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## FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome to our first newsletter for term 2; we are already well into a busy time of the school year, with NAPLAN tests completed, many of our senior students out on internships one day a week, and interesting work happening in and out of classes across the school.

Our annual school report for 2016 has been completed and presented to staff and the school board for endorsement. It will shortly be available from the Schools Online website or the school office. This report is part of our cycle of Review > Reflect > Act, as we measure our progress against attendance, achievement and engagement targets in order to continually improve.

It is very pleasing to see a steady rise in our attendance rates across the school, as we get closer to our long term goal of every student having an attendance rate above 90%, and every absence from school being explained. Our Advisory teachers are working hard to help students achieve this, with individual attendance targets in every learning plan. Parents and carers can help us with this also by contacting the school when your child is absent to provide a reason or responding to the text messages that are sent.

An important part of our review is to listen to the voices of parents, students and staff through our annual surveys, and I sincerely thank everyone who was able to respond to these. Recent surveys endorse the value of the Big Picture design in our school and show very strong support for the Advisory class structure and the value of student exhibitions. The surveys also highlighted the impact that the behaviour of a small number of students can have on others, including the effect on learning in classrooms and feeling of safety in the school, and we continue

to work on improvement in these areas through our positive behaviours plan.

Teachers and school leaders at Yule Brook are learners too, an important element of the Big Picture design, and earlier this term our team leaders Mrs Michelle Reeves and Mr Steve Meredith spent two weeks in California visiting other Big Picture schools to learn from them, and have already been sharing with staff and students their ideas to improve aspects of what we do. The trip also confirmed for the school that we are doing amazing work at Yule Brook!

Year 10 students are starting to plan for Year 11 in 2018 with help from Mr Honda, Mr Petersohn and staff from Sevenoaks Senior College. I encourage parents to be as involved as you can in this process and talk to your child about their plans which may include continuing with Big Picture through Sevenoaks. Details of a parent information night to be held in August will be available in the next newsletter.

Term 2 is the start of our enrolment processes for Year 7 students for 2018, and we will shortly commence our visits to surrounding primary schools with enrolment information. If you have a child in a primary school outside our local area who will be coming here in 2018, please contact our front office for an enrolment pack and information about school tours during this term. We are aiming to have Year 7 enrolments in by the start of Term 3, as this enables us to provide the best possible transition for children from Year 6 to 7 over two terms.

**Mrs Hilary Saunders**  
**Principal**

## STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Next time I write an article for our TGIF I hope to share with you some highlights of my upcoming trip to Tasmania next week. I look forward to catching up with everyone when I get back!

Filipino independence day is held on Friday 2 June this year and we will be sampling food from the Philippines as well as learning about the history of their independence along with some traditional games and music. Thank you to student

councillor Christian who is the main organiser – it's great to acknowledge our multicultural backgrounds, and we have 27 students from the Philippines among our current students as well as several staff across the school.

**Week 6 is National reconciliation week, 'Let's take the next steps'** and Advisories will be doing activities leading up to NAIDOC week 2017: *Our languages matter*. Along with established favourites such as roo stew, damper and jonny cakes we are hoping to have some music workshops and learn some Noongar songs.

Our AIEOs Buffie and Tammy will again work with groups of students to continue painting the male wagyl and restore (and put under shelter) the female wagyl.

We will be holding some meetings over this term and next and providing afternoon tea for all interested parents and other family members to join our reconciliation action plan (RAP) meetings and contribute to the review of our Aboriginal community agreement as part of this process.

The school term will end with a bang as Period 6 is a disco/dance.

We look forward to family participation at all of the above events!

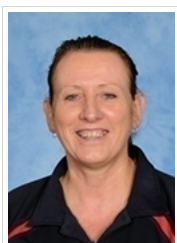
The Smith family will once again be running the learning club after school on Wednesdays next semester and application forms are available from the front office.

ECU has been commissioned to conduct a survey on how Foodbank food and resources are used in schools. We will be seeking permission to interview a group of students on the food and activities related to food that we supply on both a daily and occasional basis. These are completely anonymous.

Finally, a reminder to parents that if you wish to be able to monitor and control your child's use of the internet and social media there are programs around that can help you to set guidelines and parameters for them, such as Familyzone:

<https://www.familyzone.com/au/freetrial>

Stay warm and keep well. See you all at the end of the month when it will undoubtedly be even colder (although not as cold as Hobart, we are hoping my friend's eight year old will get to see snow while we are there!).



## 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.

### School uniforms 2017

Uniforms available at front office

Sizes  
Child 8, 10, 12, 14  
Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL

### Special orders taken for sizes not listed.

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

## BIG PICTURE USA CONFERENCE

During weeks one and two of this term, Mrs Reeves and I were fortunate enough to have the amazing opportunity to visit some Big Picture schools in the USA. We joined a group of 13 other teachers and administrators from WA, the eastern states and New Zealand to participate in a study tour for leaders in Big Picture schools. We visited four schools in the state of California. San Diego Met High School, New Village Girls Academy (LA), Met West High School (Oakland) and Sacramento Met. During our time at schools we were able to speak to students and staff about their experiences at school. We viewed many students at work on their projects, both in classrooms and on their internships. We also looked at school's programmes and policies, to help us gather ideas for how we could operate here at YBC more effectively. We have lots of ideas. Rest assured we are doing some amazing things here at YBC! Look out for the next edition of the newsletter for some photos and some more information.

**Steve Meredith**  
**Head of team (Teamwork)**

## YR 10 EXCURSION

### Bstreet

The 20017 RAC bstreetsmart was an all-round eye opener. The sheer number of secondary students was amazing. There were thousands of students from hundreds of schools all at Perth Arena. I was very impressed with the maturity and behaviour of our Year 10's. The day started with a realistic re-enactment of a car crash. All walked away with an appreciation of the consequence of risking taking behind the wheel of a car. We heard from people with a variety of permanent disabilities with the worse being a young man who is fully paralysed. I hope all students remember this when they start driving themselves. I would recommend this excursion to anyone who is either a passenger or a driver.

**Craig Weller**



### Cyber Security

This week two of our year ten students (Trent and Ginura) had a fantastic opportunity when they were able to go to Edith Cowan University to listen to a lecture from World Renown Cyber Security Expert Professor Craig Valli. In light of recent worldwide events that have seen hospitals and factories shut down due to victims of hacking, it came as a timely reminder. The boys have also been offered a shadow at Edith Cowan University Cyber Security Laboratory. Trent and Ginura are very excited by the chance that they have been given. They must have impressed Professor Craig Valli because he has offered to come to Yule Brook College to give a lecture. This may get more of our students excited about a career in a growing and well paid industry.

**Craig Weller**



## CLONTARF ACADEMY

### Clontarf news

Welcome to Term 2 report from the Yule Brook College Clontarf Academy. This term has started off at a cracking pace.

#### We've already had some great excursions such as:

- Exclusive pit tour at the Barbagallo race track
- Work site visit at Office Works which may lead to some Internships for some of our year 9 and 10's
- Football carnival in which our year 7 boys finished 3rd.

We still have a super busy term ahead with the following camps and excursions that play a vital role, not only as a reward for the boys commitment to school attendance and behaviour but also to for further self-development and life skills.

- Football clinics at Wirrabirra and Ashburton Primary schools
- Basketball and football games against Cecil Andrews Clontarf Academy
- Super training with big brother school at Seven Oaks Senior High School
- Coral coast cup in Carnarvon (1 week camp)
- Year 10 excursion to Garden Island to explore what the Navy has to offer

This term we aim to exceed our overall and individual goals in and out of the classroom.

**Warm regards**

**Craig**





## GIRL'S FOOTBALL TEAM

The YBC Girls football team started their 2017 Dockers Cup campaign against Clontarf Aboriginal College at YBC on Tuesday, 8 May.

The competition is open for students in Years 7-12 and YBC were assisted by five Year 11 Sevenoaks students (all former YBC students) committed to playing games this term.

Clontarf fielded a strong team of Year 11 and 12s and started very strongly, however YBC played a spirited second half and kicked three unanswered goals.

