



*Eliza's
Sparkle*



Newsletter May 2025



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



TERM 2

MAY

14

K-1 Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

15

Sec. West Coast Fever Cup

16

Walk Safely to School Day

16

Primary Assembly (Rm 20)

16

Careers Expo (Years 9/10)

21

National Simultaneous Storytime

23

Faction Cross Country

29

Secondary Immunisations

JUNE

2

WA Day | Public Holiday

We ROCK

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SHEREE ROUS

It is an honour to begin Term 2 as Acting Principal, a role I step into with great pride and a deep sense of responsibility. Having been part of this wonderful school community for over 15 years— much of that time as Deputy Principal — I feel incredibly fortunate to continue working alongside our dedicated staff, supportive families, and amazing students in this new capacity.

Our school's core priorities — Success, Improvement, and Community — have always guided my work, and I remain committed to upholding them as we move forward together. I believe every student can succeed when given the right support, clear expectations, and a strong sense of belonging.

Equally important are our school values: Respect, Owning your behaviour, Courage, and Kindness. These values are woven into daily school life and shape the culture we are proud of. I see them reflected in our students' actions—in the way they treat each other, take responsibility, and face challenges with a positive mindset.

As we continue through the term, I look forward to building on the strong foundations we've created together. Thank you for your ongoing trust and support. It's a privilege to lead a school community I care so deeply about.

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FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

ABI WOK & JOHN DONOVAN

**“LET’S KEEP SUPPORTING
ONE ANOTHER AND MAKE
THE MOST OF EVERY
OPPORTUNITY”**



It has been a great start to Term 2, and as your School Captains, we are proud to represent such a respectful, hardworking, and supportive school community.

One of the most meaningful moments for us so far was taking part in the ANZAC Day ceremonies, both at the town service on April 25th and here at school on May 2nd. It was a privilege to speak on behalf of our school and to honour the sacrifices of those who have served. We were also incredibly proud of our Cadets, who showed great respect and leadership during both services.

As we move further into the term, we know many students are beginning to think about upcoming reports. We want to remind everyone that your school report is not just about test scores like OLNA, NAPLAN, or On-Entry — it’s also a reflection of your everyday effort, attitude, and growth.

So, whether you're completing a big assessment or doing a regular classroom task, always try your best. Your effort now will be reflected in your Semester 1 report, and more importantly, in your own progress and confidence. Let’s keep supporting one another and make the most of every opportunity this term.

We are also looking forward to seeing everyone give their all and support each other at our upcoming Faction Cross Country event, taking place on Friday 23 May. It has been great to see students from Pre-Primary to Year 10 practicing on our track. Good luck to all competitors and may the best Faction win!

7/8 Camp

In Week 10, our Year 7 and 8 students headed to Fairbridge Camp in Pinjarra for an unforgettable experience. Over the week, students challenged themselves on the high ropes course, took part in exciting land and water-based activities such as Archery and raft-building, and put their cadet training and values into action. From teamwork to resilience, they demonstrated outstanding commitment and spirit throughout the camp. A fantastic way to end the term!

Our thanks to Camp co-ordinators Ms Read and Ms Chitty, as well as attending staff members. Our annual camps are always a highlight of our Emergency Services Cadet offerings, creating lifelong memories for our students. Our hope is that our Cadets continue to be lifelong learners, applying their knowledge and experience into their future.



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club continues to be a major SUCCESS in 2025 with the support of our incredible COMMUNITY. The ladies of the York Country Women's Association have been serving nutritious food every Tuesday and Thursday morning with the support of IGA, York Blue Light, and Bendigo Bank.

We are thrilled to announce that Bendigo Bank have recently committed \$2000 towards the cost of food for students participating in this very beneficial service.

Breakfast is crucial for school-aged children, providing them with the energy and nutrients needed to focus, learn, and perform better in their daily activities. We thank out COMMUNITY, particularly Bendigo Bank, for helping make this happen for our students!



Bendigo Bank

On-Entry Spotlight

In Term 1, our Pre-Primary, Year 1, and Year 2 students participated in the state-wide On-Entry Assessment Program, which evaluates early literacy and numeracy skills through one-on-one sessions between teachers and students. This diagnostic tool helps educators tailor learning programs to meet individual needs and identify areas for further development.

We are thrilled to report that our students in Pre-Primary and Year 1 achieved above both the 'Like School' average and the WA Public School average in these assessments. This outstanding performance reflects the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers, and the support of our school community.

These results underscore our commitment to providing a strong foundation for our students' future learning and SUCCESS.





High Impact Teaching

The HIT team is currently focused on Engagement Norms. Engagement Norms create and maintain engagement by requiring that students are actively taking part, ensuring they are participants and not spectators in their learning. Our example today is **Gesture With Me**. Gesturing is used to add a physical movement that conveys meaning. Gesturing assists students with remembering key learning because the movement provides an alternative pathway in the brain to retrieve the information. When students need the knowledge, they use the gesture (which our brains remember easily) and the knowledge jumps from their long-term memory ready for use. Whether it is punching out the syllables of the words in ECE or using our arms for the 'arms' of government in a secondary HASS class, **Gesture With Me** helps to keep our students engaged and remembering in our classrooms, ensuring their IMPROVEMENT and SUCCESS.

PBS I ROCKY

Our PBS team would like to introduce our leaders via interviews for our newsletter. Last time, we introduced Isabelle in Year 8. Now, we introduce Jorja, in Year 10. 2025 is Jorja's second year serving as PBS leader.

As a PBS leader, students are expected to always demonstrate ROCKY values; attend select PBS staff meetings; promote and assist with PBS reward systems (Class Dojo & Compass); and support the delivery of PBS features at assemblies and other special events.

"I show our ROCKY value of Courage by getting out and doing sporty activities even though this can be outside of my comfort zone, for example, at faction carnivals. You can show Courage by trying your hardest in your lessons, even if they are difficult".



P & C I Mother's Day

Last week, our wonderful P&C hosted the annual Mother's Day Stall, giving students the opportunity to choose a special gift for the important women in their lives. The stall was filled with a variety of thoughtful items, and it was heart-warming to see the excitement as students made their selections.

A huge thank you to our dedicated P&C volunteers for organising such a meaningful event and helping our students celebrate Mother's Day with love and care.

If you are interested in joining our P&C then please reach out to President Bernie Finestone and find out how you can support our students and our school.

Rocky's Colour Fun Run

Our school oval came alive with colour, laughter, and energy during the P&C's Rocky's Colour Fun Run! Students (and a few brave staff!) ran, walked, and danced their way through a colourful obstacle course, raising valuable funds to support school initiatives.

Thanks to the incredible support from our families and wider community, the event was a fantastic fundraising success. Every dollar raised will go directly towards enhancing learning experiences and resources for our students.

A huge thank you to our hardworking P&C and volunteers for organising such a joyful event that brought our school community together in the most colourful way possible!



CULTURE OF COMMUNITY

ANZAC Day

Our school community took part in two meaningful ANZAC Day ceremonies this year. On April 25th, our School Captains proudly represented us at the town's ANZAC Day service, delivering heartfelt speeches and laying a wreath on behalf of the school. Their respectful presence and thoughtful words were deeply appreciated by all in attendance.

On May 2nd, we held our school ANZAC service, where students, staff, and families gathered to reflect on the courage and sacrifice of our servicemen and women. Our Cadets demonstrated exceptional conduct and leadership throughout both ceremonies, playing a key role in ensuring a respectful and moving tribute.

We are incredibly proud of our students for the dignity and pride they showed in honouring this important national day.



Do It For Dolly

On May 10th, our school community came together in a sea of blue to support Do It For Dolly Day, a national initiative to raise awareness about bullying and the importance of kindness. Students and staff wore blue and took part in classroom activities and discussions promoting empathy, respect, and inclusion.

The day was not only about raising awareness but also about taking a stand together to create a safe and supportive environment for everyone. Thank you to all who participated and donated—your support helps keep Dolly's message alive: "Speak even if your voice shakes."

Together, we're building a culture of kindness, one blue shirt at a time.



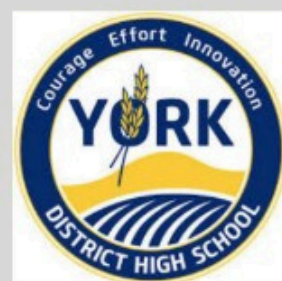


NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY 2025



National
Road Safety
Week 2025

11-18 May



JOIN OUR WALKING SCHOOL BUS FOR NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY (WSTSD) AT YORK POLICE STATION. NWSTSD IS AN ANNUAL EVENT WHEN ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO WALK AND COMMUTE SAFELY TO SCHOOL. IT IS A COMMUNITY EVENT SEEKING TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY, HEALTH, PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT. AN EVENT WE ARE PROUD TO BE A PART OF AND SUPPORT!

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

**8:00AM SHARP AT YORK POLICE
STATION**



HIVEMIND SPORTS AUSTRALIA | SHIRE OF YORK

COMMUNITY SPORT FORUM & SPORTS FUN DAY 2025



COMMUNITY SPORT FORUM

6 JUNE | FREE

6:00PM – 8:00 PM

- Coaching & Leadership Workshop
- Get to know HiveMind Sports Australia
- Everyone welcome
- REGISTER TODAY!



SCAN TO REGISTER!

📍 York Recreation Centre
Barker Street, York, Western Australia

MORE INFO:

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SPORTS FUN DAY

7 JUNE | \$5.00

10:00AM – 2:30PM

Ages 8 – 18

3 x 3 BASKETBALL

10:00AM – 12:00PM

- 5 players max. per team
- fast & fun

FLOORBALL

12:30PM – 2:30PM

- Fast paced games
- Four players per team
- All equipment provided
- Fun & non-stop action

Bring your water bottle & lunch!
REGISTRATION REQUIRED



IN & AROUND OUR SCHOOL



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**WE ACTIVELY LISTEN &
FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS**

**WE ARE POLITE &
USE OUR MANNERS**

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**WE MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES &
ARE ACCOUNTABLE**

**WE ARE HONEST &
ACT WITH INTEGRITY**

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**WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES
TO BE OUR BEST**

WE SEEK HELP WHEN NEEDED

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**WE ARE HELPFUL &
CONSIDERATE**

**WE ACCEPT & RESPECT
DIFFERENCES**