



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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Calendar of Events—2019

Term 3 September

Tues 24th—Cricket Stage 2 & 3

Wed 25th to Fri 27th—Stage 3 Camp

Fri 27th— Assembly , 10:30am

Term 4 October

Wed 16th— P&C Meeting

Wed 16th— Spelling Bee

Mon 21st to Wed 23rd— Stage 2
Camp

Fri 25th— Boorowa Touch/Netball
Carnival

Mon 28th— Book Week Parade

November

Fri 1st Nov— Grandparents Day

Thur 7th, 14th, 21st— Kinder
Orientation

December

Thur 9th— Presentation Night

Principal's Report

As I sit here to write this term wrap up, my legs are weary from my Mercy Walk yesterday. 23Km of a beautiful country side walking with six good friends and colleagues that I am blessed to work with. I find myself reflecting on how lucky I am. We raised \$400 for Karyna House a place that helps support mothers and babies who have no one else to turn to. We walked as women that have families and a lot of supportive people around us for those women for whatever reason do not. A big thanks to the YPS walking women and the Yass High School women that also joined us this year, to the families at Yass Public that donated a gold coin and especially our own families that stepped up at home so that we could step out on a glorious day to help out someone that needs it.

Another term has gone. It was a really busy term with our Education Week celebrations and staff development day all happening in the first 3 weeks. Even this last week of term is jam packed with exciting events from PBL construction day, to stage 3 camp and primary cricket gala day. Please also join us for the last Assembly of the term on Friday. Our Stage 3 leaders are away so I am hoping that several of our younger students will step up and have a go at leading our assembly. Please come on Friday at 10.30am to assembly, you are very welcome.

Stay safe over the school holidays and enjoy spending some time with family and friends, it promises to be some great weather. I will see you back on Monday 14th October.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fahey

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



Principal Awards

Lizzie Scarlett

- Kind and thoughtful student
- Offers help and support to younger students without being asked
- Takes her role of SRC very seriously, collects scraps and washes buckets out daily
- Mature, sensible class member
- Tries hard in all areas of her learning
- Willingly helps wherever she can.

Zara Williams

- Always conscientious, hard working and doing her absolute best
- Very quite and shy, but will ask for teachers help if she needs it
- Has gone up 7 levels in reading this term
- Has the maturity to work independently with 100% effort
- Gets along with everyone.

Writers Awards

Boing, Boing!

Is it a trampoline or a spring?

You're wrong— it's neither. It's a rabbit.

Did you know that a rabbit's jump is called a 'binky'? How would you like to jump 90cm high?

By Amelia Doherty 3/4P

It's a huge achievement when you start to write your own sentences for the first time. It's very exciting to realise that the sounds make words, and the words make sentences— sometimes they make sense, sometimes they don't— but it's the start of writing.

This student has started to do this and their first independent sentence had the word rubbish in it— which is a big word to write when you're in kindergarten.

'I like to pick up the rubbish with my mum.'

By Riley Cowie KA

Mercy Walk for Women

Yesterday a group of seven teachers from Yass Public School took part in the annual Mercy Walk for Women. Mrs Fahey, Mrs Barlow, Miss Piper, Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Doyle, Miss Pearsal and Mrs Condon (the "Just Breathe" team) walked the 23km course from the intersection of the Cunningham Rd and Campbellfields Rd Boorowa finishing at St Clement's Monastery Galong.

Enjoying a beautiful morning tea along the way and lunch, champagne and nibbles at our destination, our walk raised awareness and much needed funds for Karinya House for Mothers and Babies. A special mention was made of the support Yass Public School has given this charity, especially the \$400 we were able to donate as a result of our recent mufti day. Karinya House is a community based, local organisation, supporting vulnerable and at risk pregnant and early parenting women in Canberra and the surrounding Region. Our walk began at approximately 9 am and reached the end at just after 1pm. The good company, spectacular weather and minimal blisters made for a great day out. The team is looking forward to the walk again next year and will hopefully recruit a few more staff members to join us!

For more information on Karinya House, visit <https://karinyahouse.asn.au/>



Sydney Thunder – Cricket Day

On Tuesday 24th September years 3-6 will be walking up to Walker Park for a fun day of cricket. We will be joined by many other schools within our district and it will be a fun day of social cricket and a few classic catches thrown in.

Could all students please bring a broad brimmed hat, packed lunch, water bottle and sunscreen for the day.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Chess Competition

On Friday 20th September 13 years 3-6 students travelled over to Goulburn for a competitive day of chess against Goulburn Public School.

There was a lot of close games but at the end of the day, Yass team 3 won the day and now have the privilege of competing in the next round. A special thanks goes out to all the parents who provided transport on the day and congratulations to the winners, we hope you go well in the next round.

