



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 10, May / June 2022

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CALENDAR

July 1st

End of Term Travel Day
McCaughey Ball



July 18th

Term 3 classes start

July 20th - 24th

Year 11 Ski Trip

July 27th

U15's Boys Basketball

July 29th

Riverina Athletics
Carnival

July 29th - July 31st

NSW RFS Secondary
School Cadet Program

Aug 8th - Aug 18th

HSC Trial Exams

Aug 19th

DESI Travel Day

August 22nd

DESI Return Travel Day

September 3rd

YAHS Family Day



Then and Now.

**The changing face of
Yanco Agricultural High School.**



Leadership

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Edward Stevenson, Paige Brown

VICE CAPTAINS:

Thomas Hughes, Maddison Dowling

PREFECTS:

Thomas North

Cleo McLaughlin, Ella Gibson

SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS

MUTCH

Captains: Alice Caldow
Darcy Kelly

Vice Captains: Abbie Horneman
Damien Barker

GARDINER

Captains: Maggie Cavanagh,
Harvey Gay

Vice Captains: Caitlin Kinsela
Andrew Smith

McCAUGHEY

Captains: Brooke Smith
Jake Turner

Vice Captains: Fynn Kenny
Darcey Cullen

BREAKWELL

Captains: Jacinta Watson
Joshua Madden

Vice Captains: Jasmin Payne
Cody Grady

YEAR ADVISORS 2021

Year 7	Nathan Casilles
Year 8	Melissa Mercuri
Year 9	Terry Babic
Year 10	Catherine Gray
Year 11	Leah Troidahl
Year 12	Kelly Stockdale
	Stuart McVittie

HEAD TEACHERS

MATHS Sally Cassilles

ENGLISH Lauren Hodge (Rel)

HSIE Derusha Naidoo

SCIENCE Sue Langley

TAS Luke Collins

CAREERS Nathan Cassilles

BELL TIMES

Assembly	8:30 - 8:39
Period 1	8:39 - 9:35
Period 2	9:35 - 10:31
Recess	10:31 - 10:51
Period 3	10:51 - 11:47
Period 4	11:47 - 12:43
Lunch	12:43 - 1:23
Period 5	1:23 - 2:19
Period 6	2:19 - 3:15



MAINTENANCE REMINDER

All students have been reminded that if there is any furniture or equipment missing, damaged or not in working order in their dormitory they are required to fill in a **Maintenance Request Form**. These are available from the duty room and to be handed in to staff on duty at the time.

Principal's Report

We have had a busy, but positive Term 2 at YAHS. Again, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for the warm welcome I have received since starting as Principal mid-way through this term.

Since commencing in my new role, I have had the opportunity to speak to a number of families, but there is still a number of parents and carers that I have not had the opportunity to talk with as yet. Over the school holiday break and during Term 3, I will continue to make contact with Yanco families, with the aim being to speak personally with all parents and carers by the end of Term 3.

In the interim, please feel free to contact me through the school office or email if you have any questions or concerns or would just like to say hello.

Student Success

It has been great to have students out and about over the last few weeks engaging in a variety of activities. We have had a number of sporting teams represent YAHS with pride this term. A number of students have also represented our school at various sporting carnivals and gala days and I congratulate each of you for your sportsmanship and success.

We always endeavour to keep our community updated on student achievement through our YAHS Facebook page but please let us know if your child has achieved success outside of school so that we can recognise their achievements.

YAHS Open Day and Years 8-12 2023 Student Applications

It was wonderful to welcome over 200 people to our Open Day held last Friday, 24 June. This is the greatest number of people we have ever had attend this event, which is very positive. Our prefect body and student tour guides did a fantastic job showcasing all that Yanco has to offer. Special thanks to our staff, in particular, Mrs Alison Evans and Mrs Tara Arnall for their organisation.

Applications for years 8-12 for 2023 are now open and close on July 22. Application details and information can be found on our Website, Facebook Page or by phoning the school.

Family Day

Although our major Centenary celebrations have been postponed until 2023, we are looking forward to hosting our YAHS Family Day on September 3. Please mark this date in your calendars. We will continue to provide information around this event closer to the time. It will be great to have our parents back on site and to reconnect face to face as part of the Yanco family on this day.

Boarding Project Update

The design for our boarding facilities will be developed in consultation with a Project Reference Group (PRG) considering educational, operational and service delivery requirements. It was positive to be part of our first Project Reference Group last Thursday. A PRG includes representatives from the school community, including the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), Principal and the Director- Educational Leadership, as well as architects, planners and design professionals.

I will continue to keep our school community updated as work on our project progresses.

Survey Results and Term 3 Changes

As indicated in my correspondence last week, the results from the Principal survey have been collated and released. As a result of this data, we will implement some operational changes that will be in a trial phase for Term 3. This includes increasing the food available to students at recess time (3 items each rather than 1) and going back to sit down lunches each day (rather than pre-packed sandwiches two days per week). Students have also completed a survey around their favourite meals so we can ascertain which items could be replaced with new options, to increase variety.

Students in Years 7-10 will also move to completing one and a half hours of preparation time each night, rather than two. Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) will remain the same. Junior students will use that half hour to engage in their Rec Rooms, supervised by duty staff. Students will be able to talk, play cards / board games or watch TV during this half hour. If students prefer they may also go to the library for this half hour (particularly during busy assessment periods).

Phones will not be permitted during this time or in Prep.

As indicated in my email last week, feedback indicated some unfamiliarity and at times, inconsistency around the levels system for students. Please find attached as part of this newsletter a document that outlines the current levels. Executive staff and members of our student leadership team have also been involved in the preparation of this information. Thank you to the parents who have made contact already in support of these changes. Your feedback is very much appreciated. As I am sure you can appreciate, while some operational changes are able to happen relatively quickly, other improvements will take time and will need to be planned over a period of time before being rolled out.

Year 7-10 Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Junior reports have been released to parents this week. Through reading the reports, it is evident that most students are working well but there is always improvement that can be made by taking on board teacher feedback. I encourage all families to have a conversation with your children about areas of strength and areas of focus moving forward.

Thank you to those parents who were able to be part of our parent-teacher interviews this week. I apologise to families who were not able to attend due to the operational changes on Thursday. If you would like to speak with any of your child's teachers at anytime, please contact the school to organise phone contact.

Student Attendance

The Department's School Attendance Policy is very clear in stating that all students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided. The approved school attendance register codes outline the way for schools to mark the roll for student absence or variation of student attendance. Most forms of student leave including sickness and travel are classified and recorded as an absence. While I understand the need for compassion and flexibility during these challenging times, the advice I have received from the Department indicates that there is currently no provision for 'harvest leave' as part of this policy. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please feel free to contact me through the school office.

Thank you once again for your support and have a relaxing and safe school holiday break. School commences for students at 8.30am on Monday 18 July. This means that students will need to return to Yanco on Sunday, July 17 or before school on Monday 18 July.

Marni Milne
Principal

Welfare/Wellbeing

REFERRAL PROCESS FOR PARENTS

If your child is having issues at school and they contact you about it can you please follow the process set out below:

In the first instance contact the year advisor by phoning the school on 02 6951 1500:

If you have concerns outside of normal school hours please contact the school on the same number 02 6951 1500:

Ask for either Jason Sachs or Tara Arnall to be contacted (if available).

THE YEAR ADVISORS ARE:

Year 7 Nathan Cassilles

Year 8 Melissa Mercuri

Year 9 Terry Babic

Year 10 Catherine Gray

Year 11 Leah Troidahl

Year 12 Stuart McVittie / Kelly Stockdale

The Year Advisor will discuss the issue with the relevant staff member in the school Head Teachers Welfare; Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) Student Support Officer (SSO) ; School Counsellor/School Psychologist (SC/SP); Deputy Principal or at a Wellbeing meeting which are held every Monday at school.

The Year Advisor will email the parent with their initial referral within two days.

The person who the issue has been referred to will respond to the parent(s) after they have investigated the situation. This discussion may occur via a phone call or email and will involve the possible resolution and any further contact or requirements from the students.

Student Support Officer – This position has been advertised and applications close during the school holiday break.

School Psychologist – Drew Sinnet – at school Monday, Tuesday.

Learning and Support Teacher – Robyn Locke

Head Teachers Welfare

Tara Arnall – tara.murray8@det.nsw.edu.au

Jason Sachs – jason.sachs@det.nsw.edu.au



P and C Executive 2022

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WELLBEING AND COMMUNICATION

What should you do if you have a question or concern relating to your child?

If a parent and caregiver has a concern or question relating to their child they should contact relevant personnel and the personnel should provide **initial response within 48 hours**. Depending on the complexity of the concern the resolution time will vary.

For **questions relating to learning outcomes** this should start with the class teacher, followed by the faculty head teacher and year advisor.

For **questions relating to wellbeing** this should commence with the year adviser, followed by the Head Teachers Welfare and then the Deputy Principals.

