



YORK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER – 2021

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From the Principal

Kaya everyone,

At the 2021 election, the McGowan Government made a commitment to boost science resources at public primary schools. We applied for this grant last term and I am pleased to announce that York District High School will receive a \$25,000 science equipment grant and a science laboratory conversion. The Department of Education is developing a roll-out plan for the science lab refurbishments. Further advice about when our refurbishment will be undertaken will be provided to us in the coming months.

Dress codes are tangible evidence of the standards expected of students and play an important role in promoting positive images of schools. A school's dress code supports all students to participate fully in school life. Dress codes can help create a sense of identity and a school culture in which every student experiences a sense of belonging. Your ongoing support to ensure your children attend each school day in full uniform is greatly appreciated and benefits both staff and students. Our P&C have uniforms available through the canteen, alternatively students are permitted to wear suitable items of clothing that are plain navy blue (i.e. no strips or logos). If you have any queries in regards to the Dress Code or your child's compliance please contact the relevant Deputy Principal by phoning 9641 3100.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Faction Athletics Carnivals. Thank you to everyone for their understanding of the need to change dates due to the condition of the town oval. Thank you to the York Hockey Club for allowing us to use their facilities as an alternative venue that allows us to go ahead with our events. I am sure everyone will have a fantastic day and demonstrate great sportsmanship and team spirit.

Mr Trent Lockyer
Principal



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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:

- 23rd - 27th Aug Book Week
- 24th Aug – Northam SHS Enrolment Interviews
- 25th Aug – Book Week Dress-up Day & Parade
- 26th Aug – Primary Assembly
- 26th Aug – Year 10 Careers & Skills Expo
- 27th Aug – Faction Athletics Carnival
- 30th – 24th – Year 10 OLNA Testing Round 2
- 31st Aug – Junior Primary Fun Day
- 1st – 2nd Sep P&C Father's Day Stall
- 13th – 17th Sep Year 9 & 10 Cadet Camp
- 20th – 24th Sep Country Week (Secondary)
- 24th Sep – Last Day of Term 3





Congratulations to the following award recipients!

Primary & Secondary School Assemblies

Friday 6th August 2021

Pride Award

Room 21

Luke Hewett

Respect Award

Kayla Wall

Certificates of Recognition

Taj Henning Edwards

Levi Groves

Mia Nicholson

Olivia Johnson

Robert Marshall

Harrison Curtis

Haiden Sheridan

Winter Gibbs

Piper Slater

Sadie Draper

Alanie Metcalf

Mackenzie Rous

Jackson Cox

Skyla Groves

Charlie Wherrett

Katie Spencer

Jackson Mincherton

Maggie Arundel

Room 30

Kacie Battista

Dakoda Mackay

Emmi Wherrett

Mariah Begley

John Donovan

Izac Johnson

Oisin Kirwan

Katie Allen

James Bickley

Ella Smartt

Emma Hannington

Angel Hart

Angus Jones

Katherine Dass

Pia McAlpine

Charlee Saxton

Jaylah Mogridge

Lochlan Dass

Robert Macey

Logan Szymanski

Meadow Taylor

William Johnston

Jyden Wallace

Grace Allen

NAIDOC Week

From August 2nd to 6th we celebrated NAIDOC week, which was highlighted by many culturally enriching experiences for our students and staff. The Stephen Michael Foundation visited us on August 3rd, utilising traditional cultural sports to engage, encourage and support students as leaders amongst their peers and within their communities. On August 4th the whole school community participated in a traditional smoking ceremony, led by Kevin Fitzgerald and Phil Bateman. On the 5th & 6th School Leaders served up a beef and yongka (kangaroo) sausage sizzles! Thank you to all students and staff that contributed to the success of the week, with special thanks to our AIEO's Mrs Bateman and Mrs Narkle for their coordination and execution of these fantastic events.

Whole School News



'Be You' Updates

The 'Be You' team meets four times per term to devise and action ideas that help foster positive mental health and wellbeing for students, staff and/or the wider community. Staff have been upskilling in Mental Health and many have now completed Mentally Healthy Community Modules. 87% have indicated that they found the training beneficial, with 75% indicating that they would change their existing practice after gaining further mental health knowledge. Early feedback indicates the training we have access to through Be You is having a positive impact on our staff. This year, The Be You Team will be focusing on the following: 1. Be You Day/Week 2. Ongoing Staff Wellbeing 3. School Revamp: artwork on the outside wall of the Under Cover Area 4. Further external professional development opportunities for staff and students in the area of mental health and wellbeing.

