26 September 2025 Issue 13

YASS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Participation



UPCOMING EVENTS

26th SeptemberLast day of Term 3

14th OctoberFirst day of Term 4

24th OctoberGrandparents Day

27th October Book Fair

29th October Kindy Orientation (Day 1)

31st October School Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Michelle Fahey

We have completed another term at YPS. Term 3 is done and dusted. It has been a fun filled, learning extravaganza. We have had our public speaking competition, book week activities, education week celebrations and lots of music and performance opportunities, we have had athletics carnivals, Luca made it as a state representative and our Todd Woodbridge teams played successfully onto the next level of competition.

We also had our very successful External Validation this term, we have been working on this for two terms, so it was very gratifying to be able to celebrate our success with the staff and families but also with the panel members.

I would like to remind parents that the P & C are again running the food stall at the Murrumbateman Field Days. We would love heaps more helpers and we cannot do it without lots of families to give a few hours over the weekend. Each person that volunteers their time gets a voucher for free admission on the day. Please sign up your time in the link later in this newsletter or on Compass, we really need your help.

Have a great holiday with your family! And if you're not taking a holiday, I hope you still get a chance to relax a little and enjoy two weeks without school commitments. Recharge with hopefully some nice weather and we will see students back on Tuesday 14th October.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Jack Everingham

Jack continues to impress with outstanding academic ability, a strong work ethic, and consistently respectful behavior. His learning opportunity is approached with enthusiasm and determination, with a clear commitment to always doing his best. Focus, curiosity, and a willingness to take on challenges makes Jack a standout learner across all subject areas.

Beyond academic success, Jack is kind, thoughtful, and reliable — a valued member of our school community. A quiet leader in the classroom, he helps create a learning environment where everyone feels encouraged and supported. We truly love having Jack as a member of our class. With such positivity, maturity, and enthusiasm brought to every day, this award is incredibly well-deserved.

Jaylen Brumby

It has been wonderful to see Jaylen growing in confidence this year. He is showing increased perseverance and a willingness to tackle challenging tasks, demonstrating a stronger belief in himself as a learner.

Jaylen is beginning to take initiative by asking for extra work to extend himself, which reflects his growing motivation and commitment to learning. He is also making mature choices in the playground, showing kindness and responsibility in his interactions with others.

Jaylen's development in both attitude and behaviour is commendable, and he should be very proud of his achievements



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Emily Mather

Emily is a kind and supportive member of our class. In discussions, she listens carefully and contributes thoughtful ideas that support the whole group's learning. When a new student joined our class, Emily made them feel welcome and helped them settle into our school. She has a happy nature and makes our classroom a welcoming place where everyone feels included.

Logan Bush

This award goes to a student who shines in our classroom every day, Logan Bush. Logan is always ready to help his peers and teachers, is cooperative and includes everyone in games and activities and tries his very best in every aspect of school. He listens carefully to feedback and uses it to keep growing and learning. No matter the task, Logan gives it a go, displaying a quiet resilience and determination.

Most importantly, Logan is a kind and loyal friend to everyone in our class, making our room a happier place just by being in it. Keep shining, Logan.



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.

HIGH SCHOOL TASTER DAY

Mrs Barlow

On Wednesday 17th September, Stage 3 students enjoyed a High School Taster Day, giving them the chance to experience life as a secondary student. Divided into five groups, students attended two different classes across the morning session, sampling a range of subjects offered in high school.

Activities included learning some Indonesian phrases in Languages, creating wooden tic-tac-toe boards in Woodwork, and taking part in English lessons. Students also explored their creative side making a paper vase in Art and gained hands-on experience with seeds in Agriculture.

The morning was a valuable opportunity for students to become familiar with the high school environment, try new subjects, and build confidence as they prepare for their transition to Year 7.









HIGH SCHOOL TASTER DAY

Mrs Barlow









SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR



REMARKABLE

28-29 NOV 2025 QUDOS BANK ARENA





GRANDPARENTS DAY

Mrs Manderson

On Friday 24th October, Yass Public School will proudly host our annual Grandparents and Grandfriends Day — a much-loved tradition celebrating the special people in our students' lives. The day begins at 1:00pm, with grandparents and grandfriends gathering at the school flagpoles before enjoying a picnic lunch. Families are encouraged to bring along a blanket or chair, as seating will be limited. P&C will also be offering pre-ordered sandwich boxes via the School24 app.

From 1:45pm, students will return to class while our visitors move to the hall for a concert performance. Afterwards, everyone is invited to join in the fun with a Treasure Hunt around the school and open classrooms, where students can proudly share their learning, artwork, writing, and favourite spaces with their special guests.

