



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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Calendar of Events

2019

June

Wed 19th: P&C meeting @ 6pm

Thurs 20th: Peer Support

Fri 21st: Athletics Carnival

Thurs-Fri 27th-28th: Wee Jasper Art

July

3rd July: **School Photos**

Fri 5th: Assembly 10.30 am

Fri 5th : Last day Term 2

Term 3

Mon 22nd : Teachers Return - Staff
Development Day

Tues 23rd: Students Return

Principals Report.

Another busy week at Yass Public School. We had Writers Camp, Regional Cross Country, half yearly tests and teachers are madly writing reports for parents on their child's progress this year.

We also saw Mrs Hopley finished off work as our librarian two weeks ago to rest up before the birth of her second baby. There is no news yet but we will keep you posted on the new arrival when it happens.

Michelle Manderson will be our new librarian for the rest of the year.

She will start on Tuesday and we look forward to welcoming her to the YPS team. Mrs Manderson comes with loads of library experience as she worked for our town library before coming to YPS. Mrs Manderson is also a Yass Public parent.

I had a great few days the week before last when I joined with Mrs Vaughan and the stage 3 teachers to run a training course on leadership for our stage 3 students to help prepare them for Peer Support which will start this Thursday. Student leaders will run a group of 11-13 students to help them build skills in anti-bullying and not to be bystanders if they see bullying taking place. I was thrilled with my group and saw leadership potential in some students that I had not previously seen.

We wanted to pass on our love and support to Mrs Barlow and her family this week as she struggles to navigate the sudden loss of her father. Our teaching staff have enveloped her in love and support but we recognise the difficult path she has ahead of her.

Teachers are writing reports these past few weeks and they should be ready to hand out to families in the last week of this term. Please feel free to ring and make an appointment with teachers if you would like to discuss your child's report.

Thank you for all the parents that have already volunteered to help out on Friday at our school Athletic Carnival. It cannot happen without your help and we really appreciate it. We love having a day where we can enjoy a more relaxed atmosphere with our students and catch up with our parents. It is a great day with a sentiment of participation and sportsmanship. Cheer our children on have a great day. We all do the very best we can.

Regards

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



Sam McCrudden

- Genuine helpful student
- Great friend and terrific role model
- Taking care and being enthusiastic in Maths
- Always rising to a challenge
- He showed strong leadership, organisation and a real commitment to Peer Support

Annabelle Neuhaus

- Always kind and thoughtful to teachers and students
- Great class helper
- Works hard, asks for help when needed and shows persistence when she finds something tricky
- Follows school rules
- Upholds our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Participation

Binit Binit Poetry Awards

The Binit Binit writing competition final was held at the town library and judged by the staff.

The stage 3 winner was Emma Barlow and the stage 2 winner was Rachel Barlow.

Congratulations to both girls.



Peer Support 2019

Our year 5 and 6 Peer Leaders participated in a 2-day training course in week 6 and are now very excited to begin leading their own group of 11-13 students, ranging from Kindergarten to year 4, through a series of 8 supervised lessons.

This year's program, ***Stronger Together***, will focus on Anti-Bullying through building a better understanding of relationships. Students will explore and discuss their strengths, ways to be resilient, positive relationships or friendships and what to do if they experience harmful or hurtful behaviours. Our peer leaders will run each session using the materials we have from Peer Support Australia that are specially designed for student led sessions. Our Supervising teachers will prepare the leaders, supervise the sessions and check student understanding at the end of each session.

Session 1 ***Feeling Safe – Being Me!*** Will take place this Thursday, the 20th June.

This session includes activities for the members of the group to get to know each other. The activities establish a safe learning environment where the peer groups feel encouraged to join, share and contribute to developing a sense of belonging, to better protect themselves from the effects of bullying and to help them to find their safe place.



Library News

Kindergarten are very excited as from Week 8 of this term, they will be able to borrow books from the school library.

All kindergarten classes will have a library lesson on **WEDNESDAY** each week.

To enable your child to borrow please send a **bag labelled with their first and last name**. This bag will help to safely transport their books to and from school each week.

Students will be able to borrow 2 books each week, if they have returned their books from the previous week.

Thank you for supporting your child's love of books and reading

A photograph of four children standing in a classroom, holding up their reading award certificates. From left to right: a boy in a blue hoodie holds a certificate with a drawing of a knight; a girl in a blue hoodie and glasses holds a 'Bronze Award' certificate; a girl in a blue and red sports top holds a 'Bronze Award' certificate; and a girl in a blue and red sports top holds a 'Blue Award' certificate. The background shows a bookshelf with books like 'What noise could you make?' and 'Open this book', a green chalkboard, and a window with blue curtains.

Thank you

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Yass Public runs school banking every Thursday, students receive certificates and rewards for regular banking.

It doesn't matter how much you save each week .

It's a great habit to get into.

For more than 85 years, the School Banking program has been providing a fun, interactive and engaging way for Australian children to learn about the value of money and smart saving. It's also a great fundraising activity, as CommBank offers your school commission for your child's first School Banking deposit as well as deposits made as a part of the program.

To be involved, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on banking day and will even be rewarded along the way with our exciting Rewards Program. They can also keep track of their savings and more with the CommBank Youth app, available to download from the App Store. This innovative banking app helps to teach children real-life money skills, in a fun and secure digital environment.

Get ready to meet the Dollarmites and be on the lookout for more School Banking information when your child starts school.



To find out more about the program, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Head to the menu on the top left corner, select 'Products & offers', then 'Bank accounts' and 'Student & youth accounts', scroll down to Kids and tap 'Open account'.

3. Visit any CommBank branch

You'll need personal identification for you and your child. You can use a birth certificate, passport, driver licence or citizenship certificate.** If applying in branch, please bring along your child's birth certificate and/or any applicable Court Order to help us identify you as the parent or legal guardian.



Your child will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet when you open a Youthsaver account in branch, or in the mail if opened online. They will use this wallet to make their School Banking deposits.

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Writer's Camp

Last week 42 students from six local schools participated in a writing camp at Warrambui Conference Centre in Murrumbateman.

The camp involved students from Years 3-8 from Yass Public, Berinba, Yass High, Gunning Public, Wee Jasper Public and Bowning Public.

For the third consecutive year the camp was held to offer additional learning to students that displayed a talent and interest in the writing process.

The theme of this year's camp was poetry, and students were treated not only to age-specific workshops about writing poetry but a talk from published author Harry Laing, and a performance by award-winning local poet Robyn Sykes.

In addition to the learning students also had a chance to utilise the facilities at Warrambui, enjoying a round of frisbee golf and lessons in archery. Thank you to all the YPS students that attended for their excellent behaviour and participation.



School Photos

School photos will take place on 3rd July. If you wish to purchase a photo, could you please return your envelopes to the front office before the 3rd July, if possible. Family photos are available, so please call at the front office to collect a form. Payment for Family Photos are to be made to the School. The Company has offered the School this opportunity as a fundraiser.

Family photos will cost \$15.00 for a 10 x 8 size

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 19th June at 6pm.

All welcome to come along.

SRC Report

Since our last report, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Barlow have began purchasing items using our \$1000 Land-care grant. They have purchased a worm farm for the school which arrived last week, and some herb pots and mulch for the Garden club. The worms for our worm farm will arrive this week. The last part of the grant will be to buy some herbs and soil.

Our Return and Earn total so far this year is \$512.90. Thank you to the Banfield family who donated \$36.10 in vouchers last week. This means that we have a total of \$1058.85 to spend. Although we have committed to spending some of this money for school items, we are now trying to build up some funds to sponsor a child.

Stage 2 Science

Year 3 and 4 have been very busy this term in Science. Over the past few weeks we have been comparing agricultural processes in modern and traditional farming. Students then planned and designed their own farming technology- self-watering pots to grow seedlings. There were such a wonderful array of ideas and all students should be very proud of their efforts. We are now waiting with anticipation to see if our seedlings will grow...



Year 6 Wagga Wagga Art Excursion

On Friday the 7th of June, twenty four Year 6 students went on an excursion to the Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery. For a lot of these students, it was their first ever art gallery visit. This excursion was linked to an arts program that our students have been studying about the unique style of NSW indigenous art and indigenous artists.

Students participated in two workshops on the day. One workshop was all about printmaking and they had the opportunity to make two different prints. These students used a printing press and other specialist equipment for this activity.

The second workshop was about indigenous language and students applied their newfound knowledge to a game of twister with indigenous elder Winnie Bulger. It was very exciting as students contorted their bodies in this fun activity.

At the culmination of this indigenous arts program our students work will all be on display at the Wagga Regional Gallery as part of a multi-schools art exhibition. Keep an eye on our newsletter for important dates and a glimpse at the fantastic work that our Year 6 students have been creating.



School Spectacular 2019

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that, once again, Yass Public School has been successful in their audition for School Spectacular. We sent in an audition video in May which featured our 12 Stage Three students singing "Can't Hurry Love". A huge thank you to Ali Beresford who accompanied them on the piano and to Ms Bird for filming and coaching the students. These 12 students will join thousands of students from NSW Public Schools to perform at Qudos Arena in November.

Congratulations to our amazing School Spectacular Choir!

Mrs Stuart

Athletics Carnival

Well the week is upon us. Athletics is here for another year.

On Friday the school will hold its annual Athletics Carnival at Victoria Park. The 800m event will begin promptly at 9am. The children who wish to participate in this event are encouraged to come to the oval early to warm up for the event. I will be at the grounds by 8:30am for this to take place. Only children participating in the 800m event should arrive at the oval. All other children need to have their names marked off at school.

We are trialling a new rotational system this year due to feedback last year. This year children will rotate between both field and track events in order to break up the track events.

I am eager to see how this will work on the day, but believe that students will get a chance to rest between events to optimise results.

As always, I cannot hold this event without the support of staff and parents. Thank you for volunteering your time to assist in the smooth running of the carnival. If you have not already put your name down to help, the P&C are looking for helpers in the canteen on the day. Even if you can give a few hours in there it would be very much appreciated.

Looking forward to Friday,

Yours in sport,

Beth Bird

Stage 1 Butter Making

During this term Stage 1 have been examining how plants and animals are used for food and fibre products. To help demonstrate this we have studied the milk process, learning how raw products are processed by humans to create others products. Taking this a step further Stage 1 experienced firsthand how milk can ultimately become butter by churning cream. The activity was conducted as an experiment, with four groups using a different utensil each. While the electric beaters worked the best (as predicted) it was the marble in a jar that produced surprisingly good results. As can be seen from the pictures below, students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and are looking forward to using the butter in another lesson.



IS YOUR CHILD USING A HANDHELD DEVICE ?

This research will involve a two-part online survey that is expected to be completed in 2019 and in 2020. Each survey will take approximately 30 minutes.

If your child is born between 30/07/2013 to 30/11/2014 and engages in handheld device use, we would like to hear from you!

Screen time is a popular pastime activity in children today. We are interested in exploring the effects of parental wellbeing and handheld devices (e.g. iPads, tablets, mobile phones) on development.

YOU WILL GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN 1 OF 4 \$100 COLES/MYER GIFT CARDS!!!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

SCAN THE QR CODE



OR

https://bit.ly/st_survey19

ON THE WEB AND ENTER PASSWORD SCREEN19

This proposal has been approved by the UTS Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC#: ETH18-2354)

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