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Acknowledgement of Land

*"We acknowledge the
Narungga People as
the Traditional Owners
of this land and we pay
our respects to their
Elders past, present
and emerging."*



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Hello everyone, and welcome to the 2025 school year! This year at Central Yorke School we are moving forward with an emphasis on Equity and Excellence.

What does this mean?

It means that in 2025 we are committed to ensuring that every student reaches their full potential, regardless of their background or circumstances. CYS is a special place and we are so fortunate to have children from a wide reaching range of backgrounds and cultures. Every CYS student brings something unique to school each day in their 'backpack'. I believe that this uniqueness also brings a wide range of opportunities and challenges.

Why the Change?

We have listened to feedback from staff, students and from you, our wonderful CYS community. The focus for our 2025 Improvement plan will be on Equity and Excellence. This will be done through a spotlight on critical and creative thinking and literacy as our general capabilities and taking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories as our cross curriculum priority.

Excellence is Individual

At Central Yorke School, we want to ensure that excellence is recognised as being subjective to where each student is as a learner. By focusing on individual growth, the school celebrates progress and learning improvement, ensuring that all students are supported to succeed on their own

terms. The goal is not only to achieve high outcomes but to be the best at getting better, fostering a culture of continuous improvement for every learner.

Indigenous Perspectives

Supporting Indigenous students requires culturally responsive teaching, inclusive practices, and addressing historical and systemic inequities. Prioritising equity ensures that Indigenous students feel valued, culturally safe, and empowered to achieve their personal best academically and socially.

Students with Disabilities

Achieving excellence for students with disabilities necessitates tailored support and accessible learning environments. By focusing on equity, the school ensures that all students, regardless of their abilities, have the resources, opportunities, and interventions they need to thrive.

Workplace Pathways for Secondary Students

We recognise that in our local cohort that we need to place a strong emphasis on workplace pathways in the secondary area. These pathways provide students

with practical skills, experience, and opportunities to transition confidently into further education, training, or employment.

Through this targeted approach, we will aim to address barriers to learning while fostering a culture where diversity is celebrated. By focusing on individual growth, celebrating learning improvement, and offering meaningful pathways, the school ensures that every student can achieve their best outcomes in an inclusive and supportive environment.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Kind Regards,

Rob Jeffries

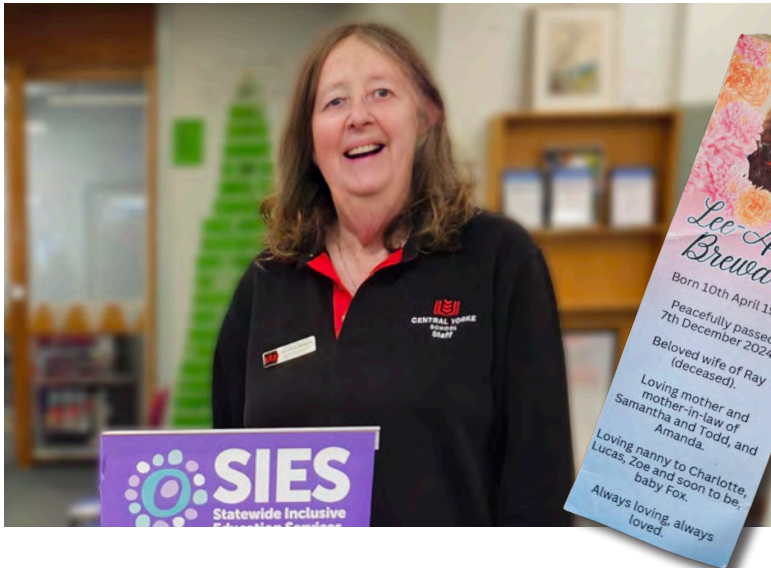
Rob Jeffries Principal



In Memoriam

Lee-Anne Breward

10th April 1962 - 7 December 2024



Lee-Anne was a great colleague, workmate and friend.

In many ways, as the face of the library, she was also the face of the school, particularly for those community members who were her beloved regulars. There is no doubt that many people visited the library not just to borrow books, but for a catch up as well.

In this role, she was not just a librarian; she was a counsellor, guidance officer, psychologist and most importantly, a great friend to anyone who needed it.

