Principals Report

I really enjoyed catching up with the families that visited school last Wednesday afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many parents get round to see all their child’s teachers and learning spaces. I was able to catch up with families at the canteen where they were able to recharge after such a warm day.

I would like to encourage you to fill in your school surveys that were handed out this week to children. If you would like a copy and didn’t get one please ask at the office. It will help make our school a better place and also influence future planning at the school.

I am looking forward to taking our district team to the Regional swimming carnival next Tuesday at Dapto. I am always proud of the students at Yass public and know that they will try their best and participate with sportsman like behaviour.

Michelle Fahey
Principal.

Dates for your Information
The Uniform shop is open
Tuesday 8.45 - 9.30am and Friday 2.45 – 3.30pm

Term One.
March
8th Regional Swimming - Dapto
15th Milo Cricket
15th P&C AGM 6.00pm
23rd NRL Gala Day

April
24th K-2 Easter Hat Parade

May
8th McGrath Cricket Day
6th District Cross Country - Gunning.
Angus Nelson 1/2V
Beautiful manners, Always helpful and responsible in the playground. Has a great potential so he now needs to work in class to reach his potential.

Gemma Johnson 3/4G
Helps others, Huge improvement in her attitude and application to her learning. Responsible and a good role model. Proactive. Sees things that need to be done and works out a solution.
You Can do it Performance.
K-6 students attended the performance entitled, “You can do it too” in the Yass Public School hall on Thursday. The premise of this show is: no matter what you want to achieve in life- YOU CAN DO IT. (It just takes practice).
Madeline, the amazing performer was able to juggle using tennis racquets, golf sticks, eggs, boxes and cups- all the while reminding the students that YOU CAN DO IT-emphasis on the CAN DO not the CANT DO.
Gemma Johnson, Harrison King, Hayley Cahill, Liam Vaughn, Alexis Csiszar, Shaun Job and Lachlan Stewart were invited to take part in a part of the performance and they did a fantastic job. The message that was focussed on throughout the show was positive and demonstrated how it’s great to be different, unique and an individual.
Mr Rae also showed off his juggling skills, he was taught how to juggle 4 balls- he wasn’t too bad at all! Now he has the knowledge ……all he has to do is practice.

So don’t forget
Yes I’m different…I’m ME!
Donna Barton

Text Book Reminder.
A gentle reminder to the few parents that haven’t paid for text books could you please do this soon. If you need assistance with this please just contact the front office for a payment plan or financial assistance.
Meet the Teachers Afternoon
Thank you to all the parents that took the time to come up last Wednesday afternoon to meet teachers and see classrooms. Mrs Fahey had a great time catching up with families in the canteen over afternoon tea. Many parents signed our GONSKI funding petition and put the new School Stream App on their phone. Thank you to all the teachers who made afternoon tea.

District Carnival.
On Friday the 19th February, 32 students from Yass Public competed at the District Swimming Carnival. We all had a fantastic day and every student competed well and displayed beautiful sportsmanship. Some students made PB’s on the day while others competed for the first time at that level.
Mrs Hickey and myself were proud of each and everyone of you and you should all be proud of yourselves.
14 students have now qualified to compete at Dapto and I am sure will again swim with pride. Congratulations to all who attended the day and swum so well. A special congratulations goes to 4 very talented students, Tony Davis claimed the Junior Boys Runner Up. Tomika Grieves was awarded the Senior Girls Champion, Dylan Mann was the proud recipient of the Senior Boys Runner Up and Will Fahey humbly accepted the Senior Boys Champion.
Well done and congratulations. The Regional carnival will be held again in Dapto on Tuesday 8th March. (Next Week). Good luck to all attending.
Ms Bird

Tomika, Will, Dylan and Tony YPS Swimming age champions and Runner up’s.
Regional Carnival
These students were selected as our Regional Swimmers. They will head off to Dapto next Tuesday to swim for Yass District against all South Coast Swimmers. We wish them Good Luck and safe travels. Mrs Fahey will be at that carnival so swimmers need to report to her on arrival.

Meal Deal
A huge thanks to those P&C parents that organised our Meal Deal at the canteen yesterday. The hot dogs were great. The canteen served over 140 lunches and sold lots of morning tea snacks. They will also organise another meal deal during the last week of term. More information will come home closer to the date.

School Survey
Mrs Fahey this week sent home a School Survey. This was on light purple paper to stand out from the other notes that come home. She would really appreciate your feedback about programs within the school as well as ways we would improve what we do. If these could be returned to the school by next Friday that would be very helpful. If you didn't receive your survey please call into the office as there are extra available.

Assembly
We will be having an Assembly this Friday at 11.15am Parents are most welcome to join us for that time. This week the item will be from the school spec audition choir. Feedback from Staff, Students and parents was the new snappier assemblies were a great hit. The behaviour of students was much better and the best behaved class chosen by our SRC reps was 1/2V
McGrath Cricket Day.
This term the SRC has decided to raise money for the McGrath Foundation which is a breast cancer support and education charity in Australia. Students are invited to wear pink on Friday 8th April for a gold coin donation. Students who don't have any pink in their wardrobe can be creative with how they show their support and red is always a close alternative to pink. On the day the SRC will be running different stalls to raise additional money for the McGrath Foundation. These stalls will include a salon where students will be able to have their hair sprayed pink and a beauty parlour where students will be able to have their fingernails and/or their face painted for a small cost. After lunch the whole School and its staff will then show-off their cricketing skills in cricket matches around O'Connor Park.

