LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

This year Yass High School has replaced the popular annual Talent Quest for 2014 with an outstanding musical production that showcases the talents and skills of Yass High students and employs professional technical props, sets, lighting and sound to ensure this is a polished presentation.

The rehearsals have been great, the singing and sets are fantastic! The leads are exceptional and the foot-tapping music from the band enthrals. There will be no need to travel to Sydney to see it all, you can see it all in Yass!

Little Shop of Horrors is a comedy rock musical about Seymour, a hapless florist shop worker (Orion Mandla), and Audrey (Dana Wilson), a florist, who raise a plant that has an unusual diet. There is an evil dentist (Edward Hinch) and a scheming florist shop owner (Bella Wilson). The musical is based on the film The Little Shop of Horrors, directed by Roger Corman. The music is in the style of early 1960s and includes several well-known tunes, including the title song, "Skid Row (Downtown)", "Somewhere That's Green", and "Suddenly, Seymour".

Yass High School presents, Little Shop of Horrors.... we are very excited to invite parents and friends to attend our evening performances.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 7, 8, 9 May 6.30pm (doors open 6pm)
Yass High School Hall
Tickets available from Yass High School 62261711
Adults $15 Children/Concession $10 Family $40
All Primary School students in Years 5&6 have received an invitation to the Matinee Wednesday 7th May
Time: 11.20am start with 1.30pm finish time
We look forward to seeing you there.
NAPLAN

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

On 13th, 14th and 15th May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 7 and 9.

The results of the tests will provide information to our school about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will also receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests and adjustments can be made reflecting the student’s normal level of support in the classroom. Parents will be contacted individually regarding this.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer by the completion and signing of a consent form available from the front office. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html

P&C News

At our last P&C meeting we had a very informative presentation and discussion about the Bring Your Own Device policy the school is adopting. Parents present appreciated the opportunity to learn more about what this will mean for students who have laptops or tablets to bring to school, and the support that will be offered to students who will not be bringing their own device. The P&C encourages all parents to take a very close interest in this issue as the new policy is introduced.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the cooking and serving of food at the Movie Night put on by the Yass Youth Council on 11 April. Unfortunately the scheduled date of Saturday 5 April had to be abandoned due to bad weather, and the event moved to an indoor venue on a new date on the last day of the school term. While we didn’t sell heaps of sausages, it was a fun evening and a great way to work with the Yass community.

Our next P&C meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 5 May in the staff room.
ANZAC

As usual Yass High School was well-represented at the annual Yass ANZAC Day service at which an insightful letter from a soldier at Gallipoli was read by one of his descendants in front of a large gathering of locals. Our band, conducted by Mr David Greenwood, ably accompanied the three hymns and provided incidental music and the school captains laid a wreath after having led other students and teachers in distinctively bringing up the rear of the march behind veterans, a pipe band, Duntroon cadets and students from other schools.

Welcome to New Staff

Amy Corkill - PDHPE

Bronwyn Stanton - Maths

Peter Woof - Maths
### Coming Events

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Click on the school website for the online calendar.
Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars.

### Communicating with Parents

Many parents have indicated that they would like to receive communication from the school via email.

Please click on the link yass-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au to send us an email with your details or cut out and return the slip below.

Please include the following details in your email:

- **Subject:** Parent email
- **Body:** Parent first & surname; Student(s) first & surname and year(s)

We hope to enhance electronic communication with parents over the coming year.