

Newsletter May 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.



We ROCK

MAY

22	National Simultaneous Storytime
23	WA Young Readers Books Awards
24	Interschool Cross Country (@ York)
27	Nin's Birthday Week 'Paint York REaD'
30	Nin's Birthday Celebrations
31	Primary Assembly ESCC Promotion Ceremony

JUNE

3	Western Australia Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
7	Primary Winter Carnival - Brookton

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TRENT LOCKYER

During my time as Principal of York District High School, it has been the mission of our staff, leadership team, and myself to drive an improvement journey for our school that ensures **SUCCESS** for all of our students. To achieve this target requires a lot of planning, reflection, and a great deal of hard work. Our plans for this **SUCCESS** have taken different forms, from the 'big picture' of our Business Plans to considering each interaction with individual students. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a brief overview of our current progress.

To achieve **SUCCESS** for all students, on-going **IMPROVEMENT**, and connection to **COMMUNITY**, we have planned and are executing a Strategic Action Plan. The plan explicitly outlines key targets and milestones to be achieved within a three year period, with regular reflection, review and accountability measures in place. Our focus areas are; Quality Teaching, to establish and embed agreed principles and practices for High Impact Teaching; Learning Environment, to maintain a positive learning environment to support engagement and the achievement of successful outcomes; Growth & Leadership, to continue to develop the capacity of our staff to provide consistent and accountable leadership.

These ambitions are underpinned and supported by key projects of work, that include; low variation, High Impact Teaching in every classroom; consistent Positive Behaviour Support approaches from K-10; and developing and implementing a structure and practices for professional growth and Distributed Leadership.

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REFLECTION AND
HARD WORK”**



FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

BONNIE SPENCER & ANGUS JONES

**“MAKE SURE YOU’RE
REGULARLY TALKING
TO YOUR TEACHERS
ABOUT YOUR
PROGRESS, AND ASK
FOR ADVICE”**



The time of year that most students dread is fast approaching...REPORTS! Our peers are well and truly aware that our first round of reports are due to be sent home at the end of this term, and most are keen to show our parents/carers what we've learnt, how much effort we've put in, and see how we can IMPROVE in the future. For those who might be feeling the stress, please remember that there is still plenty of time to give your best effort and demonstrate your knowledge to your teachers. Our best advice would be to make sure you're regularly talking to your teachers about your progress, and ask for advice and guidance on ways you can IMPROVE. Remember; *"the highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it"* - J Ruskin.

As always there is still plenty happening outside of the classroom too! Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Cadets on a SUCCESSful camp; and to our Champions and Runners-up at our Faction Cross Country Carnival. We have both been blown away by the amount of activities and opportunities that have been on offer this term. One of the key lessons we have learnt is to make the most of it, and keep as many doors open to yourself as possible. Join that sports team, read that book, ask those questions, and never know how it might shape your future.

Wish us both luck as we embark on our Bibbulmun track hike in Week 10. We hope to push our own boundaries and hone our leadership skills in the face of new challenges.



Congratulations to the following students

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Mack Matthew
Alyssa Higgins
Ivy Evans
Jacob Grant
Jessica Robinson
Nathan Bickley
Jai Mackay
Hunter Latham
Tillie Finestone
Lillian Hooper
Jordan Jetta
Thea Hockey
Lia Reny
Flynn Williams
Colton Harris
Zalia Bovington

Carter Cochrane
Emily Gill
Miguel Cameron
Jake Chitty
Chanelle Hooper
Mason Miller
Marni Wallace
Danika McColl
Dakoda Mackay
George Boyle
Ebonie Carter
Cooper Mackenzie
Lincoln May
Mason Mincherton
Hamish Marwick
Joseph Taylor

Grace Allen
Sukey Conor
D'lanie Mayes
Maraea Hart
Benjamin Robins
Hannah Stainsby
Sara James
Katie Spencer
Darcey Collins
Logan Szymanski
Jorja Carroll
Andrea Prentice
Scarlett Wok
Isabelle Hayes
Sonnie Kainuku
Matilda Reed

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

Champion
Harrison Hayes

Runner Up
Eveline Cable

Champion
Ashton Latham

Runner Up
Hamish Marwick

Champion
Abigail Wok

Runner Up
Hunter Battista

Champion
Lucas Galbraith

Runner Up
George Boyle

Champion
Karis Rous

Runner Up
Scarlett Wok

Champion
Alyssa Higgins

Runner Up
David Ellis

Champion
Phoebe Wherrett

Runner Up
Olive Kainuku

Champion
Maxx Astle

Runner Up
**Freya D'Arrietta-
Berkhout**

Champion
Mackenzie Rous

Runner Up
Sophie Rous

Champion
Connor Morris

Runner Up
Alfie Udonsak

Champion
Neve Flanagan

Runner Up
Shiloh Mackay

Champion
Isaac May

Runner Up
Dylan Cochrane

Champion
Eliza Clare

Runner Up
**Annabelle
Robinson**

Champion
Harrison Fidock

Runner Up
Jake Chitty

Champion
Daisy Powell

Runner Up
**Gabriella
Scammell**

Champion
Hunter Latham

Runner Up
Nathan Jones

Champion
Keira Chitty

Runner Up
Ivy Scammell

Champion
Nathan May

Runner Up
Jai Mackay

Champion
Alanie Metcalf

Runner Up
Trinity Luelf

Champion
Lincoln May

Runner Up
Callum Orenshaw

Champion
Riley Guadagnin

Runner Up
Ella Saunders

Champion
Jayden Metcalf

Runner Up
Levi Taylor

FACTION CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 3 May students from Pre-Primary through to Year 10 competed in our Faction Cross Country carnival. It is always a pleasure to see our school come alive with the colours and spirit of our Factions. Our ROCKY values were on full display, demonstrated by our competitors and our supporters! In particular we saw COURAGE through the physical and mental perseverance required for long distance running, and KINDNESS for fellow students through all of the encouragement and support provided to peers. Congratulations to **TALBOT** for winning the event and breaking their Shield drought.

These events always enrich our student experience at school, and they don't happen without the dedication of our staff and volunteers. To our PE team, supporting staff and COMMUNITY volunteers, you ROCK! We look forward to seeing York shine at the upcoming Inter-School events.



WEST COAST FEVER NETBALL CARNIVAL

On Thursday 2 May two teams from years 7 to 10 competed in the West Coast Fever Netball Carnival in Northam. It was a hot day and so was the competition! Our competitors showed great courage and IMPROVEMENT throughout the tournament.

Well done to all of the players for the way you engaged and encouraged each other, and thanks to the staff and parents who supported our teams and the wider carnival.

Special mention to Mrs Fidock and Mrs Guadagnin for coaching and training our teams. Thanks to Mrs Rous, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Begley for helping umpire and manage the teams on the day.

You all ROCK'd the West Coast Fever Carnival!



PATHWAY PLANNING

An integral part of achieving our strategic target at York DHS, of SUCCESS for all students, we plan and provide numerous opportunities for our students to engage with many external providers, including tertiary education providers, employers, and community support groups. Crucially for our Year 10 cohort, students must consider and plan for 'what's next'? On Friday 10 May York DHS hosted it's annual Mini-Uni Expo. Student's from York and Beverley DHS had the opportunity to hear from representatives from UWA, Curtin, Murdoch, ECU, and Lumen's Hub located at our CRC. Year 9 and 10 students also made our annual trip to the Career's Expo on Friday 17 May, where they had the opportunity to interact with over 110 exhibitors. Our students engaged with the Australian Defence Force, the WA Police, and several mining companies just to name a few. The overriding theme of these events was to keep as many doors open to yourself as possible!



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Now in its 25th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an event which encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers, to walk safely and regularly to school. It is important for children to be active every day. Physical activity has many social, emotional, physical and mental health benefits. Regular physical activity, especially walking, can improve self-esteem and confidence, help concentration and improve overall fitness. Encouraging kids to be active each day establishes good habits that can stay with them throughout their lives.

This year, our Library supported the campaign through Road Safety displays, and our Health teachers created activities to underpin the walk. Thank you to our local Police for coordinating our Walking Bus! It was special to see our COMMUNITY come out to support this unique event!



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

A pillar of our commitment to on-going IMPROVEMENT is a focus on literacy and numeracy across all areas of our school. We have been so pleased to see the growing support initiatives such as our Rocky's Reading Challenge has received. Now we are also inviting our students to take on the Premier's Reading Challenge! The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program established in 2022 to: encourage students to read more books, enjoy reading, improve literacy levels. The mission is for students in kindergarten to Year 10 to read 12 books over 4 months from 6 May to 6 September. That's right—just 12, students can read: books, short stories, graphic novels ,eBooks, talking books, audiobooks, poems, anything that sparks their interest and gets them reading. Whether they're a curious kindergartener or a high-schooler, there is something of interest for readers at any and every level.

www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our new Breakfast Program has taken off in Room 33 (demountable) with a huge number of students taking the opportunity to fuel their bodies and minds on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Thanks to the generosity and support of our COMMUNITY, from 8.00am to 8.35am, students can select from a range of breakfast options served with a smile from our wonderful Country Women's Association (CWA York) volunteers. It is very difficult to set yourself up for SUCCESS without the right nutrition and support. Thanks to donations from Nguyen's Bakery, York Police, York CWA and Men's Shed, and Bendigo Bank, we are in a better position to provide that for our students. Mr Manning is always happy to receive further support and donations for this growing program so please reach out if you can!



