

YASS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Participation



UPCOMING EVENTS

15 August
Book Week Author Visit

21 August
Kindy 2026 Info Evening

22 August
Book Week Parade

27 August
Todd Woodbridge Cup

29 August
School Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Michelle Fahey

Thanks to all families for their attendance at last weeks' Education Week activities, it is always nice to see so many interested families coming into our school. I am very proud of the performances that students prepared for the assembly and the clever teachers that choreographed the performances. It is amazing to see the improvement and enjoyment that our students are getting from our partnership with the Hume Conservatorium in our music lessons.

Congratulations to our students that stepped out of their comfort zone this week to speak at the YPS Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday, and thanks to Mr Cox for his adjudication skills. Next week we look forward to Book Week, our walk down the street in Yass on Friday is always popular so get your costumes ready. We were inspired by an author visit today to start off our special week.

We look forward to meeting some new families next week at our Kindergarten Information session on Thursday afternoon. Please let everyone know if they have a kindergarten student starting BIG school next year.

Have a great weekend.

EDUCATION WEEK AWARD WINNERS

Teal Bush
Bastien Holgate
Florence Crocker
Reuben Glover
Heere Faulkner
Charlotte Anderson
Tess Coulton
Binudhi Lokusuriya
Orlando Kassouh
Ed Jagoon
Alice Bylinska
Alexis Harding
Georgina Collins
Zoe Wade
Elijah Ryan
Ethan Hodge
Aleeah Chalman
Halle Coggan
Olivia Reid
Annabel Henderson

EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY

Mrs Fahey

Last week was Public Education week across the state. The theme this year was Ignite Your Potential and this theme was all intertwined in our Friday assembly. It was fantastic to see so many parents and family at the assembly. We had a wonderful dance item from Stage 1, a percussion and singing item from Kindergarten, and Stages 2 and 3 showed us what our music program is doing for our students as they performed with their ukulele and choir. We recognised around 20 students with special Education Week Awards. It was a fabulous way to celebrate all the super things happening at Yass Public School. It was just such a good vibe.



CHOIR PERFORMANCE GROUP

Mrs Fahey

Around 26 students have been selected to do singing lessons in a choir group with our Music teacher Miss Lou Wurth. They have been happening during lunch time on a Tuesday and already the group is sounding very impressive. Miss Wurth has been astonished with their quick pick up of new songs. The group are working on a performance at the end of the term in assembly.

SPIN PJ DRESS UP DAY

Mrs Fahey

Last Wednesday we held our Spin PJ dress up day. We were a little early because the rest of Yass held the day on Friday. Everyone had a ball dressing up and just being able to roll on out of bed. We raised over \$560 and were able to present Lionel the Spin lion with that great donation. Lionel was able to attend our education week assembly. Mrs Walkers class won the biggest amount raised so a big congratulations to 5/6W. They won some jelly snakes.



YASS LEARNING COMMUNITY EXPO

Mrs Fahey

Last Thursday saw our year 3 to 6 students attend the Yass Learning Community Expo at Yass High School. Many different community services, schools, and tertiary Education services were holding stalls to explain to students about their services. Many providers had free promotional material to hand out to students. We had a fantastic stall set up that Mrs Banfield and Miss Loretta oversaw for the day. Our primary performance Uke group and choir performed beautifully in the afternoon to parents and friends from all schools in the audience. Thanks to Mrs Sainsbury and Mrs Walker for their support for the performance leading up to Education week.



5/6W ATTENDANCE REWARD

Mrs Walker

Last Friday 5/6W celebrated their second attendance reward by enjoying some delicious hot chips, the perfect treat to warm up a chilly winter's day!



KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

Mrs Belling

We are excited to invite all current and future parents and carers to our 2026 Kindergarten Information Evening, taking place on Thursday, 21st August, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

The evening will commence at 5:00pm at the front of the school, where Mrs Fahey will lead a guided tour of our beautiful school and its facilities. The tour will conclude in the school library, where our information session will begin.

If you are already familiar with our school, you are welcome to head straight to the library for the session.

We encourage all current and prospective families to attend this information evening.

We look forward to seeing you there.

THE IMPACT OF MISSING SCHOOL

Mrs Cathles



Being absent from school, even for a day, disrupts a child's educational journey significantly. Each day missed is an opportunity lost in understanding new material, contributing to discussions and engaging with educational content that cannot be replicated through homework alone. The gap created by missed days can make it challenging for a student to keep pace with the class, potentially leading to a cycle of catch-up that can be both stressful and disheartening.

Moreover, the ripple effect of not attending school also impacts social development and mental wellbeing. Students who frequently miss school may find it harder to integrate into social groups or participate effectively in team activities, leading to feelings of isolation or exclusion. These feelings can exacerbate the reluctance to attend school, creating a feedback loop that further hinders academic and social engagement.

Consistent absence can also impede the development of critical life skills such as time management, responsibility and the ability to navigate and overcome challenges. These skills, honed through the structure and demands of regular school attendance, are foundational for success both within and outside the educational environment.

Additionally, missed school days can have a profound impact on a student's confidence in their academic abilities. When students fall behind, the challenge of catching up can affect their self-esteem and motivation, potentially deterring them from fully engaging in future learning opportunities. This loss of confidence can have long-lasting effects on their educational aspirations and overall self-perception. In summary, the consequences of missing school encompass not just the academic setbacks but also the integral social and personal development opportunities that every school day offers. The cumulative effect of these missed opportunities can significantly alter a child's educational trajectory and personal growth.

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

STAGE 2 CAMP & CAMP MEETING

Mrs Sainsbury

On Tuesday afternoon, Stage 2 held a camp information session to give families an overview of what camp will look like for our Year 3 and 4 students. We had a great turnout of parents, who left with a clearer understanding of what to expect for their child's camp experience.

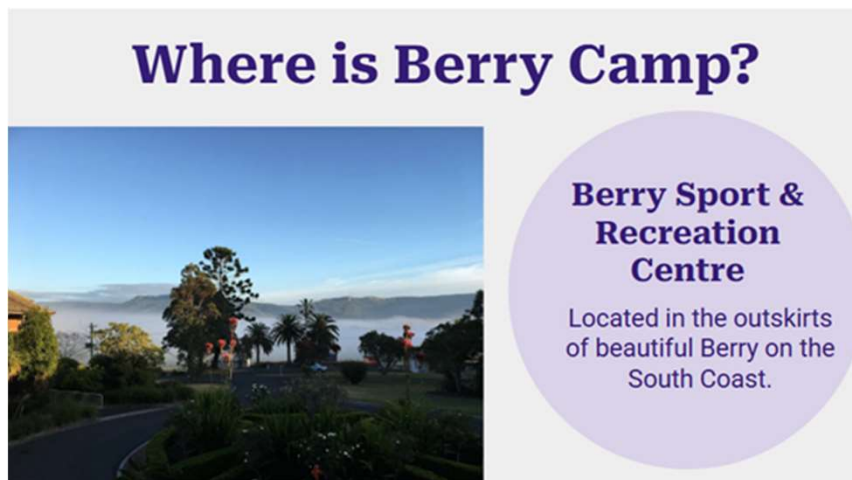
On Wednesday, a Camp Equipment List was sent home to help you and your child start organising items for camp. The camp note has also been uploaded to Compass under the 'More' tab in 'School Documents'.

A reminder that camp will be here before we know it and if you could please complete the Medical and Registration form before Friday 29th August. You will need your Medicare card to complete the form.

<https://officeofsport.ungerboeck.com/prod/emc00/register.aspx?eid=cisxRFRla2V0SGdLWm11Y1pIK1R4UT090>

Thank you for your support

Stage 2 Team



STAGE 2 CAMP & CAMP MEETING

Mrs Sainsbury

Times of departure/arrival

Wednesday 24th September 2025

- Assemble at school at 7am
- Departing school at 7.30am for Berry Sport and Rec
- Please pack morning tea

Friday 26th September 2025

- Leave at 1pm. Return to School approximately 4.30pm

(We will put a notice on Compass to advise exact time on the day)

Stage 2 Camp Equipment List

Backpack

- Water bottle (that can be refilled)
- Light waterproof raincoat
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Torch (optional)
- Recess for Wednesday

Toiletries

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hairbrush/ comb
- Hair ties (if needed)
- Soap
- Deodorant (no aerosols)
- Shampoo/ Conditioner (if required)
- Bath Towel and face washer
- Bath Towel and Washer

Bedding

- Pillow with pillowcase, fitted sheet and sleeping bag
OR
- Pillow with pillowcase, fitted sheet, and duvet with duvet cover
- 1 soft/cuddly toy
- Small blanket/Oodie

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on all items.

Clothes- the weather in Berry in September can vary from 10 to 20 degrees so a variety of clothes need to be packed

- Underwear
- Socks (including warm socks)
- Warm pyjamas
- 3 x T shirts (long or short sleeves - no singlet tops)
- 1 x Shorts (this is optional)
- 3 x Jeans/leggings/tracksuit pants
- 1 x old top and pants for wet activity
- 2 x Jumpers
- Warm jacket
- Hat
- Beanie
- 1 x old Joggers for wet activity
- 1 x pairs of joggers or boots
- 2 x Plastic bags for dirty/smoky clothes

Please note:

- Please NO LOLLIES
 - Please NO TECHNOLOGY – phones, iPods, handheld games etc. If found, items will be confiscated and returned to carers. You may pack a book to read before bed.
 - We will be watching PG movies on the bus.
- Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT



The class with the highest average attendance percentage for
Weeks 1 and 2 in Term 3

SRC NEWS

Mrs Vaughan & Mrs Doyle

Our SRC met at lunchtime on the Thursday of Week 3. The meeting was full of creative-thinking, enthusiastic and thoughtful students. They have lots of ideas that they want to plan for, discuss together and make possible changes for the future.

Next Monday, 18th August, the SRC will be visiting the residents at Linton Village to join them in celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War 2. The SRC students and the residents are going to do some craft and make some poppies that they will use to decorate their lounge area. Some of the residents will also share stories and memories of the war. We are really looking forward to it!

So far this year we have also raised \$171.70 from recycling our cans at Return and Earn. The SRC wish to thank the Hoffman Haines family for kindly donating their time to collect the cans and cash them in for 10 cents each.

Kind regards,
Anthea Vaughan and Danielle Doyle
SRC Coordinators



PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE 2025

Ms Bird

Term 3, sees Yass Public School participate in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Each year this challenge sheds light on the benefits of physical activity and staying healthy in our lives. Students record the amount of time each week they are active. It could be walking to school, riding their bike or playing on the playground. Anything where they are up and moving.

Physical activity opens pathways in the brain to allow students to make connections and learning to be successful. It has many benefits to our physical and mental health as well as our ability to focus and learn.

Students in primary aim to get to the Diamond level with 560 minutes of activity a week, where infants students record the days at school, when they have been active at break times and during PE or sport lessons.

If your child is talking to you about their activity, then please help them to promote a healthy lifestyle and 'swap' to things which encourage physical activity.

MISS KING FAREWELL FOR NOW

Mrs Fahey

Miss King had her last day with us yesterday. She has gone off on sick leave pending maternity leave. The kindergarten classes had a little party for her and the teachers had a baby shower after school. Miss Wales has been here at our school for a week learning all the ropes before she takes on the ownership of KK on Monday. Miss Wales will be taking two weeks leave later this term and Mrs Hopley will take KK while Miss Wales is away. Mrs Hopley will continue to do Fridays on KK. We wish Miss King a relaxing break before the safe arrival of a little brother or sister for Violet.

LUNCH CLUBS

Mrs Walker

Every Monday, Mrs Barlow runs an origami lunch club. The students have been so proud of themselves as they followed step by step instructions and created a origami fish. This lunch club has recently grown in participants and they have begun folding a 'basketball shooting game'. All students are welcomed to join, and we look forward to playing with the finished game.



PBL NEWS

Mrs Walker

The current whole school focus for weeks 4 and 5 is 'Moving Around the School and Lining Up.' We have been discussing the school expectations which included no running or kicking balls on the asphalt areas. Students were interested in knowing why these expectations were put in place and continue to be enforced which was a great way of explaining safety benefits and how these expectations impact learning experiences.

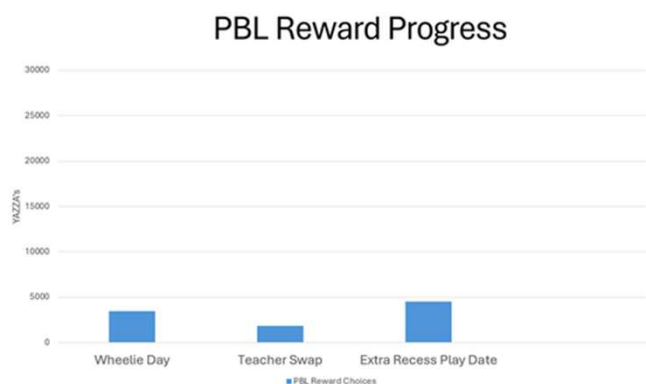
PBL NEWS

Mrs Walker

PBL Whole School Rewards Progress

Our current target for our next reward is 30,000 YAZZA's. The students seem really excited with the new options and are working hard at earning the YAZZA's.

