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NEWS

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December

**Mon 16th– Infant Presentation
@11.45am**

Thurs 17th – Water Fun Day

**Wed 18th– Year 6 Farewell &
Last day of Term**

January 2020

Tues 28th- Teachers Return

**Wed 29th—Students Years 1-6
Return**

**Wed 29th –Thurs 30th—Best Start
Interviews**

Fri 31st—All Kinders Start Full Tme

Principal's Report

This will be our last newsletter for 2019. It has been a really busy year filled with lots of learning and some great extra curricula opportunities. It will be sad to see so many of our year 6 families leaving the Yass Public School community this week, with the last of their children completing year 6. Thanks to so many of you that have given us your time and support for many years. We have enjoyed your input and company and wish you every success as your youngest child ventures to high school. We also will be welcoming around 10 new families to our community with children outside of our new kindergarten enrolments.

There will be some staff changes for 2020, but many of our familiar faces will return in 2020. Most teachers will be changing rooms and teaching stages so it will be a very different look next year. We wish Miss Pearsall good luck on her new adventure of travel in 2020. Mrs Michelle Manderson will return as a kindergarten teacher and Miss Elizabeth Angel will join our team as a Year 1/2 teacher.

It will be a very busy time at Yass Public this summer holidays. We have work happening in the holidays in many parts of the school. We will be getting a new demountable building in the infant's area, some work will be done in the canteen and some major work on our old heritage building as the roof will be replaced and the external painting of that building while the scaffold is there. It is really important that we don't have families and teachers on site for at least 3 weeks of the holidays, so unfortunately it is best not to even use playgrounds until work is nearly complete. I'm sure it will look great when we return in January.

Please have a safe and wonderful holiday with your families. Relax and enjoy having a few less routines. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fahey

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Intensive Swimming

The intensive swim classes at the Yass pool have finished for another year. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to build their confidence in the water and learn about water safety before the summer holidays. Children learnt about the importance of swimming with an adult, stroke technique and how to identify rips at the beach, among other things.

All students made improvements over the two weeks, with some children who were hesitant to put their faces in the water on day one, swimming five metres by day ten. I look forward to seeing lots of people enjoying the water over the Christmas break.

Robyn Phillips



Infants swimming lessons



Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home early this week. Teachers have been working on them for a month. If you would like to discuss your child's report please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

PBL Term 4 Whole School Reward- Water Fun

Yass Public School students have displayed outstanding Positive Behaviour for Learning during Term 4 and will be rewarded for their efforts with water fun activities tomorrow. This will take place tomorrow between recess and lunch (11.45am-1.05pm).

Please make sure you bring sun safe clothes appropriate for wet play. This may be swimmers with rash vest or an old t-shirt and shorts. Also a towel, sunscreen and dry underwear.

Students will wear their school uniform to school and will change back into it afterward.

As we are very conscious of the drought, we will be changing the water fun activities from last year. A majority of the water we will use will come from our tanks and we have created activities that reuse water where possible. We look forward to having a fun time together.

Mrs Stuart and the PBL Team

Step up transition day

Our students and teachers really enjoyed our transition up day a couple of weeks ago. All year levels got to try on their rooms and students and teachers that they may have for next year. They did activities and learning from that year level and got to play in the playgrounds they will use next year. Meanwhile our year 6 students were up at Yass High school for the day where they were also getting used to their new school. We do our Transition step up day to help our students feel more settled and reduce anxiety about their new classes, teachers and routines for the next year. Students have really enjoyed the day.





Books to be Returned

Please make sure that all books are returned to the Library this week.

Not sure if your child has a book at home? Notes have been sent home today with any students that have books currently on loan.

Mrs Manderson

Teacher/Librarian

YPS Primary Presentation Evening

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents' friends and families that attended on Monday night. The primary presentation evening was a great success. A huge thanks to Ms Bird and all the teachers for their attendance and organisation for the evening. Our students were very well behaved and looked amazing in their uniforms. I was extremely proud of them. Many of our official guests made such supportive comments about our students. I wanted to commend Matilda Monaghan, Mitchell Blundell for the fabulous job they did of MC for the evening. I also wanted to thank Lachlan Denaro for stepping up at the last minute to relieve Mitchell and although he was very nervous he was a legend at the job.



iPlay Year 6 Fun Day

What a fabulous day we had on Friday 13th December. As the Stage Three students boarded the buses, the excitement was building.

Stage Three spent the day in Canberra at iPlay Belconnen and then onto John Knight Park. The students enjoyed the many games on offer at iPlay, including Lazar Tag and Dogem' Cars. After that, we travelled to the park, where students had lunch and spent time reminiscing over being an infant again on the equipment. They especially loved the flying fox and the spinning pole.

Thank you to all the people who made this excursion possible. The students had a wonderful time.



Year 6 Assembly

On Wednesday 18th December at 1:30, we will be celebrating the journey of our senior students as they graduate primary school and enter high school.

Parents are invited to join us for a journey down memory lane as we farewell our year 6 students (and some long time families). We will begin with a formal assembly where students will receive their graduation certificates and then finish with the inaugural bell ringing ceremony at the front of the school.

Year 6 Formal Dinner

Year 6 students have been invited to attend a dinner at Yass Soldiers Club tonight at 6:45 for a 7pm dinner. Teachers have organised dinner, some decorations and a few games to celebrate with our year 6 students.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON BEFORE **AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

The \$120 million Before and After School Care commitment aims to provide a before and after school care place to every public school student who requires it by 2021. The NSW Department of Education is working to understand the needs of our communities.

Let us know how you are accessing before and after school care before December 31 to help create more places.

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