

Newsletter March 2024



SUCCESS IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY



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.



KEY DATES

MARCH	
8	Interschool Swimming Carnival
8	Blue Light Disco @ York CRC (6.30 PM)
15	Primary (AM) & Secondary (PM) Assembly
NAPLAN (Mar 18-25)	
19	PBS Mini Assembly
21	Harmony Day (Dress Up)
22	End of Term Rewards
28	Whole School Assembly
28	Last Day of Term 1
29	Good Friday

We ROCK

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TRENT LOCKYER

Well done to all the students that competed at the recent Interschool Swimming Carnivals held at Pingelly Community Swimming Pool. Thank you to Mr Baker and Mrs Fidock for their organisation of both carnivals and to our parent helpers that assisted on the day. I have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback for our students team spirit for their factions and our interschool teams Wundig and Wilura. We **ROCK!!!!**

Following some intensive Professional Learning on our School Development Days, our dedicated staff have begun implementing our new High Impact Teaching strategies. We have seen great engagement from our students and I thank our staff for their commitment to change, to **improve** outcomes for our students. As part of our improvement journey we will continue to reflect and review our practices and continue to strive for **SUCCESS** for all students and ongoing **IMPROVEMENT**.

A friendly reminder to all parents/carers to please utilise the designated carparks when dropping off or collecting your children. Please do not enter the Bus Bay or the Rec Centre carpark along Forrest St and Ulster Rd. We also have 2 designated "Kiss and Drop" zones, 1 in the school carpark and 1 in the carpark opposite the manned crosswalk. These areas are for the specific purpose of dropping off your children and leaving immediately. If anyone needs to accompany children on to school grounds, please park your car in a designated carpark and leave this area clear. Students should also not be accessing playgrounds on school site before school. Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated and will help ensure the safety of everyone during the busiest time of the day.

I wish you every **SUCCESS** for the remainder of the Term.

"I THANK OUR STAFF FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO CHANGE, TO **IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR OUR STUDENTS"**



FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

BONNIE SPENCER & ANGUS JONES

**“LISTEN TO YOUR
TEACHERS, PREPARE
AS BEST YOU CAN,
AND REMAIN CALM”**

It has been an incredibly busy Term so far with so many events and opportunities for **SUCCESS** and **IMPROVEMENT**. We were thrilled to welcome the rest of our Student Leadership team with the appointment of Youth Parliament members, the new PBS Students reps and other Leadership roles. We are looking forward to working with them closely as the year progresses.

It was wonderful to see so many people give their all at our Faction and Interschool Swimming Carnivals, even those who don't love swimming showed great Faction pride and supported their friends.

Congratulations to our Champions, Runners-up and Shield winners **Avon**.

We participated in our first Assemblies as Captains and were thrilled to see so many positive recognitions, as well as being able to present some awards ourselves.

Good luck to all student participating in NAPLAN in the coming weeks, ensure you listen to your teachers advice, prepare as best you can and remain calm.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to all of the End of Term Reward activities that are scheduled in the coming weeks. Congratulations in advance to those that qualify and receive recognition for all their hard work this Term.



Congratulations to the following students

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

**Emma Strahan
Fred Larsen
Michael Gill
Darcie Guadagnin
Myles Jackson
Louie Gregory
Samara Bovington
Annabelle Robinson
Taylor Collins
Nathan Jones
Casey Ritchie
Riley Guadagnin
Alanie Metcalfe**

**Chloe Perry
Finn Evans
Harper McColl
Georgie Reynolds
Nathan Mardesich
Ella Saunders
Ava Brady
Lottie Monger
Kohl Sheridan
Cobey Reid
Alex Gatuslao
Kimberley Spain
Olivia Saunders**

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Faction Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 28 February. There was outstanding representation from all four Factions and great competitive spirit displayed throughout the day. Congratulations to our Champions and Runner-Up Champions on their individual **SUCCESS**, and well done to **TALBOT** for winning the Handicap Shield and **AVON** for winning the Overall Shield! Avon Faction Leaders Logan Szymanski, Sara James, Jayden Metcalf and Kailyn Carroll were proud to accept the Shield on behalf of Avon.



ACADEMY PLATE TENNIS

13 students from York District High School participated in the Academy Plate Tennis held in Beverly on 21st February. Team 1 – Zac Draper, Hamish Marwick, Keira Chitty and Pheobe Wherrett won the competition and will now move to the next level – Academy Plate Country. The final will be played on Friday 22nd March at the State Tennis Centre. Thank you to the staff and parents involved and who assisted with the event.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

"We are two of your newly appointment Student PBS Leaders Ethonche van Emmerloot and Karis Rous. We are both excited about this new leadership role, and our ability to continue to promote and reward our ROCKY values. As Year 7 & 8 students, we have been able to see ROCKY's values and procedures have a huge impact on our Primary school, and we are looking to continue to create positive outcomes in Secondary school. We are particularly excited to see our peers rewarded for positive behaviour on Compass and Class Dojo!"



ROCKY'S READING CHALLENGE

Rocky's Reading Challenge is back in 2024 as students strive to achieve 200 Nights of Reading throughout a school year. Read for a minimum of 10 minutes every night, trying different texts, including novels, newspapers, graphic novels, magazines and informational texts. Your goal should be to enjoy reading, so have fun! Rocky's Tips include using the school and local library, reading books by the same author, setting aside special quiet time for reading and talking about and sharing what you are reading.



BOB IS BACK!

Our beloved school dog Bob is back in 2024. Bob will be on site one day a week, providing support in Admin, at recess and lunch and visiting classroom throughout the day. There are lots of benefits to companion/therapy dogs within schools, aimed to reduce student anxiety, improve engagement, and assist students with self-regulation when required. They can also benefit students in developing mindfulness, empathy, acceptance, and inclusion. Our students loved our previous therapy dog, Riley, and that relationship was an educative experience of socialisation, personalised learning, and overall wellbeing. These attributes link well with our school priorities of supporting the mental, social and emotional health of our school community.



CHAPLAINCY

We are thrilled to welcome the newest member of school Chaplaincy program Mrs Rachel Hayes. Chaplains are here to listen, and provide a supportive place for our students to talk. They offer confidential, non-judgemental pastoral care and programs based respect, compassion and service. Mrs Hayes joins Mrs Whisson in an effort to support young people and our community when facing challenges, personal or social issues. If you ever need someone to listen, understand and refer to extra help, we have an amazing team available!



PARENTS & COMMUNITY

Our P&C Committee is holding its annual Easter Raffle, with prizes to be drawn on the last day of Term, Thursday 28 March, at our Whole School Assembly. If you would like to contribute and donate to this years Raffle, please see a member of staff at Rocky's Munch Bar (School Canteen).

We are always looking for new members to join our P&C and help deliver fundraising events throughout the year that support our students through events, activities and the canteen.



ELIZA'S SPARKLE

We would like to acknowledge the incredible response from our COMMUNITY in support of one of our Pre-Primary families currently facing incredibly difficult challenges. Our amazing Eliza has been diagnosed with a rare type of brain tumour, and has had to temporarily relocate to Perth to receive treatment. York Blue Light recently raised almost \$3000 at a Superhero Disco to support the family. Currently the most evidence based treatment is only available in the USA, so if you can, please consider donating to: <https://elizassparkle.square.site/>



WELCOME FAMILY BBQ

Our annual Welcome BBQ took place on Wednesday 21 February. The engagement and atmosphere was excellent. Staff noted how wonderful it was to see so many families show an active interest in our school, and the increase in engagement particularly in our Secondary classrooms. Thank you to those that contributed to the BBQ and supported our P&C stall raise \$350!

