

YASS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Participation



UPCOMING EVENTS

5th September
Regional Athletics Carnival

15th September
Stage 3 Parliament House
Excursion

16th September
School Photo's

16th September
Parent/Teacher Interviews

19th September
School Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Michelle Fahey

We have passed the halfway point of the term and the next half should be flat out. A huge shout out to the team lead by Mrs Hopley for our great book week activities last week. The book parade was an absolute highlight for teachers, students and the Yass Community. The book hunt down the street was also more popular than ever before.

I was able to help my son and his fiancée welcome a new addition to our Fahey family last Friday. I am really excited to welcome a new baby girl Eleanor Jane to the family. This begins a great chapter for me as the important job of Grandmother. Looking forward to taking on this new role with enthusiasm.

The next half of the term is extremely busy, some of our big activities are Parent / Teacher interviews, External Validation, school photos, Stage 3 Canberra excursion and Stage 2 camp. We will fit some learning in there as well but there are also some exciting things to come.

Kind regards, Michelle

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Mrs Fahey



Harmoni Coggan

Harmoni is a kind and compassionate member of KB. She regularly helps others without being asked and never seeks recognition for her thoughtful actions. Harmoni shows genuine care for her peers, offering comfort when they are feeling sad. She warmly welcomes new students and supports them in learning the routines of the classroom.

Tilly Irwin

Tilly has shown exceptional growth this year in both her attitude towards school and in her work habits. She is an independent learner who listens during lessons and consistently completes her work to a high standard. In Maths class, Tilly adds to class discussions, uses high order problem solving skills and helps her peers when they need it. We encourage Tilly to continue to work hard, and look forward to seeing all the amazing things she will achieve.

Imani Field

Imani is an enthusiastic participant of 1/2W, who displays an amazing attitude towards her learning. She consistently tries her best in all school activities, even when she finds them challenging. Imani particularly loves creative tasks and this is reflected in her excitement for painting, music and dance. Imani arrives every day with a smile on her face, and happily greets us in her second language at times. With her friendly nature, she is often seen supporting her peers and celebrating their achievements.

Alisa Kazimi

Alisa is patient, caring and respectful of her peers, and always displays beautiful manners. She challenges herself in all subjects, ensuring that all components are completed to the best of her ability. Alisa listens to feedback and uses it to improve her work, and is actively working towards her reading goals. Alisa has an increased confidence to try new things and give everything a go. She is a humble and quiet achiever.

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.

CHOIR PERFORMANCE GROUP

Mrs Fahey

Our Primary Choir of 26 students is rehearsing very hard to have a polished performance piece for the end of term assembly. They sound spectacular and are also learning vocal warm up exercises and singing in the round. I can't give too much away but the performance will be worth the wait in week 9. We are also looking at starting a Ukulele group next week, so if you are interested you need to see Mrs Fahey this week for audition next Tuesday. You will need to be able to change cords to join this group. This group will run in Term 4 and have a performance next term.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISIT

Mrs Fahey

Last week we had a visit from Chad Bliss, Relieving Executive Director. He wanted to know about our Aboriginal focus areas in our school but also in our Yass Valley Learning Community. Djalu and Jackson spoke about how their class wrote their Class Acknowledgement and then recited the acknowledgement. Mrs Waters spoke passionately about the projects running at our school. The Director was very impressed not only by Yass Public School but also the community and collegiality within our learning community.