Thanks

Mr Beresford



After School Survey

We're always looking for ways to provide new and useful services to our school community, and would love to know if YPS families would be interested in a creative after school program. Take our short survey and let us know what you think!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/KT38NYT

Raffle for P & C

Thanks to our amazing P & C members for organising our great holiday raffle. It has been so great to see so many families selling and returning tickets and money to school. The raffle will be drawn this Friday the 27th at assembly. We need to account for every ticket that we sent out, so please return your sold and unsold books to the school early this week. It doesn't matter if you haven't sold them we would like them all returned to school by Wednesday.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all the parents who came to catch up with our teachers last Wednesday night. Teachers had nearly every timeslot filled so that parents could catch up with both their child's class teacher as well as their maths teacher. It was especially nice to be able to share the good things that are happening in our classrooms and celebrate our student's success. If you were unable to make last Wednesday night, then I would encourage you to ring and make a time to catch up with your child's teacher after school.

Assistant Principal Position

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Gillian Stuart was appointed after the merit selection process as Yass Public's newest Assistant Principal. She will start her new appointment formally on day one of next term. Mrs Stuart has been acting in that role for one and half years and is very experienced and a great choice to take on the challenge in a permanent capacity. Congratulations Mrs Stuart on your appointment. We are very pleased to see you recognised for your enthusiastic and professional contribution.

PBL in 1/2B

Congratulations to the students pictured below who recently received a PBL award. We are well on our way to getting lots of bands next term!



PBL in 1/2P

Congratulations to the students pictured below who recently received a PBL award. Some students are very close to receiving their red band!



Naidoc Day 2019

Last Thursday, the 19th of September, was the date of our Naidoc Binit Binit Learning Community celebrations. We were lucky with perfect weather, as our school students made their way onto Joe O'Connor oval. The event started with a powerful smoking ceremony as our indigenous students, teachers and their families formed a procession onto the field for the formal part of the proceedings. Four of our students who had participated in a treaty writing workshop, alongside eighteen other Yass Public students, read their speeches to the captive audience. The day continued with Aboriginal dance and our indigenous mentoring didgeridoo students performing, alongside a variety of community and cultural activities, culminating in a free barbeque and a collaborative mural painting on the netball court wall.

Here are our key speakers speeches reproduced here – they did a fantastic job reading in front of such a large crowd.

Sage Molchanoff

Treaty is where two cultures or nations come to an agreement about land or resources. You might have a treaty at home about dinner or paint colours. The rightful owners of this land – the aboriginals were overtaken by the English people. After settlement the government never actually made a treaty with the Aboriginal people.

A treaty to me is always with my siblings. Treaty is something the Australian government should have done a long time ago. Maybe later today you might want to take a moment to think about what treaty means to you.

Poppy Fuller

I think that the English should make a treaty with the Aboriginal people. Our land should be shared. We should share Australia because the Aboriginals were the first people living in Australia, long before the English came. Captain Cook took this land whilst Aboriginals were already living there. I think that Aboriginal people should be able to live here with us as a diverse but connected country.

Yana Markova

A treaty is an agreement between two clans or two tribes. A treaty can take form in many ways. E.g. the Antarctic treaty states that no military action can take place there. No one can live there and if someone asks a scientist about something, they must answer them with everything they know about it. For thousands of years the government has never made a treaty with the Aboriginals. This is an outrage – not just for me but for all the Aboriginal people standing here today. The white settlers thought just by apologising they could take back everything they did which is a lie. So while we stand here today, let's not stand just as a town, but let us stand as united Australians.

Edan Cross

I want Australians to have a treaty with Aboriginals and to respect and treat Aboriginal people like others and to form a treaty to share the land that we live on. They were the owners before the Europeans came and I would like to give them back the land that they once owned but for them to also share it with Australians. Europeans should say sorry for disrespecting the former owners of this land.

Kind regards, Ms. Marple

Writing Instrument Recycling


The SRC are pleased to announce that Yass Public are starting a new recycling avenue. Starting next term, and in addition to all the others parts of our recycling program, we will be joining other schools in Yass to collect writing instruments. All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils, crayons and chalk) are accepted, including any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot (must be empty), correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition (plastic, metal).

Note that we do not accept glue sticks, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects that could disturb the recycling process. Please be careful not to include any of those items.

Each class will have a container for collection, and every kilogram of recycling received will earn the SRC \$1 from Bic. For more information about the program visit

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/brigades/writing-instruments-recycling-au>.








