



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Sandra Hiscock

Relieving Deputy Principal: Ruth Riach

From the Principal

The annual Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Science Award recognises the efforts and achievements of high school science students. This year, Lucy Bucknell from Yass High School received the award as the highest achieving Year 11 student in an area of science. Lucy is an extraordinary young lady who displays a natural aptitude in the sciences with her inquisitive mind, her love of learning and her strong grasp of scientific concepts and processes. She achieved outstanding results in her Year 11 HSC Preliminary Chemistry and Biology courses, leading to recognition through this award.

On Friday she travelled to Wollongong with family and Science Head Teacher, Tracy Randall, to receive the certificate from Mrs Chang. Lucy will now have the opportunity to spend time at the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute to learn first-hand about its activities and about careers in science and medicine.



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From the Deputy

“Hands off at School” is one of the policies at YHS that we use to keep our students safe. Students are reminded to be “hands off”, and can speak to the Deputy if they feel there is a problem that needs to be addressed in this area.

With year 12 celebrating the end of their schooling tonight at their Formal, the “new” year 12 students have moved across into the Year 12 area. Year 10 students who display the school values and are in full school uniform are now invited to use the year 11 area during recess and lunch.

If you have finished with a piece of uniform and it is still in good condition, could you drop it to the front office at YHS as we keep a pool of second hand items there. Your donations of old school uniform would be much appreciated. Year 12 2015 might like to drop off their old items of clothing as well.



Disability Provisions for 2016 HSC

The assessment process has begun for students who wish to apply for Disability Provisions for the 2016 Higher School Certificate exams. Disability Provisions may help students to achieve the best results they can in their HSC exams, and include: reader (for a reading difficulty); writer (for a writing difficulty) or extra time to work (for problems with information processing).

There are also provisions available for hearing, physical, and visual disabilities (including colour blindness), as well as for medical conditions which may affect exam performance.

Please contact Ms Penny McGregor at Yass HS if you would like more information.

Captain's Corner

Last Monday, the Captains and Miss Blake travelled to the AIS in Canberra to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference. It was a worthwhile opportunity as through flexible workshops, meeting leaders from other schools and playing fun games, we learned how to improve our leadership skills in order to be even better school leaders and run dynamic events within the school. Special thanks to Edward for showing us his amazingly daggy dance moves!

Speaking of dynamic events, what a great Pink Day this year! We would like to thank the community class for all of their hard work in preparing for the day by advertising, organising prizes, selling merchandise and baking and icing cupcakes.

A very special shout out to the Teacher of the Week, Ms Bills! She is always behind the scenes during Presentation Night, organising the Sports Carnivals and is the driving force behind our annual Pink Day! Thank you Billsy for all the support you give both the students and staff of Yass High School!



Lastly, some inspiration for those preparing for any assessment tasks at the moment. "Don't let your dreams be dreams!" - Shia LaBeouf

Did you know??? A lion's roar can be heard from over 8 kilometres away!!!
Let YOUR voice be heard! Speak to your SRC Representative or your 2016 School Captains - Daniel, Alyssa, Lucy and Edward - to have your voice heard at YHS!

Show Team Report

The show team has undertaken their last 2 shows of the year as well as started the long road of preparation for the 2016 autumn shows.

The last weekend in October saw 16 students and 4 steers travel all the way to Scone to compete in the Upper Hunter Beef bonanza with nearly 800 students from around the state and approximately 300 steers in what is the largest show of the year for us.



The animals performed well with the steer Jackpot, bred by Bob and Su McClusky and led by Emily Polsen, winning his class of 15 animals and going on to win Reserve Light Middle Weight Champion which included another 3 classes of animals. Bullseye, bred by year 11 student Sarah Targett and led by her came a very respectable 2nd in his class of fifteen animals in the Heavy Middle weight division. The other two steers Boe Cruise and Bundy both bred by Sheraton Limousins and led by Gemma Lees and Rebekkah Hartwig respectively, were in the Heavy Weight division and unfortunately did not place. The results were a great achievement and congratulations to both the breeders for supplying us with such great cattle and the students who have spent the last 5 months preparing for this event.





The students also performed brilliantly. Highlights were Prue Bucknell reaching the semi-finals in her age group for the paraders competition and Emily Polsen placing 2nd overall in her age group against 141 other fifteen year old competitors.

The show was a great success with the students displaying how much they have learnt since the start of the year.

The Show Team then went to Albury last weekend with two steers and a heifer for the annual Carcass Competition.

Two students, Sarah Targett and Claire Southwell, made the finals of the Junior Judging and Josh Sykes and Geena Elliott were third and second in the U13 Parader Competition. All students had a great time and showed off their animals and their school to perfection.

A highlight of the show was our heifer "YHS Kwazii" who gained the second top carcass award being judged the Reserve Champion Carcass.

We are currently back working hard towards next year's shows with new animals at school. We are already aiming towards Canberra Royal in February next year.



What's happening in Hospitality

A warm Melbourne cup morning on the 3rd November saw Yr. 11 Hospitality students make their way to Yass Bowling Club to cater with the Yass Hospital Auxiliary for a Melbourne Cup luncheon.

The students, all decked out in black and white attire, prepared salad and meat platters for 100 people. After this students served guests with delicious food and desserts made by the Hospital Auxiliary.



Many locals attended including Prue Goward our federal member, all resplendent in hats and fashionable outfits. The students efforts where much appreciated and they received a certificate for their resume. I would like to congratulate them on a fine professional job.



Front row: Brodi Smith, Caitlin Faes, Mrs Annette Halley-Barberis , Annabelle Johnson, Tayla Chapman
Back row: Verdi Barberis, Lucia Koller, Caitlyn Douven, Lauren Harris, Rebekkah Hartwig

New Industrial Kitchens

Thanks to the opening of our new trade training kitchens, the Year 11 hospitality class of 2015 have been able to gain many skills this year in making food and beverages in an industrial environment. Thanks to our new bistro they have also catered and served customers for a number of functions such as the Support Staff Seminar last term, the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, the Leadership Assembly in 3rd term, Healthy Canteens function on 27th October, teachers' farewells, the canteen for Bye Bye Birdie, Wednesday coffee café at lunch time and Pink day. The Year 11 hospitality students have become an efficient, professional team and are becoming excellent cooks as well. You can all look forward to future catering and "food opportunities" from this terrific band of students



Chicken pies with salad and delicious mocktails – just some of Year. 11s culinary delights.



Coffees and cupcakes for pink day in the alfresco dining area served through the coffee window.



Breanna Wilson and Caitlin Faes with sticky date pudding and homemade ice cream

Hospitality joke: What gets wetter the more it dries? A tea towel!

Pink Day

On the 30th of October 2015, Yass High School was tickled pink yet again for the annual Pink Day celebrations. Pink Day is one of the biggest fundraising days on the YHS calendar, raising vital funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

This year was the best year we've ever had. With huge donations from the Canberra Raiders NRL team and Australian cricket star Nathan Lyons, we managed to raffle off some signed t-shirts. Cupcakes were baked and sold, a massive staff breakfast was organised completely by the students, and almost everyone showed up in something pink.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce we raised over \$2600 for breast cancer research. This would not have been possible without some incredible people.

Thank you to the Canberra Raiders & Nathan Lyon for your huge donations. Thank you to the Yass Public and Berinba Primary schools for their help, raising a large portion of our funds. Thank you to the Year 11 Hospitality students, for making and icing some lovely cupcakes, and making some beautiful coffees.



A massive thanks goes out to the Year 9 and 10 Community students, and their teacher Ms Bills. Pink Day would not have been possible without your help.

Special thanks go out to Mrs Perceval in the kitchen, who ran the entire day's cooking like a professional and Mrs Halley-Barberis, who supported in the kitchen and with sales of cupcakes all day. You guys are awesome.

Pink Day 2015 brought big smiles to a whole school, with a bright pink fashion show and dance party, sales of pink ribbon merchandise, and the whole school enjoying the delicious cupcakes baked by the Community students. None of this would have been possible without every one of you helping us out. Thank you!



How did Yass High feel about the day?

I loved the enthusiasm of everyone wearing their pink.

It's so good how the school supports it every year.

Good to know we raised so much money for a good cause.

The generosity of Yass High is awesome.

Best pink day yet!

The fashion parade was awesome & the winners totally deserved their prizes.

It was just so awesome I couldn't believe it.



VET at YHS

Yass High School Vocational Education (VET) students are learning valuable work skills on their structured work place learning program with Yass Valley employers. They are working towards industry standard qualifications in Construction, Hospitality, Metals and Engineering, Primary Industries and Information Technology. The



placements are coordinated by Southern Region Business Enterprise Council Workplace Coordinators, Charne Moorby and Carissa Mills.

Local employers have been exceptional in providing relevant and rewarding placements for over 70 placements in the program. They recognise the value of supporting our young people to become skilled, confident members of their local workforce and contribute to their local community.

All students have completed essential competencies and the construction students have all completed their “Industry whitecard”. Each student has a Work Placement Journal with sections on safety, confidentiality, a log book and performance evaluation. Students are required to complete a workplace induction before beginning the week’s work.



At Yass High School, our students have a strong reputation for their employability in the local community and beyond with experienced trainers and strong community support giving them a head start over other school leavers. With the opening of the new Yass High School Community Trade Skills Centre, all students have industry standard facilities in which to complete their Certificate courses and prepare for industry.

Students are working with their VET trainers at Yass High, Mr Armour, Ms Halley-Barberis, Mr Hansson, Mr Alchin, Mr Saville and Mrs Walker to make informed choices for their work placements. The trainers are also continuing to maintain industry currency by working with local employers to learn skills.

Mr Saville has students placed in a wide range of Information Technology placements from local employers, Think Technology, and supporting IT systems at Yass Valley Council, to the premier innovative Australian research organisation in ICT, NICTA. Students are working at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment to develop 3D animation techniques, supporting IT systems at Parliament House, and developing video technology with General Dynamics Mediaware.

Mr Alchin has been visiting local employers in the Metals and Engineering industry like Townsend's Plumbing, B&V Engineering, JB's Auto Electrical, Wright Motorcycles and BMX with employers complimenting students on their willingness to work and learn on the job. He would like to thank the employers for taking on students and giving them experience in our local thriving industry.

Ms Halley-Barberis has students who are already employed in the hospitality industry and have jobs at establishments like Café Dolcetto and the Murrumbateman Inn. These students are able to use their paid work hours to gain their qualification. Other students are going to work at Horton House, Café Rocca at Bowral, Galutzi and Kaffiene. We thank these faithful and supportive hosts who always give our students great experiences.



Year 9 Peer Support Training 19-20th Nov 2015

On Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November, Year 9 students will visit the Yass Memorial Hall to partake in Peer Support training.

Over the two day course students will learn about themselves as they participate in a range of activities. They will learn about how they work within groups and about their own leadership capabilities. Activities include games, creative pursuits and thinking about different situations and scenarios they may experience.



At the end of the two days student may elect to become a Year 10 Peer Support Leader next year. Students who chose to be Peer Support leaders will run activities for the 2016 Year 7 group as they transition into high school life.

Year 9 students can wear casual clothes (no singlets or tank tops please) on both days and covered footwear must be worn. Recess and lunch will be provided, please note that students will not be permitted to leave the hall during regular school hours.

All students are required to be at school for regular roll call at 9am, students will then be escorted to the hall by supervising teachers and returned to the school no later than 3:25pm. For further details, please call Ms Annette Halley-Barberis at the school.



Essential Employment and Training offer:

- Disability Employment Services (DES)
- Youth Employment Program (YEP)
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Community Participation (CP)
- Individual Funding Packages (IF)
- Cert I in Employability: Becoming a Worker
- Cert III in Disability



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We would like to Cordially invite you to Attend our
"Increasing Parent and Community Engagement " Forum
Southern Central Tablelands Electorate - Orange

Purpose

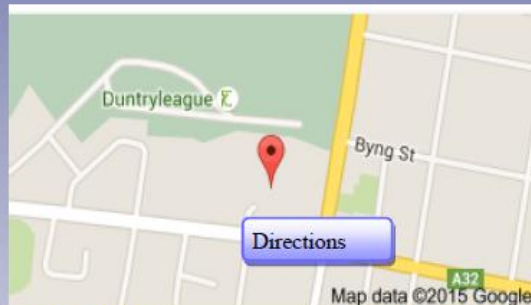
To increase Parent and Community Engagement within P&C Associations in our Public Schools, so partnerships can be strengthened to deliver quality outcomes for our Public Education system and ultimately our children and their future.

When: Thursday 19th November 2015

Where: Orange High School
Cnr Woodward St,

Registration From: 9.00am

Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm



Further information

This invitation extends to P&C Associations, members, community members as well as school community members. Please take this opportunity to meet your P&C Federation Councillor, hear our guest speakers and most importantly have a chat and join in the discussion groups

Guest Speakers

- Department of Education
- Gonski
- Grants
- Australian schools plus—New legislation could mean your school is eligible for tax deductible Donations
- Public Education Foundation

Workshops

- Opportunities for attendees to participate in discussions.
- Question sessions

Light refreshments will be provided

To attend please Register online by 17/11/2015

To Register please click here . [REGISTER](#)



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Coming Events

Date	Event
Tue 17/11	Year 12 Biology Excursion
Fri 20/11	Year 10 Rewards excursion Peer Support Training
Mon 23/11	White Ribbon Day
Thur 26/11	Holocaust Museum Excursion Year 9 & 10
Thur 3/12	Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
Mon 7/12	P&C Meeting 7.30pm - All welcome
Wed 09/12	Rewards Excursion Year 9
Thur 10/12	Presentation Night 7pm
Fri 11/12	Celebration Assemblies Years 7 - 10
Tue 15/12	Rewards Excursion Years 7 & 8
Thur 17/12 Fri 18/12	School Development Days (Pupil free)
Click on the school website for the online calendar	
Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars	