From the Principal

This week Mrs Robinson and I completed subject selection interviews with all year 10 students. It was pleasing to hear the many ideas for future careers and to see our students planning subject patterns that will take them into the world of work. Thank you also to those parents who attended interviews or made time to discuss options with their student before they were interviewed.

This term is a very important time for all our Year 12 students as they consolidate their HSC studies. It is especially significant for those students who have practical tasks dues for HSC marking. Ms Halley-Barberis and her textile students have now submitted their impressive final projects and Ms Shannon and Aleyn have submitted a wonderful piece of writing as her Extension 2 project. Ms Vandermeys and the very creative Visual Arts group are making the final adjustment to their body of works, the Drama students will perform for external HSC markers next Wednesday 25th and Mrs Riach’s Music group will perform for markers on the 9th September.

Ashley Parker won the People’s Choice and Jonah Smith won the Judge’s Choice art awards at the CAPA Night.
Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Information Evening will take place next Thursday 27th August at 6.30 and I encourage parents to come along with their student to gain an insight into the RoSA (Record of School Achievement) and Stage 5 curriculum choices.

Interviews for 2016 school captains are now complete. Next week on assembly 9 Year 11 students will present their claim to the 2016 captaincy before the whole school votes and the votes are tallied by our impartial electoral officer, Mr Ray England.

SASS Recognition week will be from 31st August- 4th September. A big thank you to all our SASS staff who continue to excel in their jobs and ensure that the students, teachers and parents of this school are always the number one priority. NAPLAN results for years 7 and 9 have been distributed and we will now analyse these results so that teaching and learning programs can be adjusted if necessary. Feedback to parents will follow.

Congratulations to our creative arts students and teachers after a very impressive evening of music, drama and art last night, Thursday 20th. The evening was well-attended and the diversity of talent was enjoyed by all.

Prize winners were:
People’s Choice: Ashley Parker
First Place: Jonah Smith
Second Place: Anna Betts
Third Place: Ruvae Bush
Highly Commended: Addison Fulton, Thomas Rampton Jack Hierzer and Gabbie Davis.
I was reminded this week of what a lovely community we live and work in when Mr Brian Carruthers kindly donated several items of photography equipment to Yass High School, including cameras, lenses and a tripod. Mr Carruthers was a well-known professional photographer before he retired, and he would like his equipment to be used by the school. What a generous gesture.

On another matter, remember to put your names on your uniform items so they can be returned to you if you leave them in the classroom or oval by accident. It is lovely to see the warmer weather starting to shine through, so make sure you are in full uniform so you can use the oval for active games at lunchtimes.

Welcome to our wonderful new teachers, Ms Olzomer, Ms Judd and Mr Rimmer. Ms Olzomer is doing a wonderful job, having taking over my music teaching load and has many exciting ideas for ukuleles, drumming groups and choir.

Ms Judd is replacing Ms Aldridge while she is on maternity leave, and has made fantastic connections with the Drama classes already.

Mr Rimmer is our new English teacher, and has fitted in straight away to Yass High School, he has his classes working to a high standard in their English work.
Captain’s Corner

Hey everyone! Well we’re at the half way mark again of the school term, which means the new school captains are about to be elected! There are a lot of candidates this year, so remember to choose wisely- otherwise you’ll be stuck with another bunch of lunatics ;)

Recently we also took over the office! If you didn’t see us in action, you missed out because we had many serious jobs to do… like taking a lot of selfies. It definitely was a lot of fun though and was exciting to experience some of the things that go on behind the scenes. So next time you need an office lady, remember to thank them because they put in a lot of time and effort to make the school run smoothly.

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

The teacher of the week we have chosen is… Mr Anderson! He is one of the excellent new teachers that have joined us this year, and students have come up to us saying really encouraging things about his lessons. He is very committed to his teaching and is always happy to help out his students. An example of his hard work is the awesome model he built of a DNA structure, which was used as a display for the Science Faculty at subject choices as well as a great learning tool for us Year 12 biology students. So thank you Mr Anderson! You are a great asset to Yass High.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Why did the traffic light turn red?

You would too if you had to change in the middle of the street!
SRC

There has been lots of activity in the SRC this term.

- The captain nominees have been attending meetings and the assembly for the speeches, and voting for the 2016 school captains, is next Tuesday.
- We will be holding our basketball competition again in week 9, before the yr 11 exams start. The teams will be open and in groups of three. Each member of the teams are to pay $2 entry fee. Please see Ms Blake for more information.
- The SRC is getting a new BBQ since the old one has become a bit of a fire hazard.
- The SRC is looking to change the award system at YHS to include more house-based recognition. We have been discussing this idea with the Deputy Principal and we are putting together a proposal for the staff to look at.
On the 14/8 the SRC held a sleepover for the 40 Hour Famine. A multitude of activities were done: with Mr Anderson they made green fire; with Ms McQueen they knitted and crocheted watched movies and videos, built a fort, had a scavenger hunt and did quizzes. Lights were allegedly meant to go out at 10:30 pm but the last person who wasn’t giving up sleep was asleep by 2:30-ish.

A BBQ was held before they started the fasting with compliments to the chefs Edward Hinch and Lachlan Butler.

Thank you to the teachers for giving up their time for this fun event.

By Samantha Bumbar
Food Technology

Year 7 and 9 students have been making good use of the new kitchens, cooking wonderfully healthy meals and having fun while they do it.

Dylan Huey, Jason Davis, Mackenzie Toten, Georgia Greig, Benjamin Thornely, Ayden Pothan
Yass High School
Student of the Week
August 2015

Geena Elliott
Year 7
For Outstanding Contribution in Music

Yass High School
Student of the Week
August 2015

Emily Parker
Year 11
For Outstanding Contribution to CAPA Evening

Yass High School
Student of the Week
August 2015

Amy Kelly
Year 9
For Going Above and Beyond in her Support for Others

Yass High School
Student of the Week
August 2015

Bryce Glover
Year 9
For Outstanding Community Involvement
Yass High School
Students of the Week
August 2015

Rebekah Gallagher
Jack Gallagher
Stephanie Witt

For Community Service in
Officiating at PSSA Soccer Finals
Yass Netball Association
2016 Representative Trials

Sunday 6\textsuperscript{th} September 2015
And
Sunday 13\textsuperscript{th} September 2015

Yass Netball Association will be holding trials for our 2016 rep season at O’Connor park at the following times:

At 10am
- under 9/10’s.
- under 11’s.

At 11am
- Under 12’s.
- Under 13’s.

At 12pm
- Under 14’s.
- Under 15’s.

Any question please don’t hesitate to contact YNA
yass.netball@bigpond.com or 0481159079
EXPLORE

NATIONAL Literacy and Numeracy WEEK

31 August–6 September 2015

For more information visit www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au
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Remember Assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars