

Newsletter November 2024

SUCCESS IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY





KEY DATES

We are **Respectful**
Respectful people are polite, they listen and make positive choices.

We **Own** our behaviour
People who own their behaviour are accountable for their actions.

We are **Courageous**
Being courageous is making positive choices in the face of challenges.

We are **Kind**
Being kind means that through our actions we show empathy for others.



Term 4	
NOVEMBER	
4-15	Primary In-Term Swimming
8-29	7-8 Cadet Water Safety
11	Remembrance Day
14	Trashy Whole School Assembly
22	Room 24 Assembly & Wheatbelt Ball
29	Cadet Promotion Ceremony
DECEMBER	
9	ECE Awards Ceremony
10	MUP Awards Ceremony
11	Secondary Awards Ceremony
12	Last Day of School

We **R O C K**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TRENT LOCKYER

Kaya everyone,

Firstly, we'd like to acknowledge that there has been a gap between the publications of our newsletters. Communication with, and connection to, our community is always a priority for us, but as you'll see, it has been an incredibly busy time, with so much **SUCCESS** and **IMPROVEMENT** taking place. As well as providing all these opportunities for our students, we are also conscious of the workload of our staff, and as result the newsletter publication was delayed. We would like to thank those that reached out, and to everyone that shows an interest in engaging with all the latest news relating to our school.

There are moments to celebrate everyday here at York District High School, but the last few weeks have seen some key annual events take place that are worthy of special acknowledgement. Firstly, to our Year 9 and 10 Cadets that attended Camp Fairbridge for the first time. Your engagement and behaviour was exemplary, and we hope that you remember much of what you experienced in your years beyond York DHS. To our Country Week competitors, you once again demonstrated sportsmanship, teamwork and a determination to improve yourselves and your teams. You ROCK'd! To our Be You team, we thank you for coordinating another impactful Be You Week, reminding us to take care of our own mental health and be aware of the impact your respect and kindness has on others. Finally, to our teachers, celebrating World Teachers' Day was a great opportunity to show just a small portion of our appreciation for all of the energy and passion you give to provide a better future for our students.

“CONNECTION TO
OUR COMMUNITY IS
ALWAYS A
PRIORITY FOR US”



FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

BONNIE SPENCER & ANGUS JONES

**“THE LESSONS WE LEARNT
ABOUT OURSELVES WILL
FOLLOW US THROUGHOUT
OUR LIVES”**

And just like that, we are almost at the end of 2024, and the end of our time as School Captains at York District High School. As crazy as this year has been, and with so much still to come, we wanted to take a moment to reflect not only on our time as School Captains, but our time as students at York DHS as a whole.

Without a doubt, some of the strongest memories we have of our time here include the incredible experiences we've had on camps. We are so grateful that York DHS has a long standing relationship with the Emergency Service Cadets, so that we take advantage of these opportunities we otherwise may not have gotten.

We're also drawn to the great specialty courses that we have been able to engage with like Street Art and Physical Recreation, that have allowed us to expand our learning in different contexts like exploring the art that is created throughout Perth CBD, and competing at District High School Country Week.

We're also looking to the future. Within the next 5 weeks we will attend the Wheatbelt Ball, this year being hosted by York DHS and promising to be one of biggest in recent memory. We are also celebrating so much SUCCESS and IMPROVEMENT during the End of Year Awards Ceremonies and End of Term Reward activities. We are especially looking forward to our overnight stay at Lake Leschenaultia and our final goodbye.

To the incoming School Captains, make the most of all the opportunities presented to you because it goes so fast, and to all our peers, finish strong and strive to achieve all your goals.





Congratulations to the following students

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

**Louie Gregory
Jai Mackay
Alyssa Higgins
Taylor Collins
Lia Reny
Lauren Hooper
Taylor Milne
Libby Welsh
Sophie Rous
Margaret Olsson
Harliah Thomas**

**Ethan Faulkner
Karis Rous
Mariah Begley
Isabelle Hayes
Marley Harmer
Kaylia Begley
Dylan Cochrane
John Donovan
Olive Kainuku
Nathan May
Josh Jacobson**

Scitech

In pursuit of a love of learning for our students, particularly in STEM, students recently engaged with the inspiring team from Scitech for an incredible incursion. Students got hands-on experiences, comparing human sensors with those of diverse creatures, explored how different species perceive the world, posing questions, making predictions, and unravelling mysteries through exploration. Students also explored the wonders of magnetic fields and discovered the powerful relationship between electricity and magnetism. Through engaging demonstrations and inquiry-based experiments, students used the scientific process to create a powerful electromagnet.

Congratulations to all our participating students, and we hope that you continue to love your engagement with science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



Cricket Blast

We recently teamed with the WACA to align our curriculum, the Australian Physical Literacy Framework and the Australian Cricket Coaching Philosophy. By participating in Cricket Blast our students were engaged in an inclusive program with a core focus on 'learning through play'. Along with Beverley, Brookton, and Pingelly District High Schools, students of all skill levels and abilities developed their skills in a fun and safe setting.

Cricket is a tremendous vehicle to use in delivering Fundamental Movement Skills, Striking and Fielding Games, Social Emotional Learning and much more!

Thank you to Mr Baker and our participants for their engagement and we look forward to building upon what you have learnt in the future.



PARTY

Through our Emergency Service Cadet program, eligible students have recently completed their Keys for Life qualifications. As part of the course, our Cadets also attend the injury prevention PARTY (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) Program at St John of God Hospital. The PARTY program was launched at the hospital in 2017 to help students aged 14 to 17 years learn about trauma and injury, and see first-hand the impact poor decision making can have on people's lives. During the visit, students hear presentations from St John Ambulance paramedics, Police officers, emergency and intensive care doctors and nurses, physiotherapists, rehabilitation therapists, drug and alcohol experts, brain and spinal cord injury survivors and hospital volunteers. Students are taught about the "ripple effect" of their decisions and how it not only affects them, but others around them, including their friends, families and future work prospects.





Be You

Be You is a national initiative, aimed at promoting and protecting positive mental health in children and young people. Their vision is for an education system in which every learning community is positive, inclusive and resilient, and where every child, young person, staff member, and family can achieve their best possible mental health. To kick off the week all classes across the school participated in a performance and workshop incursion with Suitcase Circus. Students were taught circus skills such as juggling, plate spinning, diabolos, spin sticks and hoop tricks through hands-on demonstrations and workshops run by Joe Bolton. All students had a fantastic time and showed great perseverance when learning the skills. Friday was our official Be You Day, which began with a whole school assembly and drone photo. Students then returned to their buildings for activity rotations across both Primary and Secondary. We once again invited families in for a picnic lunch and finished off the day with everyone's favourite Water Play Afternoon.

Book Fair

Did you use our annual Book Fair to stock up on resources to enrich your children's education? More books means more choice, which means kids get to read the books they want to read. The right book can ignite a passion for reading, so we encourage families to work together to create a reading culture at home. Reading expands the mind and nourishes the imagination.

This year's Book Fair was well supported by families, our community, and staff. Thank you to everyone that contributed to Book Fair and helped us raise essential funds to support our school reading programs, including our library.

Special thanks to Mrs Vincent for all her efforts in continuing to create a space within our school for students to achieve **SUCCESS** and **IMPROVEMENT** in their literacy.



MERC Games

The Mining Emergency Response Competition is a not-for-profit event that provides world class emergency rescue training and skill building opportunities for volunteer mines rescue teams. This year a number of our Cadet Leaders have nominated to train and participate! The Games will take place in Langely Park from November 29 to December 1, with industry representatives, FIFO workers, mining families and the local community viewing firsthand, the skills of the mining emergency response teams who help to ensure safe workplaces and communities in the event of emergency. The MERC will attract 18 emergency response teams, 150 industry volunteers and over 4000 members of the public to attend. We are incredibly proud of our students for choosing to take on this challenge and we wish them the very best for the Competition!

9/10 Camp

During Week 8 of last term, our Year 9 and 10 students attended their annual camp, this year visiting Pinjarra and wider Peel region for the first time. The week at Camp Fairbridge was packed with opportunity and excitement, as our Cadets engaged in a range of activities, including a tree top high rope course, virtual reality emergency response training, canoeing, and even escape rooms! Throughout the camp our students demonstrated the values expected of York District High School and the Emergency Services Cadets. They had the opportunity to work closely with the State Emergency Service Volunteer's Association and were able to apply the skills and knowledge they have acquired throughout the year to a number of challenges throughout the week. Thank you Ms Chitty, Ms Read and the staff that made this experience possible!



CULTURE OF COMMUNITY



Country Week

District High School Country Week took place from September 16-20. The annual competitions organised by School Sport WA is an incredible opportunity for our students to participate in various team sports and interact with other District High Schools. Our Mixed Division B Basketball team placed 3rd in their group, also receiving the Country Week Sportsmanship Award. Our Division B Netball team placed 5th, and our Boys Division B Futsal team placed 3rd.

Congratulations to all students that took part in Country Week this year. It is an incredible opportunity that would not be possible without the commitment of our staff. To Mr. Baker and the staff that gave their time to supervise and coach, we thank you. We look forward to seeing what we can achieve next year.

World Teachers' Day

Friday 25 October was World Teachers' Day! World Teachers' Day honours the dedication, hard work, and passion of teachers who play a crucial role in shaping the minds and futures of our children. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the incredible work teachers do every day. By celebrating this day and showing our appreciation, we can help create a supportive and encouraging environment that allows teachers to thrive and continue making a positive impact on our children's lives.

As a small token of appreciation the school social club organised a special morning tea for our teachers and our Principal Mr Lockyer made sure everyone gave them a big round of applause during our Assembly and his morning announcements.

To our teachers, our hats are off to you!



Lexie Finestone

*Hello! My name is Lexie Finestone, and I am a Primary PBS Leader for 2024. **Respect** is important because it shows people that you care and that you're listening to them.*



Karis Rous

Hi, I am Karis and I am one of the High School PBS Leaders at YDHS for 2024.

*At YDHS, we are **Courageous**. It is important to be courageous because if you try your best, you can overcome your challenges and be the best that you can be. You can be courageous by not holding back from being different and standing out. Even if no one else is doing what you want to do, or what you know is the right thing to do, you are courageous if you do it anyway.*



Etonche van Emmerloot

Hi, I am Etonche and I am also one of the High School PBS Leaders at YDHS for 2024.

*Being **Courageous** has helped me overcome my challenges and achieve my dreams. When I needed to change regions for my GKR karate, it required a lot of courage because I was starting from scratch and felt alone. But because of the courage I showed to do this, I have now achieved a Black Belt and made it to the World Cup. I encourage everyone at YDHS to try as hard as you can and continue even if you might fail.*





IN & AROUND OUR SCHOOL



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WE ACTIVELY LISTEN &
FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS

WE ARE POLITE &
USE OUR MANNERS

WE MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES &
ARE ACCOUNTABLE

WE ARE HONEST &
ACT WITH INTEGRITY

WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES
TO BE OUR BEST

WE SEEK HELP WHEN NEEDED

WE ARE HELPFUL &
CONSIDERATE

WE ACCEPT & RESPECT
DIFFERENCES

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