YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's Report

This is our last newsletter for term 1. The Easter holidays are soon approaching, and we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period.

We look forward to our school Cross Country carnival that will happen in the last week of term. Murrumbateman school students will join us for the morning and run with us on our cross country track. Notes have gone home but I know Miss Bird is still hoping for some more parent helpers to keep us safe on our track. We also have our Easter Hat parade on the last Thursday of the term. Students will be able to make their hat at school or at home. Stage 1 will also be going on their first excursion in 3 years and heading off to the zoo on Friday. The cut off for payment was Friday. Please call the office if you have forgotten to arrange this payment.

Can I encourage all parents to sign up to our Compass app as soon as they can? We are going to start using this app for all messaging, for whole school, for individual classes and contacting parents directly. Already some parents have been using the attendance recording and it is very easy. Next term we will be phasing out School Stream and Class DoJo and only using Compass. If you need help to log on for the first time please contact the school or see any teacher at the parent teacher interviews.

Kind regards,

Michelle Fahey

Yass Public acknowledges that our school stands on Ngunnawal Country and we pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this beautiful land on which we live, work and play.

Principal Awards

Jasper Scroope

Jasper is a good thinker who always tries his best in class. He is kind to others and displays beautiful manners. Jasper always demonstrates and models the PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Participation.

Georgina Gilbey

Georgina is a polite student who is thoughtful towards others. She takes care of her peers and brings a warm and positive atmosphere to the classroom. Georgina tries her best in all learning tasks and accepts teacher feedback to improve her work. She is a responsible helper and continually displays our school values in all settings.

Alan Schofield

Alan is a very helpful student who has demonstrated initiative in helping his teacher and peers this year. He never complains, argues or makes excuses when asked to do a hard task and he goes the extra mile to make sure the job is completed well. Alan is always ready to learn, and is focussed and engaged in all learning tasks. He is producing high quality work and always improves his learning by taking on feedback from teachers. Alan contributes to class discussions in a positive and insightful manner and is demonstrating leadership qualities. He has grown in resilience and confidence and is a pleasure to have in class.

Zane Goode

Zane is a quiet achiever who follows rules, tries his best and gets on with his work. He is kind to others, making an effort to get along with everyone and include others. He could be easily overlooked because he lays low, but has stood out to receive this fortnights Principal's Award.

SRC Report

This week we have written letters to Mick and the P&C requesting the purchase of shade cloths over the equipment, both primary and infants and repainting of the lines. We are eagerly waiting on their response!

On Tuesday we had Harmony Day to raise funds for our sponsor child. It was a great success. Everyone looked amazing in a variety of orange, flag colours or cultural dress. Mrs Fahey took lots of photos and you can see them later in the newsletter.

Every Tuesday and Friday SRC representatives will be directing students to put containers in certain bins. We will be collecting containers and redeeming 10c per container to go towards our fundraising efforts. In the last assembly we showed you what goes in the bins as 10c'ers.

A huge thank you to all students and families who have been donating their 10c containers, your gold coin donations will go a long way to help a child in need for basic supplies!

Next term we are looking into Freddo Frogs as our next fundraising event. We will be selling Freddo Frogs on a Tuesday and Friday and they will be available from the canteen area where SRC representatives will be set up! We will keep you posted.

Thank you everyone for an amazing Term 1.

Easter Hat Parade

Infants classes will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade on the 6th of April (last day of school). It will take place in the hall at 1:45pm. Classes will create their Easter Hats in class and if you would like to bring in materials for your child's class to share please do, however there will be many materials for the students to utilise.

All families are welcome and encouraged to attend the Parade. As it is the last day of school, if families would like to attend the Easter Hat Parade and then take your child you may, however please ensure you inform your child's teacher.

Kindergarten will be having an informal 'meet the teacher' directly after the Easter Hat Parade so families can come and see the kindergarten learning environment and meet their child's teacher. It is an informal event, and more formalised meetings will occur in Term 2 for kindergarten only.

Harmony Day

On Tuesday we held our Harmony Day event to raise funds for our sponsor child in Kenya. It was a great success, raising $400. Everyone looked amazing in a variety of orange, flag colours and cultural dress. It was amazing to see all the colours popping around the playground and the classroom on a gloomy day. Stage 3 put a lot of effort into matching outfits, fluoro orange tutu's and jumpers. Our photos from the day represent how amazingly all students and teachers actively participated in the day.

In 'buddy reading' classes we conducted a whole school activity where students learn why people from a range of cultures decorate their bodies and are introduced to the Indian (Hindu) custom of henna hand painting. Students decorated a 'hand' that has been put together by the SRC and displayed in the Hall.

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NAPLAN 2023

In the past two weeks students in Years 3 and 5 sat the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. NAPLAN has traditional been held in Term 2 however from this year, it is being held in Term 1.

According to the NAPLAN website, students' results will be available from August onwards. Here is a link if you would like to know more about NAPLAN.
https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf

All students worked very hard and tried their best in all tests.

Mrs Karyna Sainsbury
NAPLAN Coordinator

P&C News

The AGM for the P&C was held on Wednesday 22nd March, with a new committee being elected for the year. We are very pleased to have the following parents serving on the P&C;

President—Danielle Ryan

Vice Presidents—Beth Bird and Sharon Hughes

Secretary—Michelle Manderson

Treasurer—Belinda Banfield

We were excited to be able to welcome three new members to the P&C as well as welcoming back our existing members.

During the meeting, we were able to set a fundraising calendar for the year, which will include our Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls, Murrumbateman Field Days stall and a Colour-Run among other things. We are always keen for helpers at these events, so if something takes your interest, please get in touch to volunteer.

Stay up to date with information about P&C, school communications and events at our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/YPSPandC

Aboriginal Student Groups

Our Aboriginal student groups are up and running again and it has been lovely to welcome children coming up from Year 2 into the primary activity. So far this term, students have discussed the things that they would like to learn this year, we have listened to the Little Yarns podcast to learn more about other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations and learned some new games. We were also very lucky to have Mel McDonald come in to talk about her own cultural journey as a Ngunnawal woman. Thanks Mel!

Kindergarten Class Staff Changes

Mrs Brown has had to take extended sick leave. She will be away for the rest of this term and all of term 2.

Miss Teagan King will teach KB on a Monday, Mrs Fiona Northey will teach Tuesday through to Friday. The class will follow the same timetable and both teachers will be available for parent teacher interviews. A note has been sent home to those kindergarten families.

40 K zone for Laidlaw Street in Holidays

Council have notified us that they will be moving the 40km signs and flashing lights to be erected on Laidlaw Street rather than in our car park.

There has been a suggestion that some speed signs within the carpark would also be a good idea to slow traffic down.

Consistent Reader Awards

Each term teachers nominate a student from every year level who is consistently reading. This means these students are reading a variety of different books and texts in class and at home. To encourage them to continue reading they receive a $10 voucher to spend in the Scholastic catalogue.

Congratulations to our term 1 winners. Your books have been ordered and will be delivered to you soon.

Kindy – Chais T, Year 1 Paddy S, Year 2 Matilda M, Year 3 William H, Year 4 Djalu W, Year 5 Zane V and Year 6 Maddi M.

Mrs Smith

Compass transition

We have sent letters home to parents with codes on them to access Compass on the parent platform. We are also looking to trial the connect facility with a view to move away from class DOJO. Parents will be able to message their teacher, get SMS messages for their child's attendance and put in attendance reasons. We will be moving to paying for excursions and other benefits as we get more confident.

Parents will need to change their passwords and then seek support from Compass if they forget their passwords.

Yass Show Art Competition

If you went to the Yass Show on Saturday, 18th March, you would have seen the awesome effort by all the schools in the art competition. So much creativity, colour and different interpretations of the theme 'Helping Others'. Our school did very well, with 9 classes coming home with a certificate. Big Congratulations to these classes on your achievement:

2nd – KM

2nd – 1/2V

2nd – 3/4M

2nd – 5/6W

3rd – 3/4S

Highly Commended – KB, 2P, 3/4G, 5/6B

All of the artworks are now proudly on display in the school hall. Make sure you have a look next time you are here!

Danielle Doyle, Fiona Northey & Anthea Vaughan

Yass Show Art Committee

Parent / Teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews are on next Wednesday afternoon / evening. Many appointments have been made but there are still a small number of appointments left, however bookings close tomorrow (Tuesday 28th March). We will also have teachers on site that can help parents to connect to compass for the first time.

Cross Country 2023

We will be holding our school Cross Country carnival on Monday 3rd April 2023. Students are reminded to bring a hat, sunscreen, drink and asthma puffers (if required) for the event.