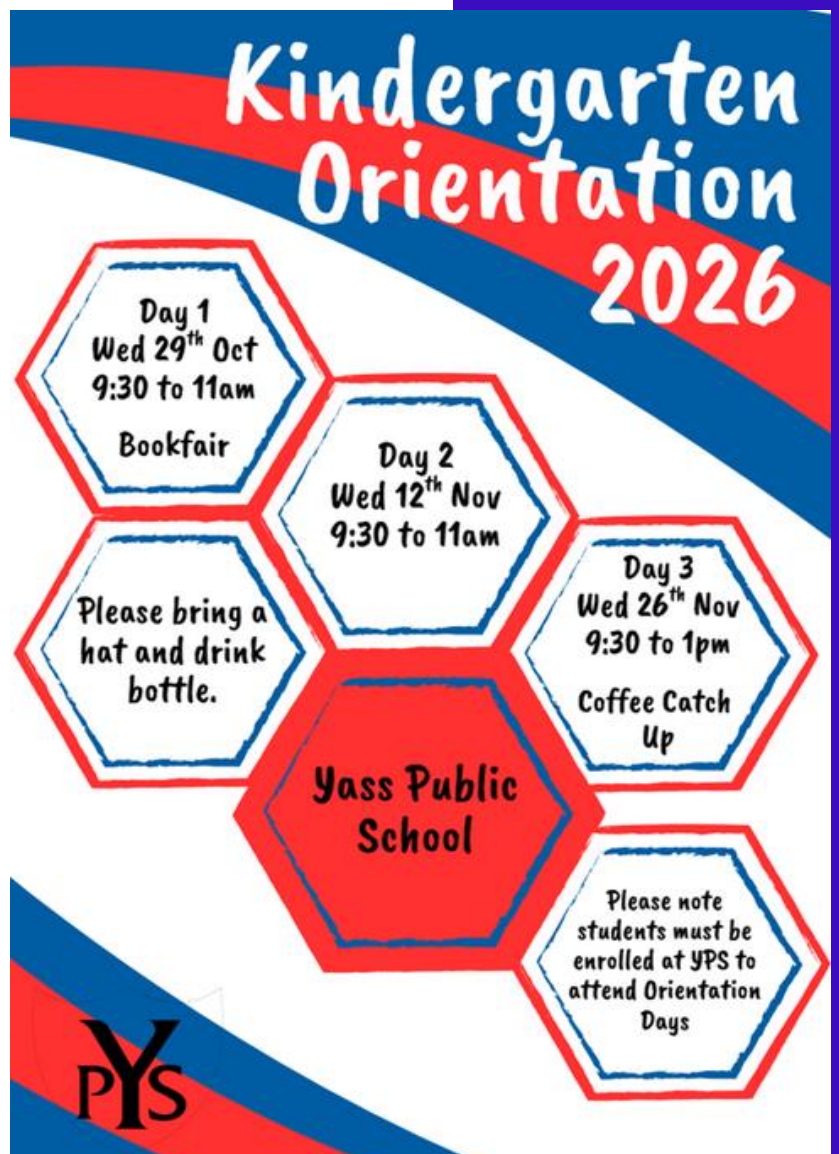
KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

Mrs Belling

Last Thursday, we held our annual Kindergarten Information Evening for our 2026 kindergarten families. It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces joining our Yass Public School community.

Our Year 5 speakers, Alice and Ollie, were outstanding ambassadors, sharing thoughtful and informative insights into life at YPS. We extend our sincere thanks to both students, as well as to our uniform models, for their time, effort, and commitment to our school.

We look forward to welcoming our 2026 kindergarten students during our orientation days in Term 4.



5/6L ATTENDANCE REWARD

Mrs Books

Last Friday 5/6L celebrated their third attendance reward by enjoying some delicious ice cream sundaes.



LUNCH CLUBS

Mrs Walker

Thursday Lunch Club has been a big hit in 1/2M! With a mix of exciting games, relaxing colouring activities, and great music to set the mood, students have been loving the chance to unwind and enjoy some downtime with friends. It's become a favourite weekly tradition — full of fun, creativity, and good vibes.



