

YASS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Participation



UPCOMING EVENTS

2 April

School Disco

4 April

Cross Country Carnival

9 April

Parent/Teacher Conference

10 April

Boot Bash

Easter Hat Parade for
Infants

11 April

Last day of Term 1

30 April

Term 2 - First day back for
Students

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Michelle Fahey

We still have 2 more weeks for this term but this will be our last newsletter for the term. We hope you like the look of our new newsletter format. It looks more contemporary and easier to locate information. Our newsletter comes out fortnightly on Compass for your reading pleasure.

Don't be mistaken, we are not just relaxing into the holidays, we are jam packed with events and daily learning. This week is a school disco on Wednesday afternoon and our Cross Country Carnival on Friday. Next week we have the Boot Bash fundraiser and the Infants Easter Hat parade on Thursday, and the Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday. So keep your eyes on Compass so you and your family don't miss a thing leading into the holidays.

School will finish next Friday 11th April, for two weeks including Easter Holidays and Anzac Day. We will welcome students back to school on Wednesday 30th April for the start of term 2.

We would love to march as a School in the Yass town ANZAC ceremony so if you will be around on the last Friday of the school holidays, please meet us at Kaffeine in full school uniform, we will be looking for flag bearers and students to lay the school wreath.

Have a great holiday, stay safe and have some fun. See you next term.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Lucas Anderson (Week 6)

Lucas demonstrates a high level of engagement in class. He is always eager to share his ideas, offering valuable input during discussions. Lucas listens to feedback both from peers and teachers, using it to improve and develop his understanding. His willingness to participate creates a positive learning environment, and sets a great example for others in the class.

Cruz Dunley

Cruz has a kind and tolerant nature which is demonstrated in the way he includes others and waits patiently. He is a strong contributor to class discussions, including asking questions to check his understanding. Cruz uses manners when dealing with both peers and teachers, and uses his initiative to offer assistance to others. He advocates for others and stands up for what is right. Cruz applies himself in all aspects of schooling, always striving for his personal best.

Yass Public School 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

Thea Goode

Thea is a role model to her peers and always displays the school expectations. She is hardworking, engaged in her learning and takes pride in her work. Thea is kind, patient and willingly helps both her peers and teachers when needed. She comes to school with an enthusiastic attitude and a smile on her face every day. Best of all, Thea finds the good in everyone. Her presence in our classroom makes it a warm and welcoming place to be, and we love having her around.

Tommy Sharp

Tommy is an enthusiastic learner who gives everything a go. He is consistently ready to learn and listens attentively to class discussions. Tommy brings a positive attitude to all learning experiences and has a sense of humour which others enjoy. He is friendly and polite to those around him, and is well-liked by his peers. Tommy always displays our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Participation across all settings.

Ruby Hopley

Ruby is a kind, caring and hardworking student who always comes into the classroom ready to learn. She is committed to producing quality work and taking on feedback to improve further. Ruby listens attentively during class discussions, always waits her turn to speak and loves sharing really cool facts, mostly about animals, with the class. She is a passionate dancer and a stand out performer during Footsteps sessions, always putting in 100% effort. Ruby works cooperatively with her peers in groups, and helps and supports those around her without being asked. She is a well-mannered student and her behaviour consistently demonstrates our school expectations. It is a pleasure teaching Ruby and she should be very proud of herself.

3/4P ATTENDANCE REWARD

Over the last 4 weeks, 3/4P have met their first TWO attendance goals. After achieving 5 days of over 96% we chose to have a 'Forts and Watching Movies' afternoon. This was a fun and relaxing way to spend the last part of the day. Not long after that, we had 5 days of 100% attendance- which was a fantastic achievement. We had a session of free time where everyone could choose to use the laptops, create with Lego, play games, paint or draw. We're looking forward to sharing the fun when we meet our next goal!!



JUSTIFIED ABSENCES

Mrs Cathles

DID YOU KNOW?

Following an absence from school you must provide your child's school with an explanation for the absence within 7 days. However, if the school has not received an explanation within 3 days, they may contact you to discuss the absence.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)



SRC NEWS

Mrs Doyle and Mrs Vaughan

Harmony Day

It was wonderful to see our YPS school community decked out in all things orange or in cultural dress, to celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 21st March.

Harmony Day is a national day to celebrate the many cultures that make up Australia. It is about celebrating cultural diversity, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians.

Students gave a gold coin donation and could also have their hair sprayed orange for another gold coin. The money was collected by the SRC reps and counted at the front office. We raised a total of \$488.00 which is just wonderful. This money will be sent to our sponsor child, Clintone, who is nearly 12 years old and lives in Kenya. The money we donate helps support Clintone with educational resources and uniforms. Students also completed activities about Harmony Day in their classes.

A big THANK YOU to our families for supporting this worthy cause, including the donations of cans of orange hairspray. The orange vibes definitely added to a really fun Friday. Week 8 did end great!



HARMONY DAY



SRC NEWS (CONT.)

Mrs Doyle and Mrs Vaughan

Colouring Competition

The colouring competition entries are all on display in the weather shed and they look fantastic. Students have been able to look at the colourful creations from all the different stages. The judges had a very tough time choosing only two winners per stage. The winners were announced at our whole school assembly on Friday, 28th March.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to:

Early Stage 1:

1st Elizabeth Grogan

2nd Revie Naughton

Stage 1:

1st Ruby Hopley

2nd Indie Forth

Stage 2:

1st Octavia Hoy

2nd Hailey Langdown

Stage 3:

1st Lucy Russell

2nd Sashtith Stanly

Teachers:

1st Mrs Walker

2nd Mrs B

Highly Commended Mrs Fahey





PBL NEWS

Mrs Belling

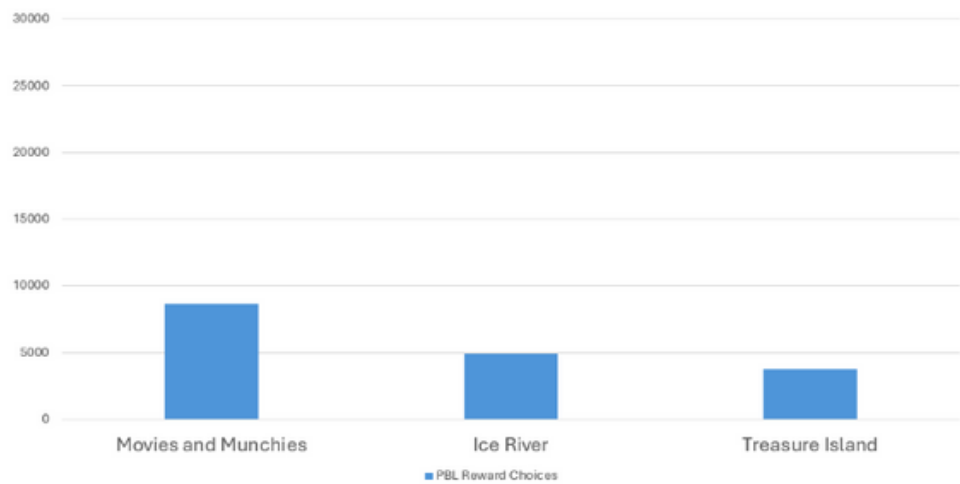
Fortnightly Focus

This fortnight’s behaviour focus is ‘Rubbish Around the School’. This focus aims to remind students that when they have rubbish, they need to be disposing of it in appropriate ways which do not impact our school or community.

Whole School Reward Progress

After our last assembly, Movies and Munchies has continued to edge forward and remains in the lead with 8,692 Yazzas.

