



# Yeoval Central School NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 10: 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

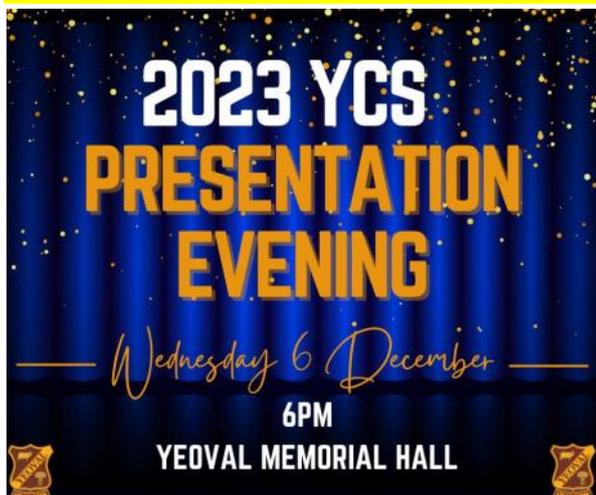


## BULLSEYE!

2023 is the second year running where Years 9/10 students had the opportunity to participate in a five-week archery program at Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre.

It is a great experience for YCS students to be exposed to a sport that cannot be run on school grounds.

The students all demonstrated an improvement in coordination, concentration and observation skills during the program.



### **STUDENT MOBILE PHONE PROCEDURE UPDATE**

Just a reminder that all Department of Education high schools will be student mobile phone free at the beginning of Term 4, 2023.

Student phones are to be out of sight and turned off at all times whilst they are on school grounds. If you wish to contact your child, we ask that you do so through the school office.

The updated YCS Procedure will be uploaded to our website.



# TERM 4 COMMENCES MONDAY 9 OCTOBER



**Principal**  
Ms Trish Henderson

**Assistant Principal**  
Ms Amanda Crain  
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Miss Sarah McCarthy (Rel)

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Mrs Megan Parker



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Term 3 Week 9

**Years K/1: Willow**  
*For persevering and reaching her personal goal.*

**Years 2/3/4: Annabelle**  
*For her creativity and attention to detail during art lessons.*

**Years 5/6: Jai**  
*For his high interest in writing tasks.*

**Years 7/8: Aleena**  
*For always embracing her learning journey with skill progression evident.*

**Years 9/10: Olivia**  
*For her consistent, mature approach to her learning.*

**Years 11/12: Ezra**  
*For his excellent work ethic in the TAS subjects.*

**BILLABONG VOUCHER DRAW WINNER:**  
**Student: Sapphire**  
*Nominated by: Mrs Ind*



This is our last newsletter of the term, with Term 4 to commence on Monday 9 October. We hope all our families have a safe school holiday period, but before then we have two very special assemblies to look forward to this Thursday and Friday: the 2023 Sports Awards and the Year 12 Farewell.

### SPECIAL GUEST @ YCS THIS WEEK

YCS is proud to be welcoming former Australian Wallabies rugby union star Mr Tim Gavin to our school on Thursday for the 2023 Sports Achievement Awards Assembly. Mr Gavin, who lived for some time in the Cumnock district, played Number 8 for the Wallabies in 47 test matches between 1988 and 1996. He was inducted into the Australian Rugby Hall of Fame in 2018 and is considered one of the truly great players of his era. YCS looks forward to students, parents and community members hearing Mr Gavin's inspiring story.

### YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

While I am sad to see our Year 12 Class of '23 leave us on Friday before they sit the HSC, I wish them all the very best in this next exciting chapter of their lives. It has been a pleasure watching our senior students grow into beautiful young adults over the past few years since I commenced the role of Principal in 2022. Alannah, Courtney, Ezra, Kitana, Jiego, Liam and Skye - you will be greatly missed by all our students and staff. Please join us for the Year 12 Farewell Assembly from 10am-11am on Friday 22 September.

### EYE TESTING

The Brien Holden Foundation visited YCS on Friday, with an optometrist conducting eye tests for students. The free service includes glasses being provided at no cost if the eye test identifies they are required. Due to high demand (around 36 students were booked in), the Foundation will schedule a second visit to our school in Term 4 to ensure all remaining students will be assessed. We are very grateful to the Foundation for providing this service to our families.

### STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS

The NSW Government has announced restrictions on the use of mobile phones in NSW high schools beginning in Term 4, 2023.

