



Yorketown Area School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Wed 8 – Fri 10	Year 11 Kayaking	Fri 1	Year 7 Transition
Fri 10	JobEx	Mon 4	Governing Council meeting
Wed 15 – Fri 24	Parent Opinion Surveys	Tue 5	Presentation Night 7.00pm
Fri 17	Year 12 Formal	Fri 8	Year 10 lessons finish
Thu 23	YP Band Performance	Mon 11 – Fri 15	Activities Week
Fri 24	Year 11 lessons finish	Fri 15	Last Day – Dismissal 2.10

Canteen Roster

Friday Nov 10	Julie Page	Friday Nov 24	Amy Loechel
Friday Nov 17	Jo Haywood		

Principal's Message

Last week we farewelled the Year 12 students and, after some exams and the formal, they will be finished schooling ready to take the next steps. I love 'setting the Year 12s free' and watching from a distance where life takes them. I congratulate staff and families who have helped these students complete their schooling – a significant achievement - and I wish all of them the very best for their future. This month I will attend a 10 year reunion of a Year 12 group from Victor Harbor High School – there will be past students travelling from overseas and interstate to attend and I look forward to discovering the diverse pathways they have taken.

This year I shared with the students a message from a college principal who eloquently, and with a touch of fun, gave some great advice to graduating students. My favourite lines were: *“exercise free will and creative independent thought, not for the satisfactions they will bring you, but for the good they will do others, the rest of the 6.8 billion and those who will follow them. And then, you too will discover the great and curious truth of the human experience is that selflessness is the best thing you can do for yourself.”* (David McCullough – for the video, go to our Facebook page). Research is showing that people who volunteer, connect with others and engage in community have less risk of depression. For the next few months you will be driven mad by everyone asking “what are you going to do”, don't let this put you off starting the next tour of life and don't forget to exercise 'selflessness' along the way.

Fiona Haselgrove
Principal

From the Senior School

On Monday 23 October the Year 11 students travelled to Minlaton to participate in the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) Road Awareness Program. The interactive PowerPoint presentation of 100 minutes incorporated some photographic and video content showing graphic footage of real crashes and some crash recreations. A Senior Fire-Fighter spoke to the students about the major causes of road accidents and asked them to consider whether they were risk takers or responsible driver/road users. He also discussed the ways in which people are affected by road trauma and how a person's life may change following a motor vehicle crash. A real life crash survivor who was t-boned by another driver spoke to the students about his ordeal and made an impassioned plea for students to learn from the mistakes of others.

At the end of the presentation the students were asked to give feedback about how the program had impacted on their attitudes to road use. Interestingly out of the 18 students, 15 had nominated that they were risk takers as drivers/road users prior to seeing RAP while 18 students checked the box indicating they had chosen to be a responsible driver/road user following the program.

On the day the students were very respectful, interested and prepared to learn from the experience.

Year 12 students

Our Year 12 students had their last day of formal lessons on Friday October 27th. Some of them still have school assessed work to finish but the emphasis now is mainly on preparing for the external exams. Already three exams have been conducted, one written German exam and two oral examinations in German and Italian. Next week there are exams in Biology, Modern History, Accounting, General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods and Legal Studies. The following week Physics, Psychology, Written Italian and Specialist Mathematics will be examined. The last exam is Musicianship on November 21st.

We wish our students all the best for the exams which account for 30% of a student's grade.

We know that this is a stressful time of the year but the end is in sight and our students just need to stay on course.

The Year 12 Formal and End of School Celebration will be held in the Yorketown Town Hall on Friday November 17th. Of course, we also anticipate that as many school leavers as possible will be at Presentation Night on Tuesday December 5th.

Claudia Agnew
Senior School Coordinator

From the Junior School

Welcome to Term 4! We have had a very busy year so far and things certainly don't look to be slowing down for our final term.

Earlier this week the Junior Disco was a huge success. It was great to see almost all of our students supporting this event and having a great time together. Thank you to the disco committee for doing such a terrific job of organising the event, the many staff members and parents who provided food and helped supervise, and Chiara Castiglia, Max Gutsche and Tate Gutsche for giving up their own time to help with the music, lighting and setup. Thank you also to SYP Surf & Sports and The Little Bargain Boutique for providing prizes for the evening. We are very lucky to be well supported by such wonderful local businesses.

Classes are already busy rehearsing and preparing for Presentation Night on Tuesday 5th December. Wendy Rushbrook and the students are working hard to prepare costumes. The costumes are not difficult to make but it is quite time consuming and we are looking for some extra help. If you have any spare time and are keen to help out please contact either Wendy or myself.

Finally, I have noticed quite a few students are arriving at school quite early in the morning. While teachers are often on site before 8:30, they are busy preparing for the day.

Technically, teaching staff do not go on duty until 8:30am and we request that students do not arrive prior to this time as they may be unsupervised.

Erin Rose
Junior School Coordinator

Qkr app

Qkr is proving to be quite popular with a number of families using the app for lunch orders from the canteen and for making payments for school items. ID cards for next year, school fees, school magazine and camps/excursions can be paid via Qkr. Please refer to the instruction sheet attached to the newsletter to guide you through the setup of the app on your phone. Canteen orders must be placed prior to 9.15am on the day of delivery. Orders can be placed in advance by selecting the day you would like the food available.

Home Ec Lunches for Canteen

The Home Ec catering students have provided some fabulous lunches for students and staff recently. The canteen has received \$1,914.40 from the sale of these lunches. This will certainly assist our canteen to operate more profitably this year. Thank you to the students and Miss Mack.

Materials and Services Charge for 2018

The proposed charge for Materials and Services for 2018 is attached to this newsletter. If you would like to comment on the proposed charge, you may do so at the next Governing Council meeting on Monday 4th December. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may express your views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council prior to the meeting.

Class Configurations 2018

Junior School	Rec/1	2/3	4/5	5/6
Middle School		7/8	7/8	9
Senior School		10	11	12

Classes are configured on curriculum alignment, student numbers, cohort characteristics and teacher expertise. Leaders, class teachers and student placements are being finalised and will be available in Week 6.

'Electives' – calling volunteers

In 2018 we will have 'electives', an afternoon where staff and volunteers offer activities for students to choose. These activities are to provide for some less formal learning, trying new and different things, working across age groups and providing the opportunity to complete school projects. Examples include garden groups, show chickens and murals. We are actively seeking volunteers from the community to work with teachers to run activities. Activities should cater for a group of 12-15 students and will run for ten weeks. You can:

- Register to volunteer and **help** a staff member run an activity.
- Register to volunteer and **lead** an activity if you have a skill you would like to share with students.

To register: Contact Liz Curnow (Volunteer Coordinator) 88521233 or visit Liz in the Library.

Activity Suggestions: Please provide Liz with a brief description of the activity age group suited to, space required and resources required.

All welcome, registering this year will allow us time to organise induction, police clearances and match volunteers with staff and students.

Please register by Friday 1st December

Bowls Champ



Congratulations Micheal Davies. Micheal was selected in the U18 National Bowls team and competed at Taren Point in NSW in October. In his “fours” team they took the gold and in the “triplets” team they took bronze. South Australian won the boys overall and in the combined were runners up (by a small margin) to Queensland.

Skills Scholarships

The federal government has announced new scholarships for students studying Certificate III through to PhD level qualifications. The scholarships are targeting priority industries:

- Defence Industry (including naval shipbuilding)
- Advanced manufacturing, health services and medical research, wine and food, resources and energy, tourism and hospitality. Applications will also be accepted from students who intend to study in a field that is relevant to, and are currently employed by, businesses with innovative practices that result in economic growth.
- South Australian State-based skills needs. Any occupation listed on the Australian Government Department of Employment’s Skills Shortage List for South Australia will be eligible

More information about the Commonwealth Scholarships Program for South Australia, including eligibility criteria, can be found in the Program Guidelines at www.commonwealth-scholarships-sa.com.au and applications close on 25th October 2017.

One and All Voyage

In the holidays, I had the opportunity to be part of the crew on the One and All, which is the last sailing boat left in South Australia to still run today. They usually do trips from Ceduna to Port Adelaide or day trips around Adelaide.



When I heard about the ‘One and All’ I was interested, so I spoke to Ms Walsh about doing the 5-day trip from Ceduna

to Port Adelaide.

In order to earn a place on board, I had to write a 100-word application, discussing why I wanted to have this experience. After two weeks of waiting, I finally found out that I had earned a place on the boat. I was also sponsored by the Paul Maguire Foundation.

On the boat we learnt how to haul the sails, ease the rope and I also got the chance to climb the mast to the top yard where I could see everything.

I think overall this experience was very good and also educational, if I got the opportunity I would go again for sure.

