

# YASS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, Participation



## UPCOMING EVENTS

15th September  
Stage 3 Parliament House  
Excursion

16th September  
School Photo's

16th September  
Parent/Teacher Interviews

19th September  
School Assembly

26th September  
Last day of Term 3

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Michelle Fahey*

I hope all our dads, prospective dads, grandpa's, and mums that are doing both roles enjoyed their Father's Day last Sunday. I know there were many dads that would have got a great present from the Father's Day stall as there were plenty of students that were so excited to purchase and then give their dads a present that was so carefully picked out. Thanks also to all our P & C mums that ran the Fathers Day stall and especially Mrs Coggan who also came in on Friday for all those students who forgot their money on Thursday.

A huge shout out to our great staff at YPS and especially the leadership team that have spent many extra hours preparing for External Validation over the past few terms. We had our panel meeting last week and feedback was extremely positive. The external team commented on the dedication and collegiality of our school and the excellent practices that are embedded in our school. Well done team!

As we head into the last two weeks of term 3 there is a lot on from school photos, Stage 3 Canberra excursion and Stage 2 Camp. Keep up to date with the messages and reminders on Compass and enjoy all the exciting things that are happening at our school.



# BOOK WEEK 2025

## *Mrs Hopley & Mrs Walker*

In our previous newsletter, we showed you the fun, creativity and colour of our students Book Week costumes. This newsletter we want to tell you about another highlight, which were the author talks, where infant and primary students had the opportunity to ask questions, engage with the authors and learn more about the writing process.

Mr Bruce Walker, the author of *The Worlds Greatest Tackle* came to talk to YPS students and judged the class fan poster competition. It was very special to have Mr Walker come back to the primary school he attended as a boy and share with us his captivating book about a football game of animals vs insects that produces the world's greatest tackle.

Congratulations to 1/2G for taking out the top prize and honourable mentions to 3/4S and 5/6B for their creative efforts. All the posters created by the classes had such creative flair and catchy cheer songs, it made the decision so hard. Well done teachers and students!





# BOOK WEEK 2025

*Mrs Hopley & Mrs Walker*

On 15th August, Kindergarten had a visit from Mrs Karla Pike who is the author and illustrator of *The Mum They Know*. Students got to listen to Karla read her story about mindfulness and then participate in craft activities, creating magical breath wands. Thank you so much Karla for coming and sharing your meaningful message with us in kindergarten.





# CHECK IN ASSESSMENTS

*Mrs Barlow*

Our primary students participated in the NSW Department of Education's "Check-in" Assessments. These online assessments provide valuable information about student progress in literacy and numeracy. All students undertook a reading and numeracy assessment, while Year 6 students had an added writing assessment. The results will help teachers identify strengths and areas for further learning, supporting us to tailor teaching to meet the needs of all students.



