

Newsletter April 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.



April	
16	Students Commence - Term 2
25	ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
26	ANZAC DAY Service
MAY	
2	Secondary West Coast Fever Netball Cup
3	Faction Cross Country
6-8	Year 7/8 Cadet Camp
10	Walk Safely to School Primary Assembly   Rm 26 Secondary Assembly
13	Dental Van Arriving

**We R O C K**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TRENT LOCKYER

It has been a very busy start to the term, and it has been fantastic to see our students rise to the challenges put in front of them. Our Year 10s have completed their first round of Online Literacy Numeracy Assessments, this is following on from our Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students completing their NAPLAN tests late in Term 1.

A huge thank you to all our staff and students for their efforts and respect during our recent ANZAC ceremony. Special mention must be made of the members of our Emergency Services Cadet Corps that represented us at the RSL ceremony on Thursday 25th April. It was humbling to see our cadets and instructors take the time to pay respect to our service men and women. It was uplifting to host our own service on Friday 26th April with all our staff, students and invited guests paying tribute to those that have fallen.

We would appreciate the support of all parents/carers to frequently remind students of road safe practices when walking or riding to school. We have seen a great improvement in the use of E-scooters, meaning there is less chance of students placing themselves and community members at risk. Student safety is our primary concern and your ongoing support in this matter is also greatly appreciated.

We farewell Mrs Georgina Humphrey who has commenced her Maternity Leave. We thank Mrs Humphrey for her service to our school and wish her all the best for the birth of her first child. We welcome Miss Ryley Baker to replace Mrs Humphrey in Room 27.

We are looking forward to seeing our students participate in our upcoming Faction Cross Country. We hope to see many parents and supporters here to cheer on our athletes as they try their best and demonstrate school spirit.

**“WE THANK MRS HUMPHREY FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR SCHOOL AND WISH HER ALL THE BEST FOR THE BIRTH OF HER 1ST CHILD”**



# FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

BONNIE SPENCER & ANGUS JONES

**“WE FEEL LIKE  
WE’VE BEEN GIVEN  
THE BEST CHANCE  
OF SUCCESS”**

We have been working very hard with our Year 10 classmates to prepare for OLNA. Not all students needed to sit the tests as they pre-qualified after doing really well in their NAPLAN in previous years. For those of us that did sit OLNA, it was a little nerve racking, but we feel like we’ve been given the best chance of **SUCCESS** by working with our teachers.

last week it was our privilege to represent the school at both the community and school-based ANZAC services. We had a really good turnout of Cadets marching in the town, and the response to our school service was moving. We’d like to thank the staff that supported these events, including Mrs Read and Mrs Chitty who coordinated our Cadets, and Mr Lockyer, for sharing such a personal story. It really drove the message of the services home.

There is still so much to come this Term! The West Coast Fever Netball Cup is May 2, followed by our Faction Cross Country on May 3. Our Year 7/8 Cadets are off to Camp at Ern Halliday and we wish them the best. Our Cadet Leaders will be taking on the Bib Track later this term and we are excited to join them! Finally, we are all working hard towards our own **SUCCESS** and **IMPROVEMENT** to be reflected in our upcoming Semester 1 Reports.





*Congratulations to the following students  
for receiving Term 1*

# CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

Haiden Sheridan  
Alanie Metcalf  
Lincoln May  
Edward Kania  
George Severtson  
Ella Saunders  
Isla Hannington  
Luke Hooper  
Noah Hughes  
Baeleigh-Rae Miller  
Isabelle Hayes  
Ivy Scammell

Jack Luelf  
Lucas Cooper  
Harliah Thomas  
Tanaya Metcalf  
Samara Bovington  
Jessica Hooper  
Nathan May  
Grace Allen  
Tyson D'Arcy  
Mackenzie Rous  
Mariah Begley

# HARMONY WEEK

Harmony week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Here at York DHS, students wore orange or their own cultural clothing to show their support for inclusiveness, respect and encouraging everyone's sense of belonging. We also had some prizes for those who went the extra mile.

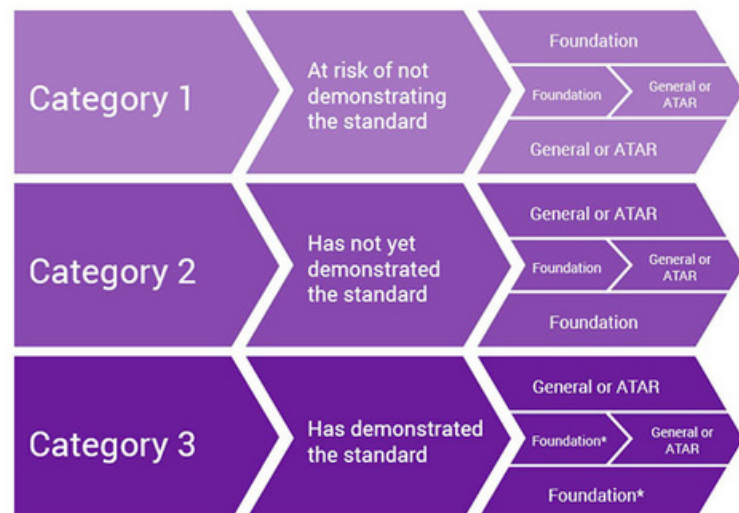


# EASTER EXCITEMENT

We would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of our wonderful P&C, as well the wider COMMUNITY, that contributed to our annual Easter Raffle! This has become a fun tradition at our Term 1 Whole School Assembly, with some very excited students and staff 'taking home the chocolates'. All funds raised will support student SUCCESS!

# OLNA

The online literacy and numeracy assessment (OLNA) is designed to enable students to successfully meet the WACE requirement of demonstrating the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. Year 10 students required to sit the assessment are currently participating in Round 1, with another opportunity during Round 2 later this year.



# TELL THEM FROM ME

Thank you to those COMMUNITY members who completed our Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our parents/carers think about their child's school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them IMPROVE.



CULTURE OF IMPROVEMENT



## CAMP QUALITY

Last Term our Primary students participated in Camp Quality's Puppet Program. Students watched a fun and interactive show that creates a supportive COMMUNITY for kids impacted by cancer. Camp Quality also provides age-appropriate cancer education after Camp Quality Puppet school visit. If your child has any questions about cancer, please speak with a member of our staff.

## HIGH IMPACT TEACHING

Has your child been talking about some new approaches in their class? It may be a result of our High Impact Teaching initiative. High Impact Teaching (HIT) is a coordinated plan for curriculum design and delivery at York DHS across all phases of learning. At it's heart is developing Explicit Direct Instructional practices to design and deliver well-crafted lessons that explicitly teach content to students at all year levels. Be sure to frequently ask how your child's class/s have been going and about using whiteboards in class!

**Creating Academic STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

- **Pronounce With Me**
- **Track With Me**
- **Read With Me**
- **Gesture With Me**
- **Pair-Share**  
A→B, B→A
- **Attention Signal**  
Eyes Front, Back Straight
- **Whiteboards**  
Chin-it
- **Complete Sentences**  
Public Voice, Academic Vocabulary

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# ANZAC DAY

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Anzac Day falls on the 25th April each year. The 25th April was officially named Anzac Day in 1916. On the 25th April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula. These became known as Anzacs and the pride they took in that name continues to this day. Thank you to all students, staff and COMMUNITY members that paid their respect during the COMMUNITY and school-based services.



## LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

Our Early Childhood Education area is always buzzing with activity and a love of learning, and now they are doing it in even more style! After coordinating with ECE staff, our wonderful York Men’s Shed team have been hard at work for several weeks building this brand new truck! This is a fantastic resource to have in our play space, and the students are already making the most of the exciting new addition. This is another amazing example of our COMMUNITY stepping-up and helping resource and support the IMPROVEMENT of our student experience. Men’s Shed, you ROCK!

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Coming to class and trying to learn on an empty stomach is a not ideal and does not help us to focus during class time. Starting week 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays we are extending our Breakfast program to try to cater for more students. This will be held in room 33 (demountable) and will commence at 8.00am till 8.35am prior to Period 1. Thanks to the generosity of the York CWA, Men’s Shed, Nguyen’s Bakery, York Police, and members of staff, we are well equipped to provide our students with the best possible conditions for learning, a full stomach. If you would like to contribute, or know more, contact Mrs L Whisson or Mr Manning.