PBL NEWS

Mrs Walker

PBL Fortnightly Focus

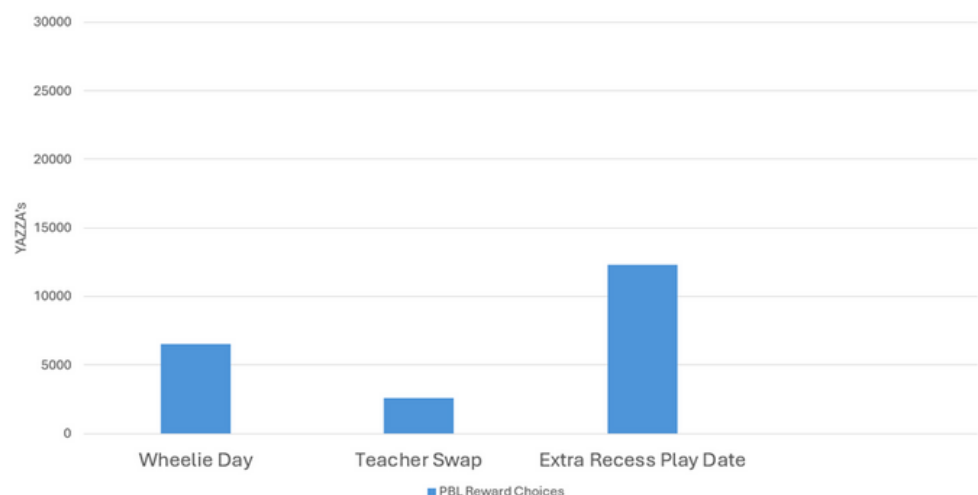
This week, we have started a new fortnightly focus of 'staying in bounds.' We have explored the school external boundaries and looked at where the blue 'out of bounds' lines are painted around the school. Due to the new concrete in the infant's area and the front gate, we have discussed that there is no longer a blue line visible, instead students are to remain behind the line formed by the new and old concrete meeting. Students are only allowed past this line once the teacher has seen their responsible person collecting them and indicated that they may now leave.

PBL Whole School Rewards Progress

The students have been working hard each day to earn YAZZA's. Our current target for our next reward is 30,000 YAZZA's. The students seem really excited during the latest assembly when the YAZZA totals were announced. Extra Recess Play Date is currently in the lead with a total of 12,278 YAZZA's. Keep up the fantastic work everyone!

- 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



PBL NEWS

Mrs Walker

Assembly

During this week's assembly Ms Warren was the infants Mystery Teacher and chose 1/2M for how they sat quietly throughout the whole assembly and clapped when appropriate. For primary classes, Ms Roberts was the Mystery Teacher who was watching very closely and was tossing up between Stage 2 and Stage 3. She ended up choosing 5/6W as they entered the hall quickly and remained quiet for the whole assembly.

Our lucky handball winners were:

- Nick Griffiths
- Sophia Eadie
- Evalyn Privett
- Annabelle Tobin
- Cullen Dyball

The winner of Mrs Fahey's special prize was Jordan Olsen.

Congratulations to these students.



Congratulations to our Golden Yazza winners, who have earned themselves a handball.

STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE BETTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Mrs Cathles



Achieving better school attendance starts with a collaborative effort between parents and children to establish a reliable daily routine. Begin by setting clear, achievable goals for attendance and discussing the value of being present in school every day. Emphasising the importance of punctuality and regular attendance can also instill a sense of responsibility and commitment in your child. Creating a supportive environment that minimises morning chaos is crucial. Prepare the night before by laying out clothes, packing school bags and deciding on breakfast. This organisation can reduce stress and make mornings more manageable for both you and your child.

Health is another significant factor in maintaining consistent attendance. Encourage healthy habits such as proper handwashing, regular physical activity and maintaining a balanced diet to help minimise sick days. Additionally, scheduling medical appointments outside of school hours whenever possible can prevent unnecessary absences.

Open communication with your child is key to identifying any reluctance or resistance to attending school. Engaging in honest conversations about their feelings and experiences in school can help you address any underlying issues, such as social or academic concerns, that may be impacting their desire to attend school. Involvement in your child's academic life shows your interest and commitment to their education. Attend school events, meet with teachers and stay informed about your child's progress and the school's attendance policies. This involvement demonstrates the value you place on education and attendance.

Lastly, recognising and rewarding your child's efforts to maintain good attendance can be a powerful motivator. Acknowledging their commitment, even with small rewards or verbal praise, reinforces the importance of consistent attendance and can boost their motivation to achieve better attendance.

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

SASS Recognition Week 2025

Next week 1st to 5th September is SASS recognition week. We have the best support staff at Yass Public School. They are the engine of our school and support our students and our teachers. They are often the front face of our school, the friendly voice on the end of the phone, the first aid specialist or doing many of the organisational and preparation tasks associated with the extra curricula activities we offer. I would like to acknowledge our hard working and committed SASS team. We most certainly could not do what we do with out you and we don't want to. Thanks for being part of our Yass Public Team.

