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FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome to 2017 @ YBC! I was delighted to meet many new families at our annual Advisory dinner on Tuesday night and look forward to working with you in the future. As a Big Picture school we believe that Advisory teachers getting to know families and working with you and your child will produce the best outcomes for your child.

There are twelve design elements that influence everything that Advisory teachers, leaders, students and families try to do in Big Picture schools:

1. Academic rigour: Head, heart and hand
2. Leaving to learn: Learning through internships
3. Personalisation: One student at a time
4. Authentic assessment
5. Collaboration for learning
6. Learning in Advisory
7. Trust, respect and care
8. Everyone's a leader
9. Families are enrolled too
10. Creating futures
11. Teachers and leaders are learners, too
12. Diverse and enduring partnerships.

Throughout this year in e-TGIF we will elaborate on each of these elements to help explain why we do schooling a little differently. Distinguisher #9, families are enrolled, too, emphasises the importance we place on knowing our families and working with you in the best interests of your child. We will be in regular contact with you to share good news, discuss

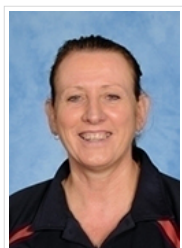
concerns and make sure your child is attending school every day. We also want to hear from you for the same reasons!

Distinguisher #1, "Academic rigour: Head, heart and hand" is in all the work your child does at school. We aim to make sure that work is at the right level for your child – not so easy that it's boring and pointless, not so challenging that it's out of reach, but just right – building on existing skills and knowledge, achievable and interesting. Regular communication between students, teachers and families will help us to know that we are getting this balance right, and make adjustments when we need to.

We are very pleased to welcome our new staff to Yule Brook College for 2017: Ms Anne Veenstra (Advisory 7.2, HASS and science), Ms Faye Brougham (maths) and in the Clontarf academy Mr Michael Goss and Mr Craig Walker.

Families will have received Contributions and Charges statements at the end of last year. We try very hard to keep these costs as low as possible, and they have remained at \$290 for Year 7 to 9 and \$300 for Year 10 for some time now. Many families are eligible for some financial assistance and we hope you will call into our office to either pay in full or work out a payment plan in the next few weeks. Helen and Julia are very knowledgeable about assistance available and can help you with application processes if needed. Your contribution makes a big difference to the resources we are able to provide for your child and I thank you in advance for what you are able to contribute.

Mrs Hilary Saunders
Principal



Mr Doug Dearle Miss Cheryl Bettridge
Associate Principal Student Services Manager

OLNA

Dear parents/carers,

In 2017 all Year 10 students are required to demonstrate that they have achieved a standard of literacy and numeracy either by achieving a pre-determined standard in the Year 9 NAPLAN or by sitting a series of tests in Year 10.

Once the standard has been reached a student will be deemed to have qualified.

The test is called the **Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA)** and students will have several opportunities to take these assessments before completing their secondary education in Year 12.

This year the **OLNA** tests will take place during **Weeks 6, 7 and 8** of Term 1 (7 March to 24 March 2017).

The specific date and time of each test will be confirmed with students, parents and carers closer to the date by your mathematics or English teacher.

All students will be given the opportunity to take practice tests to prepare for the tests and procedures. The practice tests will take place during normal mathematics and English classes before the formal test.

Understandably, there will be many questions that you have about the programme and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Doug Dearle
Associate Principal

STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Hi, everyone and welcome to another exciting year at YBC! It's been great to catch up with all of our new students as well as welcome back students from last year, who are all so much taller and wiser! I've been really impressed with the maturity of students in dealing with issues that arise for the most part and I'm looking forward to Advisory teachers sharing our new positive behaviours plan and the idea of 'RJ on the go', where things get resolved very early on and so major conflicts are more easily avoided. If you have a concern or issue with someone, make your Advisory teacher your first stop while the issue is still small!

Thanks again to Jeff and Julie, the P&C* and Centrepont church for ensuring breakfast club is up and running every day for lunch, and to St Andrew's (Subiaco) church for Tuesday spag bol and YWAM (Youth with a mission) who provide lunch on Thursdays and run the after school soccer and basketball, and the City of Gosnells youth services team who bring their activity trailer down on a Monday. We certainly appreciate the value of our volunteers.

You may remember I mentioned my raised vegetable garden beds at the end of last year, well, there is a photo of them here AND a photo of the produce I picked yesterday. That along with spending time with our dogs was a real highlight of my holidays!

Don't forget Friday 17 March is school photos day AND Bullying? No way! day.

We had another outstanding Advisory dinner this week and photos of the event are elsewhere in this issue. What a great turnout!

Enjoy the Labour day long weekend and let's wish the Year 10s luck for their first crack at OLNA.

Miss Bettridge

(*P&C president and secretary and board members Mrs Hazel McGinty and Ms Deb Constable come in EVERY Wednesday to cook breakfast! Mrs McGinty is also the director of Ray White McGinty & Associates (Maddington) and continues to offer to donate \$500 to our P&C every time anyone buys or sells a property through them and mentions YBC!)



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos day is Friday 17 March. Soon you will receive a package containing your child/children's order forms with their name printed on the cover.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

On school photos day **every** student is required to return the envelope, whether or not they are placing individual orders.

The envelope is to be handed to the photographer on the day, not brought in before or after.

Only the photographers will collect your money. No money for photos will be collected by the school.

If you are ordering photos please ensure that you have filled in the details correctly.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child/children wear/s full school uniform for the day.

ON THE DAY

Students will be sent in Advisory groups to the performing arts centre for individual and group photos throughout the day.

As there is a very tight schedule throughout the day, all students must be at school promptly.

Should you require any further information, please contact me.

Thank you.

Miss Bettridge

MANAGER, COORPORATE SERVICES

Payment of contributions and charges

Yule Brook College runs an engaging and innovative programme on a very tight budget and covers many costs other schools charge as additions. It is very hard to do this without your support, so we would appreciate early payment of your contributions and charges. They can be paid by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS. Alternatively a payment plan can be organised with our manager of corporate Services.

Secondary assistance scheme (SAS)

The secondary assistance scheme is available to secondary students – compulsory and post-compulsory – whose parents hold a Centrelink family health care card or pensioner concession card or veterans' affairs pensioner concession card. The secondary assistance scheme includes the clothing allowance and educational programme allowance. The clothing allowance and the secondary assistance scheme can be combined to pay contributions and charges and purchase articles of uniform.

The secondary assistance scheme is NOT available for students who have claimed or intend to claim Abstudy and/or a bursary/scholarship.

Eligibility for the secondary assistance scheme is based on a **parent** being the holder of a prescribed card, not the student. If a parent does not have a card the application will not be successful. The card must be current some time during first term, 1 February 2017 to 7 April 2017 and valid for a period of not less than four weeks. To access the secondary assistance scheme and clothing allowance you must produce your current card at the college office and complete the claim form. This MUST be completed BEFORE the end of Term 1, 2017.

School uniforms 2017

Uniforms available at front office

Sizes

Child 8, 10, 12, 14

Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL

Polo shirts \$30, **Jackets** \$45

Uniform requirements:

Navy polo shirt plain or with college logo

Navy jacket plain or with college logo

Plain navy blue or black pants, shorts, skirts.

NOTE: It is government policy that students are NOT permitted to wear denim at school. No jeggings/leggings/tights on their own

MAKERSPACE

You may ask: what is that?

This year Yule Brook College is getting a Makerspace. You may ask: what is that?

Imagine the space as a library, but instead of only books and magazines, it is a space full of materials, tools and things to make and do. Makerspace is a place where students can work on the passion projects, design, make and break, rebuild and tinker away with things and objects they are passionate about. From making music, crafts, Lego, to sewing, origami, welding, recycling and upcycling, plastics, robotics, 3D printing, electrical cars and engineering, our Makerspace will be a place for 'hands on – minds on' sort of work that will complement the Big Picture design really well.

The Makerspace will be run and managed by Mr Lasic, who is currently busily trying to clean and equip the area for a grand opening in the later part of Term 1. But Mr Lasic will not be the only person in there with our students. We already have a number of interested mentors from outside school ready to come and share their passion for just about whatever they are interested in.

If you would like to come and play and particularly help our students make something you are passionate about and good at – we would love to hear from you! Please email Mr Lasic at:

Tomaz.lasic@education.wa.edu.au or let the front office know you are able to help in some way, big or small.

