



Yass Public School

# YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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## Calendar of Events

2019

### June

Fri 7th : Assembly

Fri 7th : Wagga Art Gallery Excursion

13-14th June: Writer's Camp

Fri 21st: Athletics Carnival

### July

3rd July: **School Photos**

## Principals Report.

This week will see some of our executive teachers going to do some learning of their own on Monday and Tuesday. We are sending a team to learn about Quality Teaching Rounds. We have so many great teachers at our school that we want to share the good practice and ideas as well as learn from our colleagues to improve the way we teach our students.

On Wednesday and Thursday our year 5 and 6 student leaders will be going off site to learn about becoming a Peer Support leader. They will learn cooperative learning skills as well as how to lead and teach their group to learn about resilience, friendship and working as a team. Our leaders will be in charge of around 14 students in their group and they will be teaching a peer support group every second Friday during the next two terms. I hope the leaders enjoy the leadership training days this week and that the skills they learn will help them to deliver the peer support lessons.

On Friday our year 6 students will be heading off to Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery to take part in some workshops around Aboriginal art. The students have already had two workshops in our school under the leadership of Miss Marple and Miss Heffernan and so far their pieces of work look amazing. I encourage students to return their notes and money for bus as it is a great opportunity to work with artists. Please let me know if you need some assistance with finance for this excursion.

This week will see students working on their half yearly assessments and tests as teachers are writing student reports. Please remember teachers are happy to catch up at any time about your child's progress or any issues that arise throughout the term. Just ring the office and make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Have a great fortnight. See you on the flip side

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



### Ubaid Rubanni

- Takes care of his belongings
- Has good manners and is kind to others
- Working really hard to improve his writing by listening to advice and applying the advice next time he writes
- Is growing more confident in class
- He now has his hand up all the time to answer questions

### Arabella King

- Kind, caring member of class
- Stepped up into role of leadership since starting Stage 3
- Respectful to all students, beautiful manners, very helpful and a nice friend
- Tries hard to improve her understanding
- Takes on additional responsibility within the class and across the school

## Writing Competition Winners Announced

At our last assembly the winners of the 2019 Yass Public School Writing Competition were announced. This year's theme was poetry and the competition was very strong. Entries were judged with names removed by a panel of at least three different teachers according to a criteria that included the use of creativity, imagery and language, and poetic technique.

Congratulations to Emma Barlow (5/6), Rachael Barlow (3/4) and Teulia Teofilo (K-2) for winning each of their categories. These winning entries will now be entered in a local schools competition, judged by the staff at the town library.



# Writing Competition Winners

## **Netball** by Emma Barlow

Nervous butterflies in my stomach,  
The opposition floods the court.  
Gravel crunches as positions are taken  
The contest begins.  
Shoulder against shoulder, holding one's ground  
Lunging, jumping, leaping and blocking  
Excitement flows through the crowd.  
Time is ticking, focus is honing  
Sweat dripping, legs aching, chest heaving  
Striving to make each motion count  
At last the whistle sounds, the battle is over  
Walls collapse, hands shake, friendships are restored.

## **The Race** by Rachael Barlow

Dancing on hot concrete waiting to be marshalled,  
On the whistle take my place.  
Confidence going down waiting for the 'bang!'.  
Roaring of the crowd as I plunge into water,  
Breaking the surface, gasping for breath.  
Heart pumping, arms aching, competitors draw near.  
The end on the horizon, legs kicking fast.  
Hands hit the wall in a flurry of motion.  
Board says it all.  
Victory!

## **Scat the Cat** by Teuila Teofilo

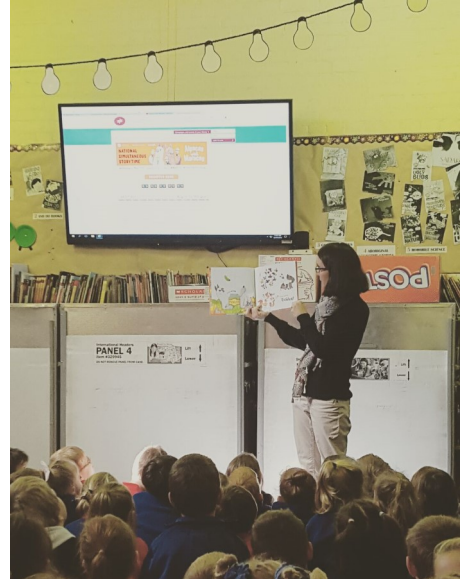
I have a little cat  
who likes to sit on a mat.  
His favourite toy is a bat,  
his best friend is a rat,  
I named him Splat.



### National Simultaneous Story Time.

On the 22nd of May, infants classes joined with children all over Australia participating in National Simultaneous Story Time. The event aims to promote a love of reading and literacy through an engaging and fun story time. We all gathered in the library for the fun and rhyme of 'Alpacas with Maracas', by Matt Cosgrove. The story is a tale of two good mates who learn that having fun together is more important than winning.

Students were invited to return to the library during recess to participate in alpaca craft activities, which proved to be a very popular activity. Thank you to all the students and staff who came and participated in this fun morning.



### Garden Club

The Garden Club are very excited to announce that we have now purchased our first items with the Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant money. With the \$1000 we were awarded, we have now purchased seven pots to plant a herb garden, mulch and our much awaited worm farm is on its way!





## Art and About Art Workshops

On Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, we held our first 'Art and About' Workshops. Twenty four Yass Public students participated in this event which included one hundred and twenty nine students from Yass High School, Boorowa Central School, Berinba Public School, Jugiong Public School, Dalton Public School, Gunning Public School, Bowning Public School, Rye Park Public School, Wee Jasper Public School and Binalong Public School.

Depending upon their chosen artist and associated workshop, our students either participated here, or at Bowning, Gunning or Wee Jasper. Students made new friends from our wider school community amidst a nurturing and inclusive atmosphere.

It was a fantastic experience, with our students learning some very exciting specialised new skills and then applying them to create a major art work, ready for exhibition in Education Week early next term. Well done Yass Public participants, we can't wait to see what you make in our next art workshop!



*Khalia and Kendall's natural material collection ready for cyanotype photography.*



*Students creating mixed-media artworks at Yass Public's art workshop.*



*Malu commencing his soapstone carving project*

Kind regards,  
Ms Marple



### Circular Rhythm Performance

Two recounts written by two 1 / 2 D students.

We watched a performance by Lucas Proudfoot. He was aboriginal. Here are some of the instruments he played: didgeridoo, stompbox, boomerangs and guitar. We all loved it. He was a really good singer, funny and a really good performer. He was tricking us. I really enjoyed the performance.

By Braxton Apps

We watched a performance in the hall by Lucas Proudfoot. It was so funny and everybody laughed and laughed. These are some of the instruments he played, the didgeridoo, clapping sticks, stompbox, boomerangs, guitar and didgeribone. It was so, so , so funny and fun.

By Arkie Tunks

### Stage 1 Volleyball

Year 1 and 2 students started learning volleyball skills in sport last week and had a ball! External coaches from Gecko Sports have been engaged to provide this opportunity. Pictured below are some of the students learning to dig and set the ball.





## Disco

Our first Disco for 2019 was held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. All students who attended had a fantastic time boogying down to some awesome music with their friends and teachers. The meal deal was popular too. Year 6 would like to thank the teachers who came in their own time to supervise and organise meals, Kirsten Stafford for helping in the canteen, Mrs Wilkinson in the office who did so much work behind the scenes and Footsteps for providing the music. Year 6 are well on their way to reaching their fundraising goal for their gift to the school when they graduate at the end of the year.

Thank you to all the students and parents for supporting Year 6.

Mrs Stuart



## PBL in 1/2P

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





### On the road with Optus

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, some classes got a taste of the future while participating in 'On the Road with Optus'. Students boarded the Optus bus which featured Virtual Reality Headsets and were taken on a journey through our solar system where we witnessed the beauty and amazing sights within the stars.

Students also experienced flying a drone and learnt about the rules and regulations that drone operators must comply with. Classes observed the school from the air and formed letters to spell Yass. Students also experienced using 'Sphero's', a small ball like robot that can be controlled with a phone or tablet. Students were challenged to see how many times the robot could travel through a pipe. 'On the road with Optus' was an amazing experience and a fantastic opportunity to view the future.



### Tennis Award

Congratulations to the 2018 Todd Woodbridge Cup tennis team (Jett, Jess, Hayden, Janika, Eloise, Liana, Lachlan and Louis). Winners of the Team Award at the Yass Valley Council Sports Awards last week. Well done on being recognised for your wonderful sportsmanship and achievement.





### **University of Technology and Science Hand Held Device Survey**

We have been asked by a Clinical Psychology Registrar from the University of Technology and Science to take part in her survey as part of research for her PHD. She is looking at the well-being of families and the role of hand held devices in homes.

She is asking parents of children born between **30/07/2013 to 30/11/2014** to take part in a 2 part survey. These surveys are voluntary, meaning you do not have to take part if you do not want to.

If you are interested, please read the information below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school for more information.

Is your child using a handheld device? We are interested in exploring the effects of parental wellbeing and handheld devices on children's development. If your child is born between 30/07/2013 to 30/11/2014, we would like to hear from you! Participate in a two-part online survey, each part will take approx. 30 minutes to complete. You will go into the draw to win 1 of 4 \$100 Coles/Myer Gift Cards!

Go to: [https://bit.ly/st\\_survey19](https://bit.ly/st_survey19) or copy and paste the address into the URL bar.

### **SRC Report**

At one of our recent meetings the SRC discussed the need for another filtered water station because there are often long lines at the end of lunch and students are being late to class. Mrs Barlow took our suggestion to the last P&C meeting, and we are very happy to announce that they have generously agreed to buy another filtered water unit for the infants area. We are now in the process of seeing where it could go.

Our Return and Earn total so far for this year is \$456.90. This includes the cans and popper containers from Week 4's disco. In total, since the start of last year we have raised \$1,432.00.

### **School Photos**

School Photos are on the 3rd July 2019. Packages range in price from \$15 to \$50.

Envelopes will be sent home soon.

### **Bringing Toys to School**

There have recently been some issues with students having small toys such as Ooshies at school. Some students are bringing these into the classroom and they are causing significant distraction from learning. There have also been incidents in the playground with students trading, even selling them to other students. To avoid future issues, we ask that students do not to bring such toys to school or they will be confiscated.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Stage 2 Excursion

Last Wednesday Stage 2 went on an excursion along the Yass River as part of our History unit this term. We walked up to the Dam Wall and listened to Kuga and Ron from the Yass Valley Council talk about the

construction of the wall and how the water supply is maintained and managed in Yass.



We then walked to the bottom of the Low Level and listened to George Dashwood speak about his work as a TAFE teacher with a group of Indigenous students to help restore the river by removing introduced tree species.

He also spoke about the construction of a trail along the river allowing better access for the community, tourists and school children. The students had a

great time on this excursion learning about how the river has changed over time.



## Mortimer Shield

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May saw 22 stage 3 students travel to Young where they took part in the annual Mortimer Shield competition. We entered 1 Tackle League team and 1 girls league tag team.

Although the weather was cold and at times icy, the children's spirits were high. They had a fabulous day and showed outstanding sportsmanship and respect for all the other teams. Both teams played well and fought through the elements to pull off some fantastic plays.

I would like to thank the parents who helped me on the day by transporting children and assisting me in managing and training the teams.





### Whole School Continuous Story (Continued)

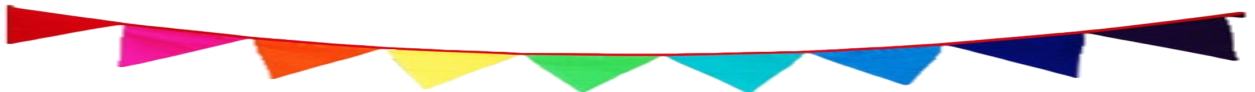
In the last newsletter we left Zippee the snail flying through the air after Caillen had tripped over holding him. 1/2P continued the story...

*Splash! Zippee landed in a humongous, muddy puddle. He tried to slide out but pieces of his shell kept falling off his back. Splish! Splosh! It felt like gigantic boulders were crashing and smashing all around him. His eyes were filling with water and he couldn't tell if it was from the puddle or his own tears. He was dreading the fact that he would have to munch and crunch on rocks for days and days to grow a new shell again. Thump! Thump! It sounded like elephants were stomping straight towards Zippee...*

The story then made its way to 5/6S:

*"Oh no! Recess!" Feet were coming from every direction and getting bigger by the second. "Ooh la la! Vot is sis? Bonjour little one". A soft, gentle hand scooped up Zippee and held him in the light of the sun. A scent of garlic lingered and reminded Zippee of the last time he saw his mother. "I vill take good care of you. In a couple of weeks..... perfection", and he kissed his fingers.*

What will become of Zippee?? Read the next newsletter to find out!



### Scholastic Book Fair News

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May Yass Public held their annual book fair with the aim of raising money to help with the purchasing of new books, equipment and teaching resources for the library and school. I am thrilled to announce that we surpassed previous years book fair trade and have earned valuable money for the school!

I want to send out a huge THANK YOU to everyone that came to our little schools book fair. You've made the event a wonderful success and your support is invaluable! Students will be receiving their books today that had to be ordered. Happy reading!

Ashleigh Hopley  
Librarian

### PBL in 1/2B

Congratulations to Ella Charles, Jack Dowrick and Henry Nicholls for recently achieving their Bronze awards.

