



Yass Public School

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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What's Coming Up at YPS

February 2020

Fri 7th- Assembly

Fri 14th—Swimming Carnival

Wed 19th— Meet and Greet at 5pm

Wed 19th— District Carnival

Friday 21st— Assembly

March 2020

Fri 6th— Assembly

Wed 11th— Scripture

Fri 20th— Harmony Day (Mufti)

Fri 20th— Assembly

Principal's Report

Welcome back to another fantastic school year. It was a very challenging summer holiday with our bushfires and extreme weather. Our hearts and support are with the school communities and farming communities that are really struggling and we are currently negotiating ways to help them through this difficult time.

You would have noticed a lot of work going on at our school over the vacation period. We have a new slate roof and external painting on our heritage building. We have internal painting on our brick building and external paint to our canteen and administration block. It looks fantastic and has given our buildings a new lease of life. The tin roof verandas will be done during the next school holidays.

You may have noticed we have got a refurbished demountable. It is a beautiful space with air-conditioning and a wet area. This room is home to KM this year. We are currently waiting for our new interactive TV for that space. Please don't hesitate to visit and have a look in when you come to the meet and greet.

A very warm welcome to our kindergarten families. The kinder students have settled in so easily to school life. They are enjoying their teachers, learning new routines and playing with new friends and their big buddies. We extend this welcome to the 15 new students that joined Yass Public at the start of the school year. We hope that Yass Public is the right fit for you, I know many of you have already made lots of new friends.

Our first assembly is today, our swimming carnival is next Friday and we have the meet and greet the Wednesday after the carnival. Please come along to any of these events if you have the time to support your students and our school.

Let the games begin,

Michelle Fahey

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Introducing Kindergarten 2020! Class of 2032!

Our new Kindy students have finished their first week of school! They have had lots of fun getting to know their new teachers and friends. Throughout the week they have been very busy learning our school values and routines, practising writing their name and playing! YPS is very excited to welcome all these students and their families to our school. See below and on the next page for some photos of all the fun they've had in their first week!



Kindergarten Photos Continued



Learning Labs

Learning Labs is an academic and creative arts enrichment holiday program, Targeting students from Years 1 to 6 during 2020, who are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners. Please see the schedule below for when these programs will be taking place:

Dates: Wollongong campus: 14 – 17 April, 2020

Loftus Southern Sydney campus: 15 – 17 April, 2020

Batemans Bay campus: 15 – 16 April, 2020

Applications close: 27 February, 2020

If you would like to find out more information regarding the learning Labs Holiday program, please visit the front office.

Computer News for Kinders

I would like to thank all the new kinder parents who have worked with their children over the Holidays to become familiar with logging onto the computer. I can already see some children are familiar with the key presses we need to successfully log on. If you missed the email it is not too late to checkout the helpful video on how to do all the steps successfully. It can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YlqotOO6WQo> This video is also useful for any parent who's child mentions they are having difficulty logging onto the school computers.

If you wish to keep working with your child by all means do. Another area you could extend into is learning to double click with the mouse. In the computer room the mouse button that we use to double click has a yellow dot on it.

Keep up the good work! You are making a real difference to your child starting school.

Best regards,
Ian Brien—Computer Teacher

Principles Awards

This weeks Principles Awards went to Avayah Redmond and Angus Nelson.

Avayah has settled quickly into school life and is a great example of what Yass Public is all about.

She has demonstrated a very positive attitude towards learning and school. Avayah is friendly and considerate of others. She is always looking for ways that she can help her friends and teacher. She is always cooperative and always does what is asked of her by her teacher.

Avayah is courteous and consistently demonstrates good manners in the classroom. She comes to school ready to learn and discover new things. It is an absolute pleasure and delight to have Avayah as a member of our school.

Angus is a polite and respectful member of his class, who uses beautiful manners. He adds valuable contributions to class discussions. Angus genuinely cares about the wellbeing of others, and offers to help where he can.

Angus has a great sense of Humour, which makes him fun to be around. He has made a great start to year 5.



Writing Awards

Lachlan Kesby– 1/2V

This morning I went to P.E. First I watched a video, then we lined-up ready to go out. We walked past 1/2B, then made it to where P.E. was. First we did a warm-up, then we side galloped 2 times, then we did a run. Last of all we got a drink, then went back to class. Definitely last we did the 5 L's.



Toby Waters– 1/2A

The big fat cat went for a walk in the deep dark woods. Suddenly he turned around and got scared and confused. He didn't know where to go so he walked further and further into the dark forest. Luckily, he got out and had his dinner and said "I am never going into that dark woods. Never again!".

House Captains

This week we held Sporting House Captain voting. Our senior students were eager to show they're ready for the added responsibility.

I am pleased to announce that the following students will be filling these roles this year:

GILMORE (yellow)

Captains – Emma Barlow and Jed Glover

Vice Captains – Jess Condon and Edan Cross

MACKELLAR (green)

Captains – Eloise Smith and Jett McGrath

Vice Captains – Kaylee Douven and Logan Howlett

PATERSON (red)

Captains – Tabitha O'Brien and Rory Arneman

Vice Captains – Shalyce Slade-Collins and Jasper Koen

Congratulations to all the students.

Beth Bird



Textbooks

Thanks to all those parents that have already paid for textbooks. Our orders have been held up but we have been assured they will be here soon. We have started both our maths and spelling classes and students are using copied resources at the moment. There are also many payment options to make it more convenient for families. If you need some financial assistance with purchasing the books, please don't hesitate to contact the school so we can work it out.

Car Parking

Many parents will have noticed that we have been getting visits from the parking ranger this term. The ranger is employed by the council. He is identifying issues within our school car park which cause congestion and are dangerous. We are also encouraging parents to not walk through the carpark in the afternoon and across the car park. The disabled parking spot is only for people with a disabled permit in view on their car. The drop zone is for a 3 minute stop only and parents are required to stay in the car. We are trying to keep our children safe and our car parks easier to navigate at a very busy time.



Attendance at YPS

At YPS we believe that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

When your child attends school every day, learning expectations are manageable and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Arriving at school and class on time:

ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day

- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Please note that lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents and/or carers.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.



**School success starts
with attendance**

Meet and greet

We would like to invite you to a Meet and greet afternoon evening on Wednesday 19th Feb starting at 5pm. We are getting together with our families to show off our classrooms, meet your child's teachers, have a free sausage sizzle and we will have several parent information sessions running that evening. The information sessions will run in 3 timeslots in the hall. 5pm will be for Kindergarten parents, 5.30 for year 1 and 2 families and 6pm will be for primary families (year 3, 4, 5 and 6). A note will come home this afternoon to remind families to reserve the date, it would be great to see you all there. Please let us know if you would like to come and have a sausage sizzle so we can get a guide for catering.

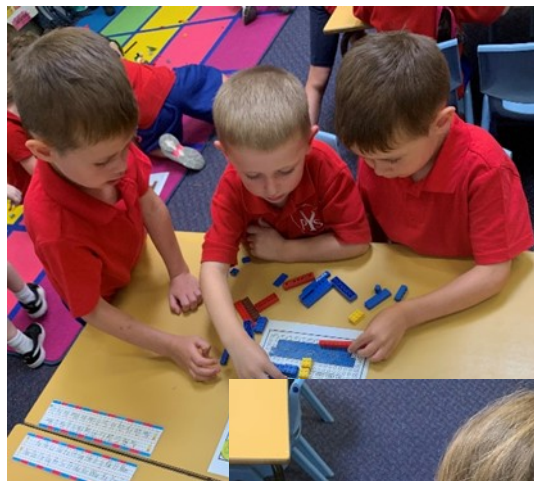
Kindergarten Social Skills

All aboard the S.S. Kindergarten – Socially Skilled Kindergarten, that is!

As part of Yass Public School's Early Stage 1 program, Mrs Northey will be visiting each Kindergarten class once per week to learn and practise valuable social skills that contribute to Kindergarten success. Throughout Term 1, students will learn and practise the following skills: sharing; taking turns; using calming strategies when upset; listening and following directions; following rules; stating needs; transitioning away from preferred activities; and, being flexible in the face of unexpected changes.

This week we practised the important social skill of sharing. Our puppet friends taught us: materials are for everyone to use; we only take what we need and put back things we're not using; if there's no more of the thing we want, we can choose something else; and, when we share, it is fun for everyone!

To practise this skill, we had had a communal box of building materials. In small groups, each student worked to build a specific design but we all had to share the materials! Students also noticed how it felt to share.



Stage 2 Sport

Last week, stage 2 started their sport for the year. We began with some various team building games, like rob the nest, dodgeball and sack relays. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are ready for more action this week.