YEAR 7 & 8 CADET CAMP

On Monday 6 May our Year 7 & 8 Cadet's set-off on a 3-day camp to Ern Halliday in Perth's North. Our Cadet's were challenged to demonstrate the skills and values that they have developed throughout their Emergency Service Cadet training. Student's conquered their fears on the high ropes, pushed themselves during archery and orienteering and harnessed their leadership and social skills over the course of the camp.

Activities took place day and night, as students faced group challenges under the sun on the beach, and explored the darkness of caves. Congratulations to all Cadets that took to the challenges and faced them with the values of our school and Cadet corps.

Special thanks to the staff that coordinated and supported this camp. Time away with students requires constant attention and care, and we thank you for your dedication.



MOTHER'S DAY

"Motherhood is a choice you make everyday, to put someone else's happiness and wellbeing ahead of your own, to teach the hard lessons, to do the right thing even when you're not sure what the right thing is... and to forgive yourself, over and over again, for doing everything wrong." - Donna Ball

Thank you to everyone that played a part in celebrating the 'Mothers' in our COMMUNITY over the last few weeks. Whether you are a Mum or a Mother-figure in one of our students lives, we hope you benefitted from the efforts of our P&C Mother's Day Stall, or our ECE Mother's Day Morning Teas, or just felt the value and love from the children in your lives. From everyone at York DHS to the Mothers in all forms, you ROCK!



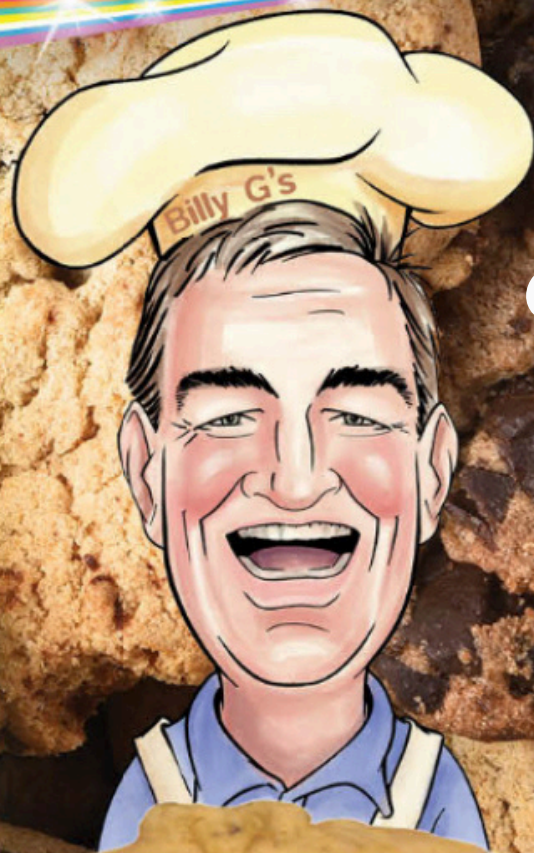
INSPIRED BY CHANCE

York DHS alumni, Hawthorn great and First Nations trailblazer Chance Bateman has been revealed as the inspiration behind the Hawks' 2024 AFL Indigenous Guernsey after it was unveiled ahead of Sir Doug Nicholls Round. The proud Ballardong and Noongar man connected with Whadjuk, Ballardong and Eastern Arrernte artist Jade Dolman to help tell his story about his journey of representing the Hawthorn Football Club across 13 esteemed years and 177 influential games. The back of the guernsey contains a map of the Ballardong region, where both Bateman and Dolman come from. Within that map is a small ring that pays special tribute to Bateman's hometown of York.



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FREE KICK YORK 2024

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FREE KICK PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH & 22ND MAY



Skills & Games

Join us for a football clinic with representatives from the Perth Football Club! The clinic will include some fundamental skills as well as fun and inclusive games.



Guest Speakers

The education component of the session will include guest speakers. The guest speakers will talk about important issues or industry specific topics aiming to provide career development and guidance!



Dinner & Giveaways

At the conclusion of the education session, dinner will be provided for participants. There will also be giveaways and an opportunity for signing and photos!

**FREE
EVENT**

**5:00pm-
7:00pm**

10-15 year olds

REGISTER HERE



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Department of
Education

The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get
the things you need
for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary
school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, the State Government is offering the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Get ready to claim

Download the ServiceWA app to your mobile device.

Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Locate the student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for assistance.

Claims open Monday 15 April