Therese Marinan

Therese has been working at YPS for over 13 years now, and is a very experienced SLSO. Her calm and gentle manner with the students, ability to work with students of all age groups, and wealth of knowledge in small group instruction make her invaluable to our school.

Narelle Pateman

Narelle has been part of our school since 2021, and is a hardworking member of the team. She is very adaptable, and never shies away from tasks. We always feel secure when Narelle is working with any year group, and she makes genuine connections with students in her care.

Elkie Serafin

Elkie brings such a vast array of skills to her role as an SLSO, and shows real grace under pressure. She engages well with the students and shows great teamwork with all our staff. She is well liked, thoughtful and caring, and we're lucky to have her as part of our community.

Penny Langdown

Penny has such enthusiasm and energy, and brings that to her work every day. She has great skill in engaging students through physical activity, and her approach creates a positive and inclusive environment for every student. She is a great champion of our students and our school.

Jade Walker

Jade is such a warm, kind and friendly person who always goes the extra mile at work. Jade genuinely cares about the students she helps, and works on solutions to make their day better. We sincerely hope Jade will stay with YPS on her journey to becoming a teacher.

SASS Recognition Week 2025

Loretta Laurie

Loretta has been working at YPS since 2020 in a variety of roles, from Library to SLSO and now in the front office. Our admin office would not run as well as it does without Loretta, whose excellent communication skills shine every day. She is the friendly face to our parents, the caring person looking after our students, and the reliable, hardworking colleague to our teachers. There is very little she cannot manage, and she is never afraid to take on new challenges.

Heidi Jones

Heidi is a new and very welcome addition to our school. She brings a wonderful blend of fun, positivity, and energy to the team. Her hardworking nature and willingness to embrace any task is quickly making her essential to our team. With a diverse skill set and a can-do attitude, she contributes greatly to creating a happy and productive office environment.

Angela Parker

Angela has extensive knowledge across a variety of areas, and she is extremely generous in sharing that expertise with others, always making herself available to assist her colleagues. With many years of dedicated service, she skillfully manages responsibilities across multiple schools, demonstrating remarkable organisation and commitment. Her willingness to support colleagues and contribute to their professional growth makes her a real asset to our school.

Tim Poulton

Tim is our new General Assistant, who joined us this year and has quickly become an invaluable part of our school community. His dedication and hard work are evident in the wonderful efforts he's making to enhance our school environment. Recently, he completed a major project of a new garden area, transforming the space and making our school grounds more beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

Belinda Banfield

Belinda has taken on the leadership of our SASS team. She had very big shoes to fill and has really taken on the challenge of a very complex and diverse job. Belinda joined our team over 18 months ago and has refined and revitalised many of the operations at our school. She has a great rapport with our students and is very supportive of our teachers. Belinda coordinates all the support staff and makes sure our students have the supports they need at our school. We value her leadership and total commitment to our school and couldn't do what we do without her.

CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT



The class with the highest average attendance percentage for
Weeks 3 and 4 in Term 3

NAIDOC DAY AT YPS

Mrs Waters

Yass Public School proudly celebrated NAIDOC Day on Thursday 24th July, embracing this year's national theme:



**THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**
6-13 JULY 2025

Students across the school engaged in a range of cultural activities, including weaving and art workshops, storytelling and nature art collages. The day was a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture.

We would like to give a huge thank you to our local Aboriginal families Marcylla Stopp, Cherelle Bell and Cookie Chatfield for joining us on the day, and to Ronnie Jordan from Culture on the Move for sharing her skills through hands-on workshops that our students loved. A special thank you also to Yass High School students Ben, Harrison, Shaun, Alex and Tyson for their time, leadership and guidance in assisting students with activities

How lucky are we to have such inspirational people in our community, so willing to share their knowledge, culture and talents with our students.



NAIDOC DAY AT YPS



A GENEROUS DONATION

Mrs Waters

YPS would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Janey Chatfield from JC Design and Art and Cookie Chatfield for generously donating Janey's artwork Waterways to Yass Public School.

Waterways is a powerful visual story of connection, illustrating how rivers and waterholes link people, places, and culture. The flowing lines and circles reflect the movement of water through Country, carrying knowledge and life across generations.

