



Yass Public School

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NEWS

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December

Tues 3rd– High School Orientation

**Mon 9th– Primary Presentation
Night @7pm**

**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

Well it is all happening at YPS!

Teachers are finalising student reports, organising for presentation assemblies and Year 6 graduation ceremonies. We are also working with teams of trades men to start the many maintenance project we are starting over the next few months. The kindergarten roof was reroofed on the weekend replacing the old tiles with a new corrugated tin roof. Thanks to the 6 classes that had no power on Friday and the 2 classes that had to relocate to the library for the day. We are hoping we will be all back fully powered up today.

Thanks to those dedicated parents that came to P & C meeting last week, it is a great way to find out about what is happening at school and what our future plans are. It was suggested that our school spec choir could wear their rep T Shirts to school one day a week, like our rep sports students wear their jumpers on a Friday, so for the rest of the year if school spec choir students would like to wear their black spec t-shirt they are most welcome on a Tuesday.

We have been very pleased to have a fly-in counsellor for 2 weeks. Mrs Lyn Osborne from Maitland has just finished two weeks at Yass Public School. She has completed over 10 Cognitive and behavioural assessment on students from our school. She has written reports and caught up with parents. She has also run mindfulness and wellbeing workshops for teachers while she was here. We are pleased to have this support as our school still is without a permanent counsellor. Please contact the school if you feel your child or you need any support and we will try to link you up with services in our community.

Don't hesitate to ring school for any information you may need in the next few weeks as they are very hectic and we would hate you to miss something important.

Kind regards,

Michelle Fahey

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Principal's Awards



Eeli Watson

Eeli is a responsible member of our class he demonstrates fair play and is always kind to others.

Loves a challenge and excels at maths, he loves exploring and can add coins and notes.

Eeli always arrives at school with a smile and ready to learn, he takes pride in the presentation of his book work.

Abbey Pickard

Abbey was an outstanding leader at School spectacular. She showed initiative and real confidence when dealing with students and teachers from other schools. As a student who has been part of School Spec previously, she was able to support other students and teachers could rely on her to help out. Abbey has become more confident socially and is trying hard to be more responsible for her learning.

Writers Awards

Phantom Lakes

Fly long, dive deep, beating wings fly through
the water, seabirds, sky,
Sun and Moon, feathers,
With no rest we play and live at phantom lake.
By Kate Marie Storey

All Aglow

Gruesome, its own light.
Shining like stars,
Dagger like teeth
Life or Death.
By Gabby Glover

Written by Harley Smith 1/2 D

Wow! I'm in a whole new world! So many words...
Books are definitely better than television.
Firstly, I believe that books are better than television because books take you to magical places. You could be on a deserted island!
Secondly, another reason that books are better than television is that reading helps your brain. Training your brain is good for you and it keeps you healthy.
Thirdly, I would argue that books are better than television because you can design your own book. It can be anything you want it to be!
In conclusion, you see that that books are better than television.

Primary Presentation Date

Our primary presentation evening will be held in the school hall on Monday 9th December at 7pm. This is our formal evening to recognise students with school and class awards. Students will need to wear full school uniform. A letter will go home to families that may be receiving an award, singing in the choir, presenting an item or our Chair people for the evening.

Infants Presentation

Our infants presentation will be on Monday the 16th at 11.45am in our school hall. All students will be presenting a class item and some student will also receive a class award. Our students love to have their families to watch them present their item. Individual families will not be receiving an invitation for the day but we encourage and welcome all families to join us for the presentation assembly as well as the picnic afterwards.

Year 6 graduation ceremony

Year 6 graduation ceremony will be on Wednesday 19th December. It will be in our school hall and parents of leaving students are encouraged to attend. It will be followed by the bell ringing tradition. Students need to be in full school uniform.

Learn to Swim Program

The NSW Government conducts an intensive Learn to Swim program for students in year 2 and selected Primary students. It is designed to develop water confidence and provide students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program started today and over eighty students braved the weather at the Yass pool. Lessons will continue for two weeks until Friday December 13th.