- 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



Assembly

In week 3, our school held a special assembly for Education Week. Mrs Belling was the infants Mystery Teacher and chose 1/2W for how they walked in quickly, quietly and sensibly. For primary classes, Mrs Books was the Mystery Teacher who was watching very closely. She chose 3/4S for walking in respectfully and remaining quiet throughout the entire assembly.

Our lucky handball winners were:

- Callum Hofman-Haines
- Emily Mather
- Lucas Anderson
- Peter Tarpley
- Charlotte Bayley

The winner of Mrs Fahey's special prize was Hegalo Teofilo.

Congratulations to these students.

YPS DANCE TROUPE

Mrs Belling & Ms Bird

After several days of auditions, we are excited to announce that Yass Public has officially established its very first competitive dance troupe.

This week marked an exciting milestone as the troupe participated in their first class with their dedicated teacher, Janika. Students began by learning some foundational dance moves before jumping into the beginnings of their choreographed routines.

The energy in the room was high, with students showing incredible motivation and enthusiasm.

Our troupe will be showcasing their hard work at Yass' first ever Rise Up Dance Creative Competition, taking place in November.



KIDS HELPLINE - AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST ONLINE LESSON

Mrs Barlow

On Monday of Week 4 (11th August), our whole school took part in Kids Helpline's Largest Online Lesson. This national event is part of Bullying No Way Week and brought together students from across Australia to learn wellbeing, resilience and the importance of seeking help when needed. The lesson covered what bullying is, why people bully and that bullying is a behaviour not a person. Students were provided with insights from young people who have faced bullying and what actually worked for them.

The session encouraged our students to recognise their emotions, support one another and know where to turn if they need help. We are proud to have joined thousands of other students in promoting these important life skills for our young people.



YPS PUBLIC SPEAKING 2025

Ms Roberts

On Wednesday, 13th August, we held our school's annual Public Speaking Competition. Riley Cowie and Jordan Olsen did an excellent job at presenting all the speakers. Mr Cox, Mrs Fahey and Mrs Sharp had the very difficult job of adjudicating for the competition. All judges agree that this year's public speaking competition showcased exceptional skill and speech writing, along with unique, creative props.

We are so proud of all students who had a go and participated in the competition.



YPS PUBLIC SPEAKING 2025

Ms Roberts



Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

Year 2

Winner – Jasper Scroope

Runner Up – Harriette Hofman-Haines

Highly Commended – Jack Butt



YPS PUBLIC SPEAKING 2025

Ms Roberts

Year 3

Winner – Harriet Wragge

Runner Up – Elliot Holgate



Year 4

Winner – Callum Hofman-Haines

Runner Up – Ellie Butt

Highly Commended – Lucy Hanks and Billie Curtis



YPS PUBLIC SPEAKING 2025

Ms Roberts

Year 5

Winner – Archie Armytage

Runner Up – Michael Langdown

Highly Commended – Oliver Erickson



Year 6

Winner – Liam Manderson

Runner Up – Bella Hofman-Haines

Highly Commended – Cruz Dunley and Annabel Henderson



DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Ms Bird

And the winner is...Yass Public!!!

What a day we had. It was sunny in the morning and the weather looked glorious, but it turned colder as the day went on and we even had a sprinkling of rain in the afternoon. It was not enough to dampen the spirits of the students from across the Yass District though. Excitement was high and enthusiasm was in the air. Everyone was there to do their best, and it showed. Each and every student from each and every school, tried their best.

Our Yass Public students are to be commended on their sportsmanship and determination. They supported and cheered each other on, to become the 2025 Champion School.

We now have 22 students including 3 of our relay teams who have qualified to compete at the Regional Athletics Championships to be held in Wollongong on 5th September. Mrs Griffiths and I will be in attendance. Good luck to you all.

2025 Champions and Runner-Up's

Juniors – Thea Goode, Ethan Hodge and Ryan Steward

11yrs – Alice Bylinska, Scarlett Griffiths and Xavier Reynolds

Seniors – Annabel Henderson

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Hopley & Mrs Walker



Book week is being celebrated from Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August. Even our school sheep are dressed up as their favourite book characters and excited for the week!



LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Hopley & Mrs Walker

Here are a few of the Book Week activities offered to our students and community;

Author Talk

Local author, Bruce Walker, is coming to visit Yass Public School to talk about his book *The World's Greatest Tackle*. Today, students will have the opportunity to learn more about the creative writing process and what goes in to making and creating a picture book. Mr Walker will also be the guest judge, on selecting the best fan poster that students have been making in their classrooms.