Families wishing to support our McGrath Foundation fundraiser can donate pink hairspray cans, pink face paint and/or pink nail polish. These supplies can be sent to the School's front office from now until the day.
Thank you for your support in our fundraising efforts,
SRC and Mrs Belling

Easter Hat Parade.
On Thursday 24th March. Students in Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 will need to design and create a hat or head piece to wear for the parade keeping to the theme of Easter. There is no need to spend a lot of money on your Easter hat as creativity is always highly valued. Parents, carers and guests are invited to watch our Easter Hat Parade beginning at 2:00pm on Thursday 24th March in our School hall. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's hat please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Rotary Presentation
Last assembly Mr Ron Badger and Mr Ian Wearing from Yass Rotary came to our school and made a very special presentation. They presented Mrs Helen Curtis with a Pride of Workmanship Award. Mrs Curtis was very surprised and all the students were very excited to see one of our staff get a special award. We thank Rotary for helping us recognise our special Mrs Curtis and all she does for our school.
Breakfast Club.

Many children are taking advantage of our breakfast club that runs every morning. Students are able to access cereal, fruit and a cool drink. The canteen is working out to be a great place to have breakfast club in the centre of our school. A special thank you to those teachers that get here early to run the program so well.
School Stream APP.
How to download your FREE app.

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or (Google Play (Android) search School Stream and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to push notifications.
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school.

Don't forget to download your School Stream App onto your phone. It is free and very easy to use. It will remind you about events at school, has notes and information about recent and future happenings at school, it also has newsletters on it. You can also send in your absences for your child. We have 110 users as of yesterday.

We have a P&C meeting arranged for 6pm at the school. This will be our AGM. Please come along and hear about what's happening at school.

P&C Bar B Que – Belinda Banfield
At Farmers Markets 5th March and 2nd April from 9 to 1pm
We only need a few people, so if you are able to help for an hour or so please contact Belinda Banfield on 0421 568193

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Yass Public School P&C Association will be held on Tuesday, 15th March 2016 at 6.00pm, in the staff room at Yass Public School.

All current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions; President, 2 x Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

The AGM is open to all who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

At the completion of the AGM, the March general meeting will be held.
Please remember hats are required to be worn when students are outside otherwise they will be asked to play in the shade. Bucket hats and broad brim hats can be purchased from the uniform shop for $8.00 each.

**Newsletter**

Our fortnightly newsletter is available on our Website at [www.yass-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.yass-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) and is emailed to all our students and families who have requested an electronic copy. If you require a hard copy please call at the office and we will provide one for you.

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**YASS NETBALL**

**OUR 2016 SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

yassna.nsw.netball.com.au

Please contact: [yass.netball@bigpond.com](mailto:yass.netball@bigpond.com) or [0481159079](tel:0481159079) if you have any questions

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A comprehensive pocket guide with the most up-to-date first aid information at anytime. Great for parents and teachers.

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Yass Montessori Preschool is pleased to announce we have extended opening hours for 2016! Now open from 8.30 am to 4 pm, Yass Montessori has vacancies for children ages 3 to 6.

Yass Montessori is a not-for-profit preschool run by the community, for the community. Fees are only $36 per day (or less for eligible concessions). To enrol your child or grandchildren for Term 1, or for more information please call Kathy on 6226 1596.
COME TO THE INTERACT FAIR!!
SATURDAY 12 MARCH

8.30 am – 1.30 pm at Banjo Patterson Park
- Gold coin entry -

Rotary Interact

Proceeds to support Club international project in
Amed, Indonesia - Medical Centre & School

Come on!
ENTER THE YASS
SCAVENGER HUNT!
ORGANISE THE FAMILY OR A
TEAM OF MATES FOR THIS FUN
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via email: E:
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FOOD ★ DRINKS ★ CAKE STALL
★ JUMPING CASTLE ★ FACE PAINTING

SATURDAY 19 MARCH
9.30AM–1.30PM

Supporting Yass
Early Childhood
Centre Association

RAFFLE DRAWN MARCH 21, 2016
PRIZES INCLUDE FAMILY PASS TO QUESTACON, 2 X FAMILY PASS TO COCKINGTON GREEN,
VOUCHER TO ROBYN ROWE CHOCOLATE AND LOTS MORE
Registrations close on Friday 26 February 2016

**WINTER FOOTBALL**

YASS FOOTBALL CLUB INC

Pee Wees to U18

**Commences** Saturday 30 April 2016

The competition is for players born 1998–2011

(Pee Wee’s play at home each week)

- Pee Wees 5-7: $70 per player
- Juniors U/8 - U/9: $70 per player
- Juniors U/10 - U/11: $100 per player
- Competitive U/12 - U/18: $110 per player

Enquiries

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**CLEANING POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Menzies Property Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer looking for honest and reliable workers to clean Schools in the Yass area.

The positions are casual working morning and/or afternoon.

Interested applicants must have a Working with Children Check before submitting Employment pack. You can apply for the WWCC at [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) or at any Roads and Maritime Office.

Please contact Renaye Lacey to obtain further information and request an application pack to apply.

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