Writing Instruments Recycling Programme







Accepted waste

Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers

Mechanical pencils, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens, ink cartridges







Please note, glue sticks are not accepted


Waste not accepted




Glue sticks




Rubbers



Rulers




Pencils



Sharp objects

For more information please visit [terracycle.com.au](https://www.terracycle.com.au)



Todd Woodbridge Cup

On Wednesday September 11th, 24 Stage 2 students travelled to the Hume Tennis Club to take part in the Todd Woodbridge Cup Zone Gala day. Yass students played in three teams of eight against local schools including Mt Carmel, Gunning, Bowning and Wee Jasper. It was a wonderful day and a great opportunity for students to build their tennis skills in a fun competition.

After several rounds, two of the three Yass teams were selected to play in the play-offs. In the end, it was the Yass 1 team that beat Mt Carmel to win the competition on the day. These eight students will now go on to play in another round against Jerrabomberra in Murrumbateman early next term. The winners of that round will have the opportunity to play in Sydney at the State Finals and meet tennis legend Todd Woodbridge.

Congratulations to all for your achievements and fantastic sportsmanship!



Stage 1 Writing Stimulus

Over the course of this term Stage 1 students have been learning to write narratives. They have learnt the structure of narratives, how to start with a sizzle, how to tighten tension to keep readers engaged and end with excitement. To gauge how much our students have learnt, Stage 1 teachers set up an event last week as a writing stimulus. At the start of the day Mrs Curtis made an announcement across the PA system that a parcel had arrived for a 1/2 class and, not knowing which one, she had left it in the hall. She asked that students make their way to the hall quickly as it was making a strange sound. Needless to say, the students were very excited and quite perplexed when they found the box pictured below. With prompting from the teachers, students then wrote a story about what was in the box, who it was for and where the contents had gone. It was a fantastic experience, with students using their creativity to claim that it was anything from a snake that Mick had to catch, to a ferocious rabbit that required a specialist expertise to locate. The teachers must have made it very believable as midway through the day students were still trying to work out whether it was real! Thankfully everyone was set straight by the end of the day.



SRC Report

Last week we received a letter from our sponsor child, Clintone. We learnt that he lives in a brick house with a cement floor, has no electricity and washes his clothes in a nearby lake. He told us that he loves playing football, and also said to say 'thank you' to all the students at Yass Public School for their support.

Our "Guess the Lid" competition closed last week. We can now reveal that the number of plastic lids in the bottle was 1142. The winner with the closest guess was Manaia Turton with 1105. We hope she is enjoying her family sized block of chocolate!

Our current Return and Earn total for the year is \$839.30. We are well on our way to beat last year's total of \$975.10.



Construction Day

Term 3 PBL Whole School Reward

All Yass Public School students participated in the Term 3 PBL whole school reward today. Students have been working hard this term to show they are respectful, responsible and participate well. The theme for the reward was *construction*. Students were able to try a range of construction activities including: spaghetti and marshmallow towers, card towers, Lego, nest building, dominoes, origami, paddle pop stick creations and more! The students loved seeing the teachers dress as construction workers and the foreman (Mrs Fahey) was easy to spot in her high visy wear! Students had a great time designing, building and creating. Congratulations YPS students for achieving your reward this term.

Mrs Stuart



Climate Change March

Last Friday a group of environmental enthusiasts met at Riverbank Park to take part in a climate change march. Among a crowd of approximately 200, four Yass Public teachers participated in the march which was organised as part of the global day of action, led by Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg. The purpose of the march at a local level was to raise awareness and join voices about environmental initiatives in the Yass Valley. The march ended at Trader & Co where various speakers, including our own Maggie MacMaster and Mrs Fahey, spoke about initiatives they were undertaking. The local community responded very favourably to all that Yass Public is doing to create a change in culture regarding waste management.



School Banking

School Banking will be on Tuesdays beginning Term 4. If all children could please start bringing their School Bank Books in on Mondays and Tuesdays from Term 4 that would be greatly appreciated.



Stage 3 Head to Jindabyne

This Wednesday, Stage 3 will head to Jindabyne Sport and Recreation camp for 2 nights. We hope this will be an exciting adventure and students will be challenged by the amazing activities. A reminder that students need to be at school by 8am as the bus will leave at 8.30am. We hope to return on Friday at around 4pm- but please check SchoolStream for updates of our arrival time. Ms Bird, Miss Heffernan, Mr Brien and I are looking forward to this time with students.

Mrs Stuart

Regional Athletics Carnival

On Friday 13th September 2019, 34 Yass Public students joined others from around our district at the annual Regional Athletics Championships at the AIS in Canberra.

Students had a wonderful day in the sun and competed with sportsmanship and to their best ability.