If the concern or question is not resolved the concern should be raised with the school Principal on 02 69511500.

It is important for the Principal to be contacted so that concerns can be resolved at the school level wherever possible. The Principal can then provide details around contacting the Director, Educational Leadership if the concern remains unresolved, if required.

Please refer to the contact list that was previously sent out to identify the most appropriate person to direct your request.

We hope this process assists with streamlining our communication with parents and caregivers.

Head Teachers Welfare

Tara Arnall – tara.murray8@det.nsw.edu.au

Jason Sachs – jason.sachs@det.nsw.edu.au



SCHOOL TERMS AND DESI LEAVE WEEKENDS

TERM 3 2022

Students return to school:	Sunday 17th July
Day 1 Term 3 lessons commence:	Monday 18th July
Designated Leave Weekend:	
Students travel home	Friday 19th August
Students return travel	Monday 22nd August
Last day Term 1: Students Travel home	Friday 23rd September

TERM 4 2022

Students return to school:	Sunday 9th October
Day 1 Term 4 lessons commence:	Monday 10th October
DESI Leave Weekend:	
Students travel home:	Friday 18th November
Students return travel:	Monday 21st November
Last day Term 1:	Friday 16th December

Parents must pick up children to travel home at the conclusion of Speech Day on Friday December 16th. No travel arrangements will be made.

COUNTRYLINK - DESI

A reminder for all parents that if your child is **NOT** going to be travelling on the buses for Designated Leave Weekends **PLEASE CANCEL** your child's travel by contacting Gai Stockton in the Registrar's Office by email **before** the **DESI** travel date.

This is an **absolute necessity and courtesy** for Countrylink.



Please keep an eye on your emails and Facebook during holidays for up to date 'Return to School' procedures!



IF YOUR CHILD IS LATE TO SCHOOL ON A MONDAY MORNING PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE TO AVOID BEING MARKED **ABSENT FOR THE DAY.**



IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM BACK TO SCHOOL.



Agriculture

National shorthorn show and sale 2022

On Saturday 11th of June, eight students travelled to Dubbo showgrounds to prepare and participate in the National Shorthorn Show and Sale. On arrival we unloaded five shorthorn bulls and two shorthorn heifers, along with the equipment we needed for completing over the next four days. Bulls and heifers were settled into their beds and students headed back to the motel for a well earned rest.



Sunday and Monday started off early getting the stock washed and clipped for the busy time ahead. Tuesday was also a bright and early start for show day. All the cattle held their own in a very strong line up with our roan heifer Yanco Jess, placing first in her class. Wednesday was the sale with the school's cattle coming out with a good result with Yanco Jess selling for \$10,000 and our bulls selling at a top of \$17,000, and averaging \$11,000. We thank all repeat buyers, successful bidders and under-bidders.



Emily Molloy / Year 11 Student



Finalist for the 2022 NSW Training Awards – Riverina Region

Congratulations to Certificate III in Agriculture student Jordan Greene who has been named as a finalist in the VET in Schools Student of the Year category.

His success thus far is a result of his hard work and determination to improve the skills he possesses in the Primary Industries curriculum framework.

We wish Jordan all the best at the regional awards ceremony.

[#NSWTrainingAwards](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/awards)

Luke Collins | Head Teacher Agriculture



Equine Report

North West Equestrian Expo 2022



The 2022 North West Equestrian Expo, also known as Coona, went off with a bang for our students this year. Everyone who competed came home with a ribbon, but more importantly some great friendships. The Yanco family really shone through, with everyone supporting one another and cheering on the sidelines. With such a variety of disciplines available, Yanco had such diversity across the competition.

We arrived on June 2nd, ready for five full on days. Ten students and eleven horses made the trek after months of hard training in preparation. Once again our dedicated parents accompanied us and supported not only their own children but every child there. Despite the wet weather and boggy conditions it was a very successful Expo for the school.

On Friday we only had one student competing. Caitlin Kinsela competed in the Novice Dressage Freestyle, where you have to choreograph certain movements and then match music to them. Caitlin performed to a medley of Queen music, and despite the muddy conditions placed 5th overall. That night it rained hard, stables flooded, our camp was under water, but still we pushed through.



