



DALTON DISPATCH

10th May 2018



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Principal's Message

Yass District Cross Country Postponed

Due to the predicted inclement weather forecast for Friday, the District Cross Country has been postponed to Monday the 14th May. Parents of students who qualified have been notified. Good luck to our four students who are competing at the District Cross Country on Monday. Do your best Clarissa, Baxton, Hunter and Kai!

Annual School Report and School Strategic Plan

The Annual School Report 2017 and the School Strategic Plan 2018 – 2020 can now be found and viewed on our school website. Please have a read.

Mrs Kerry Foran

Kerry will be taking leave in weeks 3 and 4. She will be replaced by Mrs Joy Blackman on the Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in this two week period.

Administration Building

We are back in the Administration Building. Whilst there are still some minor building works going on, access to the front office is via the Library. The majority of the job is finished; however, the builders are still finishing small parts. They will be painting the inside walls and ceiling of the Library this term. Use of the Library and its resources will continue in the classroom. Most of the scaffolding and fences will come down this week, weather permitting.

Opportunity Class

If you would like to have your child considered for the Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2019, please contact the school office for further information. All applications must be completed on-line by Friday the 18th May.

ANZAC Day

It was fantastic to see most of our students marching together and representing our school at the ANZAC Day March in Gunning.

Wild Pollinator Count

At the end of Term 1, our students took part in a citizen science experiment, the Autumn 2018 Wild Pollinator Count. After adding up the total number of pollinators, which included blue-banded bees, ants and butterflies, the students then entered the data on the Wild Pollinator Count website. Many thanks go to Kath Vivas for facilitating this great activity with our students.

NAPLAN

All across Australia, students in Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 will be completing the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on Tuesday the 15th May, Wednesday the 16th May and Thursday the 17th May.

Tuesday 15 th May	Wednesday 16 th May	Thursday 17 th May	Friday 18 th May
Language Conventions test (Spelling, punctuation and grammar)	Reading test	Numeracy test	'catch-up' for any student who missed a test or were absent on test day.
Writing test			

The results are only one of the many assessment methods our school uses to evaluate and monitor student's learning. Later in the year, parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Additional information can be found at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support

We have been preparing students so they are familiar with what will happen during NAPLAN testing, however, some students may feel worried or upset by this process. Please reassure them this is only one part of the overall picture of how they are doing and that they should try their best. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss any part of this program.

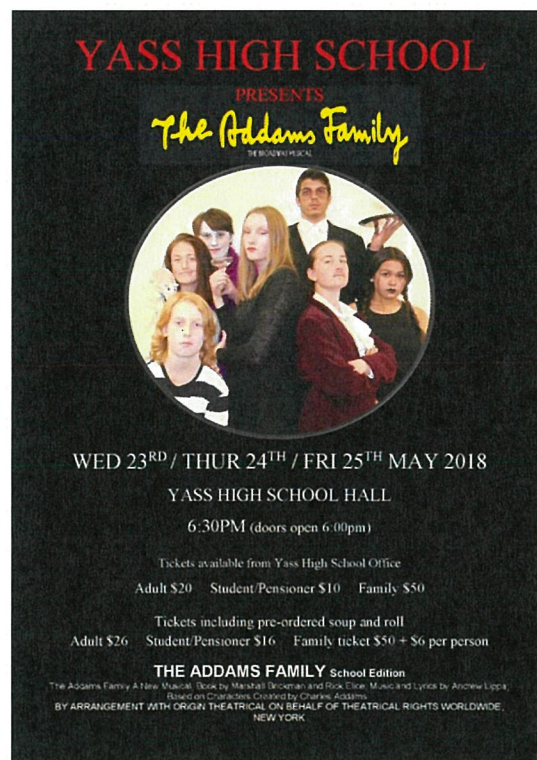
Burrinjuck Learning Community Athletics Carnival

This year, our combined small schools athletics carnival will be held on Friday the 8th of June at Victoria Park in Yass. Students turning 8 or older in 2018 will be able to compete. More information will be sent home soon in a permission note.

Geography: Papua New Guinea Country Study

This term in Geography, our students are studying Papua New Guinea, which is one of Australia's closest neighbours. On Wednesday, we had a guest speaker Blair who lived in Papua New Guinea for nine years. Students enjoyed viewing and discussing a photo presentation and looking at and discussing cultural artefacts from PNG with Blair.

Yass High Musical



Gabby Dickson – Relieving Principal

Library News

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing and returning happens on Thursday mornings before school. Please encourage students to borrow and return their books.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Challenge has begun and ends on 31st August. K-2 students need to read 30 books; 25 of those must be from the Premier's Reading Challenge list and 5 can be personal choice books. Years 3-6 must read 20 books with 15 of those from the PRC list and 5 personal choice. Please see the Premier's Reading Challenge website for further information or see Carolyn Harrison (Tuesday & Thursday). A reading log was sent home last term. Once completed, please bring it in for validation by the librarian.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held between Monday 28th May and Saturday 2nd June. The catalogue sent home last week is an early preview of what's on offer. During the week, Book Fair will be open 8:30am till 9am each morning and from 3:00pm – 3:30pm each afternoon. Our fantastic P&C will hold a BBQ on Saturday 2nd June between 9am – 12noon, so please encourage community members to come in and purchase books and support our great, little school.

Carolyn Harrison – Teacher Librarian

Upcoming Events

3	Monday 14 May	District Cross Country
3	Tues 15/Wed 16/Thurs 17	NAPLAN
4	Wed 23 May	Simultaneous Story Time
5	All week	Book Fair
5	Saturday 2 June	Book Fair & BBQ
6	Friday 8 June	BLC Athletics (Turning 8 years 2018 & over)

Photo Gallery



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FOR KIDS

If your comment is negative, then **SHOOSH!**

Reward good effort with applause; if you can't then **SHOOSH!**

If your negative comment is directed at an official, then **SHOOSH!**

If your negative comment is directed at a child, then **SHOOSH!**

Show respect to kids and officials. **Remember, sport should be fun!**



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