Jumps & Throws

On Wednesday August 18th students competed for their Faction's in the Jumps and Throws events, as part of our Athletics Carnival. Thanks to the coordination and enthusiasm of staff, community members, student leaders and competitors, the events were a shining example of how courage, effort and innovation drive success at York DHS. Good luck to all students competing in Faction Athletics Carnival on Friday 27th August. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Kindy Enrolment Day

Wednesday August 4th was Kindy Enrolment Day for all parents wishing to enrol their children in Kindy at York DHS for the 2022 school year. It was wonderful to meet so many perspective parents and smiling, enthusiastic incoming students. We can't wait to get to know you all better during orientation next term.

Healthy Food Business

As part of their health curriculum in Term 2, the children of Room 17 learned about healthy eating and meal preparation. They were also encouraged to educate other people about the benefits of healthy eating. So to help put what they have learned into action, they came up with their own healthy food small businesses!

Room 17's Healthy Food Small Businesses are kindly sponsored this year by IGA York. All profits made will be going towards an excursion to Perth to meet our pen pals from Tambellup Primary School in Week 8 of Term 3.

Thank you to all staff and students that contributed to this enterprise through their food orders, promotion and production. The menus were highlighted by 'Choc Amaze Balls', 'Atomic Apple Crumble' and 'Fasta Pasta'! Well done to all involved and we are sure the excursion to visit your pen pals will make all your hard-work worth it!

Book Week

Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians create colourful displays, develop activities, run competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. This year's theme is 'Old World, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. We can't wait to see the theme brought to life throughout the week. Be sure to check out our 'Minecraft' inspired library displays, and don't forget to dress-up as your favourite literary character on Wednesday August 25th for Dress-up Day and the Primary Parade. We can't wait to see and hear all about how our student's continue to engage with literacy, and find academic success through creativity and courage.



Primary School News



Cadet VFES Visit

On August 13th and 20th our Year 9 Emergency Service Cadet's visited Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services sites in town. Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services (VFES) volunteers play a significant and vital role in helping to ensure our local community is safe. Our Cadet's heard of the benefits and value of volunteering by serving your community, increasing your knowledge and skills, challenging yourself and achieving personal satisfaction. Thank you to our Cadet Instructors for coordinating such a rich experience for York and Beverley students – and we look forward to seeing our Cadet's reap the rewards of such training and giving back to our community.

OLNA

Some students in Years 10 are about to sit the OLNA. You may have heard about it, but are not sure what it means for your child. OLNA stands for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. In order to demonstrate the required literacy and numeracy standards for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), some students are expected to sit this assessment.

The OLNA has three components—reading, writing and numeracy. The reading and numeracy components comprise 45 multiple-choice questions; the writing component is an extended response of up to 600 words. Students are allowed 50 minutes for the reading and numeracy components and 60 minutes for the writing. The table below provides an overview of the components.

To prepare our students for the types of questions they can expect and to familiarise them with the online assessment platform, we provide access to practice and example tests on a secure website. The link to the secure website for the practice and example tests is available on the Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au under Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > OLNA > Practice and Example Tests.

If you want to know more, go to the Authority's website and look under Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > OLNA. There you will find more information, answers to frequently asked questions and a brief video. You can also send questions to olna@scsa.wa.edu.au.



Secondary School News





HAPPY 
FATHER'S
• DAY •

YDHS

Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 1st &
Thursday 2nd September



Undercover Area

HELPERS REQUIRED



ARE YOU A CHANGE MAKER?

YOU CAN DONATE YOUR CANS TO YORK DHS P&C
IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3...

Collect eligible containers

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible.

Take them to a refund point

There are different types of refund points across Western Australia, so find the right one for you.

Earn a refund or donate to York DHS P&C Scheme ID C10467214
You'll receive 10 cents for every eligible container you return which you can keep or donate.

YDHS P&C C10467214



York DHS P&C Scheme ID



ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

C10467214

Bag drops

Bags of containers can be dropped off at various locations as a convenient and contact free way to recycle and receive refunds via your scheme ID.

Donate your containers

Simply quote your chosen group's scheme ID at your local refund point to donate your containers.