance**

Some students in Years 3-6 have been selected to be a part of the Binit Binit Dance Group.

They will start rehearsing their dances this week and perform them at the start of Term 3.

Students in Mrs Knowles' group will practise at lunchtime on Mondays and Thursdays. Students in Miss Piper's group will practise at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### **Stage 1 History**

Year 1 & 2 are learning about changes in technology this term. To engage students in this History unit, teachers would like to show students items from the past. If you have anything at home (such as an old phone, floppy disk, video, ink and quill) that you would be happy to show the class, please send it in.

### **Gecko Sports**

Gecko sports are back. Geoff and Scott from Gecko sports are here throughout terms 2 and 3. In term 2, Infants will be learning the skills and game of volleyball. Term 3 will see primary learning the skills and game of Lacrosse. Gecko sports are part of the sporting schools program to promote sports and skills to children.

### New Canteen Menu

This last week saw a new menu come out for this term. It looks great and has some great warm options for the cooler weather. You can order on line and remember to tell your child that they have a recess or lunch order. Canteen day is Wednesday every week. A huge thanks to Natasha for her enthusiasm in the canteen and the yummy food. I can personally praise the chicken and corn quesadilla. I ordered them last Wednesday and they were very nice. Please call Natasha or Sophie Peer if you can help out in our canteen on a Wednesday.

## **Yass Public School** **Canteen Menu – Term 2, 2019**



<b>Snacks</b> (available Recess & Lunch)		<b>Lunch</b>	
Popcorn (bag)	50c	Toasties (GF & V avail) (Ham, cheese, tomato)	\$3.50
Pizza scrolls (each)	50c		
Banana pikelets	\$1.00	BLT	\$4.00
Rice crackers & cheese	\$1.00	BLT plus avocado	\$4.50
Mixed berry muffins	\$1.50	Homemade sausage roll (GF avail)	\$4.50
Yoghurt cup w muesli & berries	\$1.50	Chicken & corn quesadilla	\$4.50
<b>Drinks &amp; Frozen</b>		Avocado, corn, baby spinach quesadilla (V) (GF avail)	\$4.50
Water, small	60c	<b>Frozen</b>	
99% Juice Popper (Apple, Apple & Rasp., Apple & B'currant, Orange/Tropical)	\$1.50	Quelch 99% fruit juice ice blocks	50c
Choc / Strawberry milk	\$1.50		
Glee Sparkling Fruit Juice (Raspberry, tropical, blackcurrant or bubblegum grape flavours)	\$2.50		

**GF** indicates Gluten Free (or option available), **V** indicates Vegetarian meal (or option available). Please make a note on your child's order if either option is required.

### **Earn and Learn**

The Woolies Earn and Learn Program is back and Yass Public is registered. To assist us in gaining valuable learning equipment we are asking our YPS families and extended families to collect their Earn and Learn stickers for us when they shop at Woolworths. We have a collection box conveniently placed at Yass Woolworths or alternatively you can send them to school with your child.

Please remember to invite your extended family to collect their stickers for us as every sticker counts.

### **Writing Competition**

Just a reminder that our school writing competition closes this **Friday (10<sup>th</sup> May)**.

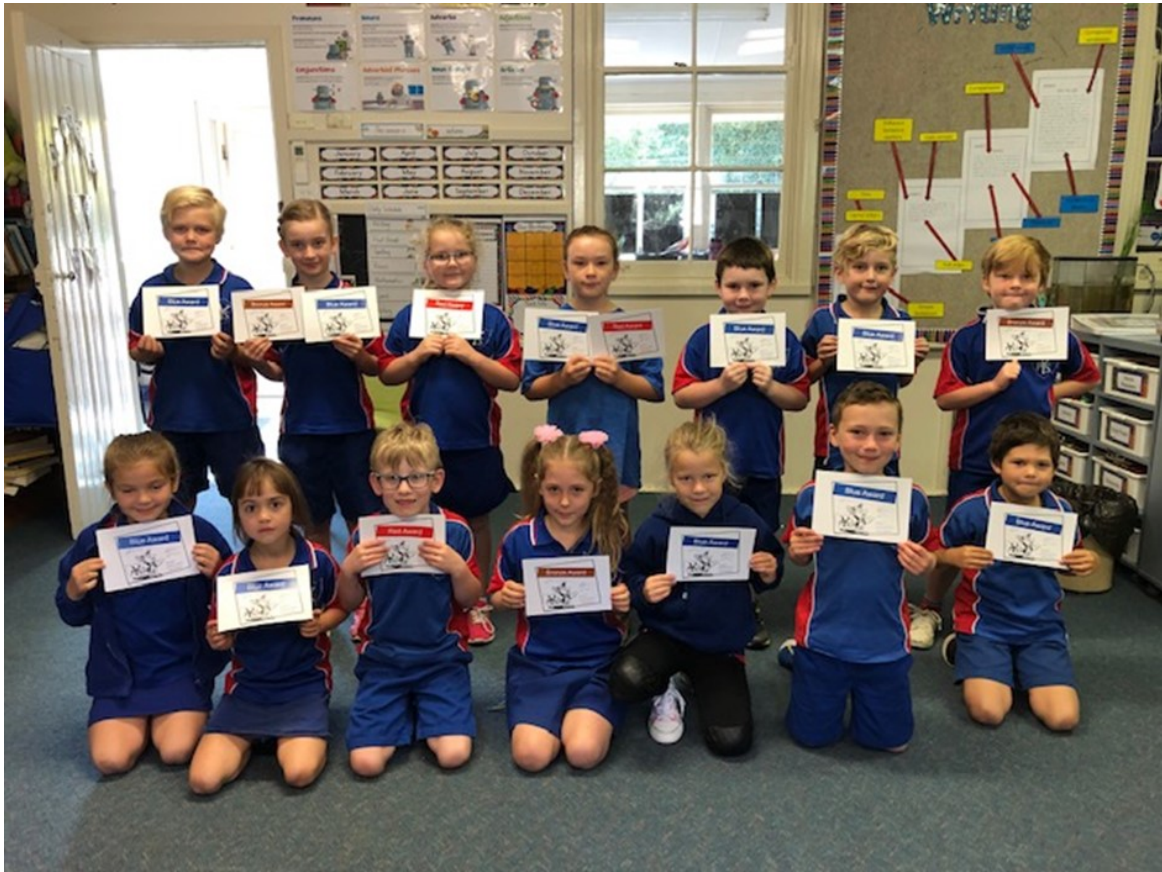
It is open to all students, from K-6, and this year's theme is 'poetry'.

No word limit applies, and students can write in any poetry style they wish.



## PBL in 1/2B

Congratulations to the following students who all received PBL awards on the last day of Term 1.



## Term One PBL Whole School Reward

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the students of Yass Public School participated in the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) whole school reward for Term One. A Giant Board Game Bonanza was held in the afternoon session and all students had so much fun. Students could engage in giant forms of Twister, Chess, Hungry Hippos, Pick-up-sticks, Jenga, Kerplunk, Naughts and Crosses, Battleships and many more. It was great to see students of all ages having fun and working together. A big thank you to our P & C for getting into the spirit with a giant Guess Who game as well as parents who came to help out and be part of the fun. Congratulations to those *fast pass* winners who were able to jump the queue. The students and teachers all had a ball!

The PBL team





### Habitat Display in 1/2B

During Term 1 all Stage 1 students made habitats for their science unit about living things. Each student created a mythical creature in an art class, and were required to build a habitat to suit its needs. Students planned, created and evaluated their habitats. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1/2B held an open classroom to showcase their efforts. Thank you to all the family members that attended.



### Maintenance work during the holidays

This holidays saw a massive amount of work done at our school. We had Miss Marple, Mrs Phillip and Mrs Knowles rooms painted internally. We had benches and sinks put into Mrs Beresford and Mrs Doyle's rooms and they look very clean and modern. Miss Piper and Mrs Brown and our Stage 3 classrooms all were re-roofed.

We had the Pest man visit to check and spray for ants. The electrician came and renewed some power points in the canteen. We had some new carpet laid in the Administration building and this has really brightened up the office area. More rooms will be painted and some will have new carpet laid later this term.

You will also have noticed we had some trees removed and other trees trimmed and dangerous branches removed. This was not done lightly as we all love the shady trees and the significant trees in our school grounds. Some trees were identified as a fall risk by an arborist so we have taken action to remove them to make our playground safer. We will replace trees with our Year 6 Tree Planting as the years go on.



### PSSA Soccer in Goulburn

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March about twelve Yass Public students travelled up to Goulburn to compete in the PSSA Soccer Trials to select a team representing Queanbeyan, Yass, Goulburn and the areas North of Goulburn. There were two lots of trials, one for the girls and one for the boys.

Both teams competed well on the day and should be proud of their efforts. We had four students make it through to the final 30 players and one player made it through to represent the team. Darcy Boulding will now travel to the Nowra area where he will compete against other teams within our region.

Congratulations Darcy, we hope that you have a great day at the coast!



### **Tennis Knockout**

Last Wednesday the Yass Public 5/6 Knockout team played in round three against Bowral Public School. Luckily the rain held off and we were able to play eight great matches. Bowral won the round, beating Yass five matches to three, with several games going to deuce. Well done to all the students who participated throughout the competition for playing to such a high standard and representing our school with wonderful sportsmanship.





### Jay's Longest Melanoma March

Jay Allen was just 32 years old when he was diagnosed with melanoma. He was your typical Aussie bloke – a husband, dad, son and mate to many. Overnight he went from being a truck driver to a cancer patient. 10 years on he is fighting fit, and is now fighting for another cause - to help raise awareness and find a cure for melanoma which kills one Australian every five hours.

Jay is doing an epic 2000km, 50-day trek from Adelaide to Sydney to raise awareness and funds. He has already raised over \$240 000. Jay will be walking through Yass this Wednesday on 8th May. Students and teachers of Yass Public plan to be there to cheer him on as he walks down Laidlaw street. It would be appreciated if students could bring a gold coin donation that day to help support this important cause.

You can follow Jay's journey via his live tracker: <http://live.trackmelive.com.au/wheres-jay/>



### Footsteps

Our dance lessons coordinated by Footsteps Dance Company have now concluded for this year. During our last assembly each dance group performed one of the dances they learnt during term 1 to celebrate the end of their dance lessons for 2019. We would like to again thank Michelle for teaching us many different dances in an engaging environment.

Mrs Belling





# WELCOME A SLICE OF THE WORLD INTO YOUR HOME!



## MARLENE S

15 from Germany

Ever since I learnt about Australia, I have fallen in love with it! My older brother has been on exchange and my family has hosted, therefore I know how wonderful it is to create a 'second family' on the other side of the world!



## EMMA D

17 from Italy

With an easygoing and sensible nature, I care about people around me and I stand up for my values. Although I can be a little bit shy at the start, I'm kind, cheerful and open up when I get to know someone better!



## MARCELLO C

16 from Italy

I am bubbly, enthusiastic and always very happy! I aspire to become an actor. I participate in acting classes and I love singing and dancing. I can't wait to meet your amazing family and to make some Australian friends!

**"If you're thinking about hosting, do it! It's the most rewarding experience for your family.**

**Our daughter has a sister now, someone to talk to other than mum or dad."**

Nicole, three-time host mum.



Not-for-profit organisation, **WEP Australia**, is seeking volunteer host families for high school exchange students arriving this July!

**Can you help?**

### Need to knows:

- You choose your student
- Hosting is voluntary
- Students attend high school
- You'll make memories for life!



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