Lee-Anne was an empathetic, caring and loving person whom people naturally trusted and respected. The impact she had on our community is immeasurable.

Her contribution to Central Yorke School will never be forgotten.

No one will ever truly know how many people Lee-Anne helped turn a bad day into a great day. Whether you were a staff member or a community member, Lee-Anne always had a friendly smile and time for you.

Lee-Anne's love for the school does not go unrecognised. Even in her final days, she wanted to express to all staff that she loved and missed them.

We will not forget you, Lee-Anne and your name will forever be remembered at your school.

Rob Jeffries | *CYS Principal*

Instrumental Music

■ February 5

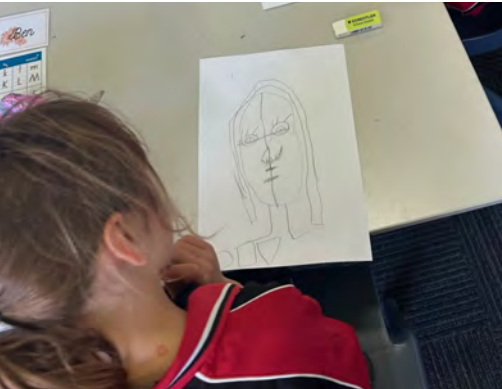
IM teacher Debbie Schwartz met with our new instrumental music students this week to start them off on their individual instruments. Students can learn saxophone, clarinet, flute , trumpet or trombone and as the photos show, these very new beginners are already demonstrating good posture and hand positioning.



2/3 Visual Arts

■ February 6

Miss Chivers Year 2/3 class have been creating self portraits. They've followed online tutorials to create the correct shape and proportions and have begun adding their own creative touches.



Early Learning Centre

News & Information from the Central Yorke ELC



Anna Allen

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‘We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth and collaboration.’

The Early Years Learning team are delighted to welcome our children and families to Central Yorke Early Learning Centre (ELC) and Point Pearce Child Parent Centre for the 2025 school year. We currently have a total of 29 children enrolled across our two sites, and we are excited to embark on this new journey together.

Building relationships

Our staff are committed to building strong, positive relationships with both the children and their families. We believe that these connections are vital for creating a supportive and nurturing learning environment.

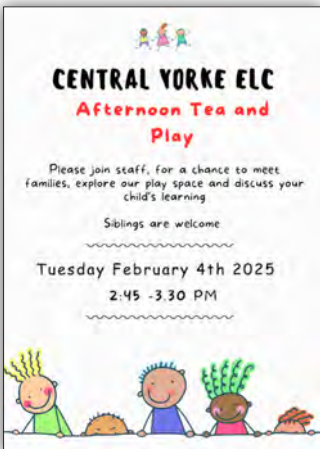
Meet the Teacher afternoon

It was great to meet with families who attended the "Meet the Teacher" afternoon and play session on Tuesday 4th of February. Parent's engagement is greatly appreciated and will contribute significantly to the success of children's development and growth throughout the year. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth and collaboration. Welcome back!

Kind Regards,

Anna Allen

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Anna Allen

Head of Early Years



↑ We had a fantastic time exploring space in our Kindy aeroplane!!



↑ We used lots of teamwork to build this super tall tower!

Primary Campus

Reception-Year 6 News & Information



Chelsea Schmidt

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These spaces ... have reassured families that their children are in a place where they will feel safe, valued, and inspired to learn.'

As the school year begins, it has been incredible to see the effort and creativity our staff have put into making their classrooms warm, welcoming, and engaging spaces for students. From the moment students walked through the doors on Day 1, they were greeted by vibrant, thoughtfully designed environments that truly set the tone for a positive year ahead.

Unique personalities

Each classroom has taken on its own unique personality, reflecting the passion and dedication of our teachers.

Walking through the primary corridor, you could find yourself under the sea in an ocean-inspired room, stepping into the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss, or surrounded by the warmth of sunflowers, daisies, and bright bursts of colour.

These spaces have not only sparked excitement in our students but have also reassured families that their children are in a place where they will feel safe, valued, and inspired to learn.

Smooth transitions

Beyond the aesthetics, staff have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth and welcoming transition for students and families. From personalised classroom gifts waiting on desks to beautifully captured 'My First Day' photos, every detail has been carefully considered. It has been fantastic to

↓ Thank you to all the families who attended our special Meet the Teacher evening in Week 2.





see students settle in so quickly, engaging enthusiastically with their learning and embracing the opportunities in front of them.

Specialist teachers

Our newest specialist teachers, Naomi Bowley in PE and Mitchell Lally in Music and Performing Arts, have already made a wonderful impact, bringing energy and passion to their programs.

It has been great to hear from students all about their new teachers and their love of learning, the fun activities they've been doing, and the exciting experiences they've already had in the classroom.

I look forward to seeing our students love for learning develop throughout the year!

Warm Regards,

Chelsea Schmidt

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Chelsea Schmidt Assistant Principal (Primary)

Reminders

Swimming Lessons

Our Swimming program will run in Week 3 of this term, 10-14 February and will be facilitated by our instructors Jodie Ames and Sophie Heinrich.

To ensure a smooth experience for your child, please ensure your child has:

- Bathers
- Towel
- Rashie or T-shirt
- Sunscreen

Both the swimming form (from the 2025 permission pack) and the activity consent form must be returned to your child's class teacher before students can access the pool.

Please note: If the estimated forecast for Maitland is 21°C or less all lessons for the day will consist of theory components.

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on Wednesday, 26 February in Week 5. All photo orders must be placed online by visiting the ordering portal at **centralyorkschool-sa.msp.photos** and signing in with student details.

Sibling photos can be organised directly through the Student Services Office.

A reminder that orders close on Wednesday, 26 February. After this a late fee will apply.

■ Information on Swimming Lessons and School photos was sent with students. Please contact the Student Services Office if you need a copy.

Secondary Campus

Year 7-12 News & Information



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Welcome to another exciting year at Central Yorke School! As we embark on this journey together, we are thrilled to share some of the wonderful programs and events that will be taking place this term.

We remain committed to providing diverse and enriching opportunities for our students and we look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and success.

Certificate II in Electrotechnology

We are pleased to announce that the Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start) program has successfully commenced. Hosted by CYS and run by the RTO Equals International, this program sees senior school students from across the Peninsula, including CYS, Minlaton District School, Ardrossan Area School, Kadina Memorial School, Maitland Lutheran School, and Harvest Christian College, participating every Tuesday from 9 am to 3 pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain valuable skills and knowledge in the field of electrotechnology

Yorke Peninsula Ag Alliance

The Yorke Peninsula Ag Alliance kicked off on Friday, Week 1.

It was fantastic to see the two schools in the Maitland community combine for what is going to be a highly successful Ag program. Every Tuesday and Friday, students from Maitland Lutheran School will join our students for the



program run by Jaynelle LeFeuvre and Seth Matson. We anticipate high achievements from this program throughout the year.

SAASTA and SAASTA Connect

Our SAASTA and SAASTA Connect programs will be held on Wednesdays at CYS. Approximately 20 senior SAASTA students (Years 10-12) and 40 middle school SAASTA Connect students (Years 7-9) will be participating.

Teachers Chelsea Schmidt, Jack Muirhead, Charlotte Nixon, and Mitchell Lally, along with ACEO support from Kay Lawrence, Daniel Newchurch, and Tshara Rigney, will guide these students through what promises to be a fantastic program.

Year 7/8 Aquatics Camp

Get ready for the upcoming Year 7/8 Aquatics Camp in Week 4, led by Eden Caputo and Mitchell Lally.

This camp is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in outdoor activities and develop teamwork skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Leaders Induction Ceremony

Our students are currently involved in the process of applying for SRC and Head Prefect roles, as well as House Captain roles. The Leaders Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday of Week 5.

We look forward to seeing our new leaders and celebrating the leadership development occurring within our school.

Upcoming Sports Day

Mark your calendars for Sports Day on Thursday of Week 6! Students should now be in their houses, and sports day preparations are underway.

For all sports enquiries, please see Prue Brind or Naomi Bowley. If you are willing and able to support or help on the day, please let these staff members know. The more, the merrier! We look forward to another great day and hope to see the Eagles achieve a big win!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We are excited about the year ahead and the opportunities it holds for all our students.