We are proud to display this colourful artwork from a local artist in our front office, where students, staff and visitors can admire its beauty and reflect on its meaning. Thank you Janey and Cookie, for sharing your talent, culture and generosity with our school community.



Indigenous Literacy Day

Tuesday 2nd Sept 2025



Support Indigenous Literacy Day by sending in some gold coins for students to buy tattoos and books. ALL funds will be donated to the ILF.

Reading Opens Doors - that is, doors to future opportunities and choices.

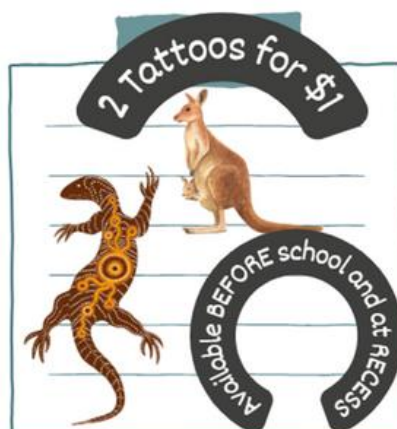
KEY MESSAGES:

Our purpose is to invest in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities to provide the tools and resources they request to shape the direction of their children's literacy future.

We are Community-led, responding to requests from remote Communities for culturally relevant books, resources and programs to support Communities to create and publish their stories in languages of their choice.

Everyone can help! Make a donation, host a Great Book Swap, Busk For Change, hold a fundraiser throughout the year, or contact the ILF to discuss your partnership ideas.

We receive no Government funding and rely solely on donations from supporters.



SRC NEWS LINTON VILLAGE VISIT

Mrs Vaughan

On the 18th of August, the SRC visited Linton Village to join them in their celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War 2.

We all had a wonderful time.....

I loved making poppies and colouring the picture of a poppy wreath. It reminded me of the soldiers that went in the wars. I also loved Pam's story about her dad.

Ruby

My favourite part of the day was spending time with my great grandma.

Bob

I got to look at one of the residence's scrapbook full of photos and I saw what Yass was like in the past.

Jack

I liked when Pam told a story about her dad sending letters to her big sister Janet when he was far away at war. I liked it when Lauren read out the letter.

Olivia

We learnt about life in war time and the limited resources they had. People had to have ration tickets to get fuel and only had a few small pencils.

Oli and Sam

I enjoyed the stories when we were colouring the wreaths and poppies and socialising with them. One of the stories was about when a man at Gunning got into a house and was held hostage.

I learnt that when you go to war you get a memory of everything you see and it stays with you.

Jasper

We enjoyed hearing all the good stories, colouring in and talking to the old people. We also learnt what life was like for people during WW2 and how to spot an enemy airplane.

Grace, Emily and Ritheka

We enjoyed crafting the poppies and listening to the stories about what it was like for the families at home during the war.

Elijah and Charlie

When we were crafting, we heard the residents' stories about when they were kids. I found out how tricky life was. There was one story told about a child up north running away from what they thought were enemy planes.

Ellie and Liam

SRC LINTON VILLAGE VISIT

Mrs Vaughan



LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Hopley

Scholastic Book Club issue #6 closes Wednesday 10th September. Payments for Book Club are to be made online only. Please do not send cash payments for Book Club to the school. Credit card payments can be made online using the Book Club LOOP app. Search Book Club LOOP in the app store.



How parents order from Book Club online

1. Log in, or create a new account at **LOOP**
2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
4. Select your child's name
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
7. Make a payment via credit card
8. Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned from the school!

Premier's Reading Challenge 2025 – has been EXTENDED!

The Premier's Reading Challenge has been extended to Friday 19th September. There is still time to enter books onto the online reading record!

The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Below are the expected number of books for the different year groups.

Challenge level	Total number of books to be read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	Booklists included as PRC book choices
K-2	30	20	10	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	10	10	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9
7-10	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9, 9plus
3-10	20	10	10	All booklists

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Hopley & Mrs Walker

The challenge rules state that students in K-2 can read books on their own, read them with someone else, or can be read the books. However, students in years 3-4 and 5-6 challenges must read books on their own, but someone can help choose the books to read.

