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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Farewell

From Grant's Presentation Night speech

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, special guests, including the honourable Member for Grey, Mr Rowan Ramsey, mayor of the Yorke Peninsula Council, Mr Darren Braund, staff and students. Sadly tonight is the last time I get to address you as Principal of Central Yorke School.

FIRST MEMORIES

Trying to find the right words that will truly reflect the memories and times I have experienced here has been one of the most challenging things I have had to do. My first memories of Central Yorke were on the footy field, where blokes like big Sam Davies had a knee in the middle of my back as he was taking yet another mark over me, or Butts and SOL decking me for something I said.

They weren't the greatest memories and I never looked forward to playing Central Yorke. Therefore, you could imagine how I felt when I saw Butlers, Davies and Geater-Johnsons on our student list.



ON THE COVER

Alice and Sophie present Grant with his farewell gift at the 2021 Presentation Night.



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

A GENEROUS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

I came here to change the school, but instead, it changed me. Across my time here, I have witnessed firsthand a genuine sense of care, commitment and support towards our generous and spirited school community. The strength of the Central Yorke community has been built over many years on strong, enduring relationships, and has stood the test of time, even when there has been incidents such as bushfires or a global pandemic. I write with my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the strength our community provides to many people connected to the school.

HOW DO WE MEASURE SUCCESS?

I'm always asked how do we measure student success? The department will tell you it's about NAPLAN and SACE data. Parents might say it's how many A's their child gets, or the job they go into.

For me I've always measured our success on student pride and engagement. The strength of our school has always been the students who become alumni and then give back, they never forget their time at CYS and look back with fond memories.

When I look around the room, most of the parents are ex-students and all of you have helped me out one way or another. Whether it be on a tractor, canteen or even a tour of parliament house. We are successful because Central Yorke is not just our name; it is our culture. When I walk into

classrooms, I now continually observe students of all ages engaged wholeheartedly in their learning programs with the support and encouragement of family members. I remain inspired by their persistence, positivity and their ability to continuously adapt. They shape the rich fabric of our history, and form part of the thread that binds us.

DRIVING OUR CULTURE

While I have had the honour of leading the school, it couldn't be the place it is today without the hard work of the staff who live and breathe our school values. The staff are what drive our culture, they are the ones who each day roll up their sleeves and get the job done. They inspire our students, support them to achieve their dreams, push them harder than they have ever been pushed before and yet show a gentleness and caring that allows our students fall and get back up, time and time again.

The staff's commitment and very genuine care for the learning journey of every student has been palpable, profound and visible in all of our school activities. In my twenty years of working in education, I have never seen dedication, commitment and willingness like what I have seen from the Central Yorke staff, as they adapted continually for teaching in a new landscape.



↑ New receptions- 2016



↑ Staff / student basketball - 2017

At various times, especially in the past two years, we have been burdened by significant confusion, fear and change. However, it was often the 'routine' of the school day, the familiarity of a timetable, a teacher's reassuring voice and the connection with subject matter that so often settled and calmed children and students in our care.

Our teachers have learned to re-create a new rhythm for each lesson, most notably in moving an outdated curriculum and pedagogy into the 21st Century. We took education beyond the four walls of the classroom and made it relevant to our students. During my time here we have achieved so much. A few of the highlights include

- Bringing three sites and communities together as one through the amalgamation
- Senior school students consistently score ATARs above 90, and having some of the best secondary results on the peninsula
- Having both of our Early Learning Centres achieve exceeding ratings in the National Quality Standards
- Winning multiple sporting championships, including state netball championships
- Winning the Premiers Spirit of ANZAC prize three years in a row.
- Winning the Governor's Civics prize and having the first indigenous student, Isis Schulte, to do so.
- Having Lynarha Newchurch and Sophie Heinrich named Young Australian of the Year for the Maitland Community

- Creating an AFL academy and consolidating our SAASTA academy, which is one of the most successful academies in the state that caters to the whole peninsula
- Students raising much needed funds for our friends who suffered the tragedy of the Yorke Peninsula and Kangaroo Island bushfires.

Tonight I must also acknowledge the staff who will no longer be here with us next year.