Throughout the day, there will be plenty to see and do:

- The Annual School Book Fair will run from 12pm-4pm in the Benton Building.
- A fundraising bake sale for our School Spec Choir will be held alongside the festivities.
- Guests can also check out exciting student initiatives, including the SRC's new refill station.
- Don't miss our school sheep, favourite playground spots, or the P&C's tea towels featuring the winning colouring-in design!

We look forward to welcoming grandparents and grandfriends to share in this special celebration of community, learning, and togetherness.



TODD WOODBRIDGE CUP

Miss Roberts

On Friday 19th September, 30 students in Stage 2 walked across to the Hume Tennis Courts to compete in the Todd Woodbridge Tennis Gala Day.

This event uses modified equipment, numeric scoring, and mixed gender teams of 10 students (5 girls, 5 boys).

YPS had two teams in Pool A who played against St Joseph's Boorowa, Gunning, Jugiong, Murrumbateman, Mt Carmel and Berinba. We also had another team play in pool B against Mt Carmel, Berinba and St Joseph's Boorowa. They played boys, girls and mixed doubles games throughout the day.

After the last game, staff tallied up the results and we were thrilled that YPS Team 1 finished on top of Pool A. This team will now move on to the Regional Finals which will be held in Wagga Wagga on the 17th October.



TODD WOODBRIDGE CUP

Miss Roberts

It was a fantastic day and everyone had such a positive experience, trying their hardest and working so well as a team. I loved seeing the huge improvements in everyone's game as the day progressed.

Big congratulations to every single player, you all demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, and enthusiasm. Thank you to the parent helpers who came along to assist with court supervision and scoring.







PBL NEWS

Mrs Belling

PBL Fortnightly Focus

To wrap up Term 3, the whole school have been focusing on the topic of 'Participation', which is one of our school values. We discuss how this value not only includes participation in learning activities but also participation within the school and wider community through events, leadership opportunities and volunteering. We continually refer to this in the classrooms, encouraging all students to collaborate with one another and foster an inclusive environment.

PBL Whole School Rewards Progress

All students have been working hard throughout Term 3 to earn YAZZA's towards our whole school reward goal. As the Term comes to an end, we have calculated our totals and are well on our way to achieving the target of 30,000 YAZZA's before the year ends.

- Wheelie Day- Student bring their bikes, scooters etc to school and will walk/ride to the 'Yass Ride Park' for a session of fun
- Swap Teacher Afternoon- All classes will swap teachers for an afternoon of art activities
- Extra Recess Play Date- with an extra 15 minutes for play, all teachers will have fun with students on the playground and join in on students' games

PBL Reward Progress 25000 25000 10000 Wheelie Day Teacher Swap Extra Recess Play Date

WEEK 9 ASSEMBLY

Mrs Belling

During our week 9 Assembly, Mrs Manderson was the infants Mystery Teacher and chose KB for how they resisted turning around and were sitting beautifully throughout the assembly. For primary classes, Ms Bird was the Mystery Teacher who was watching very closely. She chose 5/6W for being the class who demonstrated respectful behaviour consistently. 5/6W have now won the comfy chairs two assemblies in a row. They are proving to be the class to beat in primary. Let's see if they can make it three in a row next term.

Our lucky handball winners were:

- -Florence Croker
- -Charlotte Bayley
- -Georgie Scroope
- -Dylan Pegram
- -Callum Hofman-Haines

The winner of Mrs Fahey's special prize was Evalyn Privett

Congratulations to these students.



STAGE 3 VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Stage 3 Teachers

On Monday 15th September, Stage 3 students travelled to Canberra to visit Parliament House as part of their History unit on changes since Federation and the establishment of Australia's parliamentary system.

Students were able to tour the Senate and the House of Representatives, seeing firsthand the chambers where national decisions are made. A highlight of the visit was taking part in a role play that allowed students to step into the role of parliamentarians, debating and voting on a bill. This activity provided valuable insight into the processes of discussion, representation and lawmaking.

The excursion was an engaging way to extend classroom learning, helping students connect their studies of Federation with the workings of Australia's democracy today.

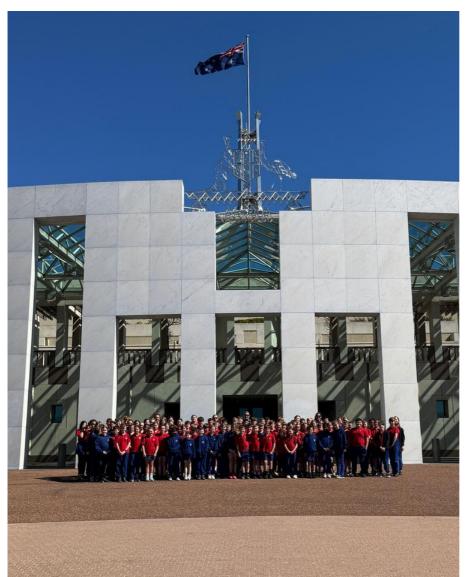




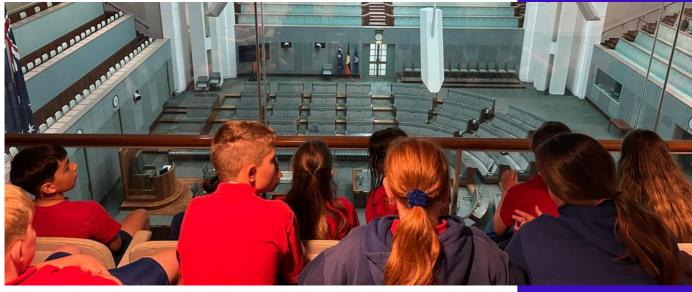


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Stage 3 Teachers







STAGE 1 UKULELE PROGRAM WITH MISS WURTH

Mrs Griffiths

Our Stage 1 students have strummed, sung and shone their way through an eight-week ukulele adventure with Miss Wurth! Each week, the children explored new musical skills, from learning correct playing technique and keeping a steady rhythm to mastering chords and creating their own strumming patterns.

The program was filled with fun and discovery—students not only performed and played together, but also experimented with writing simple chord sequences, responding to different pieces of music, and expressing their own ideas through sound. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they performed for each other and celebrated their progress along the way. Beyond the music, the program also nurtured teamwork, cooperation, and persistence. The joy in the room each week was undeniable, with plenty of smiles, laughter and proud moments as the students shared their new talents.

A huge thank you to Miss Wurth for leading this engaging program, and congratulations to our Stage 1 musicians on their creativity, enthusiasm and achievements!



STAGE 1 UKULELE PROGRAM WITH MISS WURTH

Mrs Griffiths







PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Mrs Michelle Fahey

Thanks to all those families who made the time to catch up with teachers last week at parent teacher interviews. Most teachers were booked solid, and Mrs Phillips had her interviews earlier in the term. KK interviews were held earlier this week. If you missed your interview, please contact the teachers you need in the new term, as we have a very busy end to term 3 with stage 2 heading away for camp and some staff taking leave.

ROTARY SWIMMING GRANT

Mrs Michelle Fahey

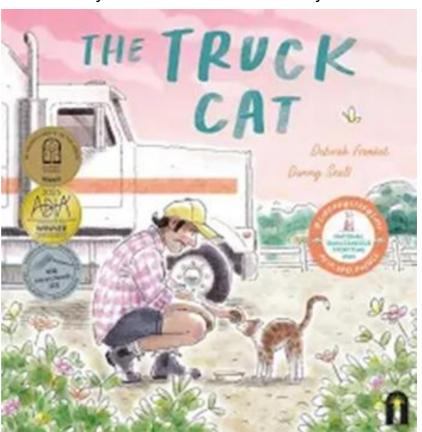
Michele Whitters from Yass Rotary dropped by last week to present Yass Public School with a cheque for \$1000 to help support our Intensive Swimming Program. This local funding will help pay for pool entry for students and swimming instructors. The program will be targeting Year 2 students and possibly students in older years that are still needing swimming lessons. Thanks to our local Rotary group for this practical funding for a very worthwhile program, so all families can access swimming lessons.



LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Ashleigh Hopley

This term in the library, students have been reading books shortlisted by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA). Each week we have read and explored a new book from the categories of non-fiction, picture fiction, best new illustrator and chapter books for younger readers. This week students got to vote for their favourite book from the 10 books read this term. I'm excited to announced that the book with the most votes and crowned Yass Public Schools' most voted book of 2025 is... The Truck Cat by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell.



The Truck Cat is a beautiful and gentle story about immigration, identity, belonging and compassion. It shows the challenges of migration and the comfort of finding connection in a new place. It is no surprise that The Truck Cat has been chosen by the students of YPS as it was a clear favourite from when it was read back in week 5 at book week.

Continue to read, continue to grow and show kindness along the way.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Mrs Michelle Fahey

Last year, to mark the 70th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Yass, Rotary gifted seven Peace Poles to our seven local schools and we were one of the lucky schools to receive one. Each pole carries the powerful message: "May Peace Prevail on Earth", written in four languages chosen by each school.

Our SRC members gathered at our school Peace pole to reflect on international peace and recognising peace in our local community and that peace can start with us.



ATTENDANCE ISSUES

Mrs Ashley Hopley

Seeking Support When Attendance Issues Arise
When navigating challenges related to your child's school
attendance, it's essential to remember that a variety of resources
and support systems are available to you and your child.
Establishing open lines of communication with the school is a
crucial first step. Reach out to teachers and school office staff to
share your concerns and gather insights into your child's school
experience. These professionals can offer a wealth of knowledge
and strategies to address attendance barriers, whether they stem
from academic difficulties, social issues or emotional challenges.
Collaborating with school staff allows for the development of a
comprehensive support plan that considers your child's unique
needs. This may include academic interventions, social skills
groups or referrals to outside support services that can provide
additional guidance and assistance.

Additionally, consider seeking support from parent groups or community organisations. These networks can offer advice, share experiences and provide a sense of community and understanding that can be incredibly reassuring during challenging times. Learning from the experiences of other parents can introduce new perspectives and strategies that might be effective for your situation.

Remember, addressing school attendance issues is a process that requires patience, understanding and persistent effort. By actively seeking support and using available resources, you can help your child overcome obstacles to regular attendance, ensuring they remain on the path to academic and personal success.

Source: https://www.goodtogreatschools.org.au/better-attendance/

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms Beth Bird

On the 5th September, 26 Yass Public students travelled to Wollongong to compete at the Annual South Coast Regional Athletics Championships.

The sun was shining, and the weather was nice. Students had a great day and tried their best and many did PB's in their events. I would like to thank Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Clifton for their commitment to our Yass District team to ensure everyone was doing themselves, their schools and our District proud. I attended in an official role and was so proud to see the black and white shirts of the Yass District throughout the arena and always displaying a high level of respect and sportsmanship to other competitors.

A few notable top 15 mentions:

Alice Bylinska finished 9th in the 1500m and 11th in Long Jump

Callum Hofman-Haines finished 15th in the 1500m

Cohen Okkonen finished 13th in the 800m

Cruz Dunley finished 15th in the Discus

Hegalo Teofilo finished 15thg in 100m

Scarlett Griffiths finished 8th in Long Jump

Xavier Reynolds finished 11th in 200m, 9th in High Jump, 12th in Long Jump and 15th in Shot Put

Our Senior Girls relay team finished 13th

Our Junior Boys relay team finished 15th

Ethan Hodge qualified 4th for his 100m final but finished 8th overall

He also finished 6th in the 200m, 12th in 800m and 14th in the Long Jump.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms Beth Bird

AND LASTLY

LUCA HARDY!!!

She was a flash in the stadium. Luca won her 100m and will now travel to Sydney in October to compete at the NSW PSSA State Championships to be held at Sydney Olympic Park. We wish her all the best in this event and know she is already shining bright as a beacon for our school and district. Well done, Luca.



P & C ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Jess Wade, President

Murrumbateman Field Days

As we hurtle towards the end of 2025, our first week back at school will see us once again having a stall at the Murrumbateman Field Days (MFD) on October 18th & 19th.

Each year, the Field Days are held at the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds & are a great opportunity for our school families to come together to raise much needed funds to support our school.

How can I get involved?

Follow Yass Public School P&C Association on Facebook for updates or click on this link to sign up; https://signup.com/go/EDsodom

Alternatively, please email ypspandc@gmail.com and a member of the P&C will be in touch to answer any questions or find you a spot that suits to volunteer.

Whilst a lot of work goes in behind the scenes to pull an event like this together, it is truly the YPS community coming together that makes this weekend such a success for our school. I can say I'm personally grateful for everyone who puts their hand up to help the P&C and the MFD sub-committee over this weekend in October & I really hope to see you therewith us.

Mango Update

We recently heard from Bowen Special Mangoes, and mango trays are confirmed 7kg this year, with BSM confirming trays will have 12-23 mangoes!

It's still too early to confirm delivery weeks but they believe they are on track for late November / early December.

Order forms and payment for trays are due back by October 24th.

CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT

KB





OLYMPICS UNLEASHED

Mrs Barlow

On Wednesday 17th September, Primary students were fortunate to take part in the Olympians Unleashed program with guest speaker Matt D'Aquino. Matt represented Australia in Judo at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and shared his journey with students.

The session included demonstrations of judo moves, video highlights from his competitions, and an engaging talk about the challenges he faced on the road to becoming an elite athlete. Students also enjoyed a Q&A session, asking thoughtful questions about training, resilience and what it takes to compete at the highest level.

