



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

4th September
West Wyalong Show
(Equine)
5th September
West Wyalong Show
(Sheep)
6th September
Tirkandi Visit -Yr 8
(Naidoc week)
7th September
Art Show Opening
Night
8th September
Art Show
P & C Meeting
12th September
HSC Music Marking
12-18th September
Year 11 Preliminary
Examinations
15th September
Ardlethan Show
(Equine and Poultry)
15-17th September
Sheep Showstock -
Bendigo
18-20th September
Henty Field Days
20th September
Year 12 Graduation
21st September
Melbourne Royal
Cattle Show depart
Last Day Term 3 -
buses depart
7th October
Students return
8th October
Day 1 Term 4
12th October
Yr 7 HPV 3rd dose
12-13th October
Leeton Show
19-20th October
Cootamundra Show

Wednesday, 29th August, 2012
Term 3, Week 7

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FIRST GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM THAT PLAYED AGAINST FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL



YEAR 11 CANDIDATES FOR 2013 PREFECT BODY



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was with a great deal of pleasure to listen to the recent speeches of the Year 11 candidates for 2013 Prefect prior to their election. This year the school has decided to bring these elections earlier to allow a hand over time with the 2012 Prefects, and also move the 2013 Prefects into representing the school at an earlier time to take the pressure off our Year 12 students as they prepare for the HSC. All 28 students are winners for putting their hand up and having a go. Any would have made high quality school leaders but alas only 10 can be elected. It is with great pride I announce the following as our school leaders in 2013.

Girls – Harriet Condon, Sabrina Finch, Lauren Pattinson, Sally Smyth, April Worland

Boys – Royce Johnston, James Leane, Robert Leane, Murray Smith, Tom Webb

Later in the year the Prefects camp will be held in Sydney and following this the School Captains will be elected. A big thank you to Greg Press and Megan Thurgood for their efforts in supporting the students and ensuring the process was well handled.

The Commendation Assembly at the beginning of term was highly successful and I would like to congratulate the many students who were recognised for their efforts during semester 1. Special congratulations to Platinum awardees Clare Bolam and Inez Mara. Also congratulations to the students awarded Academic Excellence Awards. I was most impressed by the Semester 1 student reports and thank the large number of parents who took the opportunity to participate in the parents/teacher days at the end of last term.

Early in the term the school hosted the James Ruse Agricultural High School Senior Band. About 50 students and staff spent three days at Yanco and both school's students enjoyed their time together. Thank you to Ruse Principal, Larissa Treskin, who accompanied the group and allowed the trip to eventuate. Our students George Calman, Ellen Shepherd and Vanessa Patey plus Elyse North also had the opportunity to play with the Ruse band and had a great time working with these outstanding visiting musicians.

Congratulations to our students on their success at the Leeton Eisteddfod. This is most pleasing. Well

done to Elyse North and Bruce Hammond for supporting these students.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the Federal Conference of the ICPA, which was held in Griffith. This included delegates from all over Australia and was most interesting. The conference was hosted by the Hay branch which includes many of our parents. During the day I spoke to many parents, both present and future, in very positive discussions. Our choir and drum corp performed at the opening of the conference and the positive feedback was outstanding.



Our students continue with their successes and following is a list of outstanding achievements.

- Our first grade Rugby League team continues to have great success in the University Shield. After beating Figtree High School at Wollongong last week they defeated Canowindra High School at school. In both games our boys came from behind and had high quality wins. They are now in the last four and their next match will be against either Farrer or a Sydney school.
- Steven Butler has successfully participated in the Build a Bridge and Get Over It! Engineering Camp at Borambola recently. Sponsored by REROC and COMPACT students needed to apply and be selected. Congratulations to Steven on his success. Students came from all over the Riverina.
- Vanessa Patey has been selected to be a part of the State Wind Band. The Senior and Junior State Wind Bands are formed by the selection of

top musicians from across the state. There are 63 students from 40 High Schools in the State Senior Wind Band. The students will rehearse over the next few days and perform at the Opera House next week.