On Saturday, due to the rain the night before, the competition was pushed back three hours to allow the ground a chance to dry up. Everybody was competing over a variety of events, including pentathlon, dressage, showjumping, eventing, and working horse challenge. These events saw some great results come through:

Maddy Eade	6th Combined Training A
Lily Thorne	7th Combined Training A
Alice Walsh	10th Combined Training B
Will Golby	9th Combined Training A

Sunday was more showjumping, eventing, pentathlon and polocrosse. Amazing results in all four disciplines.

Harry Scarlett	8th EVA 60
Harry Scarlett	8th Pentathlon
Caitlin Kinsela	9th Combined Training 60
Amber Langland	2nd Pentathlon



Sunday was also the first day of polocrosse. This year we had both a Division 1 team and a Division 2 team. Our Division 2 team consisted of Alice Walsh, Amber Langlands and Will Golby. After winning the first game, they moved onto the second round. Here they drew, leading them to play golden point, which unfortunately they lost. Great effort from the team, all of which have limited experience with polocrosse. After a late draw the Yanco Ag division one team, consisting of Riley Eade, Maddison Eade and Harry Scarlett, went on to play at around 9:00 at night. This is the first Division 1

team Yanco has had in over 10 years. After a tough first game which they unfortunately lost, they went through to the second game, hungry for the win. They came out victorious, classing them in B Grade going through to the finals on Monday night.

Monday was a busy day of dressage, showjumping, barrel racing, sporting and our Division 1 finals. Unfortunately our students weren't successful in the showjumping or sporting, but should all be very proud of the rounds they did. Dressage saw Elizabeth Sandry, Amber Langlands and Caitlin Kinsela competing in the Novice dressage. All did amazing tests with some great results.

Caitlin Kinsela	- 2nd Senior Novice 2B
Caitlin Kinsela	- 2nd Senior Novice 2C
Caitlin Kinsela	- Senior Novice Dressage Champion

The Teams Barrel race was very successful for Yanco. Our A team, consisting of Alice Walsh, Harry Scarlett and Shay Bandy (LHS), took home 4th place out of over 200 teams. The Division 1 finals were again held at night. Our first game, Riley Eade was on fire, barely missing a goal, with Yanco taking home the win. The second game we were up against a very strong side from Kinross Wolaroi, that consisted of some players on the Australian team. Maddy Eade did some amazing defending but just couldn't hold them out. A third game was to be played but in the interest of horse welfare, it was decided to call it a night. Huge congratulations to Riley, Maddy and Harry who went out and exceeded all expectations with the Yanco team by bringing home 4th in a super competitive field.

Tuesday was Hacking and Team Penning Day. We had entered three teams for team penning. All students and horses did a great job but just not quite enough to place. Hacking saw Elizabeth Sandry place 5th in the 15 - 15:2 hh hack class. Our Team of Four consisting of Caitlin Kinsela, Riley Eade, Elizabeth Sandry and Harry Scarlett took home 4th place in a very competitive class. Grand Parade came around and once again Yanco Ag was (in our opinion) the best looking school out there.



A massive thank you to Pam Bandy and Miss Edwards for organizing this for us and taking us to "Coona". Thank you to all of our parents for not only taking your own children but for supporting everyone through everything, without you we would not have the opportunities we do. Massive congratulations to everybody on the Yanco Ag Equestrian Team this year, you did the school proud with all your hard work and this showed in the results. Thank you to our horses for always looking after us and being the stars that they are.

By Caitlin Kinsela / Year 12



Leeton Dressage

Sunday the 19th of June saw Elizabeth Sandry, Charlotte Burnside, Annabelle Smith and Caitlin Kinsela compete at the Leeton Dressage. All brought home amazing results in the junior divisions.

Charlotte - 4th Preparatory A
Elizabeth - 1st Novice 2A
Caitlin - 2nd Preliminary 1C

Annabelle - 2nd Preliminary 1A
Elizabeth - 1st Novice 2B
Caitlin - 1st Novice 2C

Great job girls (and horses).

Sport Report

Netball

The Open Girls Netball team had a great day in Wagga for the Interschools Netball competition.

The girls were able to pull together and win two out of four of their games coming up against some strong competition from Billabong and Finley.

I'm very proud of how our students represented YAHS both in the competition and afterwards in the community.

Belle Rich | English/History Teacher



Rugby Union

On Wednesday night, June 8th, both our girls and boys Rugby Union teams took on St Francis as part of the annual tri-series. All players demonstrated strong skills and teamwork and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Whilst the girls went down to a strong St Francis side, the boys won their match fairly convincingly (33-0). The War Cry, as usual, was a wonderful representation of our unique Yanco pride and spirit. Special thanks to our coaches, to the Leeton Phantoms for their organisation and to St Francis for their participation and sportsmanship.