Travis Rowe

Premier’s ANZAC Spirit Prize

During the holidays I went on my trip of a lifetime to the beautiful Vietnam. I met some amazing people, ate some interesting food, and made some new memories.

We travelled the whole country, starting at the bottom and making our way up to the top. We went to important historical places that had lots of significance



during the Vietnam War, places like the Nui Dat base, which was the main base of the

Australian force, and to where the battle of Long Tan took place, which was the costliest Australian battle in the Vietnam War. We travelled to the Cu Chi Tunnels and the beautiful Ha Long Bay, we went to most of the well-known tourist spots but also immersed ourselves in the culture and interacted with the locals, going to orphanages and schools and eating at local restaurants.

We had amazing food and perfected the use of chop sticks.

Above all, I learnt lots.



I had a great time and feel like I've brought a part of Vietnam back with me, some moments I know I will remember forever, others I hope I never forget. If you are more interested about Vietnam, the Vietnam War or the historical sites I visited then you know where to find me, and I'm more than happy to answer any questions and talk.

During the trip we kept a blog which has photos and some more information, the address is <http://2016anzacprize.blogspot.com.au/2017/>

Jess Timms

FLO Camp – Innes National Park

In week 2, the FLO class went on an overnight camp to Innes National Park as an end-of-year celebration to a successful first year of FLO at YAS. We camped at Shell Beach campground, explored the beach, went on a night walk and battled Innes insects from Mossies to Horse



Flies and Kangaroo ticks. We had a resident Roo nearby, who was happy to have some of our water when it was offered,

saw plenty of Emu chicks and even Dolphins turned up. We roasted marshmallows on the campfire and nearly got rained out! Luckily, we had a quick pack up in the morning and got some sun for breakfast at Stenhouse Bay and a final look at Ethel Wreck before heading back to school.

FLO has been a great learning alternative for some students this year and we are really pleased to share our achievements with the YAS community. The FLO students have engaged with their learning and supported and encouraged one another in their wellbeing, and we're certain they will continue on this positive path into 2018.

**Elouise Fehring and Rachel Twelftree
FLO Teacher/ FLO Case Manager**

Maths Quiz

Mr Michael Parker has included a Maths Quiz in this newsletter. Have a go!! Exercise your minds and give your answers to a teacher. The next newsletter will give you the correct answers and will also include a 'mind exercising maths quiz'. Good luck!!

YAS School Uniforms Qkr app

In this newsletter the SYP Surf and Sports Store has included an order form for school uniforms. All orders need to be to the store by Wednesday November 15 to ensure uniforms are available for the beginning of the 2019 school year.

Y.E.L (Young Environmental Leaders)

On the 4th of July, Olivia, Amy and I went to Corny Point. We went with Alyck, Beau, Kye, Jack, Warooka, Stansbury, St Columba's, Curramulka and Minlaton schools. Warooka hosted the event and Mr Preece from St Columba's was our bus driver. Our goal was to plant 500 trees anddrumroll please.....480 trees were planted near the light house. I was in a group with Amy and Meg from St Columba's. After we planted the trees we went to the caravan park to eat lunch. After lunch Chris and James from Bugs and Slugs talked to us about bugs and slugs. We got to feel some insects but some, like scorpions and spiders, we couldn't touch. Then we split into two groups and did some activities like bug trap making and look after your own insects and we took them home to take care of them. After all the activities we drove back to school and finished the day at school. I really enjoyed it because we spent time with nature and learnt about our surroundings.



James and Chris for Bugs and Slug's website <http://www.bugsnslugs.com.au/>

Victoria Savage

Earlier in the year we went down to Weaners Flat for the Young Environmental leaders. We met Fabienne who was working with Natural Resource Management and Warooka and St Columba's YEL groups. We talked about YEL and the other groups such as Minlaton, Stansbury and Curramulka. After we talked we went down to the Weaners Flat Lake and talked about all the rubbish and old tyres that were put around it then we picked up the rubbish that was laying around. It was a windy day so it was a bit hard to get all the rubbish. We had lunch and played on the playground. Then we all said our goodbyes.

Middle School Learning Expo

The Middle School Learning Expo was held for the first time on the 28th September 2017. A large number of parents and families attended and shared a wide range of learning experiences with their children. The students also had the opportunity to present examples of their class work, dancing and musical performances. The afternoon also provided a forum for the Year 9 HASS classes to showcase their investigations and solutions to the problem of global food security. Students from the Home Ec classes prepared a delicious afternoon tea which was enjoyed by all. The afternoon concluded with a Celebration Assembly where the Term 3 Achievement and Effort Awards were presented.