In line with this, YCS will be making changes to the way mobile phones are accessed by students during the school day. The new system is being implemented to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and to also promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

The new mobile devices management plan at YCS will apply to mobile phones and will occur during all school hours, including break times such as during lunch and recess, as well as while students are on school-based excursions.

Students will still be able to carry their phones while travelling to and from school.

Students can use their mobile phones in specific circumstances, such as for an educational purposes, for their wellbeing or to support students with specific needs. Parents/carers and students wishing to apply for an exemption will need to contact the school.

After careful consideration with our key stakeholders, including the Student Representative Council (SRC), P&C, staff and executive teams, we have decided to proceed by using the option of mobile phones being turned off and kept out of sight, to reduce the distractions of students in the classroom. The procedure will be emailed to all parents this week. Students will be familiarised with its contents this week during class time.

We are excited to make our school a mobile phone-free space to improve learning and engagement, however, we will always make sure you can contact your child in an emergency. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

### TERM 4 STAFFING CHANGES

Kelly will be on leave from the beginning of term 4 and Mal will be working as Youth Worker at YCS on Wednesdays and Thursday until she returns.

Ms Livissianis will not be returning to YCS after the end of this term as she has been successful in obtaining a position in a new school. We thank Ms Livissianis for her commitment to our school over the last three years and wish her and her family well in the future.

I thank you for your support of the school over the course of this term and hope everyone in our school community are able to enjoy some precious family time over the break.

**Trish Henderson, Principal**





**WSSA  
Athletics  
Championships  
—Barden Park  
Dubbo**

The Western Schools Sports Association's (WSSA) Athletics Championships was held at Barden Park, Dubbo, last Friday. Ezra, Bailey and Cody participated to the best of their ability in their events of discus and high jump. They are to be commended for qualifying for Western Region level athletics.



St Columba's students popped into YCS this week to farewell our Year 12 students.

## Is your child sitting the HSC this year?

You play an important role in giving them confidence, support and stability. Check out some **#StayHealthyHSC** tips for parents.

## Tips to support your kids through the HSC



- ✓ Be calm, HSC can be a stressful time
- ✓ Provide snacks! Study is hungry work
- ✓ You don't need to have all the answers, but sometimes a listening ear is all they need.

#StayHealthy  
**#HSC**



**PLEASE JOIN US**

**YCS 2023 SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

**GUEST SPEAKER: MR TIM GAVIN  
FORMER AUSTRALIAN WALLABIES PLAYER**

**THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023  
2PM-3PM @ THE YCS HALL**

**YEAR 12  
FAREWELL  
ASSEMBLY**

10AM-11AM  
FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023  
YEOVAL CENTRAL SCHOOL HALL

Please join YCS staff and students to farewell our Year 12 Class of '23.



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CONNECTING & EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENTS  
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

# SPRING

# FEST



FOR ALL AGES



## YEOVAL

LOCATION:

Yeoval Oval

DATE: 28.09.23

TIME: 2.00 PM - 4.00 pm

FREE EVENT - REGISTER ON THE DAY



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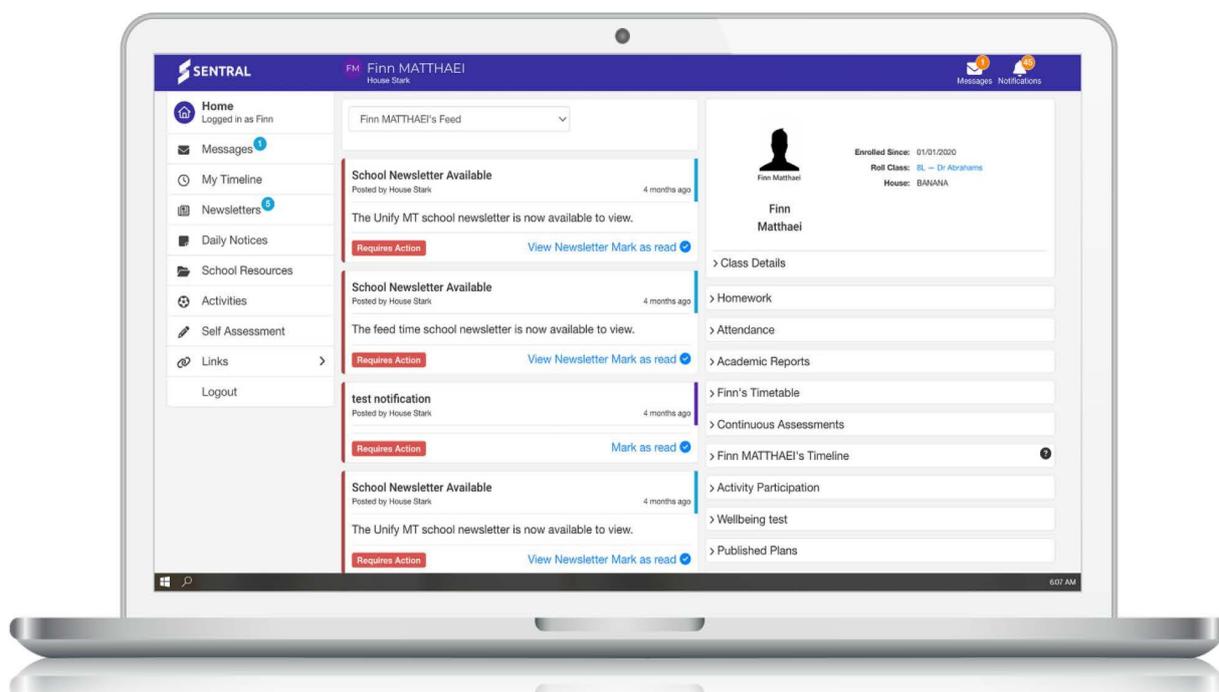
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# Changes to the Sentral Student Portal



We've changed the layout to the **Sentral Student Portal**, promoting ease of use for the student. All the key features that a student needs are now accessible on the main screen, with a handy newsfeed for daily updates. Navigation is now easier with information more readily accessible.



In addition, we have streamlined the Sentral Student Portal, focusing more on features that add value to the student's day-to-day experience and phasing out the following under-utilised features.

Here's a list of features to be phased out:



## Communication and Messaging:

- Bulletins - this information is still accessible on the newsfeed.
- Features like filtering for 'unread' messages and complex message formatting.



## Student Profile:

- Academic target grades will no longer be available.
- Galleries, journals, and the ability to upload files and documents will be removed.
- The feature to rate and review books will be discontinued.



## Attendance and Wellbeing Incidents:

- Students will no longer be able to view historical attendance by class.
- Wellbeing incidents from previous years will no longer be accessible.

<b>THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER</b> YCS Sports Assembly 2pm-3pm @ YCS Hall	<b>FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER</b> Year 12 Farewell Assembly 10am-11am @ YCS Hall	<b>FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER</b> Last Day Term 3
<b>WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER</b> Year 7 Vaccinations @ YCS	<b>MONDAY 9 OCTOBER</b> Term 4 Commences	<b>SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER</b> Yeoval Pool opens
<b>11 OCTOBER—3 NOVEMBER</b> 2023 HSC Exam Period	<b>FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER</b> Gobondery/NARRAF Tennis Gala Day Tottenham	<b>27 NOVEMBER-1 DECEMBER</b> Years 9/10 Work Experience
<b>WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER</b> Presentation Night 6pm, Yeoval Memorial Hall	<b>MONDAY 11 DECEMBER</b> Year 6 Farewell 6pm, YCS Hall	<b>FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER</b> Last Day Term 4



Jason French from the Office of Sport has been running Traditional Indigenous Games (TIG) at YCS for four weeks. Students were able to participate in various games and engage in Aboriginal culture while learning new skills.

The TIG program focussed on teamwork and learning new skills and games.



Cody and Lara are pictured at the CWA's International Day lunch recently, hosted by the Cumnock CWA branch. This year's country of study was Australia, with the lunch including meat pies, mashed potatoes, peas and corn, with pavlova served for desert.

**BRONZE MERIT AWARDS:**  
Emma W, Courtney, Vivienne



**SILVER MERIT AWARDS:**  
Logcan, Riley H, Thomas, Alani



## PBL STUDENTS OF TERM 3 WEEK 9



**Primary: Phoebe (K/1), Riley (2/3/4), Flynn (5/6);**  
**Secondary: Imogen (7/8), Ethan (9/10), Courtney (11/12)**

**GOLD MERIT AWARD:**  
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**RESPECT      RESPONSIBILITY      COOPERATION**

At Yeoval Central School we are respectful, responsible and cooperative.  
Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus areas for Term 3 are:  
\* Think before you act  
\* Complete all tasks on time