Just a reminder: **Due to the planned 'Transition Up Day' there will be no lessons on Tuesday December**

Kids Hope program

Kids Hope program is a mentor program that supports some students at our school. Mentors come to spend time with their student once a week for an hour. Our students really enjoy having that time with their mentor and look forward to it every week. Rob and Sam have been working really hard on making a backgammon board from scratch. It is a beautiful timber creation. They celebrated the completion of their board with a game this week. Thanks Rob and all our other mentors for the valued gift of your time.



Step up day

This Tuesday sees our year six students heading up to high school for their first full transition day. While they are gone the rest of us are trying our 2020 stage on for size.

Our teachers will teach in their new rooms and their new stages. We have made classes for the day but these may not be how they look next year.

We may have to make some changes. We will not be swimming that day so children get the most out of getting ready for the changes of 2020.

We have found that this experience in the past helps our anxious students get a little more comfortable about the new year at school. We hope to have a bit of fun and meet new people.

Phone watches

Several students have been wearing their smart watches to school in the last few weeks.

I would like to encourage parents to ask their children to pop them into the office when they get to school in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon for their bus ride home.

If the watch can make phone calls or has an emergency setting it is best in the office. Teachers are finding they are distracting in class and sometimes get bumped and parents become panicked when the student inadvertently rings mum.

Our school will **always** ring parents if we have an emergency with your children.

If students are keeping phones and smart watches in their bags they may get damaged or stolen.

We are a phone free school. If you feel there is a family concern that your child may need a phone please call the school to make arrangements.

P&C NEWS

Uniform Shop

In preparation for school next year, the Uniform Shop will be having two open days to allow parents plenty of time to purchase school uniforms. We will be open on Saturday 11th January and Monday 27th January between 9am and 12pm. Of course, the Uniform Shop will still be open as usual for the next two Fridays between 2.45 and 3.30pm. We also have online ordering available, and this will be open over the school holidays. So if you wish to place an order online, you can simply collect it on the open days, or after school returns on 29th January 2020. Visit www.school24.net.au to place your online order, and contact us at yp-spandc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Canteen

For the last two weeks of term, the Canteen will be offering a different menu to the children. Wednesday 11th December is our Special Menu, and a note will come home later this week. For the last day of term on Wednesday 18th December, we will be offering a Meal Deal and asking parents to pre-order. A note will come home with more details soon.

Schools Spectacular Success



Our students from the Schools Spectacular Arena Choir have returned after 4 days of rehearsals and performances at Quodos Bank Arena.

The whole show was outstanding and it was an amazing experience they will never forget. Yass Public students were kind, helpful and organised and I was so proud of them. Their behaviour was exemplary and it was such a pleasure spending time with them. Thanks to

the bus load of people who came to watch and support us. Thank you also to the parents and families who travelled to Sydney to see a performance.

A special thank you to Mrs Condon and Ms Bird for coming and helping out too.

Congratulations Schools Spectacular choir!

Mrs Stuart



If you would like to watch the School Spectacular it will be on this Saturday the 7th Dec @ 7pm on Channel 7.

SRC Report

Last week Mrs Phillips and Mrs Barlow submitted a grant application for funds to build a chicken coop. If successful, construction will begin early next year.

We are very pleased to announce that the P&C have generously agreed to support our request for a second filtered water station. The three bay system will be installed in the infants area early next year and the SRC will be responsible for covering the cost of replacement filters.

The SRC are also very pleased to announce that we have reached our goal of generating \$1000.00 in revenue from our Return and Earn program. In fact, we have raised \$1039.70 which is already \$64.60 more than last year.

PBL in 1/2P

Congratulations to these students who recently received a PBL award in 1/2P. A big congratulations to Amaya Sainsbury who is the first person in our class to receive her blue band!



You've cat to be kitten me right meow!

Last week 1/2P were lucky enough to play with some adorable kittens! Thanks to Cooper Keith for bringing them in for a play date. Can't we keep them?!





YOU ARE INVITED TO A

CHRISTMAS *Celebration*

YASS COMMUNITY CAROLS
SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019
VICTORIA PARK YASS

ACTIVITIES START 4:30PM

FACE PAINTING | JUMPING CASTLE
KIDS GAMES | SANTA | NATIVITY DRESS UP
HOT FOOD | CHEESE PLATTERS | COFFEE | AND MORE!

CAROLS START 6PM

For more information and
the latest updates visit
facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols.

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