YAS Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting

Dear Parents & Friends of Yorketown Area School,

On behalf of the President and Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to our 2018 AGM.

When: Tuesday 14th November
Time: 7:00 pm
Where: Yorketown Community Library

What is the Parents' & Friends?

The main objective of the P&F is to encourage the participation of families in our school community to work in close co-operation with the School administration and staff for the wellbeing and benefit of the students in our school. It provides an opportunity for parents to get to know each other and to work together in a volunteer capacity to raise funds for the school.

How often do we meet?

We aim to meet at least once a school term. It's a great way of linking parents with other parents and catching up with the school news! It is not necessary to attend all meetings, just those you can.

Who attends?

All are welcome to the P&F meetings and in regular attendance are the committee members.

Did you know?

That without the Parents and Friends' Group of fantastic volunteers, we would not have been able to achieve the list below. Have a look at some of the events and contributions we have made in recent years!

Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls
Fridges for the Junior Primary Unit
Run the Presentation Day Raffle
Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Family Portrait Day

Donations to the Canteen
Sports Day BBQ and Food Stall
Community Business Hamburger Day
Flocking Flamingos Fundraiser
Presentation Night Foyer and Supper

So please...

Come along to the AGM and let us know if you have any fabulous ideas for our school community in 2018. All positions will be vacated and available for election or if an office bearer role is not for you then we welcome all new general members as well!

If you have any questions in relation to our AGM, or what may be involved with being on the committee, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school front office.

Thank you!



Yorketown Area School - 0767		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2018		
Notice of Charges for Years 7 To 12		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$20.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$60.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$80.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$25.00
	Diary	\$11.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$36.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$67.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$26.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$41.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$134.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$60.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$60.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$310.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
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Yorketown Area School - 0767		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2018		
Notice of Charges for Reception To Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$20.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$55.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$75.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$25.00
	Diary	\$11.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$36.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$44.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$20.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$20.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$84.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$40.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$40.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$235.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
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	\$0.00



Public Education Action Plan

The government has released **the Public Education Action Plan - *Your Child, Their School, Our Future*** with five key areas:

- Giving children a head start
- Educating students for the jobs of tomorrow
- A focus on literacy and numeracy to put the basics first
- Help for every student to be their best
- Supporting our teachers to deliver great results.

The Plan includes a \$30 million initiative to **ease cost of living pressure for thousands** of South Australian families. From next year, an extra 29,000 students will be eligible for the school card with the State Government lifting the income eligibility threshold for a family with one child by \$20,000 - from \$37,274 in 2017 to \$57,870 in 2018. The change will increase the number of eligible students from approximately 47,600 to an estimated 77,200. The school card program supports low to average income families by relieving them of the requirement to pay school materials and services charges. Eligibility for School Card assistance for 2018 is based on the family's gross income in 2016/2017 financial year.

To apply for School Card assistance, applicants are required to complete an application form.

Application forms for 2018 will be available from schools or on line at www.sa.gov.au by the end of the 2017 school year.

The government's decision to centrally fund utility bills and provide extra funds for cleaning for all public schools and preschools will also free up a further \$66 million over 4 years for teaching resources, support programs and technology.

Improve attendance

To support the strategy an additional 11 attendance and engagement social workers will be available to help schools work with students and their families, with this 50% increase bringing the total to 33. The attendance strategy will guide the efforts of preschools and schools to engage children and young people to stay at school and emphasises the important connection between positive wellbeing and learning outcomes. It establishes the framework for a range of actions to:

- promote the importance of education from the earliest years of life and throughout the schooling years
- actively engage children, young people and their families in education and developmental opportunities

address barriers to attendance, learning and wellbeing to support children and young people be physically present and engaged in their learning.

Statistics about non-attendance include:

- missing one day a week of school from Reception to Year 10 means missing two years and one term of schooling.
- being half an hour late to school each day from reception to year 10 equals missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling.
- students who are frequently absent from school are over-represented in the juvenile justice system.

Since 2011, there has been an upward trend with attendance, which increased from 89.9% in 2011 to 90.7% in 2016 across the state.

Largest ever SA school infrastructure investment announced

More than \$690 million will be invested in improving, refurbishing and expanding capacity at 91 public primary and secondary schools as part of the new Building Better Schools program. Unfortunately the funding is only for schools with an enrolment of 300 or more students so no schools in the Southern Yorke Region have received funding.