PBL Reward Progress



WEEK 9 ASSEMBLY

Mrs Belling

1/2M were chosen as the star class for infants during our Week 9 assembly and are enjoying having Pablo Melon for a second time this term. The mystery teacher for primary did not choose a whole class instead, they recognised the Year 5 and Year 6 students who sat on the mats without a fuss when there was not enough space for them to sit on the chairs. This behaviour reflects our school values and is commendable. These students will be sitting on chairs in the front row at our next assembly.

Our lucky handball winners were:

Yuwani Kariyaperuma Shangara Kuttige

Jackson Crisp

Kenolee Mayadunnage

Luca Hardy

Makaylin Daley

The winner of Mrs Fahey's special prize was Emily Kesby.

Congratulations to these students.



*Lucky winners
of the handball
prize at our
Week 9
assembly.*

ATTENDANCE REWARDS

KB

In Week 8 KB earned their Level 2 attendance reward of bring a toy to school day. We had a range of different toys from soft and cuddly to battery powered. KB thoroughly enjoyed the day.



5/6D

Week 7 was a great week for attendance in 5/6D with us reaching our target on each of the five days! We got to celebrate this achievement with a whole class game of Hide and Seek last Friday, 21st March. There were some sneaky hiding spots and lots of persistent hunting around the school. Well done 5/6D!
Reward Number 2 awaits...



STAGE 1 REPTILE ZOO EXCURSION

Mrs Warren

To align with our current Science Unit on 'Living Things', the Stage 1 students took a trip to the Canberra Reptile Zoo last Thursday. The bus ride over was full of excitement and chatter before meeting Peter and his team at the destination.

In the amphitheatre Peter introduced us to many reptiles including Charlie the crocodile and Pancake the turtle. This session was full of reptile facts, information on habitats and snake safety.

Did you know cows kill the most humans in one year? Definitely not snakes!

The students explored their reptile habitats which included the chance to touch lizards, a snake and even a baby crocodile! After lunch, the children had fun climbing, digging and discovering in their new prehistoric playground.

Many thanks to the zoo staff, parent volunteers, Mrs Walker and my fellow teachers who contributed to the success of this excursion.



CANBERRA REPTILE ZOO



MUSIC LESSONS & PERFORMANCE

Mrs Fahey

The P & C Association decided at the last meeting to help fund the music program this year. We have enlisted the highly qualified music teachers from the Hume Conservatorium in Goulburn to run our music program this year. Our Year 5 and 6 students have been loving learning the ukulele this term. They have been learning note, beat and rhythm. We have also purchased our own class set to continue with these lessons throughout the week.

Next term we will have a performance in assembly to showcase our new learning. Next term it is stage 2's turn for music lessons. Thanks P & C for your very practical support of our school with something that is fun and engaging and that we have never learnt about before. You are making a huge difference when you fundraise for our school.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Administration Office

Parents teacher interview times went live on Compass a fortnight ago. There have been many bookings since then and in fact some teachers are full on the evening.

If you are requiring an appointment and your child's teacher is booked out, please contact the school office and they will put you on a waiting list. The teacher will then contact you about a suitable time to catch up.

Please contact the school if you are no longer able to make your appointment and we can schedule another parent in your place.

5/6B ATTENDANCE REWARD

Like a growing number of classes around the school, 5/6B also achieved their first attendance prize which was a whole class game. Like some of the other Stage 3 classes, students opted for a giant game of “Hide and Seek”. They were very inventive with their hiding spots, with Rayan, Nick and Charlie having to come out of hiding in the last round. We just need another 4 days of 100% attendance to get our second prize....



1/2M ATTENDANCE REWARD



LINTON VILLAGE VISIT

Mrs Doyle & Mrs Vaughan

On Tuesday 25th March, Mrs Doyle and 20 of our SRC students walked over to Linton Village to visit the residents there. The purpose of our visit was to join with the residents in putting together care packages for our Australian troops deployed overseas.