Top 10 performances include the following students from Yass Public School:

Eloise Smith – 6th 800m

Patrick Koen – 7th Shot Put

Eloise Smith – 6th 1500m

Drayden Sattler – 7th Discus

Congratulations to all who attended the day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Barlow for attending and being the team manager so that I could perform my duties as a South Coast Official on the day. Stay tuned for updates on the sporting front for next year.

Yours in Sport, Beth Bird

Skype with stage 3

Last week stage 3 had the opportunity to SKYPE with a person who has travelled the world including Antarctica. Ian Johnstone is Ms Bird's cousin and has worked on every continent in the world. The students got the chance to ask him questions about their last geography unit – Antarctica; and their current unit – Global Connections. He was incredible with his knowledge and even made the students feel at home with his jokes and explanations. Thanks to Ian for giving up his time and to the students for having some great questions on hand to ask.



2019 Harden Kite Festival
Kites - Canola - Country

Saturday 12th October, 10am – 5pm

Harden Picnic Racecourse
Burley Griffin Way, Harden NSW

BIG KITES

By kite flying enthusiasts from around Australia

Entry by donation \$2 per person

Alcohol Free Event

FREE Activities & Entertainment

Live music & performances

Kids activities

International food

Market stalls

Kite decorating workshops

Kite flying

All Day Ride Pass Available

Unlimited Rides from 10am to 4pm

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LET'S PLAY LEAGUE

Tuesday 1st October
Walker Park, Yass
9am – 12pm



League Stars School Holiday Clinic – Yass!

Date: Tuesday 1st October 2019.

Time: 9am - 12pm.

Venue: Walker Park. Merriman Drive, Yass NSW 2582.

Ages: Boys & Girls between 5-12 years of age.

Cost: \$40.00

Please ensure participants bring food, water and warm clothing. Participants will also need to be checked in & out by a parent or guardian. Please note this program is non-contact.

Registration Link:

<https://membership.sportstq.com/regoform.cgi?formID=49783&programID=47507>

Contact: Aaron Peat

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PLAYNRL.COM





SUMMER FOOTBALL 2019

Fun social football for all ages!

Friday evenings from 11th October – 13th December 2019

Junior Comp: K-12
Senior Comp

Junior Players: \$50 / Senior Players: \$30

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

www.myfootballclub.com.au

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: SATURDAY 28th SEP

Enquiries:

Juniors: Ed/Belinda 0411 866 133 or registrar@yassfc.com.au

Seniors: Paul 0450 441 975 or sponsorship@yassfc.com.au

Yass Junior Cricket

- Providing a cricket pathway



CRICKET - GET INTO IT!

Register online now at www.playcricket.com.au

(Search for Yass and then select Yass Junior Cricket Association)

Cricket Blast - Junior Blasters

for boys and girls aged 5-7 to learn basic cricket skills in fun, game-based activities (Saturdays 9-10.15am at Victoria Park)

Cricket Blast - Master Blasters

is a fun modified game for boys and girls aged 7-10 (Saturdays 9-10.30am at Victoria Park)

Weston Shield

Junior competition for 10 to 14 year old boys and girls. All games played locally. (Saturday 8.30-11.30am)

Active Kids Vouchers can be used to register

For all enquiries please contact Andrew at yassjuniorcricket@gmail.com



SUMMER SLAM 2019

REGISTRATIONS

ALL GAMES PLAYED THURSDAY NIGHTS

17/10/19 to 5/12/19

NSG / Juniors start 5pm - Opens from 6pm

Did you register in the Winter Comp 2019?

Re-register for FREE!!!

New registrations:

- * NetSetGo (8-9 years) \$75
- * Juniors (10-17 years) \$50
- * Opens (Highschoolers+) \$75



ALL REGISTRATIONS

yassna.nsw.netball.com.au

or mynetball.com.au



OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



YASS GYMNASTICS

WEEK 1

1ST, 2ND, 3RD OCTOBER

WEEK 2

8TH, 9TH, 10TH OCTOBER

FULL DAY \$65.00 per child per day

Morning Session 10am til 12noon \$25.00 per child per day

Afternoon Session 1.30pm til 3.30pm \$25.00 per child per day

Book online www.yassgymnastics.com.au/programs



JOIN THE PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch – it's up to you!

FRIENDLY, ENJOYABLE 5K EVENTS

Every Saturday morning

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Prams and dogs can take part

IMPROVE HEALTH & FITNESS

Be active in the open air

DEVELOP NEW SKILLS

Opportunities to volunteer

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No need for special equipment or clothing

YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN

Walkers are always welcome

BE PART OF A COMMUNITY

Make new friends and socialise

BUILD CONFIDENCE

Track progress and achieve new goals

Register at parkrun.com.au

notes:

Riverbank Parkrun - Launching, Saturday 19th October at 8am.

Riverbank Park in Yass, NSW