# PBL NEWS

*Mrs Walker*

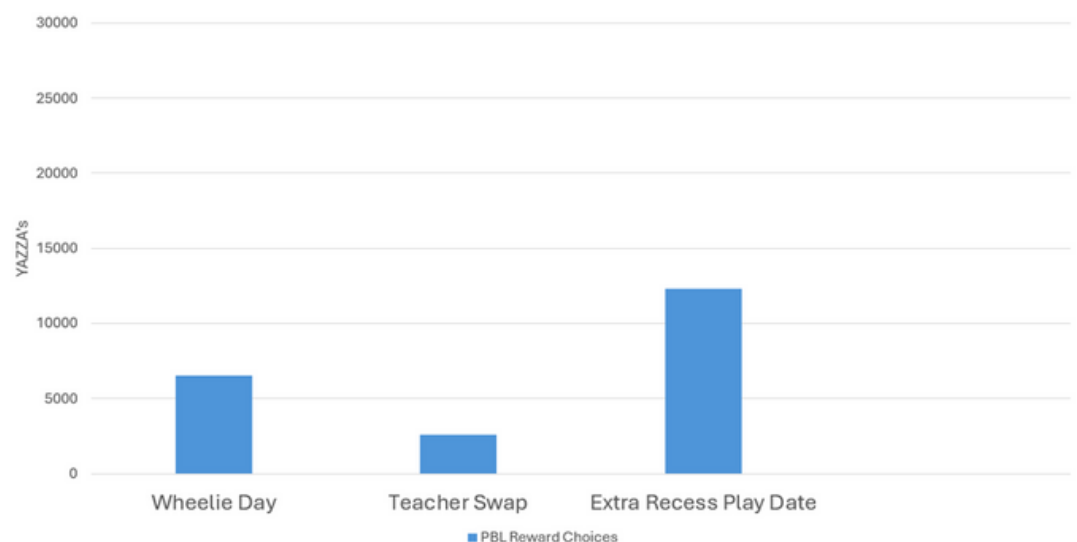
## PBL Fortnightly Focus

For the remainder of Term 3, the fortnightly focus within the whole school is 'Responsibility'. This is one of our schools' core values, so have decided to revisit this theme with a short clip created by Mrs Sainsbury and Ms Bird. In the clip, students in our school community discuss what responsibility is, what it looks like and why this is important within our school, the community and the student's daily lives.

## PBL Whole School Rewards Progress

The students are continuing to work hard in earning YAZZA's for our whole school reward. The current total was counted in preparation for our week 8 assembly. The students are given the opportunity to share their ideas and work towards a collective reward. At this stage 'Extra Recess Play Date' is in the lead, followed by 'Wheelie Day'.

### PBL Reward Progress





# EARLY LEARNING ON ROSSI VISIT

*Mrs Belling & Mrs Hopley*

On Friday we were excited to welcome the preschool students from Early Learning on Rossi for a transition visit and tour of our school. We began the morning with a fun activity about the exciting things they will see and do at big school. Our current kindergarten students partnered with the preschoolers to co-construct an artwork representing the experiences that await them. Following the activity, our current kindergarten students partnered with a student from the Platypus Room and we set off on a tour of our school to explore the wonderful facilities we have to offer. The preschoolers were in awe. We wrapped up the visit with a parachute game and some playtime on the infants' playground.

The morning provided a wonderful opportunity for the preschool students to get a taste of what 'big school' is like, regardless of which primary school they will attend in 2026.



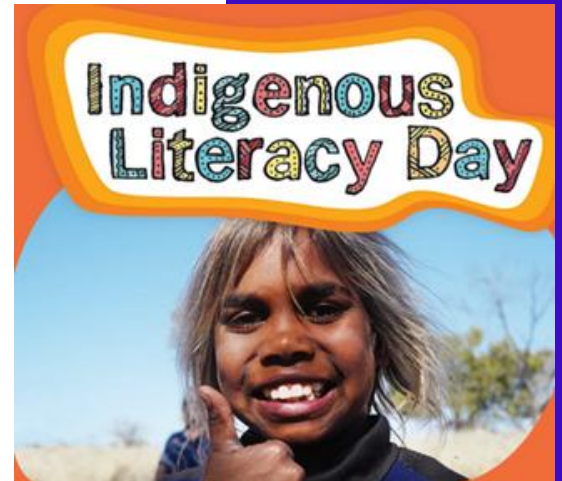


# INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY

*Mrs Waters and Mrs Smith*

Thank you to the generous families who sent in money for students to buy tattoos and books to support Indigenous Literacy Day. This year we raised over \$400 which will be donated to The Indigenous Literacy Foundation to support remote communities having access to quality books.

We hope you and your family enjoy the book bargains that you picked up at the sale as well as supporting this great cause.



# THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN SUPPORTING REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

*Mrs Cathles*

Fostering an environment that values education begins at home. As parents, your approach and attitude toward school and learning significantly influence your child's perspective on attendance. Engage in open dialogues about the importance of education, sharing how it serves as a foundation for future success. This includes discussing the immediate benefits of learning new things, the excitement of making friends and the long-term advantages of developing a strong work ethic and discipline.

Implementing a structured routine that incorporates study time, adequate rest and a stress-free morning can alleviate many common obstacles to regular attendance. Establishing a consistent bedtime and morning schedule helps ensure your child is rested and ready for the day ahead. Additionally, involving your child in preparing for school, such as packing their backpack the night before, can foster a sense of responsibility and autonomy.

Encouragement and recognition play vital roles in motivating children to maintain regular attendance. Celebrate milestones and achievements, no matter how small, to reinforce the value of their effort and commitment. Positive reinforcement can significantly boost their confidence and willingness to engage in school activities.

Taking an active interest in your child's academic life and school activities demonstrates the significance you place on education. This includes familiarising yourself with the curriculum, understanding your child's strengths and challenges and building a constructive relationship with teachers and school staff. Such involvement not only keeps you informed but also positions you to effectively advocate for your child's needs and celebrate their accomplishments, reinforcing the importance of consistent school attendance in their journey towards academic and personal development.

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



# FIRST NATIONS STUDENT MENTORS

## *Mrs Waters*

On Wednesday afternoon, we celebrated three Yass High School students; **Sean Bell, Harrison Shanahan, and Ben Duncan** who have generously volunteered their time over many years to support Aboriginal groups at Yass Public School. They have been positive role models, guiding and mentoring our students and have also contributed to special occasions such as NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week. Their leadership, generosity and commitment have greatly enriched our school community and inspired others.

Mrs Fahey was proud to present the awards, with Aunty Pam and Aunty Audrey joining us to honour and celebrate the boys' achievements. We wish Sean, Harrison and Ben every success in their future endeavours and look forward to welcoming them back to visit in the years ahead.



# FIRST NATIONS STUDENT MENTORS

*Mrs Waters*



## CONGRATULATIONS MS KING & FAMILY

We hope you will join with us in congratulating Ms King and her partner, Brad on the safe arrival of their baby boy.

Walker was born on 2nd September 2025, he is a little brother to Violet, and both Mum and Bub are happy and healthy.

We're all looking forward to meeting Walker in person soon at school.





# P&C ASSOCIATION UPDATE

*P&C President, Jess Wade*

Our next meeting will be held on October 29th , at 4:30 pm in the Benton Building.

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to attend, it is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in our school community & ways we can complement the incredible work all of the staff at YPS do.

A huge congratulations from the P&C to Mrs Fahey and all of the YPS staff for the incredibly successful External Validation panel meeting. We know you all work so hard and frequently go above and beyond to not only educate but support our children at school.

## **MURRUMBATAMAN FIELD DAYS**

We are currently deep in our preparation for our biggest fundraising event of the year, Murrumbateman Field Days which will be held on October 18th and 19th at the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds.

Last year, profit for the event was \$12, 276.38. We are hoping to raise even more this year!

For our new school families, at the Murrumbateman Field Days, Yass Public School hosts a catering stand where we sell burgers, bacon & egg rolls, sausage sizzle, fresh wraps and cold drinks. It takes many volunteers across the weekend to make this event a success. We will be opening our sign-up sheet next week for volunteers.

There is something for everyone- you don't have to be a Michelin star chef or a whiz on a cash register to contribute. There are roles ranging from set up, pack up, food preparation, cooking on the BBQ, maintaining stock and transporting items to and from the Field Days. All we ask is for 2 hours of your time & this also grants free access to the Field Days to enjoy after your shift.

It really is a fun weekend and a great opportunity to get to know not only members of your P&C but other school families.



# P&C ASSOCIATION

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## FATHER'S DAY STALL

The Father's Day stall went really well, and by Friday, only half a box of gifts was left, showing many were sold. A big thank you to our volunteers: Amanda Butt, Kiri Coggan, Sartu Pateman, Jess Wade, Ashleigh Bush, Heidi Shumack, Sharon Hughes, and Emma Webb. They helped with selling and packing up. We made a profit of \$653.19. Last year, we made a little more—\$710.07—but we also spent \$400 more on extra stock then. Overall, the event was well organised, had fantastic volunteer support, and raised good money.



## MANGOES

We are once again running our mango fundraiser in 2025 with Bowen Special Mangoes. I think anyone who ordered a tray last year can vouch for the sweet, juicy deliciousness of the mango trays that are exceptional value.

Each tray will be \$35 and includes approximately 7kg or 12-20 mangoes.

We expect the delivery to arrive late November to early December, this depends on the season & harvest in QLD & is out of our control. We will keep you up to date on their arrival via Compass and our Facebook page so please follow along.

Orders including payment must be returned to school by October 24th.





# P&C ASSOCIATION

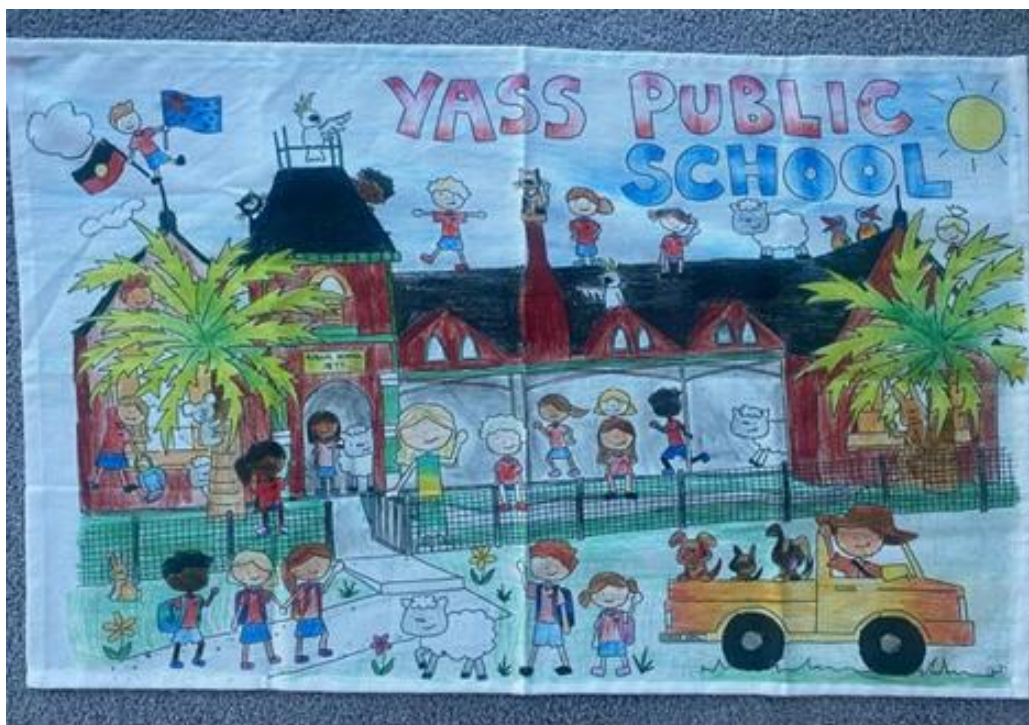
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## TEA TOWELS

Following on from our tea towel colouring in competition earlier in the year, in which Lucy Russell was our winner, we are currently waiting on our shipment of tea towels to arrive.

We are hopeful the tea towels may arrive by Grandparents Day on October 24th, otherwise we will have a sample available for viewing and pre-order for delivery once stock arrives.

Tea towels will be for sale for \$12.00.



## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Along with tea towels, the P&C will also be selling sandwich grazing boxes for lunch on Grandparent's Day. These will be available by pre-order only and include a variety of gourmet sandwiches. Closer to Grandparent's Day, we will provide further information on sandwich selection & ordering information.

# P&C ASSOCIATION

(Cont.)

## CANTEEN.

The canteen will continue to be open on Wednesday and Friday throughout the school term.

Volunteers are always welcome & we appreciate the support for our canteen staff.

If you are able to assist, please check in at the front office before heading to the canteen. Volunteers are needed between 10 am and 2pm.

## UNIFORM SHOP.

You may have noticed this year we have had reduced stock available for some items.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience, many items have been on backorder for the majority of the year with our supplier.

Rest assured, we have been placing regular orders to allow stock to flow through more freely as we come into the summer months and look toward next year.

## CONTACTING THE P&C.

The P&C can be reached at [ypspandc@gmail.com](mailto:ypspandc@gmail.com).



We can also be reached via direct message via our Facebook Page 'Yass Public School P&C Association'.

Both the email and Facebook page are manned by volunteers and we do our best to reply in a timely manner.

Comments & suggestions are welcome but a reminder to please keep them friendly & respectful.



## **Yass Public School P&C Association**

954 followers • 10 following



## **NEXT MEETING:**

October 29<sup>th</sup> 2025, 4:30 pm  
Benton Building

Please give our Facebook page a like & a follow for current updates from the P&C.



# CLASS OF THE FORTNIGHT



The class with the highest average attendance percentage for  
Weeks 5 and 6 in Term 3

# OLYMPICS UNLEASHED

*Mrs Hopley*

Matt Daquino will be connecting with students on 17/09/2025, as part of Olympics Unleashed.



The students will learn from Matt Daquino's Olympic journey how to build resilience, the importance of setting goals and how to find what you are passionate about.

Students will hear firsthand from Matt Daquino about how they overcame challenges to compete in their chosen sport at the very highest level, and how some lessons they've learned in sport can help students to be the best they can be – whether that's in school, at home, on the sporting field or with friends.

## LIBRARY NEWS

*Mrs Hopley*

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

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](http://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.

Continue to read, continue to grow!



# BEYOND THE LINE

*Mrs Fahey*

Last Friday our school was asked to host a visit from 12 preservice teachers from the coast to show off our country school. The program is called Beyond the Line and is organised by Department of Education to entice city students to think about taking up teaching positions in the country. Over 350 students applied for this program and 52 were chosen to participate in the program. They have all commented on what a great feel our school had, and they could tell what a supportive environment it was. We sent them on their way with a little goodie bag of Yass Public school souvenirs.



# STAFF LEAVE

*Mrs Fahey*

The next few weeks are extremely busy as we have some teachers taking leave. Miss Wales is away for two weeks, and Mrs Hopley is taking her class. Mrs Manderson is away for the last week of term, and Mrs Whitehead will be taking her class. Mrs Phillips is also away for two weeks and Mrs Whitehead will be taking her class. If you have any concerns about your child please phone the school office so that we can direct your questions to the right people.

# PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

*Mrs Fahey*

Don't forget that we have Parent teacher interviews in the hall next Tuesday night. Parents are able to book in for interviews until Friday this week then they will be closed off so teachers can prepare. Please check prior to the day so that you don't forget to come to your appointment. Can I also ask you to call the school on Tuesday if you are unwell or unable for any reason to come to that appointment.

## EV PANEL MEETING

*Mrs Fahey*

The leadership team has been working very hard for nearly two terms preparing our evidence for our External Validation. A panel of external assessors look at the evidence our team has annotated, analysed and the on-balanced judgement we have made about our school. They then give us their feedback and sometimes suggest changes to our on-balance judgement. The panel meeting was this Thursday morning. It was a very successful meeting, and the independent panel agreed with our judgements and even changed two more areas to 'excelling'. The panel and experience of gathering and analysis data has been great and sets us up for the next planning cycle for our school.


We achieved the Excelling judgement on:

Wellbeing, Effective Classroom Practice, Data use and Skills

Educational Leadership, School Resources and Management Practices and processes.







you're invited  
to

A Grand Day Out:


Picnic & Treasure Hunt

Students welcome Grandparents and other special people to school to share a picnic lunch, meet friends, celebrate achievements, and enjoy some fun together.

Save the Date

FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER

From 1pm at Yass Public School  
More details to come...



The annual school book fair  
and fundraising  
bake sale will also  
be held on the day.



# **Yass High School**

**Join us for**

## **TASTER DAY**

**TRANSITION ACTIVITIES AT  
YASS HIGH SCHOOL FOR  
ENROLLING YEAR 7 STUDENTS  
OR POTENTIAL YEAR 7  
STUDENTS 9.30AM-11.15AM**

**PLEASE BRING OWN  
DRINKS AND RECESS.**

**Dalton, Gunning,  
Murrumbateman & Mt Carmel  
Monday the 15th September 2025**

**Bowning Public School &  
Yass Public School  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
2025**

**Berinba Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
September 2025**



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## COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

### Yass Railway Museum Picnic Day

SUNDAY **28** SEPTEMBER

10AM - 2PM

3 Crago Street Yass NSW 2582



Canberra Model  
Railway  
display

Live music

free face painting  
and games

Artisan market  
and  
food stalls

Museum  
displays

supporter of the  
month for September

FREE  
ENTRY

Kids craft  
activities



# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



## **Youth poetry at Irish & Celtic Music Festival**

**September 19, 20, 21**

Free workshops and events for students on **Saturday**.

### **Student Writing Workshop 10.30-11.30am Performing Arts Centre**

Oliver Roweth (he/it) presents a workshop on writing and performing free verse poetry. Learn to play with words outside the boundaries of rhyming verse and stretch structure to express yourself freely. For ages 10-15. Come along - maybe write a poem to present at the Under 18s Open Mic!

**Under 18 Open Mic 11.30-12midday Saturday, PAC.** Any young person is welcome to bring a poem and present it. All forms of poetry welcome, all presentation styles welcome. Both readers and reciters are welcome; present a poem you've written or someone else's. Trophy, plus cash prizes. The winner will be crowned **Junior Reciter of the Year.** To reserve your place in this workshop please contact Robyn Sykes 0401 289 178.

**Students are also welcome** to take part in the varied other open mic events on the program eg Poets Breakfasts, Soiree, One Minute Wonders. More info:  
<https://www.irishcelticmusicfestival.com/program>

## 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](http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet)**



# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



## COLOURBALL TENNIS CLINIC – YASS

**Dates:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Venue –** Yass Lawn Tennis Club, Fifield Lane

**Time** 9am-12pm. Daily cost \$40. 4 day discount \$120

**Ages:** 5-14

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

Qualified Tennis Australia Coaches available.

Active Kids vouchers are redeemable.

**Contact -** Scott Eulenstein – Spinifex Tennis

**Registrations by 29/09/2025 to:** [scott.eulenstein@outlook.com](mailto:scott.eulenstein@outlook.com) or PH: 0421016365.

# SPRING School Holiday Program

**FreeG & Ultimate Tag**  
Wednesday mornings  
**Gymnastics**  
Tuesday  
Thursdays

Week 1 – 30th Sept, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct  
Week 2 – 7th, 8th & 9th October

Morning Session \$20 (9am-11am)  
Full Day \$60 (9am- 3pm)

5yrs + Member & Non Members Welcome

**Bookings Essential**  
Book via emailing us for jotform link  
email us at [info@yassgymnastics.com.au](mailto:info@yassgymnastics.com.au)

 **YASS GYMNASTICS & SWIM SCHOOL**

# COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

- Sessions will be conducted at Joe O'Connor Park, Yass on Thursday afternoons from 5.15-6.15pm
- Sessions will commence on 16th October 2025 and conclude on 11th December 2025
- \$80 for nine sessions
- Every kid registered will receive a Woolworths cricket blast pack



## JOIN WITH FRIENDS PLAY TOGETHER

**Join Woolworths Cricket Blast**

A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

*Join your nearest club*

**Q Play Cricket**

**OFFICIAL KIDS  
PROGRAM**





# Term 3 Events



**AUG**  
**22**

## **BOOK WEEK PARADE**

Join us for our whole school parade on Comur Street.

**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**

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Bookings can be made through Compass

**SEPT**  
**16**

## **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

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

**SEPT**  
**17**

## **OLYMPICS UNLEASHED**

Olympian Matt Daquino will visit our students.

**SEPT**  
**19**

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

Whole school assembly, all parents are welcome.

**SEPT**  
**19**

## **TOOD WOODBRIDGE CUP**

Stage 2 students are excited for this competition

**SEPT**  
**24-26**

## **STAGE 2 CAMP**

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