SCIENCE

ALL ABOUT ROCKS

In Year 8 science this Semester it's all about the rocks. Not rock and roll but rocks and earth science. Our rock superstars have been learning about sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks. This week we had a lot of fun investigating the crystalline structures of rocks under the microscope and this has put a smile on everyone's dial. Later in the semester we are going to make our own crystals. We look forward to reporting back to you in the next newsletter.

Mr Weller – 8.2 Science



ADVISORY DINNERS

We reached another important milestone in the history of Yule Brook this week. This year it was the tenth anniversary of our Advisory dinners. This is a celebration of our partnership with the families who are enrolled at YBC.

Yule Brook College is an independent public school with a Big Picture focus of 'one student at a time'. At Yule Brook College we have a philosophy of families being enrolled, too. On this night families are invited to share a meal and come along to meet and greet and build a strong relationship with the staff at the school. Families play an important role in the education of their child.

While teachers are experts in teaching, you're the expert on your child. You know what stimulates, bores and interests them, what they're good at and what they struggle with. You know your child's learning style and you also know if there are any other issues going on that might be affecting their learning at school. Your input is valuable when working with your child's learning plan to ensure we can tailor their learning to address all aspects of their education.

Advisory dinners, learning plan meetings and exhibitions are a great opportunity to communicate with your child's Advisor and hear how your child is tracking academically and socially. However, they are also a great way to discuss any questions or opportunities you want the school to provide for your child. With many meeting opportunities coming up it is important that you take the time to attend. There are also lots of other ways to stay in touch and to create a positive two-way relationship, including email, phone calls or by adding comments to a homework/communications book. In a nutshell if we work together we can ensure that your child receives the best possible education.

The Advisory dinner/ learning plan evening saw a fantastic number of families engage in the process. Thanks to all who attended and I am sure you found the information valuable. Dinner was delicious too, thank you, Miss Bettridge, Buffie and Mrs Wilfing.

Please feel free to contact the school on 9251 8333 to discuss any issues with your child's Advisor or ask for Mr Steve Meredith (team leader, Teamwork) or myself and we will answer any query you may have.

Michelle Reeves
Team leader
Innovation

Year 7 Swimming Lessons

On Monday 20th February, our Year 7 students started swimming lessons by the Department of Education at the City of Gosnells Leisure World in Thornlie.

All of our students were very excited and had been looking forward to this since the beginning of the school year. These lessons are taken by specialist swimming teachers and it is amazing to see the progress students make in such a short period of time. The focuses of the lessons have been developing the various techniques of each swimming stroke and basic lifesaving skills. At the end of the lessons each student will be assessed according to their swimming level and ability.

With our swimming carnival coming up on Tuesday 14 March we all look forward to the year 7 races being fun and very competitive.

I would encourage each and every student in the school to consider enrolling in the Departments vacation swimming programme as a follow up to this as swimming is a vital lifeskill.

CLONTARF ACADEMY

Clontarf mission statement

'The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men and by doing so, equip them to participate more meaningfully in society.

The six pillars that underpin the Clontarf mission statement are education, employment, leadership, well-being, partners/ community and sport. Every activity or event organised by staff at the Yule Brook Clontarf academy is done so with this in mind.

A new year brings with it a fresh start and in the case of the Yule Brook Clontarf academy, new staff. Michael Goss and Craig Walker have come on board and bring to the position a wealth of experience. Previous to this appointment Michael has worked at the Roebourne, Karratha and Swan View academies and Craig was a pivotal member at the Kalgoorlie academy, where he worked for six years.

It's been an exciting and energetic beginning and some of our 'major' events and activities undertaken since the start of the term include;

Year 7 induction camp and Community Information Session,

Wesfarmers corporate cricket day featuring former Australian fast bowler Mitchell Johnson,

not to mention our regular weekly activities which include after school basketball, Tuesday and Thursday morning training and good bunch lunch on Friday.

Some of our upcoming activities and events for the remainder of this term include;

Week 5: Football game v Clontarf academy @ Yule Brook College (Year 7-9)

Week 6: Football carnival @ Cecil Andrews Senior High School (Year 7-9)

Week 7: Football game v Sevenoaks @ Yule Brook College (Year 9 and 10)

Week 8: Super training with Sevenoaks @ Yule Brook College (Year 7-10)

Week 9: Clontarf Cup football carnival @ Aquinas College (Year 10-12)

Week 10: 100% attendance dinner

Week 10: reward day excursion

Photo: Students from the Sevenoaks and Yule Brook academies are pictured here with former Australian cricket superstar Mitchell Johnson

From Little Things Big Things Grow

The Clontarf team



GIRL'S FOOTBALL TEAM

The Yule Brook College girl's football team has commenced training in preparation for school football competitions in Terms 2 and 3.