- Our Athletes have responded well and a large number has been successful in making the Riverina team to compete at State CHS in the next fortnight. The following list of students will travel to Sydney to compete - Stephanie Burrows, Sophie Eaton, Inez Mara, Mitchell Pippin, Remi Wilton, Brydie Mannion, Codie DeCaux, Janaia Booth. There were a number of other students who were very close in selection. Well done to these students and we wish them success at the next step.
- Cameron Read and George Calman played in the Millennium Marching Band which welcomed home the 2012 Olympians in the Sydney parade last week. Anna Meares spent some time with our boys and they have photos and signatures to treasure as wonderful memories.
- Elly Pratt has successfully applied to be an exchange student next year. For the first half of 2013 Elly will spend six months in Costa Rica. Congratulations to Elly
- Keiley O'Brien attended the Trangie Junior Judging Day in the holidays. There were about 60 entrants and Keiley was successful in being awarded - Champion Senior Beef Cattle Junior Judge; Champion Senior Grain Junior Judge; 3rd in Meat Sheep Junior Judging; and overall Reserve Champion Junior Judge of the day. Keiley was offered a scholarship to attend the SA heifer expo as part of being the Junior Murray Grey ambassador and to representing the Murray Grey Youth Society
- A number of our students have had success in the many local sport competitions that our students are involved in and the following should be congratulated
 - Sabrina Finch – Best and Fairest for B grade Leeton-Whitton Crows Netball
 - Alex McMaster – equal Best and Fairest for Under 17 Leeton-Whitton Crows

- Jakeb Curran – member of Leeton-Whitton Crows under 15 premiership team
- Mitchell Pippin, Ryan Van Gemert, Angus Sherriff and Damien Johnston were part of the Phantoms under 15 Union team that unluckily missed playing in the grand final.
- We have a number of boys playing in the Leeton Greenies and Bidgee Hurricanes under 18 teams contesting finals at the moment

At long last the bore has been drilled in the area beside the cricket nets. This has been a long process but it finally has been achieved. Once the water licenses have been purchased this will make the school drought proof with a 200 meg license to go with the bore. Drilling needed to go much deeper than expected – 70 metres, but the water found was of high quality with large flows.



A request to all parents. There appears to be a trend for parents to remove their children from the school to lengthen both holidays and desi breaks. This is not helping the learning of our students and unless there is a very good reason I would request this practise not continue. Be aware parents need to provide written reasons for students not attending school. If students are telling you information regarding teaching I would request you check with the school to obtain a balanced view. The school teaches on all days available to it and after the loss of time during the March floods teachers are working very hard to ensure all work is covered during the year.

With the Art Show and Fun Day fast approaching I would request your support to ensure these events

are most successful. This is an opportunity to meet with other parents and celebrate the school and its 90 years. I hope all our new facilities will be complete and open for you to visit. I am sure you will agree they are wonderful and our students will gain much from their completion. I look forward to meeting you at these events.

The celebrations continue to recognise the 100 years of Murrumbidgee Irrigation. As part of the celebrations a tour of the area was organised to visit places of significant interest. Sir Samuel McCaughey's original homestead is one of those landmarks. Early in the term a large group of both locals and visitors spent time in McCaughey House and thoroughly enjoyed their time at the school.



COMMENDATION ASSEMBLY - 26TH JULY, 2012

Award Recipients

Year 7 - William Blake, Janaia Booth, Max Booth, Grace Daunt, Codie DeCaux, Gemma Fisher, Loren Gregory Cameron Hall, Thompson Helwig, Charles Hogan, Maddison Horrobin, Grace Kalinin, James Kearines, Kathy Mara, Zoe Potter, Annalise Potts, Connor Ricciarelli, Jake Smyth, Lawson Stenhouse, Brooke Streat, Alison Treloar, Dylan Whiley

Year 8 - Olivia Alexander, Grace Armour, Amber Arthur, Jemima Bargery-Medcraft, William Booth, Kimberley Butler, Kirsty Clark, Tarhlia Claydon, Darcy Cromack, Tobias Daniel, Sophie Eaton, Gavin Evans, Nicole Fairley, Ryan Forbes, Matt Guttler, Montana Hawkins, Michael Hoskinson, Liam James, Deanna Johnston, Erika Lucas, Brydie Mannion, Kaitlyn McKay, Clay McKenzie, Cambell McMaster, Sally McNiff, Mitchell Pippin,