Wednesday June 22nd the boys played Leeton High School. They were courageous in defeat going down by one point. Special thanks to our coaches, supporters and LHS for a great game.

Sport Report.....(cont)

AFL Boys and Girls Under 15s

Both teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and determination and it was great to see them improve throughout the day. Special thanks to our Super Coaches in Year 11 Darcey Cullen, Andrew Smith and Lachlan Broad.



Back Row L/R: A. Smith (coach), A. Woods, E. Radford, R. Cattle, R. Miller, C. Fowler, J. Lucas, P. Demamiel, C. Millington, M. Eade, E. Buitenhuis, L. Broad

Front Row L/R: A. Jones, L. Hatty, C. Maltman, C. Ogilvie, J. Golder, A. Turner, M. Weekes, B. Foster, I. Boldiston, P. Fattore



Back Row L/R: D. Cullen (coach), R. Mealing, S. Plane, N. Walsh, J. Ingold, A. Gay, J. Mahy, T. Hunt, Z. Burton, M. Turner, A. Brown.

Front Row L/R: N. Pretty, H. Arnall, L. Anderson, N. Corbett, R. Parslow, C. Degnan, A. Walsh, M. Calverley

Sport Report....(cont)

Riverina Cross Country, Gundagai

On Friday June 17th 15 students travelled to Gundagai for Riverina Cross Country. Under tough conditions YAHS students performed extremely well. We have several runners qualifying for state including Damian Barker, Lachlan Purcival and Rosie Degnan.

A special congratulations to Rosie who won the 17 years Age Division with a very impressive run. Well done to all athletes.

Catherine Gray / PE Teacher



Congratulations Rosie Degnan



Back Row L/R:

D. Cullen, L. Purcival, T. Woodhead, C. Degnan, W. Golby, A. Smith

Front Row L/R:

P. Brown, L. Broad, R. Parslow, H. Arnall, R. Degnan, J. Golder, D. Barker

Dan James, Year 12 / Rugby Union



Dan James has been excelling within the sport of Rugby Union and has been selected to play second row in the CHS 1st XV team .

He has made several trips to Sydney to train and play competitive matches against schools such as Knox Grammar and Waverley College.

Dan is a highly impressive Rugby Union player and is encouraged to continue his sporting successes.

Catherine Gray / PE Teacher



2022 Semester 1 Commendation Award recipients

YEAR 7

Isabelle Boldiston, Daniel Butcher, Max Calverley, Jessica Condon, Pippa Deacon, Skye Edwards, Bridget Foster, Jessica Golder, Josh Grady, Laura Hatty, Leo Kee Mew, Caprice Pickett, Addie Plane, Alexis Turner, Ceejay Twigg, Jackson White, Patrick White

YEAR 8

Sophie Davey, Charlie Degnan, Summer Dixon, Kipling Doyle, Darcy Gleeson, Jordan Neeves, Grace Palmer, James Pendergast Nicolas Pretty, Lily Ryan, Hamish Warhurst, Felicity Wilde.

YEAR 9

Brooke Buckley, Zach Burton, Nate Corbett, Ruby Deacon, Dom Edwards, Pia Fattore, Chelsea Golder, Jessie Harris, Charlotte Millington, Alysha Morris, Acacia Read, Harry Scarlett, Chloe Townsend, Mitchell Turner, Madalyn Worsnop.

YEAR 10

Samuel Booth, Colby Brown, Matilda Greene, Millie Hyam, Briar Lawson, Baxter Longmire, Josie Luckel, Darby McClaren, Abbey Paterson, Amelia Price, Penny Ray, Libby Saunders, Paige Sheen, Annabelle Smith, Lily Thorne, Amelia Waters, Connie Weekes.

YEAR 11

Shikeea Brown, Darcey Cullen, Rosie Degnan, Riley Eade, Olivia Ellis, Alexis Hayes, Luca James, Fynn Kenny, Alice McBride, Quinlan McKenzie, Lottie McMahon, Elizabeth Sandry, Brooke Smith, Sienna Smith, Sara Stevenson, Kelly Taylor, Breanna Twigg, Alice Walsh, Joe Walsh, Emily Worsnop,

YEAR 12

Paige Brown, Ted Caldwell, Maggie Cavanagh, Olivia Dykes, Audrey Exton, Isabella Foster, Isabella Foster, Ella Gibson, Sarah Gribble, Laura Hope, Thomas Hughes, Amber Langlands, Jett Marcus, Jack Paterson, Edward Stevenson, Ruby-Belle Stingemore, Jacinta Watson, Madelaine Woods,



Travel / Transport / Leave

DEADLINES - Need to be met so that transport can be organised. Please do NOT assume that it will be all right or that the school can sort it out for you at the last moment. Mrs Stockton in the Travel office is a miracle worker, but even she cannot move the mountain. Country Link determines the dates for any changes so please do not shoot the messenger.