All students will participate, with 5 to 7 year olds either walking or running a shorter course, while any children turning 8 or older this year are eligible to qualify for District Cross Country.

We are still in need of parents helpers, so if you have some spare time on Monday morning, please contact the school.

Stage 2 Zoo Excursion

Last Thursday Stage 2 headed over to the National Zoo and Aquarium in Canberra. For some students this was their first ever excursion. Excitement was high on the bus ride over and many were eager to see what animals they could find.

Our students attended a guided tour designed by the zoo which linked into our geography and science units looking at different animal's habitats and animal life cycles. Students were able to touch, explore and listen about certain animals such as snakes and lizards and learn about how important animal's habitats are for their survival. Students fed apple to emus and carrot and celery to deer and alpacas.

We then had time, in groups, to wander around the zoo, watching, exploring, and talking to the different animals.

We all had a fabulous day and many of the students want to return with their families!

What was my favourite part of our zoo excursion:

Annabel H: Holding the snake

Florence: Definitely the lions

Iona: The large Hyenas

Amelia: Feeding the 40 year old emu

Dimitri: Watching the pink panda

Kade: The lions

Cohen: Looking at the anaconda

Olivia: Watching the koala's sleeping in the trees

Arabella: The Aquarium

Miss H Talks Technology

Stage 2 students are really enjoying using the Virtual Reality headsets in ICT lessons! All of the 3/4 classes are learning how to code using the CoSpaces software and are becoming experts at using the headsets. The lessons are busy and time flies by quickly. Even the teachers are having fun!

The YPS Canteen is offering a meal deal on Tuesday, 4th April

Recess Meal Deal - $5.50

Hot cross bun (toasted w butter)
Chocolate, Fruit or Plain
plus a chocolate or strawberry milk

The class with the most orders will receive a prize.

Lunch Meal Deal - $9.00

Three options, all meal deals contain a packet of Jumpy's, a juice popper, snap stick and an easter treat.

Option 1 – Sausage Roll (GF option available)
Option 2 – Mini spring rolls (v) with sweet chili sauce
Option 3 – Lasagne

Order cut off date Friday 31st March

Please **order online** at www.school24.net.au, or send an individual bag for each child, with their name, class and order clearly marked.

Please Note: there will be over the counter items available at recess only

Stage 1 Excursion

As part of our science program this term, our Stage 1 students have been learning about animal habitats. To further our understanding that living things depend on each other and the environment to survive, we're having an excursion to the National Zoo and Aquarium in Canberra on Friday 31st March.

Students will need to wear full school uniform, and bring their hats, recess and lunch in plastics bags with their name written on it.

PBL News

How great was Week 8! Students talked about how to display the school expectations when visiting the front office and talking with the wonderful staff they are greeted by.

Students are learning how to conduct themselves in the hall during class time and assembly days this week.

Each class was given the opportunity to vote for their most desirable Reward Day again. The votes are in and are currently sitting at:

- 1009 Yazzas for Extra Recess with a Zooper Dooper.
- 16416 Yazzas for Slumber Movie Party
- 2821 Yazzas for Giant Games Day.

The Slumber Movie Party is still in the lead and it looks promising. When a reward reaches 25,000 Yazzas, the PBL Team will plan the day.

Congratulations to all the students who received a Golden Yazza this week. These Golden Yazzas are put into a lucky draw for the possibility to win a handball. Our lucky handball winners were:

Jaxon Ballard - KM
Charlie-May Cairns - KM
Eleanor Hickey - 3/4G
Jackson Murray – 1/2B
Jameson Brown – 2P

Also, congratulations to Ella Grange in 5/6B who was lucky enough to win Mrs Fahey's Special Prize!

You're off to great places!

Katia Manton (PBL Coordinator)

Golden Yazza Winners

Class Merit Awards

PBL Awards

KM

1/2B

1/2V

2P

PBL Awards

2P

3/4D

3/4G

3/4S

3/4M

Assembly
Recess
Dictation
Science
Research
Lunch

5/6B

Restorative Questions I
When things go wrong
Restorative Questions II
RESPECT

5/6M

5/6W

YPS Canteen Menu Term 1, 2023

Tuesday & Friday

Recess & Lunch over the counter or order

Fruit - apple, banana, nectarine	70c
Sultana box	$1.00
Jelly cup	$1.50
Air popped corn	50c
Vegie chips -assorted flavours	$1.20
Banana bread	$2.00
Le Snak – cheese & crackers	$1.00
Fruit snack bag	$1.00

