



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Respect, Responsibility & Participation

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Calendar of Events

2019

September

**Wed 11th -Trent Barrett shield &
Todd Woodbridge Cup**

Thurs 12th—Mercy Walk Mufti Day

Fri 13th-Regional athletics carnival

Fri 13th- Assembly 10.30am

**Wed 18th-Parent Teacher Inter-
views**

Thurs 19th— NAIDOC Day

**Wed 25th to Fri 27th—Stage 3
Camp**

Principal's Report

I would like to welcome Mr Phillip Katen to our Learning Community. Mr Katen is the new Principal at Berinba Public School. He started last week and we look forward to working with him to strengthen our learning community and build our great Yass Schools.

It is really lovely to see so many volunteers, many of whom are community members no longer with any children at the school. They give up their time to come into our school each week. We really appreciate their time and especially their collective experience in helping out our students.

We thank Mrs Dentrinos, Mrs Davis, Helen Kelly and Maggie Smith. We also appreciate all the mums and dads that help in our infant's rooms with literacy and all of our 'Kids for Hope' mentors.

We don't tell you often enough but you are making a huge difference to our children every week.

I encourage all parents to book a time to visit all their child's teachers at parent teacher interviews.

It is a great opportunity to catch up on your child's progress and work with teachers for the best outcomes for your children. Traditionally there are very few spots available on the evening so it a better idea to book your spots, you can then get a time that suits you. You can just call the school office for some timeslots.

We wish all our athletic competitors the best of luck for Friday at the Regional Athletics Carnival. May the odds be forever in your favour. Have fun!

Kind regards,

Mrs 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

Sage Molchanoff

- she is a diligent worker
- great explanation on how to read an analogue watch
- love of learning
- always does her best and strives for a challenge
- great citizen and friend
- responsible and has beautiful manners

Isabella-Rose Dowling

- always follows school rules and teachers instructions
- shows initiative by being helpful in the classroom without being asked
- is helpful to teachers and students
- cares for others when they are sick or hurt
- takes responsibility for her belongings
- remains focussed on work at school and completes all her homework

Leadership Awards

Hannah Bell and Rory Arneman

I wanted to thank these two students that stepped up to help at our Kindergarten Information sessions two weeks ago. They wrote and presented some great speeches for our new parents to listen to. They were both very nervous but presented really well. I was so proud that they stepped up to be true leaders.

Writers Awards

I see the landscape and little house below.
I hear the breeze of summer.
I smell the fresh air and I touch the shiny, warm silver chain.
I taste all of the fresh oxygen.
I feel cool, refreshed, relaxed and sleepy.

By William Pegram 1/2D

Crash! Went the boulder as it flew like a rocket to the ground.

“Aarrgh! Eggs! Disgusting! I hate eggs!” screamed the old lady.

Creak went the door as a wind hit and thunder clapped. Crackle went the fire. Tick tock went the clock. It was a windy, thunderous night.

Sizzling starts by Maggie Mac Master 1/2B.

Mercy Walk Mufti Day – this Thursday

This year the staff of Yass Public School will again be supporting the Mercy Walk for Women to raise money for Karinya House. Karinya House is a community-based organisation that provides accommodation support to pregnant and parenting women and their families who are in crisis. The organisation is based in the ACT and supports women in surrounding regional areas, including Yass.

The Mercy Walk is a 23km walk from Boorowa to Galong. Last year a group of Yass Public Staff members successfully took on the challenge, and another group are gearing up to do it again. To further help this worthwhile cause we will be holding a mufti day fundraiser this week.

For a gold coin donation students may come to school out of uniform on **Thursday 12th September**.

For more information on Karinya House, or the Mercy Walk, visit <https://karinyahouse.asn.au/events/2019-mercywalk/>



Science in Stage 1

As communicated in previous newsletters, Stage 1 have been investigating materials and how they change. In doing so we have talked about biodegradability as a property of materials and the effect of landfill. To demonstrate the importance of recycling to reduce landfill, each class conducted a waste management exercise where all of the 'green' bins (bins that are only supposed to contain items that cannot be recycled at school) were emptied by students onto a tarp and sorted to see how much rubbish was being sent to landfill unnecessarily. From the 'before' and 'after' photos of 1/2D below, students clearly saw that we still have a little way to go to ensure that YPS is recycling as much as we can.

1/2D After taking out the items that could be recycled.

1/2D Collecting rubbish from general waste bins



Sydney Thunder – Cricket Day

Last Thursday about 50 Yass Public students got the opportunity to go over to the High School and play some games of cricket. The main idea of the day was to coach the high schoolers on how to correctly umpire the games so that when we have our gala day in the last week of term 3 all the umpires are confident with their role.

A special thanks must go out to Cricket NSW as the organiser of the day. I am sure that in the last week of the term the students will have a great time together.