As a rough rule of thumb, aim to have your child's travel arrangement organised at least three weeks prior to holidays or designated leave weekends. (So if your child wishes to visit or host someone make sure they have organised things before then).

Most of our travel days coincide with those of other schools. Consequently it is not just YAHS students that CountryLink has to ensure get to their destination.

It may only be one change on your part but each change can mean several changes that need to be made here at school. Then multiply that by twenty people and you may have some idea of the logistics of getting every student safely to the right spot.



ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

If your child is going to be absent from school for a length of time for any reason please call or email the front office with the appropriate leave form attached. Please put your child's **full name and year group** on all paperwork and send to: yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au in order for your child's absence to be recorded correctly. Students **MUST SIGN OUT IN THE LEAVE REGISTER** when leaving school grounds by private vehicle and **SIGN IN on their return**.

Weekend leave is to be in and signed by **Wednesday** of each week. Duty staff are better able to check student numbers when these simple rules are followed.

DURING THE WEEK

All students (weekly and full time) who are going to be absent during the week MUST submit a leave sheet with written permission from parents attached. Please contact and discuss your child's absence with the school as soon as possible before their absence.

Office hours are from 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday. After 4pm the phone will be answered by Duty Staff.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Where a student is absent from school, a note/phone call explaining the absence must be received by the school within **seven** school days. Where a note/phone call is not received justifying the absence it will be recorded as **Unjustified Leave**. Absences both justified and unjustified are recorded on school reports. Remember, attendance matters.

COMMUNICATION

Moving, changing address, changing phone numbers, etc ? Don't forget to inform the school!

Email changes to: yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au



Reminders

2022 Premier's Reading Challenge

YAHS students in Years 7-10 have been invited to take part in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The 2022 Challenge dates are as follows:

Challenge opens – Monday Feb 28th, 2022.

Challenge closes – Friday August 19th, 2022.



Naomi Stout / Teacher Librarian



NSW Department of Education

2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Stephen Michael King

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Key dates for students in K-10:
Challenge opens
Monday 28 February
Challenge closes for student entries
Friday 19 August



CANTEEN NEWS \$10 BLAZER SALE

Second hand school blazers for sale in the YAHS Canteen. Pockets and logos have been removed so they look like a very smart ordinary blazer. Handy to have a navy blue blazer!!! Some of them have been dry cleaned and some have not.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS

Our canteen second hand uniform stocks are getting low. If anyone has any unused uniforms they would like to donate please contact Jo Punch through the school phone number: 02 6951 1500 or deliver them in person to the school. A huge thank you to those who have already donated.



Message from the Laundry

We currently have an increased supply of unlabelled clothes in our Lost Property. Please encourage your children to come and check if they are missing any items of clothing.

We ask that you ensure all clothing is labelled clearly before bringing them to School.

Janelle Kefford | Laundry Supervisor



Reminders

SIGN IN / SIGN OUT / SIGN IN / SIGN OUT

When returning your child to school PLEASE remember to have them sign back in at the front office during school hours (8am – 3pm) and at the Duty Room outside of school hours (before 8am and after 3pm). It is important for your child to sign out when leaving and sign in on return. As all absences are recorded on school reports this can help avoid incorrect roll marking, which will show on your child's school report.

Remember: SIGN OUT/SIGN IN

Have you checked
your pencil case?

Over the break, take
time to check that you
have:

- Blue/black pens
- Red pens
- Lead pencils
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Coloured Pencils
- Highlighters



SHOES

MUST BE SOLID, LEATHER,
WITH COVERED INSTEPS
LACE UP SHOES OR ELAS-
TIC SIDED BOOTS

**This is an occupational health
and safety issue.**

At YAHS many subjects required
solid, leather shoes with a well
covered instep. Please ensure that
your child has the correct footwear.



SHEETS

Your child requires TWO sets
of sheets. (If your child does
not use a top sheet then they
will require TWO doona
covers to enable one to get
washed each week).



Beach Carnival - 17th March 2023

Gala Day - 18th March 2023

Family Day - September 3rd

