



2024 Leaders' Induction Assembly



2024 YCS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Nathaniel, Brooke, Flynn, Ezra, Wade, Ruby, Johnathon.

*Congratulations to all 2024
YCS School Leaders*



2024 SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Brooke, Ezra, Wade and Nathaniel
with Ms Henderson.



2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS: Paterson: Brooke, Audrey, Wade, Riley (absent).

Macarthur: Nathaniel, Blayke, Riley H, Riley R; **Farrer:** Johnathon, Ruby, Yasin, Julie.

BUS SAFETY WEEK: 19-25 FEBRUARY

PRINCIPAL: Ms Trish Henderson **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:** Ms Tara Tonkin

SECONDARY HEAD TEACHERS: Mrs Helen Tremain (Rel), Mrs Brooke George (Rel)

WELLBEING LEADER: Ms Amanda Crain **APCI:** Miss Tiarne McLeod

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MANAGER: Miss Sarah McCarthy **P&C PRESIDENT:** Mrs Megan Parker

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



TERM 1 WEEK 2

EARLY STAGE 1/STAGE 1: Hudson

For excellent classroom behaviour.

STAGE 2: Logan

For his ability to stay on task.

STAGE 3: Wade

For being an excellent role model to his peers.

STAGE 4: Savannah

For her excellent application to Design and Technology, and FYI.

STAGE 5: Ethan

For the manner in which he embraces every learning opportunity.

STAGE 6: Georgia

For her dedication and willingness to embrace senior learning opportunities.

Congratulations to our 2024 School Leaders who were honoured this morning at a special induction ceremony in the YCS Hall. I am sure they will do our school proud in representing YCS at official functions, sporting events, fundraisers and community engagements. Thank you also to our Guest Speaker, former YCS Vice Captain Angus Olsen, who joined us via YouTube with his inspiring presentation.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

With the first YCS Swimming Carnival held on Friday, it was very pleasing to see our students participating in the events and/or cheering on their House. Congratulations to Macarthur, a well-deserved win. One of the highlights of the carnival was our senior students assisting the junior students in the water.

This Friday, our primary students will travel to Cumnock for the annual 3-Way Swimming Carnival. We look forward to high participation rates from our Years 3-6 students who will swim against students from Cumnock Public School and St Columba's Catholic School.

NAPLAN 2024

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) for writing, reading, conventions of language, and numeracy. In 2024, NAPLAN will take place from 13-25 March. Information is being sent home with students this week, while specific dates and times for each assessment will be available closer to the assessment window.

P&C AGM OUTCOMES

The P&C AGM was held last night, with the following positions filled: President—Megan Parker, Vice President—Kate Roberts, Secretary—Ingrid Mills, Treasurer—Murray Parker. Congratulations to all office bearers. YCS looks forward to working closely with the new committee throughout 2024. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month from 6pm, and I strongly encourage all parents to come along and have a say about your child's schooling. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 11 March.

OTHER NEWS

PERMISSION NOTES: Thank you to all parents and carers for the prompt return of notes over the past three weeks. It really assists our office run more smoothly. Please remember that permission can be granted for the majority of notes via the school portal on Sentral.

HAT REMINDER: A reminder to all families that in Terms 1 and 4, hats are a compulsory inclusion of the school uniform. YCS has a long-standing 'no hat no play' policy, as the safety of our students in the hot summer months is paramount.

HOMEWORK HUB commences this Wednesday with a new time of 3.15pm-4pm.

WELLBEING WEEK: This Term, Wellbeing Week will be held in Week 6 rather than Week 7.

Trish Henderson, Principal

“Learning is about looking at things differently, making your life a little better everyday...”

Wiradjuri Word of the Week:

Gurruwir (goo-roo-weir) - 'NEWS'

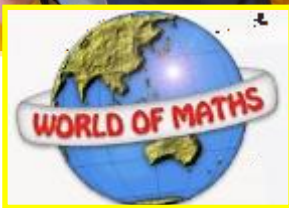


RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

COOPERATION

WORLD OF MATHS DAY @ YCS



On Monday, students headed to the YCS Hall for World of Maths Day where they were able to try and problem-solve a range of activities.

The Program aims to empower students with hands-on learning in a fun environment.

Students were able to see different and brighter ways of doing maths!



Have you signed up to the Sentral Parent Portal?

2024 YCS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

PRIMARY AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE GROUP	AGE CHAMPION	SECOND	THIRD
Girls 5-7 Yrs	Brooke H		
Girls 8-10 Yrs	Audrey	Sophia	Julie
Boys 8-10 Yrs	Blayke W	Riley H	Logan
Boys 11 Yrs	Xander	Flynn	
Girls 12/13 Yrs	Ezra		
Boys 12/13 Yrs	Wade		

SECONDARY AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE GROUP	AGE CHAMPION	SECOND	THIRD
Girls 12/13 Yrs	Ruby		
Boys 12/13 Yrs	Jai	Jack H-P	Cody
Girls 14/15 Yrs	Savannah		
Boys 14/15 Yrs	Jack H	Cooper W	Xavier
Girls Open	Brooke H	Emma-Rose	
Boys Open	Johnathon	Nathaniel	Ethan

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY
YEOVAL COMMUNITY
POOL



Macarthur was the winning House of the 2024 YCS Swimming Carnival.
House points were:

Macarthur: 685 points
Paterson: 669 points
Farrer: 504 points



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2024 YCS SWIMMING CARNIVAL



YCS Website: www.yeoval-c.schools@nsw.gov.au

SCHOOL NEWS



What a 'treat' our Valentine's Day Treat Stall was!

Thank you to K-1-2 and Years 11/12 parents and teachers for baking amazing goodies. Thank you also to those who supported the stall, some students even came back for multiple servings! Well done to the 2024 Student Representative Council (SRC) on your first fundraiser for the year.



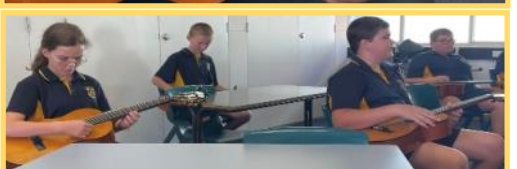
GUITAR LESSONS UNDERWAY @ YCS

Lessons have begun under the High Potential & Gifted Guitar Program for students in Years 6-7.

The subsidised Program is running from 3.30pm-4.30pm each Wednesday of the Term throughout 2024 with Mark Prentice, of Dubbo.

Students learnt about different parts of the guitar, the strings and how to tune the instrument. They also started to learn their first song, "Smoke on the Water."

Thank you to Mr Prentice—students (and teachers) had a wonderful time!



CSU VISIT

Charles Sturt University representatives will be visiting YCS on Thursday 22 February to discuss tertiary education options with students in Years 10-12.



FYI Hook Excursion

Years 7/8 students are off to the Buckinbah Creek in Yeoval on Tuesday 27 February for their first 'Hook' excursion of the year. Students will be participating in a variety of activities, investigating principals of environmental sustainability on the Buckinbah Creek. This will include fishing, water sampling and classification tasks.

NAPLAN 2024 Parent and Carer Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2024 will take place from **Wednesday 13 March** to **Monday 25 March**. Your child will be given more specific dates and times for each assessment closer to the assessment window.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will undertake activities to help students become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) is available to see the types of questions, tools and functions used in the NAPLAN tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/parent-information>).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Warm Regards,

Tiarne McLeod
NAPLAN Coordinator

Webinar

VAPING - What you need to know and the tools you need in 2024

Vaping - What Parents Need to Know in 2024

22 February, 2024 from 7:00PM - 8:00PM AEDT

[Register now](#)

We are organising a new webinar on vaping and the tools parents need in 2024 and we would appreciate if you could share it with your school community.

All the information is below as well as a social media tile and QR code to use in your newsletter or online platform. The image can be used in posters to be displayed around school grounds or on social media.

Please direct parents to this link to register. <http://tinyurl.com/yuet5rhz>

Parents will learn more about vaping and the effect it can have on their child. They will also learn about NSW Health's latest vaping campaign 'Every vape is a hit to your health' and the Vaping Toolkit.

The panel will include Dr Kerry Chant, NSW Health's Chief Health Officer, and Dr Bronwyn Milne a medical specialist from the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Representatives from NSW Health and NSW Department of Education will be available to respond to parent questions in a Q&A session.

Speakers



Dr Kerry Chant

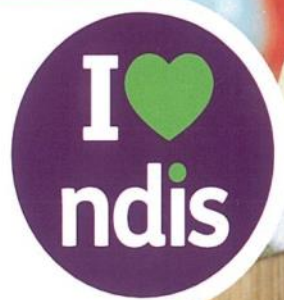
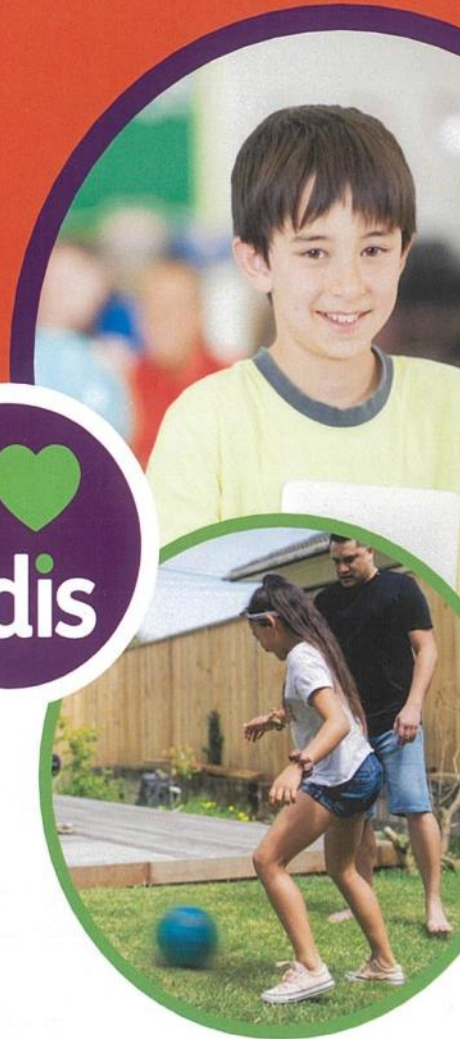
AO PSM Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, NSW Ministry of Health



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Bamara is excited to deliver this program for school-aged children with NDIS funding in Dubbo and Wellington.



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BUS SAFETY WEEK: 19-25 FEBRUARY

BE BUS AWARE

Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross



Be Bus Aware

Our annual Bus Safety Week, from Monday 19 – Sunday 25 February, raises awareness among all road users on how to stay safe on and around buses, helping to reduce injuries and fatalities.

Buses are large, heavy vehicles and can't stop quickly.

Parents and carers



School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand.

Remember:

- Always meet your child at school or the bus stop. Never wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop/interchange and when crossing the road until they're at least 10 years old.
- Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.
- Encourage your child to take a seat quickly when they get on the bus and to buckle up if the bus has seatbelts.

Talk to your children about using **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time they cross the road.

- Stop one step back from the kerb.
- Look continuously both ways.
- Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic.
- Think whether it's safe to cross and keep checking until you're safely across.

5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).



SCHOOL CALENDAR



THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY
Charles Sturt University visit
Years 10-12

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY
3-Way Swimming Carnival
Cumnock Community Pool
Years 3-6

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY
FYI Hook Excursion
Buckinbah Creek
Years 7/8

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY
WAP Swimming Carnival
Totthenham—Years 7-12

TERM 1
WELLBEING WEEK
4-8 MARCH

THURSDAY/FRIDAY, 7-8 MARCH
Year 7 Camp
Wambalang Environmental
Education Centre

YCS HOMework HUB

Commencing
Wednesday 21 February
3.15pm-4pm
Afternoon Tea provided.



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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

BASKETBALL

FREE
NON COMPETITIVE MIXED
PROGRAM
6 - 16 years

YEoval
TUESDAYS

LOCATION: Yeoval Central School
under cover Basketball courts
13.02.24 - 19.03.24
TIME: 3.30 PM - 4.30 PM

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PBL STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



PRIMARY: Caleb, Sapphire, Aaliyah, Xander.

SECONDARY: Connor, Alisha, Alliza

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