For more information on the PRC rules, the PRC booklists and access to the PRC student site to enter books into the student reading record, go to –

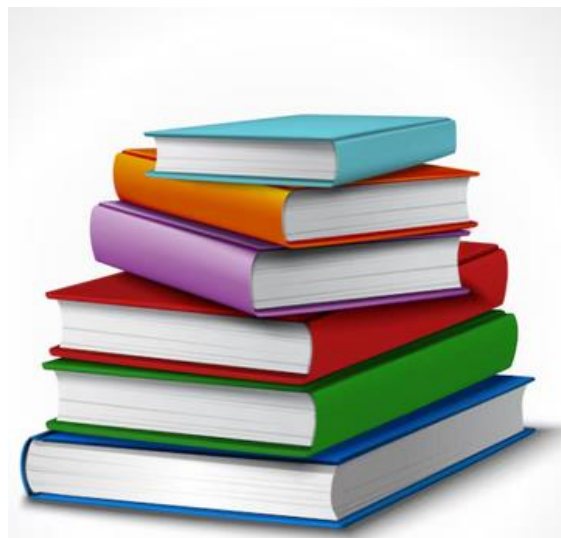
www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Students in kindergarten to year 2 will have their reading records completed through the books read in library time and will be entered by the teacher.

Students in years 3-6 need to enter the books themselves into their reading record and will have time to do this in computers. More information can be found at

<https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/home.html>

Continue to read, continue to grow!



SEMESTER ONE ABORIGINAL GROUPS AT YPS

Mrs Waters

Last semester, our Aboriginal Groups have been a celebration of culture, learning and hands-on experiences. Students were lucky enough to be joined by wonderful guests including Marcayla Stopp, Aunty Audrey, Aunty Pam and local Aboriginal high school students. Together, they shared stories, taught us Ngunnawal language and led us through traditional activities. We made warm Johnny cakes oozing with golden syrup, played Indigenous games, painted with meaning and purpose and listened to stories passed down through generations. Students also took part in Men's and Women's Business - learning to play the didgeridoo and creating beautiful beaded jewellery. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this semester so engaging, inspiring, and full of culture. We look forward to more fun and celebrating Culture in Semester 2!



BOOK WEEK 2025

Mrs Hopley & Mrs Walker

Last week, our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Book Week! The theme this year, “Book an Adventure”, inspired students and teachers to dive into the wonderful world of stories, imagination, and creativity.

Throughout the week, classes engaged in author talks by Mr Bruce Walker and Mrs Karla Pike, fan poster competitions, creative writing competitions, a book hunt, a street parade as well as taking part in discussions about the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlisted titles. Students loved exploring new stories, characters and ideas while strengthening their love of reading.

One highlight of the celebrations was our Book Week Parade, where students proudly dressed up as their favourite book characters. The playground was filled with witches, queens, princesses, superheroes, animals, fairytale figures, singers, robots, bushrangers and so many other creative costumes. Of course, don’t leave it to only the students to dress up – all the teachers and staff of YPS dressed to represent either team insect or team animal in honour of the book *The World’s Greatest Tackle* by Bruce Walker. It was wonderful to see families joining in the fun, supporting students with their imaginative outfits, and cheering them on during the parade.



BOOK WEEK 2025

Mrs Hopley & Mrs Walker



**YASS PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION**

FATHER'S DAY STALL



**THURSDAY 4TH
SEPTEMBER**



BENTON BUILDING

**GIFTS RANGE FROM
\$1.00 TO \$10.00**

PBL REWARDS

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

KB



KK



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.

5/6B



5/6D



PBL REWARDS

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

5/6L



5/6W



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OUR LOCAL PRIMARY
SCHOOLS TALK ABOUT
'READINESS FOR SCHOOL'**



**WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025, 6PM
AT YASS MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL**

RSVP Brooke on 62261596 or
office@yassmontessori.com.au



COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



YASS GYMNASTICS & SWIM SCHOOL

Friday 5th
September 2025

NEON
DISCO
&
KARAOKE

Ages 5yrs & up
Members &
Non Members
Welcome

\$12.00

6:30PM
TIL 8PM

Dress up in your brightest
flouro outfits

16 Hope St Yass
Fancy Dress



JC
Design & Art
Contemporary Aboriginal Artist

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

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HANNAH'S STORY



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.

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



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!