Recess & Lunch - Order only

Cheese & garlic focaccia bread	$1.50
Vanilla yoghurt & muesli	$3.50
Fruit Salad	$3.50
Fruit salad & yoghurt	$3.50
Mixed berries & Homemade Custard	$3.50
Hummus plate (veg sticks, cheese, rice crackers)	$5.00
Add salami	$2 extra
Cheese & crackers	$2.50
Apple jaffle – large	$4.00
Apple jaffle – half (Fruit bread with apple, ricotta & cinnamon)	$2.00

Frozen

Dairy ice block	$1.00
TNT	$1.00
Quelch Icy pole	50c
Frozen fruit & juice cup	50c
Mini Frozen jelly	30c

Drinks

Up & Go (choc, strawberry, vanilla, banana)	$2.50
Chocolate / Strawberry milk	$2.00
Water	$1.50
Juice bomb (grape, watermelon & raspberry)	$2.50
Popper (apple, apple & blackcurrant, tropical)	$2.00

Lunch only Sandwiches / Wraps- fresh or toasted

Jam, honey, vegemite	$2.50
Cheese	$3.00
Ham	$3.00
Chicken	$3.00
Salami	$3.00
Ham & tomato	$3.50
Ham & cheese	$4.00
Ham, cheese, tomato	$4.50
Egg & lettuce	$4.50
Chicken & salad	$4.50
Ham & salad	$4.50
Salami & salad	$4.50
Chicken, lettuce & mayonnaise	$4.50

***** Add 1.50 to make any meal into a meal deal with a bottle of water & fruit *****

Lunch only Hot Food

Chicken Quesadilla	$4.00
Fried rice	$4.00
Nachos – mince	$5.00
Nachos – vege	$4.00
Optional sour cream	
Sausage roll	$4.00
Corn on the cob	$1.00
Dim sims (optional soy sauce)	$5.00
Aussie (zucchini) slice	$3.00
Add side salad extra	$2.50
Salad bowl	$4.00
Add chicken extra	$2.00
ham extra	$2.00
salami extra	$2.00
fetta cheese extra	$2.00
egg extra	$1.00

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FREE EVENT

Bowning Outdoor Family MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 31st

Bowning Public School grounds
6pm to late
Movie begins on dark
Bring family and friends, blanket, lawn chairs.
Glow Products for sale on night.
Hot dogs for sale.
Popcorn and drinks provided.

Featured Movie title:

"Sonic the Hedgehog 2"

Rated Parental Guide (PG)

For more information contact Yass Council

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Easter Tennis Camp

Yass – Hume Tennis Club. Tuesday 11th- Friday 14th April

Murrumbateman – Wednesday 19th- Friday 21st April

Games, technique, multi-sport programs and prizes available for all participants.

Qualified Tennis Australia Coaches available.

Yass Morning (Little Pros Ages 4-7). Time 10am-12pm. Daily Cost $40. 4 Day Cost $130

Yass Afternoon (Shooting Stars Ages 8-16). Time 12pm-4pm. Daily Cost $55. 4 Day Cost $185

Murrumbateman Morning (Little Pros Ages 4-7). Time 10am-12pm. Daily Cost $40. 3 Day Cost $100

Murrumbateman Afternoon (Shooting Stars Ages 8-16). Time 12pm-4pm. Daily Cost $55. 3 Day Cost $140

Active Kids vouchers are redeemable.

Contact - Scott Eulenstein – Spinifex Tennis

Registrations by 09/04/2023 to: scott.eulenstein@outlook.com or PH: 0421016365.

Art Teenies

When: Tuesdays - 5 sessions held on 4 April, 11 April, 18 April, 2 May, 9 May.
Time: 10am - 10:45am
Age: For participants under 5
Cost: Free
Bookings for each session can be made Via Eventbrite

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/568677940027

Come to the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery for free sessions of art with your little ones.

Art Teenies is a creative and awareness building session with Education Officer, Kirsten Jeffcoat. Based on the group exhibition *Soft Power* and other works on display, Kirsten will initiate fun and educational activities. A new theme is focused on each week and includes storytime, singing and an artmaking activity.

Designed for participants 5 years and under, and their carers. Siblings are also welcome.

Creative opportunities for all ages at the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery

Discover our exciting upcoming programs and make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.
Bookings can be made via email (artgallery@goulburn.nsw.gov.au) or phone (02) 4823 4494.
Service NSW Creative Kids vouchers can be used for Afternoon Art Club or your school holiday workshops.

School Holiday Workshops

Sew much fun with Jodie Munday

When: Tuesday 18 April 2023
Time: 1pm - 3:30pm
Age: For participants 8+
Cost: $35
Bookings for each session can be made via https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/568889151767
Working with local artist Jodie Munday join us for a fun afternoon of making your own original textile patches to individualise your clothing or panels for decoration.
Inspired by the exhibition 'Soft Power', explore a variety of techniques including stitching, embroidery, collage or printing to make a wearable statement or decorative panel.

Jodie Munday is a local artist who trained in Textiles at the ANU School of Art and practices in drawing, painting, mixed media, and photography, wood burning and weaving. She has a strong connection to country and animals and in her practice she is working towards a sustainable approach with an awareness and protection of our natural environment and species.

Tie dye T-shirts

When: Thursday 13 April
Time: 10am - 12pm
Age: For participants 6+
Cost: $35
Bookings can be made via https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/568861188127
Learn about the art of tie dyeing fabric and create your own unique, colourful T-shirt.
Tie dyeing is a process of hand-dyeing fabric, in which sections of the fabric are tightly bound with elastic or string to resist the dye solution, producing surprising brightly coloured patterns.

We will supply a T-shirt and materials but you can also bring a pre-washed cotton item such as a pillow case or tote bag to create another tie dye.

Ceramics

When: Thursday 20 April
Time: 10am - 12pm
Age: For participants 6+
Cost: $35
Bookings can be made via https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/568759664467
This two hour workshop is an introduction to Ceramics. Using clay, participants will explore techniques in hand building, including pinch pots and coiling and add surface texture decorations to create a fun, animal inspired pot.

All materials will be supplied and completed works will be fired and returned, inclusive of the fee.

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery

Check out the Gallery's Afternoon Art Club, Art Teenies and School Holiday Workshops. The Gallery also offers free exhibition tours for school groups as well as workshops and public programs for adults. See our website for details: goulburnregionalartgallery.com.au

AFTERNOON ART CLUB 2023

Nine weeks every term

3:45—4:45pm

$100 per participant

Creative Kids vouchers accepted

Primary School

Wednesday or Thursday

High School Friday

Each term is full of fun and creativity which allows children to explore their imaginations whilst building technical skills. In each session children learn how to express ideas, enjoy the process of creating and develop and their making skills.

Afternoon Art Club is designed and delivered by Kirsten Jeffcoat, Education Officer who is a Visual Arts Teacher and Gallery Educator. Classes are occasionally led by guest artists.

Civic Centre, 184 Bourke Street Goulburn NSW
Locked bag 22, Goulburn NSW 2580
T 02 4823 4494 artgallery@goulburn.nsw.gov.au

Key dates in 2023

1 feb. — 31 mar.	Afternoon Art Club Term 1 2023
Monday 6 mar.	Enrolments for Term 2 open
26 apr. —23 jun.	Afternoon Art Club Term 2
Monday 29 may	Enrolments for Term 3 open
19 jul. – 15 sep.	Afternoon Art Club Term 3
Monday 22 aug.	Enrolments for Term 4 open
11 oct. — 8 dec.	Afternoon Art Club Term 4
Monday 13 nov.	Enrolments for Term 1, 2024 open

For any questions or bookings contact Kirsten Jeffcoat, Education officer, on 4823 4880 or via email, artgallery@goulburn.nsw.gov.au

Workshops terms and conditions:

- A permission slip is required for each child, each term. Head to our website or pick up a hard copy at the Gallery.
- Payment of fees are required a week before workshop dates. Full payment of fees are required to secure a booking.

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Goulburn Regional Art Gallery is supported by the NSW government through Create NSW.

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Every Day Counts

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up.

2 Days Each month = **4 Weeks** Per school year

This lost learning puts your child **educationally at risk**

Student attendance at school has a dramatic impact on academic achievement, social and emotional wellbeing for individual students.

Quality student attendance results are most likely to be achieved when schools and families work in partnership to support every student.

- **Above 95%** — Expected Attendance
- **90%-95%** — Minimum Standard
- **Below 90%** — Educationally at Risk

Let's support attendance in our students together.

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