Matt's visit was an inspiring reminder of the importance of perseverance, goal-setting, and determination.







SRC NEWS

Mrs Doyle & Mrs Vaughan

The SRC are an active, creative and innovative bunch of students this year. There have been some really thoughtful and interesting ideas coming out of our meetings. Every student at our school has the opportunity to put forward any suggestions about how we can improve things at YPS, any new fundraising ideas, or equipment we could purchase. Each student can submit their ideas in their classroom's 'Suggestion Box'. The SRC members bring them to each meeting and share these ideas. We have reminded students that we only want sensible and realistic ideas on how we can make our school a better place.

Last Wednesday, the SRC spent part of their recess sorting through the 'Earn and Return' containers from the recycling bins. This was a very difficult and smelly job! The SRC found mouldy apples and bananas, lunch order bags with left over hotdogs and many more disgusting things. These bins are ONLY for the 10 cent containers that we can return and get money back for our SRC.

At the whole school assembly last Friday, Mrs Vaughan and our SRC members Charlie and Eloise, showed what items should only be going into the 'Return and Earn' bins in our playgrounds. All other general waste should be going into the other bins, including the straws of juice poppers or milk boxes. We look forward to seeing a big improvement here!



Thank you for your support!



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



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3 RS



3/4V



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5/6D



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

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5/6W



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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING





Mini Fairy House Crookwell Library 26 September, 2-3pm 5 years + \$5



Spring Artwork Gunning Library 8 October, 3-4pm 5 years + \$2



iNaturalist Info Session Gunning Library 10 October, 12:30-1:30pm All ages Free



Mini Fairy House Gunning Library 30 September, 2-3pm 5 years + \$5



Spring Artwork Crookwell Library 9 October, 11am-12pm 5 years + \$2



D&D Afternoon Crookwell Library 11 October, 11:30am 12 years + Free

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

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Dickson, ACT



Scan the QR code or click here to register

Free workshop



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Thursday & Friday 30 & 31 October, 2025 9:30am - 2:30pm



Pavilion on Northbourne 242 Northbourne Ave DICKSON ACT 2602

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- · The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:





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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



This is a NSWJCL Rated Tournament

GOULBURN JUNIOR FUN CHESS TOURNAMENT

Thursday, 9 October 2025 10.30 am - 3 .30pm



Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Age Groups & Girl's Top Scorer

Venue: Goulburn Workers Club 1 McKell Place Goulburn NSW 2580

To enter, please register using the QR Code or send email to infinitygroupacademy@gmail.com contact us at 0481429015



COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



Science Circus Yass Pop-Up 1-2 October Yass High School

Tickets here:

https://premier.ticketek.com.au/Shows/Show.aspx?sh=QUESTYAS25

The Questacon Science Circus is rolling into Yass for two days only with a FREE pop-up science centre experience like no other!

Come along to Yass High School on Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 October from 10 am – 3 pm.

With a variety of hands-on exhibits and spectacular science shows, the Science Circus pop-up is a fantastic STEM experience for the whole family. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to ignite your curiosity!

Things to know;

- This is a FREE event, but bookings are essential
- Tickets will be available on Ticketek prior to the event.
- Suitable for all ages and families
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Most people spend 1–2 hours at our pop-up
- To protect our venue's floor, please wear non-marking shoes (e.g. no stiletto heels)

Contact ScienceCircus@Questacon.edu.au or 0466 922 801 for accessibility or other enquiries.

Term 4 Events

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOOL NOTIFICATION NOTIFICATION

OCT

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STUDENTS RETURN

First day back at school for Term 4

OCT

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GRANDPARENTS DAY

Enjoy a "Grand Day Out" with a picnic and treasure hunt. All are welcome.

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BOOK FAIR

A whole week of Book Fair, including a special event for Kindy 2026 students. OCT

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KINDY ORIENTATION

Day 1 of Kindy Orientation. Day 2 is 12/11, and Day 3 is 26/11.

OCT

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Whole school assembly, all parents are welcome.

NOV

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P&C MEETING

Join us to find out what's happening at school.

NOV

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STUDENT VOICE WORKSHOP

An event at Yass High School for selected Year 6 students. NOV

12-14

STAGE 3 CAMP

Year 5 and 6 head to the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

NOV

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LEAGUE TAG GALA

A day for all students to try the fun of league tag.

NOV

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WEAR BLUE FOR DIABETES DAY

Dress up in blue, bring a gold coin and support Diabetes research.

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