



## YORK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER – 2021

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### From the Principal

Kaya everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3! I trust everyone had a restful break and has returned refreshed for what promises to be a very busy term. With our record breaking rainfall recently I hope everyone is safe with minimal damage to property and crops. Please be careful when near flood ways and water affected areas.

It has been exciting watching our Aussies go for gold in Tokyo but the highlight has definitely been the cameo appearances of our own Mrs Mac!!! We are very proud of her representing us and are looking forward to her return, after her quarantine period.

As we celebrate NAIDOC week I want to thank Mrs Bateman and Mrs Narkle for their efforts in arranging such enriching cultural experiences for all our children. We welcomed many of our local elders and community members to engage with our students and it is encouraging to see that we continue to develop our cultural responsiveness and partnerships within our Balladong community.

Our Athletics carnivals are always a highlight of the school calendar and we are looking forward to another great demonstration of sportsmanship and team spirit. We also hope to see as many parents and community members as possible to support our children at all of our carnivals.

Have a great term everyone.

***Mr Trent Lockyer  
Principal***



**York District High School**  
***Independent Public School***  
**Courage, Effort & Innovation**



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**Our Vision: A School of Choice for Learning and Life**

To develop a whole school framework for teaching and encouraging expected behaviours, that is shared and understood by staff, students and the wider community. Together, we will foster positive attitudes towards learning and the development of social skills in an inclusive community environment. This will develop a school culture which is supportive and consistent with high expectation relationships.

## Important Dates:

- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Aug – NAIDOC Week
- 4<sup>th</sup> Aug – Kindy Enrolment Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Aug – Primary (AM) & Secondary (PM) Assembly
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Cadet Camp Deposit Due
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Faction Colours Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Freaky Friday Silent Disco
- 17<sup>th</sup> Aug – Year 10 NSHS Enrollment Interviews
- 17<sup>th</sup> Aug – 'Be You' Free Dress Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Aug – Faction Athletics Jumps & Throws
- 20<sup>th</sup> Aug – Faction Athletics Carnival
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Aug Book Week
- 24<sup>th</sup> Aug – Junior Primary Fun Day



**R** We are RESPECTFUL

**O** We OWN our Behaviour

**C** We are COURAGEOUS

**K** We are KIND

@ **Y**ork District High School





**Congratulations to the following award recipients!**

**Whole School Assembly**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

***Certificates of Excellence***

Chella Emin

Olive Kainuku

Tahlia Otimi

Indiana Astle

Milena Bovington

Mariah Begley

Ada Chatfield

Lochlan Dass

Jacob Theedom

Katie Allen

Lia Reny

Keira Chitty

Patrick Daly

Karis Rous

Ella Saunders

Flora Stone

Danika McColl

Myah Day





## Whole School News



## Whole School Assembly

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July the whole school came together to celebrate their achievements throughout Semester One. It was fulfilling to see so many students acknowledged with Certificates of Excellence for their academic endeavours. Also on display was our student's impact throughout the community, evidenced by a presentation from Australia Post in York who announced the winner of their custom stamp competition. Our congratulations to Grace and Chella Emin, who will see their designs become official Post Stamps! The celebration was highlighted by outstanding performances from our Choir and Rock Band whose hard-work and dedication were validated by the audiences rousing applause.

## 'Be You' Case Study

York District High School is proud to announce its selection as a case study school for exemplary implementation of 'Be You'. We are one of fifteen, selected from 6,805 participating 'Be You' schools Australia wide, and the only school in the Wheatbelt to be selected. As part of the case study, York District High School has the opportunity to provide information about our experiences integrating 'Be You' throughout our school and wider community to develop a positive, inclusive and resilient learning community. Our selection is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our 'Be You' team, staff, community members and students to engage in processes that allow every child, young person, educator and family to achieve their best possible mental health.



## Olympic Mac

It is with greatest pride we congratulate our very own Jacqui McNamara on her participation at the Olympic Games in Tokyo! Mrs Mac has been recognised as one of the world's best Technical Officials through her selection, and has proudly represented York, Swimming Australia and the nation on the world stage!



## Entrepreneur Fair

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 and 6 students hosted their Entrepreneur Fair. As a part of their Business studies, students ran stalls with tasty treats, fun games and creative crafts for the school and community to purchase and enjoy. Students created a wonderful atmosphere whilst learning valuable economic skills. All profits from the stalls will be going towards future class excursions. Thank you the students, staff and community members that supported this fantastic initiative.

## SOCK Week

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July we collaborated with the Community Resource Centre for Save Our Country Kids (SOCK) Crazy Sock Day. The team, in conjunction with the Road Safety Commission, York Police, and Country Women's Association, delivered powerful presentations to students on Road Safety. The students were thoroughly engaged, and the lucky Riley Morrell even walked away with a brand new scooter and helmet! Our thanks to all that take the time to engage with our students about important community issues and help keep our kids safe.

## Noongar Story Time

In the lead up to our NAIDOC Week celebrations, Chastelle Donovan and Ashleigh Smith accompanied AIEO Mrs Narkle to the York Community Library to deliver Noongar Story Time. The team read 'Big Rain Coming' by Germein Katrina, and sang 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Noongar language. Thank you to the Library team and Paint York REaD for welcoming our students to proudly share their culture and knowledge with the community.

## Healthy Food Week

Miss Creed's Room 17 students are putting the knowledge they acquired about healthy eating and meal preparation into practice with Healthy Food small businesses until August 6<sup>th</sup>.