After sitting outside in the sunshine having our recess together, we then went inside and folded the forty boxes, ready for packing. The students then walked down the line of overflowing tables, filling the small boxes with all sorts of goodies, including Tim Tams, Vegemite, crackers, biscuits, noodles, soup, chocolate, lollies, chewing gum, coffee and tea. Each box was then weighed. They had to weigh less than 2 kilograms. After they were weighed, a letter was placed inside and an address label glued onto the front. It was such great teamwork by everyone. The boxes were then stacked into a pyramid, so we could take a photo of the whole gang.

It was such a lovely morning for the students and the residents and doing something really thoughtful for others.

Thank you so much to Lauren Jackson-Brown and Ian Burden and all of the residents at Linton Village for inviting us and making us feel so welcome. We look forward to our next visit.

Thank you so much to all the SRC parents for your very generous donations of items for the care packages. We really appreciate you!



LINTON VILLAGE VISIT



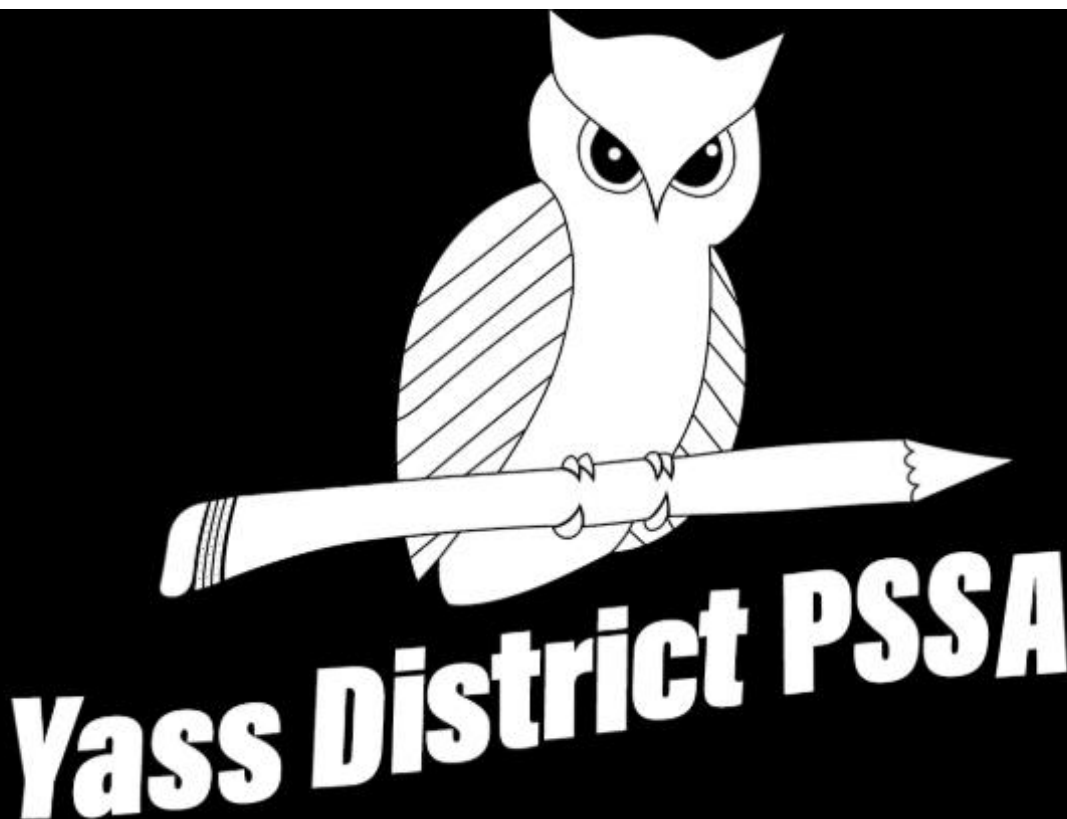
SPORTS REPORT

Miss Bird

The term started with a splash, literally! Thank you to Mrs Waters who ran a very successful Swimming Carnival. Everyone had a great day in the sun and water, competing for themselves and collecting points for their houses along the way. If you didn't know already, Paterson was the Champion house of the 2025 Swimming Carnival.