Touch Gala Day

On Tuesday 27th August students within year 3-6 had the opportunity to play touch football for a day up at the ovals at Walker Park. The students had a great time and learnt a lot about teamwork and how to play touch football.

After the day the most common comment from the players was that their muscles hurt a lot and they didn't quite realise that touch football would make them hurt so much.

Thanks to all the high schoolers who refereed for the day, we could not have done it without you.



Stage 3 Camp

Stage 3 camp to Jindabyne is getting closer. It is in Week 10 of this term which is only 2 weeks away!

A friendly reminder that final payments are due this Wednesday 11th September 2019. A note will go home this week with details of what students need to bring with them. We are all looking forward to heading off to camp!

Mrs Stuart

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

Schools Spectacular Disco

Last Wednesday night a disco was held as a fundraiser for students attending the Schools Spectacular. We tried a new style of disco without a meal deal and it was a huge success. Lots of students came, danced their heart out and bought a surprising amount of glow sticks! The Schools Spectacular choir would like to thank everyone for supporting this event, including parents who sold glow sticks, juice poppers and chips as well as teachers who took time out from their families to supervise. A special thank you to Malakai and Chanell who were our music DJs. Over \$1200 was raised. Thank you Yass Public School Community!

Mrs Stuart

Father's day stall

We hope that all our dads enjoyed Father's Day last weekend. We wanted to thank our hard working P & C for all their organisation and our mums for helping at the Father's Day stall last Thursday. Our students were so excited to be able to purchase a gift for their dads or grandads or carers. They kept them secret till Sunday. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Student projects

It is great to see so many of our students interested in raising money for 'Kids with Cancer'. There are a groups that have a few projects going on to raise money. Two young entrepreneurs have written and produced 2 comic books and have taken quite a few orders. These books will be made this coming week and delivered to their customers. Another group has had a workshop and is selling loom band bracelets. Both projects will progress into next week and in the next newsletter we will have our total of money raised for our cause. It is great to see such enthusiastic students with such a sense of social responsibility.

Stewart House handballs

A huge apology to the students that missed out on the Stewart House handballs. We totally underestimated how popular they were going to be. We have ordered another box and they will be here later in the week. We will let you know via school stream when they get here. Thanks Lani and Ben for organising to sell them. We have so far raised \$140 for Stewart House.

Binit Binit Naidoc Celebrations

Our Binit Binit Learning Community is celebrating Naidoc Day on Thursday the 19th of September. The event will start at 9.45am when all indigenous students from our schools and their families are invited to participate in a walk designed to commence the proceedings alongside a Smoking Ceremony.

Yass Public students have been asked to wear red for the day as they will form part of the red section of a giant "People Flag" on Joe O'Connor oval. Many fun and exciting activities have been planned for the day such as a collaborative handprint mural and sports games. A variety of community associations will also attend, as well as a helicopter! A small selection of student speeches on the topic "Treaty" will also contribute to the formal part of Naidoc Day.

Ms. Marple

Canberra Symphony Orchestra Concert

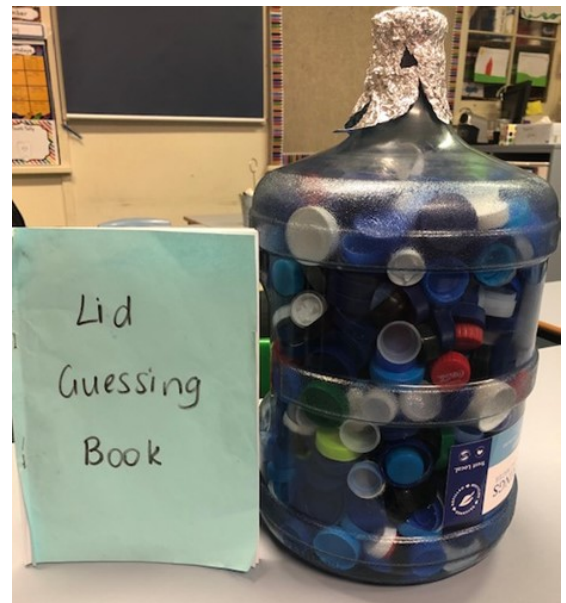
Last fortnight all students at Yass Public School had a visit to Mt Carmel School for a concert performed by the Canberra Symphony Orchestra. Students spun the 'wheel of history' and learnt about various styles of music performed over the decades. Thank you to Mt Carmel and the Canberra Symphony Orchestra for providing our school with this fantastic opportunity again.



SRC Report

The SRC is pleased to announce that we have collected our first full container of plastic bottle lids. These lids will be donated and the plastic will be used to help create limbs for children. To celebrate and to have a bit of fun, the SRC has decided to hold a FREE competition. Throughout last week every student and teacher has been allowed to have one guess each at how many lids are in the bottle pictured. The SRC has even sponsored a prize – the person who guesses the closest amount will win a giant 350g block of Cadbury dairy milk chocolate. The guessing booth, which is run by the SRC outside Miss Bird's room every recess, will continue to be open until this Thursday. The winner will be revealed at our next assembly.