Training sessions are held on Tuesday and Friday mornings and Wednesday after school.

The highest training attendance is 19 girls and all girls are welcome to participate or try out.

Thursday afternoon games are scheduled for Week 7 against Gilmore College (away) and Week 8 against Clontarf Aboriginal College (away).

Former Clontarf Foundation worker Simon Nimmo is coaching the team and Buffie Corunna, Lucinda vanWyk and Paul Simonsen are managing operations.

A special thanks to Paul who kindly donated a fridge and cooking equipment for breakfast, which he also volunteers to cook.

Hilary Saunders and YBC senior staff have kindly allocated the phys ed office as an academy room.

Whilst the college is hopeful to secure a partnership to start an academy in the future, currently all food and materials have been donated by the school or individuals.

Most importantly, the girls are enjoying the atmosphere at training and have been outstanding in applying themselves to training.

If anyone would like to assist in any way now and in the future please contact Simon or Buffie.

SCHOOL NURSE

Sue's Snippets



Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays. If a student has developed a medical condition or had a medical condition change significantly, please contact the school and let us know.

Year 8 vaccination programme

The Department of Health is offering a free immunisation programme for Year 8 students in 2017. The programme offers booster doses of childhood vaccinations, as well as an additional vaccine for protection against human papillomavirus (HPV). Students in Year 8 have received an information pack already, containing details of the programme and a consent form for parents to sign. **Parents must sign this consent form even if it is a NO consent and return the consent form** for their children to participate in this free programme (or not). For more information and to watch a video about the vaccination programme visit:

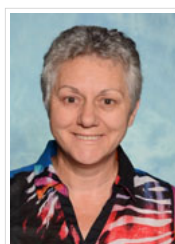
If you have not received a consent form please contact me at Yule Brook College.

Ambulance cover

Just a reminder to all parents that staff at the college will call an ambulance when they feel that there is a need, irrespective of whether the student has ambulance cover or not. The responsibility of meeting the cost of the ambulance travel is the parent/caregiver. I would urge all families to investigate if they are covered and if not to join a health fund to be covered for ambulance services.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any comments or questions or wish to discuss something.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST REPORT



Welcome back. I am available at the College on Mondays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons if parents or carers have any enquiries about the services I provide for students.

Free Triple P parenting seminars are going to be run through the City of Gosnells.

Positive parenting introduces the core principles of positive parenting, having realistic expectations, and taking care of yourself as a parent. This will be held on Wednesday March 1.

Raising confident, capable children will be held on Wednesday March 29.

Nurturing strong happy children will be held on Wednesday May 3.

Time: 5.30pm for supper and registration

6.00 – 8.00 pm seminar

8.00 pm to 8.30 pm questions

Venue: Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, Lot 13 Murdoch Road, Thornlie.

Bookings are essential by contacting Anne Finch or Hailey Osborne at the City of Gosnells. Ph: 93973121 or email hosborne@gosnells.wa.edu.au.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT



It has been a joy to meet the new students at school as most seem to be settling in well. Cadets starts on Thursday and we have an interesting series of visits to the Canning River Eco Education Centre this term. For those who struggle with school, I leave you with this quote from CS Lewis, "Hardships often prepare ordinary people

for an extraordinary destiny".

Peace be with you.

Jeff

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Introducing Mr Mel Peaches. Stamp collecting – developing an interest

I am looking to start a youth interest group in stamp collecting.



My name is Mel and I have collected stamps for a long time. You can learn a lot from stamps. Depending on your interests you can have a collection on just about anything, from sports, space, cars, transport, animals, birds, famous people, the list is endless.

I am happy to help start a young collectors' group at Yule Brook College for any students interested in starting a collection. With the backing of the Philatelic Council of Western Australia, I will be able to help with the provision of albums and accessories to get you started at no charge.

From Miss Bettridge

Thank you so much, Mel, for your generous donations to our school breakfast/lunch club. Mel raises money for many good causes through selling stamps.