Kind Regards,

Luke Trenorden

Luke Trenorden Assistant Principal
Secondary



First Day Back 2025



■ 28 January

We welcomed all our staff, students and families back to the first day of school on Tuesday, 28 January after the public holiday for Australia Day was celebrated on the Monday.

It was a day of new faces, new classes and new teachers but it didn't take long for students to settle down into work mode after the excitement of catching up with old friends.





Canteen Menu 2025

SALADS

Dino Pack	\$7.50
4 Dino Nuggets, Lettuce, Cheese, Carrot and Tomato Sauce	
Salad Bowl	\$6.00
Mixed Seasonal Salad (add Egg \$1, Chicken \$2, Ham \$2)	
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$10.00
Chicken, Boiled Egg, Parmesan Cheese, Bacon, Lettuce, Croutons	

SANDWICHES / ROLLS

White or Multigrain (includes 3 Fillings) Choose from:
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Cheese, Carrot & Mayo

Ham & Salad Sandwich	\$5.50
Ham & Salad Roll	\$7.50
Chicken & Salad Sandwich	\$6.50
Chicken & Salad Roll	\$7.50
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$4.00
Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00

WRAPS

Hot Chicken Mayo Wrap	\$9.00
Chicken Breast Fillet, Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo	
Hot Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$10.00
Chicken Breast Fillet, Lettuce, Bacon, Tomato & Caesar Dressing	

OTHER ITEMS

Choc Chip Cookies	\$0.50
Jelly Cups	\$1.00
Chocolate Custard	\$1.50
Monster Noodle Snacks	\$1.00
Grainwaves	\$3.00
Potato Chips	\$3.00
Honey & Soy, Sea Salt, Sweet Chilli	

HOTBITES

Pies/Pasties	\$6.00
Sausage Rolls	\$5.00
Party Pies	\$2.00
Nachos	\$4.00
Dino Nuggets (each)	\$1.00
Hot Dog	\$6.00
Tomato/BBQ Sauce / Mustard (add cheese \$1.00)	
1/2 Hot Dog	\$3.00
Tomato/BBQ Sauce / Mustard (add cheese \$1.00)	
Toasted Sandwich	\$6.00
Chicken, Cheese & Mayo	
Toasted Sandwich	
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Cheese	\$3.00
Tomato Sauce Portions	\$1.00

BURGERS

Chicken BLT Burger	\$10.00
Grilled Chicken, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo	

DRINKS

Spring Water 600ml	\$2.50
Chill J Sparking Fruit Juice	\$3.00
Lemonade, Grape, Orange / Passionfruit, Raspberry	
Moo Milk 200ml	\$3.00
Chocolate or Strawberry	
Harvey Fresh Fruit Box	\$3.50
Apple / Blackcurrent & Apple	

Central Yorke School



Central Yorke School aims to provide a healthy and fun food selection at a reasonable cost in line with the Right Bite Healthy Eating Strategy for Central Yorke School. Profits from the canteen are donated back to the school.

Orders can be placed by:

- 1) Ordering via the Qkr! App on your smartphone, great for busy people – no lunch bags or cash to worry about!
- 2) Filling out a lunch order bag with student name, class, lunch order, amount and total \$ enclosed. (Lunch bags available at the Canteen or Front Office)

EASY > SECURE > CONVENIENT

Accept payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

For busy parents and carers, finding time to order and pay for School Lunches, Uniforms, Events and Excursions can be difficult. That's why Qkr! by Mastercard was created.

1 Download Qrk!

On your Android phone or iPhone.
iPad users must download iPhone app.

2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

3 Find your School

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of your school, or search for our school by name.

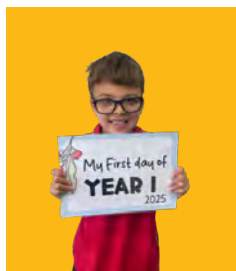
4 Register your child

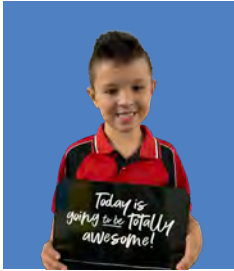
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child/ren. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

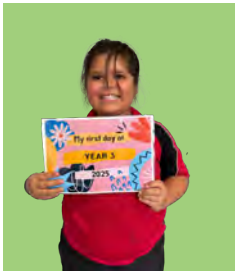




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Year 2/3

Selfie Snapshots

Miss Chivers 2/3 Class are having an amazingly great start to 2025!