Canteen

Our canteen has had a facelift over the school holidays and is freshly painted and had some small renovations during the holiday period. It looks great and now is trialling a two-day opening per week. The canteen will be open on a Wednesday and a Friday each week. We are still very much looking forward to getting some more volunteers to help out, as it can get very busy with our increased students numbers. Please let the school know if you have some time once or twice a term on a Wednesday or Friday, they would be very grateful. Don't forget we have online ordering and an exciting new menu.



Swimming Carnival

Yass Public School will be holding their annual Swimming Carnival next Friday, 14th February 2020.

Entries should have been sent in to your class teacher or the front office. I will be compiling these over the next few days ready for the carnival. If you have not already sent in your note, please send it in by Monday 10th February.

Helpers are always appreciated. Many hands make for light work so, if you are able to lend a hand on a stopwatch, please let me know. I will be confirming these helpers next week.

Students are encouraged to come along in their sports house colours and cheer on their houses. If you are unsure as to which house your child is in, please ask their teacher.

Looking forward to a fantastic day in sport.

Beth Bird

SRC Report

This week elections were held to create our Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2020. The SRC is comprised of 2 students in each class from Years 2 to 6 and aims to provide a mechanism for all students to express their ideas and opinions in order to improve their overall experience of school. It also aims to connect students with local and global issues. Members are peer-elected and serve for the whole school year. Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their badges at today's assembly:

Lacey Brown	William Pegram	1/2A
Ruby Reid	Josh Northey	1/2B
Jade Langdown	Jarvis Cross	1/2D
Ellie Green	Lewis Matthews	1/2H
Arkie Tunks	Trae Douven	1/2V
Rose Ryan	Damian Ward	3/4B
Ruby Lambert	Harry Stuart	3/4M
Rachael Barlow	Josh Neuhaus	3/4P
Hannah Bell	Rory Arneman	5/6B
Tabitha O'Brien	Archie Ellams	5/6P
Emma Barlow	Samuel McCrudden	5/6S



No Nuts at School

This year we have students in our school with severe allergies to peanuts and/or tree nuts. Because of the seriousness of this allergy, we are asking you to refrain from sending peanut or tree nut products to school for snacks, lunches or class parties. This includes peanut butter, Nutella and nut products in muesli bars.

Our goal is to make school a safe place for all of our students. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.



Book Club No 1 2020

Book club is available online only via LOOP.

No orders accepted at the Front Office.

Closing Date 14th February, 2020

Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!





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Aloha Gymfest – By Emma Barlow

During the school holidays I was lucky enough to be one of 7 local gymnasts to compete in the Aloha Gymfest in Hawaii. The competition has been running for 45 years and includes participants from all over the world including Japan, China, Australia and the USA (no one had heard of Yass!). We trained for 12 months leading up to the competition and had to learn new skills based on international regulations. Since this was our biggest competition yet, we had to add an extra 2 hours of training each week to achieve the skills that were required. The night before competition day, we went to the hall we were going to compete in and watched pre-Olympic gymnasts perform. They were really inspiring and encouraged us to train harder.

Unfortunately I suffered a knee injury just before we left for Hawaii. I had to change my floor routine into easier tumblers that didn't involve my knee as much. I performed the best on bars which gave me a first place. Overall it was a great experience and raised the profile of Yass Gymnastics.





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The 2020 season is now OPEN!

How to Register:

1. If eligible, go to www.service.nsw.gov.au and apply for your Active Kids Voucher
2. Head to www.PlayRugbyLeague.com
3. Search using our postcode, suburb or club name
4. Browse the list of results or use the filter to narrow down your search
5. Choose Yass Minor Rugby League and click Register
6. Login with your NRL Account or create a new account. Any existing registration profiles from previous seasons which used the same email as your NRL Account will automatically link for your convenience.
7. Select the participant you wish to register or add a new participant.
8. Complete the registration form.

Cost: \$145 (1st child) - \$130 (2nd child) - \$115 (3rd child) – additional free

Each player receives a playing kit to keep which includes: jersey, shorts and socks

This year, **EVERY** registered player will also receive their very own
YASS MAGPIES FOOTBALL!

NEW: You can also order merchandise online at the time of ordering so it's ready
for season kick off!

Under 6 – Under 17, Under 13 – 15 girls, Under 18 Girls

Enquiries: yassminorrugbyleague@gmail.com or contact
Club Secretary: Tabitha Holliday on 0431 080 668

Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist 2020

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine's, Yass, invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St Augustine's Presbytery on Wednesday 26 February or Thursday 27 February between 5-6pm. For further details and to print an enrolment form please visit the parish website:

www.staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments or contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.



Term 1 Timetable 2020



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UNDER 5's PROGRAM - Parental Involvement required 1-3yrs and Soft Play					
Soft Play (0-4yrs) 9:15 - 10:00am	Little Explorers (0-1yrs) 9:00 - 9:45am		Little Explorers (0-1yrs) 9:00 - 9:45am	Soft Play (0-4yrs) 9:15 - 10:00am	Workshops & Gym Parties
	Tiny Tumblers (2-3yrs) 10:00 - 11:00am		Tiny Tumblers (2-3yrs) 10:00 - 11:00am		
Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 2:30 - 3:30pm	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 2:30 - 3:30pm		Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 2:30 - 3:30pm		
RECREATIONAL PROGRAM - Girls/Boys - General Gymnastics					
GymFun (4-7yrs) 4:00 - 5:00pm	GymFun (4-7yrs) 4:00 - 5:00pm	GymFun (4-7yrs) 4:00 - 5:00pm			
GymFun Boys (4-7yrs) 4:00 - 5:00pm		GymFun Boys (4-7yrs) 4:00 - 5:00pm			
Rec Gym (Level 1-3) 4:00 - 5:30pm		Rec Gym (Level 1-3) 4:00 - 5:30pm			
	Adults Gym (16yrs +) 7:00 - 8:15pm	GymFun (4-7yrs) 5:00 - 6:00pm			
		Rec Gym (Level 1-3) 5:00 - 6:30pm			
TEAMGYM - Mini tramp, Floor, Air Track			FREE G - Box Vaulting, Tricking, Freestyle/timed circuits		
		TeamGym (BEG) 5:00 - 6:00pm		FreeG BEG (5yrs+) 4:00 - 5:00pm	
		TeamGym (INT) 6:00 - 7:00pm		FreeG INT (8yrs+) 4:00 - 5:00pm	
WAG LEVELS - Girls - Competitive Program (Squad)					
	WAG Level 1-2 4:00 - 5:30pm		WAG Level 1-2 4:00 - 5:30pm	Conditioning (optional) 7:00 - 8:00am	
	WAG Level 3 5:00 - 7:00pm		WAG Level 3 5:00 - 7:00pm		
WAG Level 4+ 5:00 - 8:00pm	WAG Level 4+ 5:00 - 7:00pm		WAG Level 4+ (compulsory) 5:00 - 8:00pm		
TUMBLING - All levels					
COMING SOON					
BOOK ONLINE: www.yassgymnastics.com.au Contact us at info@yassgymnastics.com.au or 0416 082365 We accept Active and Creative Kids Vouchers					

Yass Valley Occupational Therapy with Camille Kersley, returning with more CREATIVE PLACE sessions in 2020!

For Primary School Aged Kids of All Abilities.

Come Share Creatively

**We are excited to have our art space back for a
6 week block this term.**

Dates: Tuesday 11 February – 17 March inclusively

Time: 3:45 – 4:45pm

NEW LOCATION: Community Hall (old servo next to Men's Shed)

Cost: \$390 including materials

Contact: Suzanne Pollack 0412 806 565 to book a spot.

*We'll be working together with paint,
collage, mixed media and creative drawing.*

*This will be a cool program to bring your creative ideas to life, while working
in a safe, fun and supportive group.*

CREATIVE PLACE 2020

Yass Valley Occupational Therapy

working with

Camille Kersley

For Teenagers of All Abilities.

We are excited to be offering our creative arts program again for people aged 12 - 20.

You will get to learn ~~fantastic~~ new skills whilst working with paint, collage, mixed media and creative drawing.

This 6 week program will help you bring your creative ideas to life in a safe, supportive and fun group setting.

When: Tuesdays 11 February – 17 March **inclusive**

Time: 5pm – 6pm

Place: NEW LOCATION!!

Community Centre (old servo, next to the Men's Shed)

Cost: \$390 **including materials**

Contact: Suzanne Pollack 0412 806 565 or suzanne@yassvalleyot.com

to book your place

We're very excited to work with you and we think you'll be pretty happy you joined us.

School Banking

This Term School Banking day will be on Fridays. If you could please make sure your child's book is returned by Thursday, for Banking on Friday. It will then be returned to your child on Monday.