Angus Sherriff, Claire Tagliapietra, Hannah Williams

Year 9 - Jane Arndt, Emily Belling, Steven Burrows, Breanna Carr, Toby Commens, Luke Daunt, Hayley Fairfull, Arnah Garwood, Andrew Haenig, Colleen Head, Geoffrey Hillam, Cameron Ingram, Heidi Johnston, Liam McCallum, Elizabeth Moran-Turner, Nathan Morris, Georgina Murdoch, Rose Nevinson, Jack Pippin, Meg Potter, Elly-May Pratt, Erika Quinn, Aidan Raeck, Adele Ruigrok, Darcy Skipworth, Thomas Smyth, Lillian Tomlinson, Ryan Van Gemert, Marnie Whytcross

Year 10 - Grace Alexander, Emily Barwick, Edward Booth, Jordon Burley, Steven Butler, George Calman, Jacqueline Ervin, Jessica Hanrahan, Nicholas Heywood, Colleen Head, Jack Kerin, Demi King, Brody MacDonald, Dustin Manwaring, Teia Oliver, Cameron Read, Tori Romanelli, Samuel Ryan, Jessica Scaysbrook, Ellen Shepherd, Ellen Stevens, Jack Webster, Mitchell White, Brittany Whiteley, Remi Wilton

Year 11 - Emma Carmichael, Grace Cornish, Damien Cox, Emma Freeman, Laura Gaffey, Thomas Gilvarry, Jane Goldsworthy, Hannah Gorman, April Harvey, Timothy Hillam, Rowan Horne, Joshua Horrobin, Blaine Johnson, Royce Johnston, Robert Leane, Denise Littlehales, Caitlin McAuliffe, Alexander McMaster, Jed Noonan, Keiley O'Brien, Vanessa Patey, Lauren Pattison, Emily Pike, Kristen Polimeni, Natalie Rayment, Toby Serafin, Lucy Simmonds, Rachel Skinner, Sally Smyth, April Worland

Year 12 - Kellie Armour, Georgia Bellingham, Clare Bolam, Cameron Butt, Mia Chen, Alice Clark, Jessica Crick, Celina Delaney, Jordon Edmonds, Annette Fitzgerald, Rosemary Heath, Jye Johnson, Talosaga Lelea, Isaac Mannion, Brendon McCallum, Gabrielle Menzies, Jonathon Murdoch, Xenii Newnham-Kell, Christopher O'Hara, Tobie Payne, Dakota Phippen, Lauren Read, Sarah Ride, Teresa Sutton, Lachlan Ward, Tyler Worland

At the Commendation Assembly the following students were acknowledged for their efforts in Semester 1

Platinum Award – this is the highest award in the school's welfare system. It is an acknowledgement of students who have contributed to the school in a variety of areas.



Platinum Awardees – Clare Bolam, Inez Mara

The following students were rewarded for Academic Excellence over the first half of the year. These students were highly successful across all of their subjects. They were awarded 'Principal's Awards for Academic Excellence'. Congratulations to all these students for their outstanding achievements in Semester 1.

Year 7



Loren Gregor, Thompson Helwig, Grace Daunt, Gemma Fisher, Alison Treloar

Year 8



Campbell McMaster Grace Armour, Deanna Johnston, Gavin Evans,

Year 9



Meg Potter, Breanna Carr, James Littlehales, Luke Horrobin, Nathan Morris, Jane Arndt

Year 10



Tori Romanelli, George Calman, Chelsea Whytecross, Grace Alexander, Demi King (Absent)

Year 11



Denise Littlehales, Lauren Pattison, James Leane, Robert Leane, Harriet Condon, Laura Gaffey

Year 12



Sophie Payne, Celina Delaney, Mia Chen, Clare Bolam
Absent - Scott Gill, Rosemary Heath

LEETON EISTEDDFOD

Highland Dancing

The Leeton Eisteddfod sub-committee of Highland dancing would like to sincerely thank the four Year 11 Food Tech girls that ran the canteen at the recent Highland Dancing competition. They did themselves and the school proud by providing very efficient, friendly service with a smile. Emma, Emily, Rachel and Tavia, thank you very much. A huge vote of thanks to Alanna and Peter Rolfe also for providing excellent supervision and a helping hand. Not to be forgotten, Miss North, thank you for supporting one of your students, it was so nice of you to be there, we hope you enjoyed your day.