Will team insect or team animal take out the poster prize?

We look forward to having Mr Walker at our school.

Parade

Yass Public School would like to invite all schools, preschools, daycare centres, families and community members to join in on our Book Week Parade for 2025. Come dressed as your favourite character from a book and parade down the main street of Yass.

When: Friday 22nd August

Time: 10:30-11am

Where: Comur St (to and from Kaffeine roundabout/Rossi roundabout)

Book Hunt

There will also be a 2025 Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlisted book hunt starting today, Friday 15th August in storefronts along the main street/side streets. All members of the community can participate in this. Book hunt forms will be available from the front office and will be handed out to students today.

Please submit completed book hunt forms to Yass Public School office before 4pm Thursday 21st August. Winners will be drawn at random on Friday 22nd August with the first three entries drawn with all correct answers to receive a prize.

We look forward to celebrating a love of books with you all.

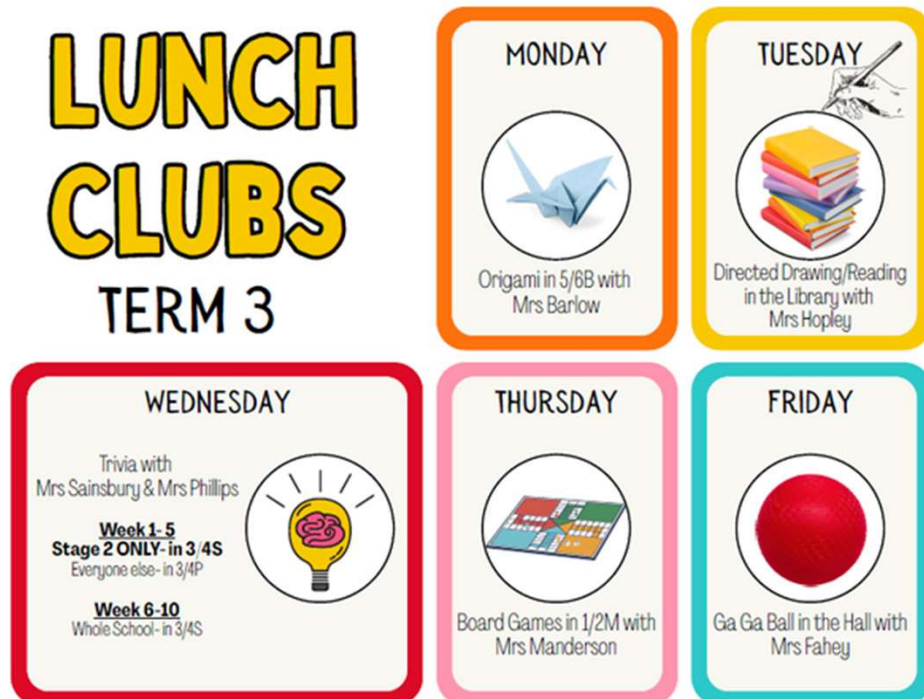
LUNCH CLUBS

Mrs Walker

Term 3 Lunch Clubs have started with some new activities on offer for our students.

On Mondays, Mrs Barlow will be running an origami group. Tuesdays, Mrs Hopley has the library open for borrowing, quiet reading and instructional drawing. Wednesdays, Trivia was a big hit last term and will be continuing with Mrs Sainsbury. Thursdays, a variety of board games will be available to play with Mrs Manderson. On Fridays, to wrap up the week Mrs Fahey will be hosting a Ga Caffeine Ball game.

Lunch Clubs have been created to promote student wellbeing by providing alternative play spaces and activities while building on their relationships with peers. All students are welcome to attend.



PBL REWARDS

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

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PBL REWARDS

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

1/2G



1/2M



PBL REWARDS

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

1/2W



3/4P



PBL REWARDS

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



3/4R

3/4S



PBL REWARDS

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

3/4V



5/6B



PBL REWARDS

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

5/6D



5/6L



PBL REWARDS

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

5/6W



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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