In the finish Clontarf were too strong and won a great game by 21 points.

The game was a great experience and credit to the YBC girls as they never gave up and showed the benefits of all their training since the start of 2017.

Next week the girls play Carey Baptist College at YBC. Training will continue this term on Wednesday after school, Friday before school and Monday Period 1.

Once again, the girls would like to thank the YBC community for all their support and encouragement.



## SCHOOL NURSE

### Sue's Snippets

I would like to encourage all parents to attend the drug and alcohol information session at Yule Brook College that the School Drug Education and Road Aware are conducting. Research tells us that the adolescent brain is very susceptible to alcohol and so the recommendation is that no one under the age of 18 should take any alcohol at all. Please come along and get up to date information and strategies to discuss this topic with your adolescent.

### Are you concerned about the impact of alcohol and other drugs on your children?

Parents, teachers and school staff have a crucial role to play in the prevention of young people's risk of harm from alcohol and other drugs.

School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) invite you to attend a **FREE Talking Drugs** information session.

This session will help you understand the real picture of illicit drug use and the role you play in school drug education. You will learn how to open up a dialogue with children of all ages about drugs and where to go for help with a drug-related problem.

**Date:** Wednesday 31 May 2017

Refreshments from 6:00 pm

**Time:** 6:15pm - 8:00pm

**Where:** Yule Brook College 61 Dellar Rd Maddington WA 6109

To book this **FREE** event and for more information please contact Kelli Dawson at SDERA on 9402 6267 or [kelli.dawson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:kelli.dawson@education.wa.edu.au) Please RSVP by 24 May 2017.

Spaces are limited. Book now!

For more than 19 years, SDERA have been supporting school communities with successful, evidence-based drug and road safety education programs.

### Link to information on SDERA's website:

<http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/news-events/events/>

### Aerosols at school

Just a reminder to everyone that there is to be NO spraying of aerosols (e.g. deodorants and body sprays) on school grounds

at all, particularly in classrooms and closed rooms like bathrooms and

change rooms. The aerosols can trigger asthma attacks and allergies. This ban is to protect students and staff.

## Meningococcal W vaccines

The Health Department has decided to offer this vaccine to all year 10, 11 and 12 students due to the increasing number of students in the 15 to 19 year old age group. Vaccination consent forms have been handed out to all year 10 students. Please return these forms as soon as possible and let me know if you need another copy.

## Anaphylaxis

If your child is anaphylactic they need to carry with them at all times their own epipen and have an up to date action plan. Please contact the Health Centre if you would like to discuss your child's condition or update us.



## City of Gosnells Activities/Events

Please click the link below for up-to-date information

[http://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/Lifestyle/Leisure\\_Activities/Events](http://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/Lifestyle/Leisure_Activities/Events)

## City of Armadale

Free Football and Netball program

Ages 6-18

**Where:** Gwynne Park, Seventh Road Armadale

**When:** Wednesdays 4 pm-6 pm

## WAAPA

July school holidays WAAPA/ECU is offering drama classes for children in years 4 to 12

## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN REPORT

**Gratitude:** There are a great many people that donate their time, money and services to the students of our school. Unfortunately among some of our students there is sometimes an attitude of 'taking' and assuming everything is provided.

It would be nice to develop a an attitude of gratitude within our school to teachers who often buy resources from their own pocket, or feed students from their own lunch box. To the admin staff who often go out of their way to help, feed, nurture and care for a great number of students. It would be nice to hear 'thank you' said a little more to our volunteers at Breakfast Club. We should also show gratitude to the cleaners who pickup rubbish around the school, some of this discarded by students without thinking . And gratitude to those volunteers from the Church which donate their money, time and food and drive out to Yule Brook to provide over 120 cooked meals every week. Thank you everyone

In closing I will leave the final comment to Michelle Obama, the former first lady of the USA, talking about what she learnt at school.

"We learned about gratitude and humility - that so many people had a hand in our success, from the teachers who inspired us to the janitors who kept our school clean... and we were taught to value everyone's contribution and treat everyone with respect."