Rachel McNiff, Emma Freeman, Tavia Dalton and Emily Carey serving Miss North at their café

Arnah Garwood competed in the Leeton Eisteddfod Highland Dancing competition on 5th August and had an exceptional day. Arnah placed 1st in eight dances and 2nd in two. She also won the 14 years and under Aggregate and was awarded the Bill MacAuslan Memorial trophy for the most promising dancer who would benefit from further tuition. She also won the Motel Riverina cup for the best Irish Jig and the Wade Family trophy for an aggregate in National dances. Arnah was selected as one of three most outstanding dancers



of the day. Well done Arnah.

Music

Jasmine Boyland - Highly Commended, Country Song

Ellen Toohill - 1st Australian Composition, Solo Strings; 1st Performance from Memory, Solo Strings; Highly Commended, Solo Strings; Highly Commended, Instrumental Championship

Ellen Toohill and Vanessa Patey - 3rd, Instrumental Duo or Trio

Brydie Mannion - 2nd Piano Solo from Memory; Commended, Jazz, Swing, Rock and Pop

Senior Drum Corps - 1st High School Percussion Band

Junior Drum Corps - Highly Commended High School Percussion Band

Other students that have performed in this years Eisteddfod- Ellen Shepherd and Sally McNiff

Public Speaking

Keiley O'Brien - 1st in prepared speech 16 and 17 years; 1st in open impromptu (Caitlin McAuliffe was second); 1st in Jim Grahame recital (he is a local poet)

Senior Debating team which included Keiley and Caitlin was placed second in their section



Congratulates to Miss Elyse North and Arnah Garwood for being finalists in the Leeton Eisteddfod Most Outstanding Performance Award. They both performed really well at the final concert.

WORKING IN THE OUTBACK

Brunette Downs Work Experience

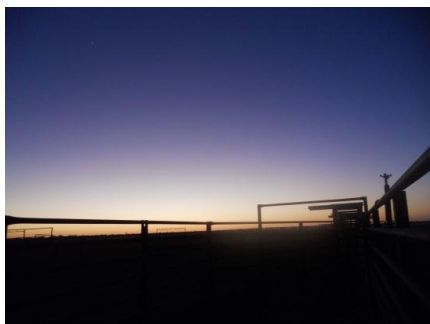


In the July holidays I was lucky enough to have the experience of going to AA co owned Brunette Downs Station on the Barkly Tablelands in the Northern

Territory for a two week work experience program. Brunette Downs comprises 1,221,200 ha, is 620km North West of Mount Isa and after many hours spent on planes and buses I finally arrived, minus my luggage which ended up being flown to Melbourne instead of Mount Isa!

My days on the station all started with a 5 o'clock breakfast and being out in the yards ready to start the day before the sun came up. Long hard days were spent in the yards with our crew processing over 3000 head of weaners in the first week. I soon learnt how to keep an eye on the few madder cattle that had everyone climbing the rails quick smart. The odd weaner that didn't think going into the yards was a good idea got the customary brunette scruff and quickly joined its mates once free of this scruff.

I was lucky enough to spend a number of my days in the road train moving weaners and breeding stock around the



property, giving me the best opportunity to see just how unbelievably flat the landscape is. Learning how to load and unload six decks of cattle was something completely new to me when I arrived but by the time it was getting close for me to leave I was really getting the hang of it. Some mornings we were loaded and trucking as the sun was rising and not returning to the station until the sun was setting, leaving me exhausted and sleeping the best I have ever slept in my life.

I experienced all seasons of the weather while in the north going from being rugged up in as many jackets as you could find to avoid the 'barkly breeze' which chills you to the bone, to being able to wear shorts and singlets on the weekend. It was that hot I did not have to worry about wearing a jumper at all for the remainder of the time I spent up there, 5'oclock in the morning and only wearing a work shirt in the middle of winter was just magical.

Even though it was hard work I enjoyed my stay so much that I didn't want to leave the station or the wonderful



people that I met. With over 65 full time staff on the station I was welcomed in with open arms and have come away with a bunch of new experience's under my belt and memories that I will never forget. I look forward to hopefully returning sometime in the future.

Sarah Wellsmore

Headingly Station Work Experience

On 1st July I waved goodbye to my parents and sister to embark on a two week work experience program in Queensland at Headingly Station. It was two weeks of many first time experiences, from flying to whole day musters, to jumping yards to avoid being smoked by grumpy cattle. The trip started out well with the whole computer system for Qantas airlines crashing and delaying flights from Brisbane by a good couple of hours - the upside was lunch was on their bill.