Our current 'Return and Earn' total for the year is \$786.40.



Todd Woodbridge Cup

This Wednesday, twenty four Stage two students will be playing in the Todd Woodbridge Cup Zone Gala Day. Just a reminder that all students competing should wear their school sports uniform and have a packed lunch. If possible students should bring a 21, 23 or 25 inch racquet to use on the day. Racquets will be available to borrow for those students who do not have them. Teams will walk across to the Hume Tennis Club from school and matches will commence at 9:30am.

Good Luck!

Robyn Phillips

Parent teacher interviews

On Wednesday 18th September we will be having our parent/ teacher interviews. Families can ring the office and book in for an interview time. Times are filling up so if you are after a particular time drop in or ring the front office. If this date is not suitable for you please let us know and your child's class teacher can make an alternate time. Please remember that Mrs Brown is away in the last two weeks of the term so this week is the best time to catch up with her before next term. We will also have our Tell Them From Me survey available during the parent teacher interview evening if you have time to feedback about our school.

Regional Athletics

Regional Athletics will be held this Friday 13th September 2019 at the AIS Athletics stadium in Bruce, ACT.

I will be attending as a South Coast Official. Mrs Barlow and Ms Gerstenberg from Berinba will be at the carnival to supervise our team. Please ensure that you plan to arrive at least 1/2 hour prior to the scheduled time for the events. This is allow for students to get a shirt from Mrs Barlow and warm up prior to competition.

There will be jumpers for sale on the day. They cost \$50 and are a blue colour this year. These jumpers do sell out rather quickly so if you plan on purchasing one of these for your child, I suggest you arrive early in the morning or organise someone who will be there early to purchase one for you.

The carnival starts at 8am with the 1500m. We were successful in getting two runners through to this level of competition. Eloise Smith (11 yr girls) from YPS and Ella Hall (Junior girls) from Berinba will represent our district in this event. All other events will begin at 8:30am.

Looking forward to seeing you there.
Beth Bird

PBL in 1/2P

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



PBL in 1/2B

Congratulations to these students in 1/2B who recently received a PBL award.



Canteen News

Over the past few years the school canteen has slowly and gently undergone some major changes regarding what is available to our children on "Canteen Day". This is due to the introduction of the NSW Dept Of Education's Healthy School Canteen Strategy, which must be complied with by next year. I am very happy to say, that Yass Public School met the criteria and attained the "Great Choice Healthy School Certificate" last week.

I would like to thank the many parents who during the past number of years have helped us reach this point, by starting the process of change and initiating the necessary steps many years ago. It has made the transition to a Healthy Canteen so much easier for the students. We are looking forward to making each terms menu diverse and exciting, with a few surprises for next term.

Many thanks to the those parents, past and still present, who did the initial hard yards and made the big decisions about change and to those who now continue in the canteen each week.

Thank you.



Yass Railway Museum Picnic Day

Admission
Free!



Crago st, Yass
Opposite Aldi

Sunday 29 September 2019

Activities include:

10am to 4pm

- Two miniature railway displays
- Jumping castle
- Face painting
- Heavy horse exhibit
- Pony rides
- Period costume
- Lucky gate prizes

ALL WELCOME!!

Bring your picnic and rug, enjoy the sun and have a fun day out!

Please note: there will be no food for purchase at the event, so make sure you bring your picnic!



Rotary



Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for *best release techniques*.

COST is \$40 PER CHILD, and includes * rod and reel combination
* shirt * hat * tackle box
* show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
Maximum 25 participants.

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Locations and Dates

Gaden Trout Hatchery	Fri & Sat 4th & 5th	October 2019
	Fri & Sat 10th & 11th	January 2020
Batemans Bay	Tuesday 14th	January 2020
	Tuesday 14th	April 2020
Lake Illawarra	Wednesday 22nd	January 2020
	Tuesday 21st	April 2020
Greenwell Point	Tuesday 21st	January 2020
	Wednesday 22nd	April 2020
Merimbula	Wednesday 15th	January 2020
	Thursday 16th	April 2020
Tuross Head	Wednesday 15th	April 2020

To book: e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan, 0438 245 190

Web details: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>

NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts

The 2nd Annual Holiday Raffle

To be drawn: 27th September 2019 at 1.00pm
at Yass Public School



All proceeds benefit Yass Public School
"The Little School with the Big Heart"

3 Prizes

- 1st Prize
\$4,000 Flight Centre Voucher
- 2nd Prize
\$5 Silver Proof Coin & Photo montage
- 3rd Prize
Nespresso Coffee Machine

Tickets Available Here

\$2.00 each

Contact YPS P&C Association for more information - ypspandc@gmail.com

Winners will be notified by phone, and results will be published on YPS P&C Facebook page