Swimming continued with the district carnival where Yass Public were awarded the Champion School – GO TEAM!! We must send out a massive congratulations to all our relay teams who successfully represented at the South Coast Regional Championships. We know that everyone who went along to Regionals, had a great time, most SMASHED their PB's and even though no one successfully went through to State, they swam their hearts out, tried their best, and did us proud. Well done.

Sport has continued throughout the term with various PSSA team trials. We have had students try for selection in Netball, Soccer, Rugby League, Touch Football and even Tennis. Many have successfully made the next level of trials, however the process is not over yet. Many are still to come with students out next week and into next term for their chosen sport. Good luck if you are still vying for selection.



SPORTS REPORT (CONT.)

Miss Bird

Next week you will all participate in the Annual Cross Country. Mrs Books and Ms Bird have decided to keep the new course that we ran last year. You have all be practicing hard in PE and developing your endurance abilities. Remember, you don't have to be an Olympic runner, you just HAVE A GO! Parents and families, if you are able to help out for a couple of hours, please let the office staff know or complete the volunteer section on Compass. Ms Bird will then send home information to all helpers.

As this is an endurance running event, you need to remember your drink bottles and hat on the day. If you have asthma, please also take your puffer with you. You will be walking the course with your class teachers in the coming days if you are unsure of the track or simply to refresh your memories.

Lastly, as always, Ms Bird awards house points every PE lesson to those that are displaying the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Participation. Also, to those that are prepared for activity. These points have been counted and added to the Swimming Carnival points.

It is SOOOO close between 1st and 2nd, only 16 points separate them at the moment. BUT in the lead as of TODAY, with 1959 points, is GILMORE!

Congratulations, Gilmore, and a timely reminder that all points matter and have an impact. Try hard and show kindness and it will be rewarded.

See you all in your house colours next Friday for our Cross Country.

CROSS COUNTRY

Miss Bird

The annual Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday, 4th April at 9:30am. Students have been training in PE lessons and have familiarised themselves with the course.

If you have a spare 2 hours, we would still love some help to monitor the course and keep our students safe. Please call the office to let them know you are available.

For successful students, District Cross Country will be held next term on 9th May. Details will go home with those students. Look forward to seeing you all on the course.

*Good luck to all
our students
competing in
the Cross
Country
Carnival.
Remember, the
most important
thing is to TRY!*

BOOT BASH

Mrs Fahey

We will be supporting the Yass Country Education Foundation next Thursday when we wear our boots and bring a gold coin to donate to this very worthy cause. The CEF supports so many of our young country people by helping to support them with much needed financial assistance to help them access further study at TAFE or University. Many of our past students have been able to access this funding and hopefully many Yass Public students into the future will also be supported by this group. Yass was the 8th group to be formed in NSW and there are now 41 groups like this in Country NSW. Don't forget your boots and your donation.



BOOT BASH

GIVE EDUCATION INEQUITY THE BOOT

Wear your favourite boots to give rural and regional youth a fair go at further education!

WEAR YOUR BOOTS. HOST A FUNDRAISER:

Thursday, 10th April 2025

Vast distances and lack of finances are just two of the education barriers for rural and regional youth.

A Boot Bash fundraiser will help provide CEF students with direct financial support to give education inequity the boot.

To register or find out more, scoot on over to cefbootbash.org.au or scan the QR code:



SCHOOL DISCO

Miss Bird

This Wednesday 2nd April, we are holding our first Disco of the year. Students are invited to let their hair down, put on the dancing shoes and join us for some fun. Entry is \$5 per student, payable at the door (CASH ONLY).

Choir students will also have glow sticks and some snacks and drinks for sale. Bring your spare change if you want to purchase any of these items.

We are raising money for our Performance Choir to attend external performance opportunities later in the year.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Mrs Fahey

Thanks to the many parents and family that came to last Friday's assembly.

Congratulations to Liddy and Cruz on their hosting talents. It was a huge assembly with Harry D presenting a sports report, the Harmony Day colouring competitions announcement, Yass Show Art book prizes being awarded and the Principals awards. Footstep dance groups were very impressive showing us a highlighted dance item per stage.

What a great celebration of all the achievements both academic and creative, individual and group efforts. Congratulations all recipients.

ANZAC DAY

Miss Bird

ANZAC day falls in the school holidays again this year. If you are around, students are invited to wear their full school uniform and join teachers at Kaffeine at 10:30am for the March and Service. Our school service will take place next term on Friday 2nd May. Details will be confirmed and information will go home via COMPASS.

ANZAC DAY
Let's We Forget

STAGE 2 ZOO EXCURSION

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Sainsbury, Mrs Vaughan & Ms Roberts

Last Thursday, Stage 2 students had the exciting chance to visit the National Zoo and Aquarium as part of their study of life cycles and habitats in Science and Geography. All students have been learning about natural environments and how they provide habitats for animals. They have also been investigating and comparing different plant and animal life cycles.

Students attended a very informative talk by a zookeeper, where they learnt many interesting facts about the animals in the aquarium and in the zoo.

Did you know that...?

- Anacondas actually have live young because they spend so much time in water. This is different from other reptile life cycles which begin with an egg.
- Corn snakes enjoy a habitat where they can camouflage away from predators, however they will have different coloured skin depending on where they live.
- Some monkeys are gummivores (meaning they eat tree sap).

While we were there, everyone also had the chance to pat a snake, feed and pat an emu and a deer.

What a day! Hopefully everyone is inspired to complete their habitat dioramas and animal fact files in the last couple of weeks of term. A special thanks to all the parent helpers who helped to make the day run so smoothly.



CANBERRA ZOO EXCURSION





The class with the highest average attendance percentage for Weeks 6 and 7 is... **KB!**

Congratulations.

READING AT HOME

Mrs Sharp

We understand that parents and students are very busy and often do not have time or energy to read at home after school. Mrs Sharp will be at parent/teacher interview night and will be more than happy to chat to you about some quick routines and resources you can have on hand to make reading at home easier. If you have time while you're waiting for your interview, please do not hesitate to ask her. Below are some tips from the Department of Education. Please do not underestimate the impact a few minutes of reading can have on your child's development.

Reading with your child at home will assist their development. Some strategies include:

- set aside some uninterrupted time to read aloud with your child
- listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time
- talk about books together - make reading a shared, enjoyable activity
- discuss the meanings of stories and words
- ensure there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and nonfiction
- give books as treats and presents
- join your local library - borrow books for yourself as well as your child

KINDY BUDDY CATCH UP

Mrs Barlow

As part of our transition to school program, every year each new Kindergarten student is paired up with a Yr 6 buddy. These buddies help students settle into school life in the first few weeks of the year, assisting them with making friends, playing games and following school routines. This year we are also organising structured catch-up sessions to allow the buddies to continue their bonds.

On Friday 21st March, we had our first session for the year which involved students playing cooperative games. These included three-legged races, bean bag tosses, 'crossing the river', tower building and balance challenges. The Yr 6 buddies did a fantastic job in explaining tasks and encouraging participation, and the joy that all students had was evident in the smiles that were displayed. It was a wonderful morning, made even better with our Harmony Day dress up, and we are looking forward to our Term 2 catch up.



FOOTSTEPS DANCE

Mrs Belling

At our Week 9 assembly students who participate in Footsteps presented one of the dances they have learnt with their teacher, Georgie. The students' talent, commitment and enthusiasm was highly evident on the stage.

Early
Stage
1



Stage
1



FOOTSTEPS DANCE

Stage
2



FISHING CLUB

Mrs Books

Fishing seems to be a way of life at Yass Public School and while Mrs Fahey was away, I was lucky enough to take a group of 10 students to the river to do what they love. We had a few nibbles and just when we thought all hope was lost, Brax Wilson reeled in a tiny carp. The challenge has now been set for the next catch. Will Mrs Fahey have any luck at the next fishing expedition or was it the skill of Mrs Books?



PBL REWARDS

Celebrating our students doing their best - in class, in the playground and with each other.

KB Red Awards



KB Blue Awards



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KK Red Awards



KK Blue Awards



PBL REWARDS

Celebrating our students being their best - in class, in the playground and with each other.

1/2W



1/2G



PBL REWARDS

Celebrating our students being their best - in class, in the playground and with each other.

1/2M



3/4V



3/4R



PBL REWARDS

Celebrating our students being their best - in class, in the playground and with each other.

3/4P



3/4S



PBL REWARDS

Celebrating our students being their best - in class, in the playground and with each other.

5/6B



5/6W



PBL REWARDS

Celebrating our students being their best - in class, in the playground and with each other.

5/6L Blue Awards



5/6L Bronze Awards



PBL REWARDS

Celebrating our students being their best - in class, in the playground and with each other.

5/6D + Guest



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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

Autumn



School Holiday Activities at your Library



Easter Craft Activity

Crookwell Library
15 April
11:30am-12:30pm
\$2

Gunning Library
16 April
2:30-3:30pm
\$2



ANZAC Day Craft Table

Crookwell Library
22 to 24 April
Free

Gunning Library
22 to 24 April
Free



Youth Week - Know Your Limits

Gunning Library
17 April
2:00-3:00pm
Free

Book online: <https://tinyurl.com/ULSLSchoolHols>

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

AUTUMN School Holiday Program

Bookings Essential

Week 1 - 15th, 16th & 17th April

Week 2 - 22nd, 23rd & 24th April

Morning Session \$20 (9am-11am)

Full Day Session \$60 (9am- 3pm)

Full day session include: Arts & craft plus a movie

5yrs + Member & Non Members Welcome
to book:

use QR code or via email link in facebook

email us at info@yassgymnastics.com.au

 **YASS GYMNASTICS & SWIM SCHOOL**

FreeG & Ultimate Tag
Wednesday mornings

Gymnastics

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday



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Term 1 Events



APR

2

SCHOOL DISCO

Students are invited to attend our school disco in the afternoon

APR

4

CROSS COUNTRY

YPS Cross Country Carnival

APR

9

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parents are invited to meet with their child's teachers

APR

10

BOOT BASH

Wear your boots to school and help raise money for CEF

APR

10

EASTER HAT PARADE

An event at school for our infant students

APR

10

STATE SWIMMING

State Swimming Carnival held in Sydney

APR

11

END OF TERM

Last day of Term 1

APR

18

GOOD FRIDAY

APR

20

EASTER SUNDAY

APR

25

ANZAC DAY

Term 2 Events



APR
30

STUDENTS RETURN

First day back at school for all students

MAY
2

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

School event to commemorate Anzac Day

MAY
9

ASSEMBLY

Whole school assembly, all parents welcome

MAY
9

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Event to be held in Gunning

MAY
16

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Encourage your child to join our group to walk to school

MAY
20

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP EXCURSION

An opportunity for Year 5 students to learn valuable leadership skills

MAY
21

SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

A literary event for the whole school

MAY
27

YHS TRANSITION ROADSHOW

Yass High Transition team to attend and meet with Stage 3 students

MAY - JUN
27 - 3

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

A time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements

MAY
30

ASSEMBLY

Whole school assembly, all parents welcome

Term 2 Events



JUN

9

KINGS BIRTHDAY

Public Holiday

JUN

13

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Event to be held at Cambewarra

JUN

27

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Whole school event to be held at Victoria Park

JUL

1 - 4

REPORTS

Student reports to be published on Compass

JUL

4

ASSEMBLY

Whole school assembly, all parents welcome.

JUL

4

END OF TERM

Last day of Term 2

JUL

6 - 13

NAIDOC WEEK

"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy"