Next Assembly Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} March, 2015  11.15am

Principals Report

We are half way through our first term and we are very busy. I congratulate and wish all our Yass Public Swimmers well in Dapto tomorrow. Compete with personal bests and sportsmanship. We are very proud of your achievements.

I would like to thank the parents that have taken the time to complete the survey that went home last week. It is very helpful feedback. There are some great ideas for our school but also some areas to celebrate some terrific achievements.

It was exciting to see so much interest in our P&C meeting Tuesday. We had some new faces ready to join our dedicated team. It is terrific to have such an enthusiastic group of parents. Thanks to Kirsten Stafford, Belinda Banfield, Dimity Smith and Therese Marinan for executive input for
the last few years. A special thank you to Therese for the professional way she held her Secretarial position and dedication to our school and P&C.

I would also like to express my thanks to Tania Koen and Sophie Peer for their coordination of the Garden Club Project. It has been fun to help out with it and the students really enjoy getting their hands dirty. Thanks also to Cindy Wilson for her donation of some straw/hay for the veggie garden.

Kind regards

Michelle Fahey
Principal

Newsletter
Our fortnightly newsletter is available on our Website at www.yass-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and is emailed to all our students and families who have requested an emailed copy. If you would like an electronic copy please email the school at yass-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will then email you a copy. Paper copies of our Newsletter will only be sent home if families specifically request a hard copy. Please help us reduce our paper consumption.

CANTEEN is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays ONLY

Diary Dates 2015

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Uniform shop is open each Monday 8.30am - 9.30am

Congratulations to class 5/6B for being the class with the most orders for the Meal Deal last Friday. They were able to enjoy a special treat of a chocolate covered ice-cream!!
Principal’s Award
Poppy Fuller
Poppy has beautiful manners. She is a great friend to all students and especially welcoming to new students. She works very hard in every area of her schooling.

Principal’s Award
Jordan Ziarno
Jordan is cheerful and always helpful. She has been getting involved in projects around school. She has good manners and great work habits in her school work. I enjoy her enthusiasm in maths groups.
District Swim Carnival
Congratulations to those 20 students that made it into our Yass District Swim team. They will represent Yass Public at Dapto tomorrow. The carnival starts at 9.00am. We hope you have a great day and we are all proud of your achievements.
Regional Swim Carnival

Congratulations to all competitors who swam at the District Swimming Carnival. Yass Public students were the proud winners of the aggregate trophy. There were many fine performances with 19 students qualifying to attend the South Coast Regional Carnival at Dapto pool tomorrow. Well done.
Clean up Australia Day

Cross Country Carnival
Primary students have been training at school for the Cross Country Carnival. Our school carnival will be held on Friday 27 March. The district carnival will be held on 29 April at Gunning. Notes and more information will come home soon.

Homework
Teachers have placed boxes outside each class so that students can place their completed homework in the boxes of the spelling and maths teachers. Please encourage your children to write their names on their homework as they won't get credit for it if their name isn't on it. Homework will NOT be marked off or collected if it comes in later than Monday if there is not a valid reason. Children will need 5 weeks of homework to be invited to the homework movie afternoon at the end of this term.
**Choir Group**

Mrs Hickey has been mentoring a group of Year 5 and 6 girls in the choir during lunch times. They are practising for the Schools Spectacular Audition for the choir. It would be a great opportunity to be selected for the Combined School Choir.

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**Bucket Hats**

We are encouraging all students to wear bucket hats at school not just CAPS. Caps don’t give necks and ears any sun protection. Bucket hats are available to purchase from the uniform shop for $8.00 each.
P&C News
We held our AGM for P&C on Tuesday night and it was great to see a lot more people come to the meeting and a lot of new families were represented. There were new parents elected into some positions.

President - Kirsten Stafford
Vice Presidents - Katie Penfold and Sophie Peer
Treasurer - Belinda Banfield
Secretary - Elizabeth Phillips
Uniform Shop - Belinda Banfield and a roster of parents
Banking - Phil McHugh

P&C also funded technology request from Mr Brien, some Library improvements for Mrs Bradley, some exciting improvements for the outside areas of the Year 5/6 classrooms as well as Cross Country perpetual trophies for the school.

Banners
Last year our Year 6 students raised money to purchase a Year 6 present that they donated to the school. It was not finished to use at our presentation evening but our two free standing banners have arrived and look great! P&C members were able to check them out on Tuesday night. We will be able to use them at assemblies and information days.

We thank the “Class of 2014” for their great present!
School Parent Surveys
Thank you to all the parents that have already completed and sent back their survey. They have had great feedback and show that there is a lot of interest in our school. Parents are able to tell us the good things that are happening at our school as well as some great ideas to improve our school. It is not too late to return your survey to have your say.

Parent Information Evenings
Last year we held some popular parent information sessions to share how we were running our maths program at school. Many parents enjoyed the evening and requested one for this year. Teachers have been planning a primary and infants evening for later this term so if you would like to know more about our maths, new spelling program, our L3 program (K-2), our homework routines, some fun maths games and ideas, come along. We will also have text books for you to look at and time to ask all your questions.

Primary - Thursday 19 March 2015  6-7pm
Infants - Thursday 26 March 2015  6-7pm

Another note will be sent home about the information sessions.

Book Levy
Thank you to all parents that have paid for their students textbooks. Over 97% of students have their textbooks and are using them in spelling and maths classes. It is appreciated if you haven’t organised payment if you could do this as soon as possible.

Lost property & Spare clothes
To prevent your child losing their property, use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels. Remember to go through your child’s bag with them each night. If something doesn’t come home, ask at the office and check the lost property area.
From time to time we have to send home spare clothes with children that have had an accident at school and it would be appreciated if you could wash these items and return to the office.
Country Childrens Early Learning After School Care is Coming Back!!
Michelle Bush will be reopening the After School Care program at Yass Public School from Monday 9 March 2015. We will have places available Monday through to Friday. Please Contact Julia or Tania 02 6236 8305
www.ccel.com.au

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REGISTRATION DAY—2015 SEASON

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 9AM-12PM
SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 9AM-12PM—REP HANDOUT

AT NETBALL COURTS—O’CONNOR PARK

*SEASON STARTS FRIDAY 13TH MARCH—NET SET GO & 3/4 AT 5PM—5/6 & 7/8/9 AT 6PM*

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