## Primary School News





## Cadet Promotion Ceremony

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June our Emergency Service Cadets, joined by Beverley District High School Cadets, were recognised at the first Promotion Ceremony of 2021. The ceremony acknowledged the hard work Cadet's have undertaken throughout the Semester, with students being promoted from the ranks of Recruit to Cadet, Cadet to Cadet First Class, First Class to Senior Cadet and Senior to Cadet Section Leader. Congratulations to those students who received promotion and continue to adhere to the Cadet Pledge and values.

## End of Term Rewards

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July eligible Secondary students participated in their (COVID delayed) end of term reward activities. Having maintained their Good Standing by living our school values and abiding by our code of conduct, Year 7 and 8 students spent the day rotating through mobile laser tag, archery, and a mountain biking clinic; whilst Year 9 and 10 students bused to the Swan Valley for laser tag and mini-golf. Congratulations to participating students, and a huge thank you to the staff that coordinated these fun and engaging rewards, in the face of further pandemic setbacks.

## Transitions

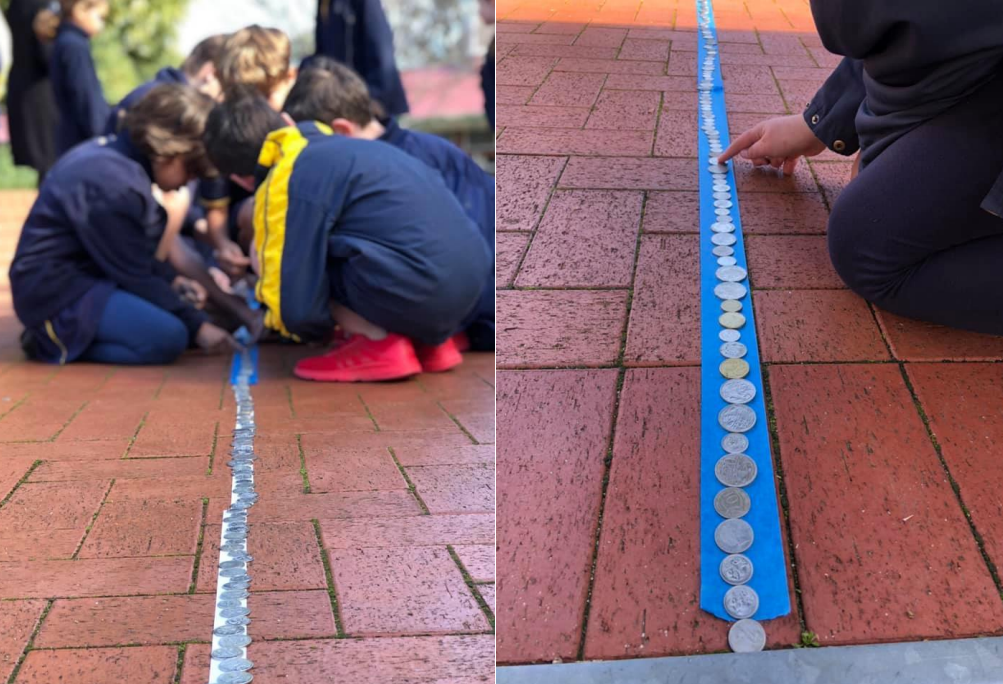
Now well into their Semester Two studies, students across the school are being encouraged and guided through considerations for their next phase of learning. To assist in these weighty discussions, students will be engaging in workshops, incursions and excursions that will aim to smooth their transitions. In particular, students moving Year 6 to 7 will soon be invited to information sessions and a Transition Day. Students in Year 10 will have the opportunity to engage with multiple schools, training providers, and employment agencies throughout the Semester to provide a full picture of the opportunities available and make informed future decisions.



## Secondary School News







## Longest ROCKY Challenge

Throughout last term the P&C held the 'Longest Rocky Challenge'. Students were encouraged to bring their loose coins to school and fill class jars to see who could raise the most money. As usual, things got very competitive, and students raised \$1831. The money will be utilised by the P&C to help fund York DHS' Positive Behaviour Support programs. Congratulations Room 16 on your victory!

## Freaky Friday Disco

The P&C's Freak Friday Silent Discos are taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August! See the flyer for full details.

## Scouts

Northam Scout Group meet weekly during the school term at the Northam Guide Hall. Joey Scouts age 5-7 on Monday 4-5.30; Cub Scouts age 8-11 on Friday 4-6pm; Scouts age 11-15 on Thursday 6.30-8.30pm; Venturers age 15-17 on Friday 7.30-9.30pm. Anyone wishing to join is welcome to come along and try for free.

## COVID-19 Vaccination

A COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic will be in York at the York Health Service on Trews Road. Bookings are essential with availability on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 9.30-4p; Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 9-4pm; and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 9-2.30pm.

To book, scan the QR code or call COVID (13 26843).

## Community and P&C News



**\$5 TICKETS**

**FREAKY FRIDAY**

**FRIDAY THE 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**Food & Drinks**

**Glow Sticks**

**Prizes**

**SILENT DISCO**

**Dress up in your BEST Freaky, Fun & Fluro Costume!**

**TICKETS - Pre-sale available at YDHS Canteen**

	<b>KINDY - YEAR 2</b> Silent Disco & Dance Party Parent's to Stay & Siblings Welcome. 4pm - 5pm
	<b>YEAR 3 - YEAR 6</b> Silent Disco & Dance Party 5.15pm - 6.15pm
	<b>YEAR 7 - YEAR 10</b> Silent Disco 6.30 - 7.30pm



**Disco will take place in the Undercover Area.  
YDHS students only to attend.**

**PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED PLEASE.**



