

‘Celebrating our Stories’

Celebrating our Stories is the 2013 Education Week theme for public schools, including our Burrinjuck Community of Schools which comprises Yass High School with all its town and rural partner schools.

Over the last year, these schools have been working more closely together to strengthen and enhance the learning continuum of students from kindergarten to year 12 across the district. The key areas of this collaboration are an extensive transition program to smooth the

move from year 6 to year 7 and staff teamwork across the schools in curriculum groups to share content and approaches to ensure that the learning needs of all students are met.

Yass High School

Despite the setback of losing our technical block to fire late last year, the school and its students are thriving, with the usual full range

of academic, technical, cultural, sporting and extracurricular learning and activities.

Of particular significance has been student achievement in agriculture with Show Team, sport with various representative individuals and teams across the spectrum, and the creative and performing arts with Link Band and Choir, and this week's Talent Quest showcasing a wide array of talent and performance.

This year Peer Support was introduced to add to other welfare and community programs

such as Shine, Brekky Club, Community Studies, and the Premier's Student Volunteer Program.

A Senior Study Skills Program is aimed at enhancing academic performance and students have represented the school with success in recent maths and science competitions. Below are some of the high school's stories.

Sandra Hiscock, Yass High principal

Yass High has talent

From singing to acting, circus to dancing, a cappella to percussion, theatre to comedy, drawing to photography, painting to sculpture, mask-making to fashion, traditional to contemporary, the fifth annual 'We've Got Talent' Quest will certainly live up to its name. Tomorrow's exciting event will be etched in Yass High School history.

Hoping for a sold out crowd, students from years seven through to twelve will showcase an

extraordinary range of talent no doubt creating an incredibly difficult task for our judging panel.

Featuring the dynamic duo of Mr Glenn Matthews and Laila Kassouh as MC's, who this year will be joined by Janessa Curry, the night is sure to bring the house down.

The VIP lounge will of course be a feature, sponsored by Nicko and Joshie; Yass High School's very own radio hosts. The 'People's Choice Award' has

become a popular event, inviting audience members to vote for their favourite performance, whilst the Artchi-Prize invites our ARTists to shine.

Tickets are still on sale today from the school's front office or at the Yass High Box Office in the Library at lunchtimes. Singles: \$4, Families (4) \$13, and tickets for the VIP lounge raffle draw \$1. All tickets must be pre-purchased as tickets will not be sold at the door.



• A number of students at Yass High are heavily involved with rural fire service courses.

Come & Celebrate EDUCATION WEEK with Yass Public School

WHEN: Friday, 2nd August
TIME: 12 midday
WHERE: Hall
FOR: Assembly, Art Show, Sausage Sizzle, Fun Tabliod Sport afternoon.

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Our BlazeAid contribution

Recently the school had good reason to be proud when three of our Year 12 students, Bradley Hazell, Reece Brooks and Stephen Targett, completed VET work placements with BlazeAid volunteers on properties devastated by fire in January. A report from the volunteers at Bookham referred to the students as "delightful guys,

already part of the team" who were making valuable contributions replacing strainers and fencing and learning how to rehabilitate fire-ravaged terrain. Following this success, Year 11 VET students will also do placements with the BlazeAid group, to whom we are greatly indebted for providing such a unique opportunity.

A healthy start

First established in 2005, the Yass High School Breakfast Club continues to support students developing a deeper understanding of healthy lifestyle and nutrition.

Operating each morning in the school library all students are invited to enjoy hot chocolate, toast, cereal, juice and fruit. With community support, and a special partnership with the Yellow Van, the Brekky Club supports student learning

across all years by continuing to provide a safe and secure environment for students to socialise and enjoy a healthy start before beginning their studies for the day.

Currently serving approximately 150 students each morning, students can be seen enjoying board games and card games whilst watching the news and enjoying hot toast on some cold winter starts.

We received so many wonderful story snippets from Yass High we've continued them on page 18.

Big week at Yass Public

Yass Public is celebrating Education Week with some very special activities. Our senior students are attending the Yass High School Talent Quest on Wednesday to enjoy all the talent Yass High has to offer as well as meet the staff and students up at the high school as part of their transition to high school plan.

Friday we will be having a special assembly with our indigenous dance group performing; the school band and choir will also perform songs. Our special year 1/2 class has an item to perform and have been working very hard on getting it polished. There will also be special Education Week class awards presented by teachers.

After our assembly, parents are warmly encouraged to stay on for a sausage sizzle lunch.

Our Art Show will be opened at lunch for students and their families to wander around and look at the masterpieces created by our students over the past three months. The art exhibit will be open for the rest of the day so students and family can catch up even after school on Friday afternoon.

We will be having a combined tabloid sport afternoon that our senior students are organising after lunch. We are hoping many parents and families will join us for our day and have a great time celebrating the wonderful things happening in Yass Public School.

We would like to welcome any parents that have smaller children that are starting school next year to come and visit our school. It would be great to see you and show you all the great things happening at Yass Public.



• Some of the children's wonderful artwork that will be on display in the Art Exhibition this week.

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