- **Emily Haydon** has won a position at Yorketown as the art teacher.
- **Maddy Woodforde** is going on maternity leave.
- **Rachel Wells** has won a position at Moonta Preschool.
- **Meagan Elsworthy** has won a position at Ardrossan Area School.
- **Lynarha Newchurch** has been accepted to university.
- **Jess Ferguson** has won a full time position at Kadina Memorial School.
- **Sonya Rankine** will be working as Arts and Cultural Facilitator with Country Arts SA .

The last two people we say goodbye to have had a profound impact on the educational outcomes and culture of Central Yorke School. These two men I consider giants among men and we are truly grateful to their service of Central Yorke School.

- **Dave Love** has decided to take leave and transition into retirement in 2022. Dave has been the Head of Point Pearce for four years



↑ Presentation Night - 2018.



↑ NAIDOC Day - 2019

and the conduit between our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal families. His care and compassion and high expectations of our Point Pearce families have made sure the transition has been a smooth one where all families feel a sense of belonging when they look at a CYS logo.

- **Scott Moore** has been at Central Yorke School for the past 10 years. In that time he has been in a myriad of positions, but has always shown leadership and integrity, something that will hold him in good stead as Principal of Wallaroo Mines.

To Dave and Scott thank you for your support commitment and dedication to Central Yorke and the contribution to our school culture and history.

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

As I reflect on my tenure, it is pleasing to see how the school community responded, embraced the challenges and adapted to the ever-changing circumstances. This strength, diversity and flexibility has enabled us to discover so much about the capacity of the Central Yorke School community, and in particular our students.

Our school can't operate without the amazing support from our parent community. The Governing Council as well as Parents and Friends have continued to work hard this year to provide a quality school for our students. I must thank Governing Council chair Janine Burrows and Parents and

Friends Chair Karen Crawford for the tireless hours they have put into their roles and both the support and advice that they have offered. It has been an honour and privilege to work with you.

FAREWELL

As I turn the last page of this chapter, I go knowing that the school is in a much better place than I found it. It is a school that will continue to grow and blossom long after I'm gone, and it will always hold a special place in my heart. I hope that my time will be remembered as a unique time for our school and community. The goal when I started was that when you first walk into the Central Yorke School, you get an impression of it being a vibrant, stimulating and challenging place where students learn and try their hardest to achieve excellence. I hope that in some way I have been able to create that.

In closing I just want to say thank you to this amazing school and community that not only accepted me but challenged me to always be better and think of how we can improve our school to make it the best there is. The two hardest things for me to say have been hello for the first time and goodbye for the last.

Thank you for the amazing journey.



↑ Birthday party - 2020



↑ First Day Back - 2021



**FIONA-LEE
BUTTFELD**

Business Manager



Pride of Workmanship Award

Congratulations to Andrea van der Westhuizen who was recently recognised in the Rotary Club of Maitland's 'Pride of Workmanship' Award Scheme.

Rotary believes 'Pride of Workmanship' – the sense of responsibility to do a job well (Do it once – Do it well) is one of the greatest intangible assets in our community.

Andrea was nominated by the CYS Leadership team and is a worthy

recipient of this award. We thank the Rotary Club for this initiative and the opportunity to publicly recognise the efforts of our employees. Andrea's nomination read:



Andrea is a highly motivated member of Central Yorke School. Her attention to detail and the meticulous manner she applies to her work ensures that she completes all tasks at a high standard. The success that she has created through her application and hard work benefit all staff and students at CYS. She is a valued member of the School's administration team and is always willing to make personal sacrifices for the better good. The pride Andrea takes in her workmanship is outstanding and we are privileged to be able to recognise her efforts through this award.



**The pride Andrea
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workmanship is
outstanding**



White Card Training

On Tuesday 23rd November in the Conference room students undertook the White Card Training which was a whole day learning program. The White Card training prepares students to work safely in the construction industry and many other workplaces that require this qualification.

The training was organised by Isaiah Omamogho - Workabout Centre Coordinator Regional who has been working with our Aboriginal high school students. The Workabout

Centre within the Department for Education is about preparing Aboriginal students for post school pathways and helping them be work ready.

