



## 3-Way Swimming Carnival

On 23 February 10 students from YCS travelled to Cumnock to participate in the 3-Way carnival. Students were excited to compete against Cumnock Public School and St Columba's Primary School. All students were rewarded with ribbons on the day and Ezra Parker was Senior Champion runner up. Thank you to Ms Goulding for organising the bus and Mrs Kerin, Ms Tonkin and Ms Parkes for taking us.



Please join us for our wellbeing week activities in Week 6.

Assembly - Monday 4 March 12:30pm. This will be followed by a 'picnic in the playground'. (Lower playground). Pack a picnic blanket and some picnic foods. Families are welcome to join their child. (Please note; students will not be sharing food. They will eat their own food while enjoying the picnic experience). Games will be set up for students/families to engage in.

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# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



## Gobondery/NARRAF Swimming Carnival - Narromine

Students in Years 4-6 will also be competing in a swimming carnival at Narromine. The Gobondery/NARRAF Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 1 March, with students leaving at 8:00am and returning at 4:30pm by bus.

## Attendance

We would like to remind all parents/carers that it is a requirement by law, to ensure that your child is on time and at school each day the school is open and to provide a satisfactory explanation of any absence. Continued non-compliance with the Education Act (1990) is monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer for further investigation to help resolve the matter.

The following table is an extract from the YCS Attendance Procedures document.

Parents/Caregivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure children attend school regularly and are on time</li><li>• Notify the school in advance where possible of any absence</li><li>• Explain any absences as soon as possible but no later than seven (7) days from the first day of absence, through methods such as phone call, Sentral, note or email</li><li>• Provide a medical certificate for illness. This is mandatory for any Stage 5 and 6 assessment task that may be missed</li><li>• Complete an 'Application for Extended Leave' for travel or a holiday and provide travel documentation</li><li>• Complete an 'Application for Exemption' as needed</li><li>• Work with the school to support any attendance concerns</li></ul>
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The school is required to follow up all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent, and no explanation has been received) within two days. A change in YCS processes will see this be done by sending a letter home to parents with students. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could sign this explanation and return it to school as soon as possible.

Whilst attendance at school is important there are times when students are not well enough to attend. There are a number of illnesses circulating the community at the moment.

If your child gets sick or injured at school, the school will contact you. If your child is ill, they will go to an area where they can lie down and be monitored. You will be called to come and collect your child if they are too sick to go back to the classroom. For this reason, it is important to keep your contact details up to date with the school, including an alternative contact – such as a relative or neighbour – who the school can call if you are unavailable.

## If your child is sick at home

From time to time your child may get sick. If they display any of the following symptoms, they should stay at home and see a doctor:

- a fever of 38°C or above
- cold or flu symptoms
- vomiting or diarrhoea
- rashes of an unknown origin.
- cough or respiratory symptoms

## Mobile Phone Policy

YCS staff are very pleased with the mature way our secondary students have adopted the new mobile phone policy. We have attached a copy to this newsletter as a reminder to students and parents of the expectations and processes around mobile phones (not) at YCS.

## FYI Term 1 Hook

It was fantastic to see Year 7/8 ready for their Term 1 Hook excursion this morning. Keep an eye out for photos and all the interesting activities they got up to, in next week's newsletter.

## National Young Leaders' Day

Our primary captains, Ezra and Wade, are heading to Sydney for the 'Halogen' National Young Leaders' Day being held at the International Convention Centre on Monday. This is an amazing opportunity for country students to experience our State's capital with some of their WAP school counterparts, as well as witness the inspiring real life stories of some of our nation's most successful young people.

## Crunch and Sip

YCS primary students participate in Crunch&Sip each day. Crunch&Sip is a set time in primary schools for students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad and fruit and 'rehydrate' with water. Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. The school keeps a small supply of fruit on hand for students who do not have fruit on a particular day but students are encouraged to bring their own from home.

Trish Henderson, Principal

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# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Miss Crain's Purple English Group have been engaging in some fabulous work so far this term. They have been revising phonemes learnt in Kindergarten, exploring new phonemes and when we might use them in our spelling and tackling tricky words. They are becoming masters of terminology such as digraphs, vowels, consonants and prepositions. Most excitingly, they have become awesome authors and imaginative illustrators, collaboratively making a class book. Autographed copies will be coming home soon.



Busy, building and belonging.

On Wednesday students in the wellbeing room had the opportunity to build and make using our 'Nook' lounges. Students in both primary and secondary were only limited by their imagination as they worked collaboratively to make different designs.

## CSU Visit

Last Thursday, Charles Sturt University came to YCS for a visit and to talk to years 10/11/12 about possible careers in the future. We also looked at how to apply for a scholarship, dorms and classes. We were all determined to win the frank green water bottle, but overall had a lot of fun talking and learning about the different careers and pathways CSU has to offer.



Have you signed up to the Sentral Parent Portal?



# SCHOOL CALENDAR



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

**TERM 1**  
**WELLBEING WEEK**  
**4-8 MARCH**

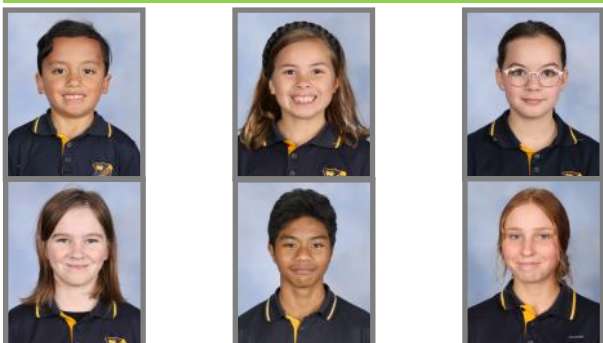
**FRIDAY 1 MARCH**  
Gobondery/NARRAF Swimming  
Carnival—Narromine  
Qualifying students from  
Years 4-6

**3-5 MARCH**  
**HALOGEN YOUNG LEADERS**  
**EXCURSION—SYDNEY**  
Primary School Captains

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

**13-25 MARCH**  
**NAPLAN Test Window**  
Years 3, 5, 7, 9

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



### TERM 1 WEEK 4

**EARLY STAGE 1/STAGE 1: Cypress**  
*For great participation in History lessons.*

**STAGE 2: Audrey**  
*For great participation in Art lessons.*

**STAGE 3: Ezra**  
*For great participation in Art lessons.*

**STAGE 4: Alice**  
*For being an engaged learner and quiet achiever.*

**STAGE 5: Lance**  
*For his engagement and growing confidence in Numeracy.*

**STAGE 6: Brooke**  
*For her dedication and engagement with her senior studies.*

## Mobile Phone Policy



Just a reminder to parents and carers that students **are not permitted to use mobile phones at school.**

If you need to contact your child, please phone the office and we will assist you. Our updated phone policy is attached for your perusal. If you have any questions, please contact the school and we will happily answer them for you.



### CAREERS NEWS

Please see below links for all the latest in careers news for parents, carers and students:

#### Weekly Careers News Bulletin

<https://bulletins.jobjump.com.au/0a559700-1d32-4715-b030-f7e16939a8da/master>

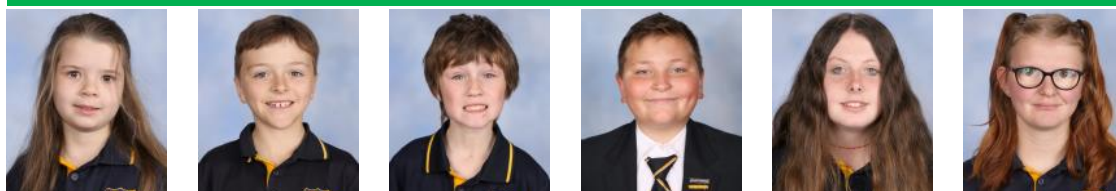
#### Subject Careers News Bulletin

<https://bulletins.jobjump.com.au/0a559700-1d32-4715-b030-f7e16939a8da/kla>

## Wiradjuri Word of the Week:

Ginhiimanha ginhiimanha—'LEAD'

## PBL STUDENTS OF WEEK 4



**PRIMARY:** Ashley, Thomas, Flynn

**SECONDARY:** Jack, Aleena, Sierra



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