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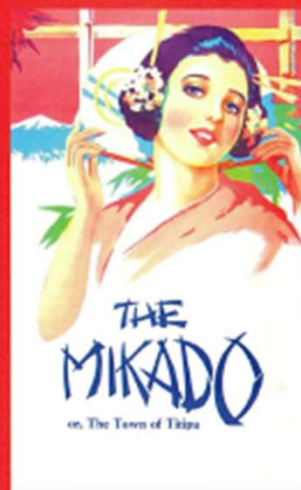
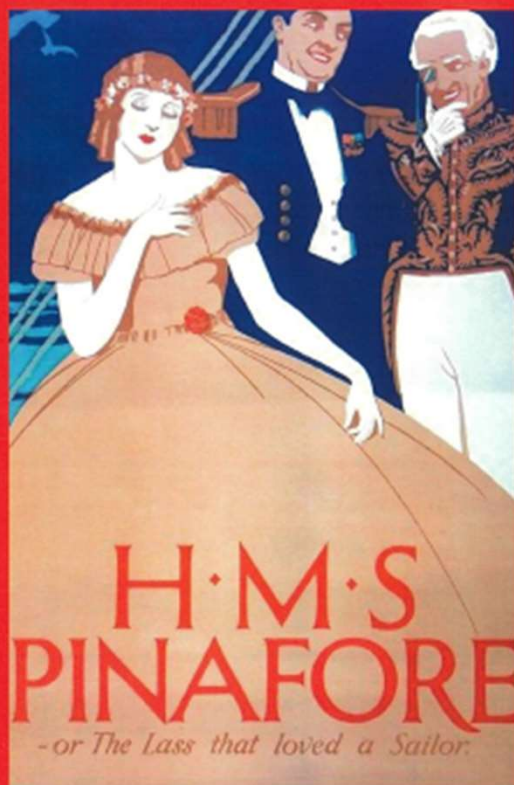
COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Bendigo Bank



A Voyage Around Gilbert and Sullivan

Gilbert and Sullivan Sydney Opera



Sunday 31 August 2:00pm

Tickets: yassmusicclub.com

**accompanied school students free*

Yass High School Auditorium

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



Some great opportunities for students are coming up in the poetry program at the Irish & Celtic Music Festival in Yass in September.

The feature event is the Open mic/Junior Reciter of the Year for Under 18s. Any young person is welcome to bring a poem and present it. All genres welcome, all presentation styles welcome eg both readers and reciters are welcome. Your choice of topic. Prizes.

There will also be a junior workshop as well as lots of opportunities to join in the general poetry fun. Primary school students welcome. For more information contact robysnykespoet@gmail.com or 0401289178.

More details closer to the date.
Save the date! Yass Irish & Celtic Music Festival September 19, 20, 21.

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

www.smallsteps4hannah.com.au

HANNAH'S STORY



Presented by
Michael Jeh
DV Prevention Educator

Hosted by CWA Yass Branch
Thursday 25th September
10am- 12 noon
CWA Rooms, Banjo Paterson Park, Yass

RSVP by 22nd September
0428 962 869
or
cwayassbranch@gmail.com

These sessions aim to create more awareness and empower members of the community about the early signs of coercive control and the tragic but inspirational story of Hannah Clarke, her three children and family.



Term 3 Events



JUL
24

NAIDOC DAY

NAIDOC Day celebrations at Yass Public School

JUL
25

EXCURSION

Kindergarten excursion to Imagine LIVE in Goulburn

JUL
29

100 DAYS KINDY

Celebrating the first 100 days with our Kindergarten students

AUG
1

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

District Carnival to be held at Victoria Park. Good Luck YPS.

AUG
6

PYJAMA DAY

Wear your PJ's and bring a gold coin donation for SPIN

AUG
8

EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY

Whole school assembly beginning at 10.15am

AUG
13

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Exciting public speaking competition for Year 2 to Year 6!

AUG
15

BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISIT

Bruce Walker's visit promotes "The World's Greatest Tackle" to students.

AUG
18-22

BOOK WEEK

Celebrate Book Week with exciting activities and beloved stories!

AUG
21

KINDY INFO EVENING

Kindergarten Information evening for 2026 Kindy families

Term 3 Events



AUG
22

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Join us for our whole school parade on Comur Street.

AUG
27

TOOD WOODBRIDGE CUP

Stage 2 students are excited for this competition

AUG
29

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Whole school assembly, all parents welcome!

SEPT
5

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Good luck to all our students who qualify for Regional Athletics.

SEPT
15

STAGE 3 EXCURSION

Years 5 & 6 will travel to Parliament House

SEPT
16

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

All students need to wear their full school uniform for photo day.

SEPT
16

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Bookings can be made through Compass

SEPT
19

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Whole school assembly, all parents are welcome.

SEPT
23

TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

A fun event to be held at Walker Park.

SEPT
24-26

STAGE 2 CAMP

Berry Sport & Recreation is a fantastic experience for our students!