What we've been learning about...

We have been learning lots about growth mindsets, the history of celebrations and the relationship between addition and subtraction.

What we're looking forward to...

We are looking forward to the rest of the term and especially the swimming lessons which begin next week. There's also lunchtime swimming, the leaders induction ceremony and sports day. Yay!

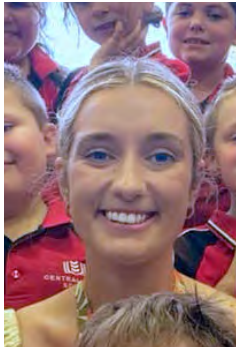
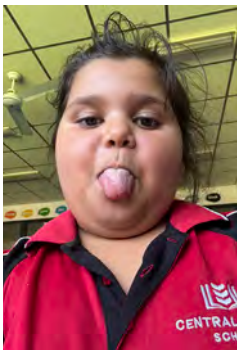


Our 2025 can't-wait-for-list...

- Splash Carnival
- Book Week Dress-up
- Going to Monarto Zoo for camp in Term 3
- Christmas on the Green

Ashleigh Chivers 2/3 Class Teacher





Low Stakes Writing

Enhancing Student Writing through Low Stakes Writing (LSW) in Year 7/8

Miss Caputo's Year 7/8 English class engages in Low Stakes Writing (LSW) each week, a pressure-free practice that builds confidence, creativity, vocabulary, and writing fluency. By removing assessment stress, LSW fosters a positive writing environment where students feel encouraged to take risks and refine their skills.

LSW Sessions

Each session, students write silently and continuously for 12 minutes in response to a visual prompt, incorporating specific success criteria to enhance their work.

Word challenges

This week, they were challenged to include something red and use their word of the day: "embellish", reinforcing vocabulary development and language experimentation.

Positive results

LSW has produced outstanding writing, with students demonstrating creativity, confidence, and enthusiasm. This initiative continues to cultivate a strong writing culture and student creativity in the classroom.

Eden Caputo

Year 7/8 Teacher



What is Low Stakes Writing?



Low Stakes Writing (LSW) refers to writing activities where the focus is on the process of writing rather than the final product.

These formative writing activities allow students to explore their thoughts and express ideas freely without the fear of making mistakes, helping students become more comfortable and fluent in their writing.

Benefits of Low Stakes Writing

1. Encourages Practice

Just like learning an instrument or playing a sport, writing improves with practice. LSW provides students with regular opportunities to write, helping them develop their skills incrementally.

2. Reduces Anxiety

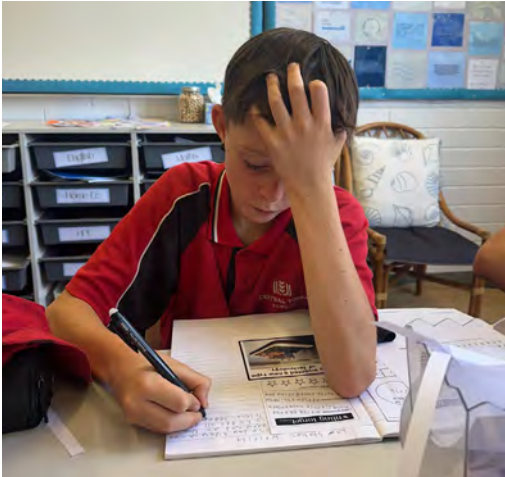
Since these assignments are low or ungraded, students are less anxious about the outcome. This makes them more willing to take risks with their writing, explore new ideas, and focus on learning rather than just on grades.

3. Improves Understanding

LSW often involves writing about what they're learning in class, which can deepen their understanding of the material. It allows students to process the information in their own words, aiding in retention and comprehension.

4. Develops Writing Fluency

Regular, relaxed writing helps students build comfort and speed in writing, making it easier over time to express their thoughts clearly and effectively.





Year 12 Study Retreat

■ 30-31 January

Our Year 12 students attended their Study Retreat in Wallaroo this week, where they had the opportunity to connect with other Year 12 students from the Yorke Peninsula area.

They heard from a range of guest speakers who shared insights on developing strong study habits to help them prepare for Year 12 and to keep them on track over the coming months.

The students also took part in team-building activities at the beach and enjoyed some friendly competition at the Trivia Night.





Australia Day Awards

■ January 26

Congratulations to Richard and Leanne Cane (above) who were recipients of the YP Council’s Citizens of the Year at the Australia Day ceremony held in the Maitland Town Hall.

Richard and Leanne have been a huge part of the Maitland Music & Arts Club for many years and more recently the Youth Theatre which has provided so many opportunities for our students to be involved in the Performing Arts outside of school. Leanne was also the organiser and choreographer of our successful 'Rock Eisteddfod' entries over many years.

Young Citizen of the Year

Past staff member Angas McEvoy (centre) was awarded Young Citizen of the Year for his work in the CFS.

Congratulations also go to the two richly deserving young runner-ups Ruby Barlow and Rhys Heinrich.

Ruby is a student at Yorketown Area School, a Music Captain in the Concert Band and active in her local community. Rhys is a SRC representative at CYS, won silver in the 2024 National History Challenge and was a state rep on the National Student Voice Council last year.

A Sad Farewell to Hunter



It is my sad duty to let you all know that Hunter, who was a part of the CYS horse program in Term 4 for the past couple years has passed away.

Hunter had an incident with a fence a few weeks ago which damaged his hips which hindered his ability to balance and walk with any stability and Sheree had to make the decision to have the vet come and put him to sleep to put an end to his pain and suffering.

Hunter was a great companion and a fantastic platform for our students to get to know these wonderful creatures and learn about them and understand why horses are so important in so many ways.

He will be missed and especially by those who fed him, brushed him, or even rode him. He will also be missed by Jack who was his best mate and companion.

He was a great Horse.

Sincerely,

Craig & Sheree

↓ Head Prefect Verran Dutschke finishing his Head Prefect speech.



From the archives

Prefect Induction

In the 1980's, Prefect Inductions were held on the wooden stage in the Primary Coverway. The Maitland Area School flag was mounted behind the tables and a small home Hi Fi provided the sound. As student leadership roles in the school expanded to include Primary students, House Captains and Music Captains the event became the 'Leaders Induction Ceremony'.



↑ SRC Teacher Vince Ivens, Head Prefects Amanda Bell (now Wetherall) and Verran Dutschke, and Principal Colin Fahey.



CYS TERM 1 CALENDAR

JANUARY

Week 1	Mon	27	Australia Day Holiday
	Tue	28	Term 1 starts - back to school
	Thu-Fri	30-31	Year 12 Retreat
	Fri	31	Playgroup starts

FEBRUARY

Week 2	Tue	4	Meet the Teacher Night (Maitland)
Week 3	Mon-Fri	10-14	R-6 Swimming Lessons
	Wed	12	YP Concert Band (3.30pm) and Vocal Ensemble (5pm) start.
Week 4	Mon -Tue	17-18	7/8 Aquatics Camp at Port Vincent Aquatics Centre
	Mon-Fri	17-21	Naplan
Week 5	Mon-Fri	24-28	Dental Van at CYS
	Tue	24	Naplan Makeup Day
	Tue	25	Point Pearce BBQ
	Wed	26	School Photos
	Fri	28	Leaders Induction Ceremony

MARCH

Week 6	Thu	6	CYS Sports Day
	Fri	7	Student Free Day
Week 7	Mon	10	Adelaide Cup Day
	Sat	15	Maitland Show
Week 8	Tue	18	Three Way Conferences
	Fri	21	Harmony Day
Week 9	Tue	25	Secondary Interschool (Moonta)
	Fri	28	YP Schools Combined Formal

APRIL

Week 10	Tue	1	Primary Interschool (Yorketown)
	Tue	8	Mile End Athletics
	Thu	10	Mentor Easter Breakfast

WEEKLY

Playgroup

FRIDAY 9.30-11AM



For children from birth to preschool, Held in the Central Yorke ELC

Little Groovers

THURSDAY, 9.30-10.30



Music, movement and fun for children in the Community Library.

YP Concert Band

WEDNESDAY, 3.30-5PM



For student and adult musicians who play a band instrument. Held in the PAC.

Vocal Ensemble

WEDNESDAY, 5-6PM



For enthusiastic secondary-age student singers. Held in the PAC.