The White Card training course was delivered by Rick Simunsen of Adelaide Training & Employment Centre (ATEC). Rick presented a comprehensive safety program that was well delivered for our students to successfully engage and complete.



SONYA RANKINE
ACEO

- ↓ Back row: Zakiyah Wanganeen, CJ Sansbury, LaToya Humes, Billy Eveleigh, Isaiah Omamogho , Rick Simunsen
- ↓ Front row: Andrea Rigney, Sissy Sansbury, Kytanna Buckskin





MEL RICHARDS
Head of ELC



ELC 2021 Graduation

Excerpts from Mel's Graduation speech.

As a community we had high hopes that 2021 would be a year, where our lives and routines would be back to normal. However, we have encountered another year that has challenged this. I would like to thank all families for their patience, understanding and support for what has been another very different year. I would also like to thank you for trusting us with your little people and value your contribution to your child's learning. Despite the challenges which have been thrown at us, we have had a highly successful year. The children have continually amazed us with their learning and greater sense of independence. I would like to thank each of the children for sharing their curiosity, sense of wonder and celebrating their achievements with us. We are privileged to have shared this journey with them and will take away many fond memories of our time together.

DEDICATED EDUCATORS

I would also like to thank my dedicated educators. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Each of you should be proud of the wonderful programs we have provided for children and our achievements around our site improvement goal.



The children have continually amazed us with their learning and greater sense of independence.

As a team, we continually strive for improvement and the results are reflected in the growth of each child.

STUDENT FAREWELLS

This year at our Graduation ceremony, we farewelled, Jake Adams, Eve Allen, James Barker, Henry Davey, Connor Eckers, Archer Errington, Emma Johnson, Bodhi Milkins, Cooper Schulz, Isaiah Schulz, Avery Smith, Ammu Waraich, Mikayla Weetra-Webb, Montana Wilson and Jessie Wright-Baldock. We wish them all the best as they continue their learning journey at School in 2022.

STAFF FAREWELLS

At Graduation, we also farewelled two members of our staff team, Rachel Wells and Meagan Elsworthy. Both Rachel and Meagan have been part of our team since 2016 either as contracted teachers or regular relievers. I would like to thank them for their contribution to ELC and the impact they have had on children and their families. I wish them all the best in their new roles in 2022.

Lastly, I would like to wish our the Central Yorke ELC and School community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mel





7/8/9 EOY Camp Woodhouse

In Week 8, 36 students from years 7-9 went on a camp to Woodhouse Activity Centre for three days.

On **Wednesday** we went to Latitude, an Indoor Trampoline Park. Students enjoyed activities like trampoline basketball and dodgeball, rock climbing and obstacle courses. We arrived at Woodhouse and stayed in the Old Manor House. Students played disc golf and completed the onsite maze.

Thursday was a big activities day run by the site. Students participated in a range of activities including laser skirmish, rock climbing, tube sliding and Woodhouse's 'Challenge Hill', which is a large obstacle course through the hills of woodhouse. Orienteering finished the day. A huge amount of teamwork and encouragement was shown throughout the various activities, with many smiles from students.

On **Friday** we stopped at Marion on our way back home. Students had a choice between watching a movie in the cinemas or going to

the Aquatics centre. The Aquatics centre had inflatable obstacle courses in the pools, as well as access to the diving boards.

Everywhere we went, students were commended on their polite manners and positive attitudes. It was a great trip that was enjoyed by both staff and students.

Students Favourite Bits

Nick *My favourite part was laser skirmish because it was something new.*

Taylor *I enjoyed the climbing activities at latitude because it was fun and a new challenge.*

Nevayah *I enjoyed playing sardines in the maze because it was fun and we had to work as a team.*

Tahlia *I liked the laser skirmish because it was fun working in teams to get the other team while hiding in all the trees.*

Isaiah *I enjoyed all activities, they were all really fun!*





2021 Presentation Night

Award Recipients

Primary School Awards

BOOK AWARDS

Learning Hub

George Button *Attitude and Engagement*

Tyson Dunnicliff *Attitude and Engagement*

R/1 Webb

Eva Moloney *Academic Achievement*

1/2 Whittaker

Imogen Errington *Attitude and Engagement*

2/3 Kotz

Spencer Liebelt *Academic Achievement*

4/5 Westbrook/Wiley

Alice Butler *Academic Achievement*

5/6 Nixon

Caitlyn Tape *Academic Achievement*

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

R/1 Webb

Tiarna Lloyd *Consistently Using All the
School Values*

Charlotte Brooks *Consistently Using All the
School Values*

1/2 Whittaker

James Roennfeldt *Consistently Using All the
School Values*

Dekota Wakefield *Building Relationships*

2/3 Kotz

Cameron Tape *Consistently Using All the
School Values*

Eva Palin *Consistently using all the
school values*

4/5 Westbrook/Wiley

Sophie Burrows *Consistently Using All the
School Values*

Harrison Wilson *Displaying Resilience*

5/6 Nixon

Isabelle Roennfeldt . *Displaying resilience*

Nakyah Elliott *Consistently Using All the
School Values*

PRIMARY SPECIAL AWARDS

Ida Charlesworth Memorial Award

Isabelle Roennfeldt

Dr Alitya Rigney Award

Jamie Agius

Performing Arts Award

Alice Butler

Marianne Tondonai Memorial Award

Caitlyn Tape

Peter & Cindy Kitto Sports Award

Caitlyn Tape

Lions All-Rounder Award

Caitlyn Tape

Fraser Ellis MP Medal

Shannon Hamilton

RC McKnight Memorial Award

Shannon Hamilton

Science Award

Isabelle Roennfeldt

APEX Service Award

Isis Schulte

Secondary School Awards

YEAR 7-11 DUX AWARDS

Year 7 Dux

George Butler

Year 8 Dux

Pearl Crawford

Year 9 Dux (Felicity Honner Memorial Award)

Nicholas Heinrich

Year 10 Dux

Harrison Geater-Johnson

Year 11 Dux

Sophie Baker



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

7/8 Townsend

Summer Davies *Consistent Effort and Positive Attitude*

Kiala Andrews *Persistence and Determination to Succeed*

Annabel Geater-Johnson *Academic Achievement*

7/8 Stutley

Maggie Moore *Consistent Effort and Positive Attitude*

9 Haydon

Taylor Davies *Academic Achievement*

Tahlia Buck *Consistent Effort*

10 Clifford

Zeph Harris *Academic Achievement*

Aidan Shipp *Academic Achievement*

11 Gaisford

Lachlan Vandeeper . *Consistent Effort*

Georgia Hasting *Academic Achievement & Consistent Effort*

SECONDARY SPECIAL AWARDS

Nathan Colliver Memorial Award for Encouragement

Sophie Davies

Yorke Valley Masonic Lodge Scholarship

Annabelle Smart

Jaycess Scholarship

Georgia Hasting

Tenacity Award

Lachlan Vandeeper

KG Pearce Memorial Prize

Sophie Baker

Ampol All-Rounder Award

Braydon Dunlop

Annette Coleman Prize

Nicholas Thomas

Andrew B Thiele & Co Award for Service and Leadership

Sophie Heinrich

Colin L Fahey Medal

Jessica Baker

SUBJECT AWARDS

Maths

Stephanie Brook

Harvey Charlesworth Memorial Award

Stephanie Brook

Research Project

Sophie Baker

Food & Hospitality

Josie Stock

Materials Solutions

Oscar Moore

Chemistry

Will Drogemuller

Creative Art

Mitchell Hamilton

Outdoor Education

Mitchell Hamilton

CYS Football Academy

Tayla Coles

Agriculture

Stephanie Brook

Sue Heinrich Memorial Award

Brondan Burgess

School Based Vet Award

Oscar Moore



ZOO SNOOZE

The R/1 students travelled to Adelaide on December 2 to spend two days at the zoo. We arrived mid-morning, settled into our dormitory then headed out in four groups to explore the zoo.

Students worked at completing their Zoo A to Z sheet and found an astonishing range of cute, funny, ferocious and often secretive animals in the enclosures around the grounds.

By 5pm everyone was exhausted, so it was lucky we were scheduled for an informative session with Chris, the Education Officer and while he worked with the students the staff prepare our BBQ tea

With the sun going down we headed back into the zoo for a twilight walk, and Chris showed us the nocturnal animals most people don't get to see . The students were quick to sleep, and just like that we were being woken up by some very noisy baboons!

We had a morning session by ourselves on the nature playground then revisited our favourite animals once more before being picked up by the bus.

A big thank you to Chloe Whittaker and Courtney Dayman for organising the camp and preparing the students for their big adventure. Thanks also to Amanda Wheeler, and Alain Parsons who attended with our Learning Hub students, Gavin Tape for driving the bus and to Bec Bray, Laura Kotz, Hannah Gaisford and Shirley Lands who stayed overnight.

The students received many high praise for their behaviour, curiosity and resilience over the two days and were an absolute joy to work with.

Tim Tuck | Primary Teacher



↓ Education Officer Chris with our R/1 students.





MADDY WOODFORDE
Point Pearce



What a super busy last two weeks we have had at Point Pearce!

I bought back some amazing books from the Salisbury High School Sister Girlz groups (their Aboriginal girls Group) for everyone! We created some thank you letters to send back to them! It was amazing to receive some special books for ourselves.

We also got creative for Christmas as well with Christmas themed Maths's activities and Art, we have made paper chains to hang, Christmas cooking ,stained glass window decorations, cardboard roll decorations and more!

SPECIAL VISITOR

On Monday of Week 9 Form AFL play and Super Star Michael O'Loughlin came to visit our school, as he is

filming a documentary for Amazon Prime "Warriors on the field" all About our Indigenous Football Players and what AFL means to them. I had to wear a special microphone and introduce him in front of people with cameras and all!

Michael came and talked to the students about football and his connections to Point Pearce with his family. He then gave the kids some signed Sydney Swans tops and then kicked he football with the kids outside before touring the culture room.

We finished the week with Christmas craft and cooking and our Pt Vic beach day. It has been a very busy year here, and a thoroughly enjoyable one at that.



KATH MAGAREY
Head of Point Pearce



On behalf of all of the staff at Point Pearce we wish everyone a safe and happy break. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the community for supporting the Point Pearce Campus this year. Your support means so much.



2021 YEAR 12 *Formal*



The Year 12's celebrated in style at their formal at the Coopers Ale House Wallaroo, on Wednesday November 24. We were graced with beautiful weather which is important to get those perfect photos. Thank you to our photographer 'Chalkie and the Chippy'!

Proud families, friends and Central Yorke Staff were in attendance to celebrate the graduating Year 12 Class of 2021 in photographs, stories and gifts. We congratulate these students on their final Year and wish them all the best for the future ahead.





Christmas Decorations

The Primary classes have been full of festive cheer this past week and have decorated their classrooms, the primary corridor and the PAC with ornaments, paperchains, elves and trees.



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↓ This 'hamburger' is actually a cupcake and the 'fried' are churros! An amazing culinary deception by Sophie, Matilda and Kirene.



↓ Students Tyler Cook, Barnaby Wheare, Will Bozdarovski and Hugh Crawford worked with groundsman David Ramsey to erect fencing for a new goat paddock.



↓ Counting the 730 donated cans from a wool-bale. Proceeds will go to the SRC Hutt Street appeal.



SNI **PP** **ETS**

↓ Hide and seek in the nature play area.



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December 14, 2011



↑ Bingle Jells Musical



Calendar

NOVEMBER

WEEK 9

- 6 Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- 7 SRC Activity Day and Subway Lunch

7 Presentation Night

- 8 Point Pearce Graduation and Christmas Party
- 8 ELC Graduation 1.30-2.30
- 9 Point Pearce Campus EOY Celebration
- 10 Gala Picnic
- 10 Last Day of school: 2.30 dismissal

11 Summer Holidays begin

DECEMBER

- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY (2022)

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3 New Year's Day Holiday

WEEK 1

31 Term 1, 2022 starts

WEEK 2

FEBRUARY

- 11 SACE Biology Teachers Workshop

WEEK 3

- 14-18 Term time swimming

WEEK 4

- 21-22 Port Vincent Aquatics Camp
- 25 Splash Carnival

WEEK 5

WEEK 6

MARCH

- 11 R-12 Sports Day