A 200 kms south west drive from Mount Isa brought us to Headingly Station which is situated right on the border of the Northern Territory and Queensland, covering over a million hectares of land - the second biggest property owned by the Australian Agricultural Company. The first thing you notice is how flat the land is, not many trees around and you can see for kilometres on end.

From day one I was thrown into the thick of it, up and out of bed at 5:30 am, breakfast at six and at the yards to saddle up or start work by 6:30 am, no one

who slept in was treated nicely, if you were lucky it was a knock on the door. Those who were not so lucky (usually the guys) got a lovely cold bucket of water as their wake up call.

Within the first three days of being on the job we had mustered over 2000 head on horseback, processed on average 700 head a day that were brought in by the helicopter and motor bikes and trucked out road train after road train full of well fed, beautiful Brahmans and Santa Gertrudis cattle who were ready for their final destination.

I was lucky enough to be in enemy territory when the final game of the State of Origin was being played, being one of three NSW supporters up there I had my work cut out for me to wear the blue and voice my support. With the game starting off well the Queenslanders were not too vocal, and then they scored - never in my life have I heard 20 people make such an up roar of noise in just a few seconds. Unfortunately they managed to beat us by one point, it was definitely time for the celebrations to start and for me to head to bed.

The weather held up quite well for the first week, with temperatures reaching a level where the jumpers were put away and the shorts and t-shirts brought out - a big difference to what NSW was experiencing. This did not last long, during the second week the rain set in, turning hot dry dirt into red slippery clay; once clean horses in to moving mud monsters; and fluffy weaner calves into water soaked soaks. These days consisted of clearing the workshops and vehicles around the compound, the head stock persons catching up on the pen pushing



(paperwork) and some great photographic moments for those who love to use their cameras.

Within just two weeks of working you felt like you were able to achieve anything; the sky/horizon literally was your limit. Never have I learnt how to move so quickly out and up the rails of the yards, cut animals back into a mob when they decide to take off on their own journey and the other general practices that come when processing cattle-branding, tagging and recording data about each animal.

It was definitely two weeks well spent, as it was described, it truly was the place to be and felt like heaven. A big thankyou to the crew at Headingly Station, for the laughs, mentoring moments and general entertainment, I certainly look forward to coming back when I can!

Xenii Newnham-Kell

EMILY'S TRIP

Emily Crick is a new student to this school commencing at the beginning of Term 2 and joining her elder sister Jess who is in Year 12. For the first part of this year she spent time travelling around third world countries in Asia. This has enabled her to see a side of life in other countries few of our young people have the opportunity to see. This is her story.

This year I have been travelling around South East Asia. I travelled with my mum, dad and another family of three. Our trip began at the start of March.

We first went to Singapore to a conference with eight thousand other people from all different countries. We spent ten days there and the conference started at 8 am and went until 10 pm. From there



we went to India which was a definite culture shock. We already had two connections there from our church. We spent 17 long days with a pastor who our church supported. He lives in Chennai with his wife and two children. He showed us lots of different ways that people lived. The city was very polluted and there were so many cars. The people we were staying with had a van with plastic rollup windows and where ever you drove you would have fumes in your face. There were about eight million people in Chennai. We then went to another town called Mysore which only has about two million people. There we stayed with two old ladies who had relatives in Australia and asked us to visit them. Mysore was a much less polluted town and was more relaxing. We then went to see a man we met in Singapore who asked us to visit him. He lived in a small town with about 100 000 people in it and he looked after an orphanage with 100 kids whose parents were killed by persecution. After there we spent a week in New Delhi. In total we spent 5 weeks in India then flew to Kathmandu, Nepal. Kathmandu has a lot of tourists and a lot of people from different countries living there. We met a Nepalese man who showed us what he does and the people that he helps. We then travelled to Lassa, Tibet which took us a week. The highest peak we travelled was at 17 000 feet and we drove past Mount Everest. It was so cold and on the first day going over the mountains it was snowing sleet. From Lassa we travelled by train to different places in China. There we visited different cities and did more tourist things like shopping in markets and saw the terracotta warriors. My favourite place that we visited was China because the food was nicer, the people wanted to talk to you and the city was much cleaner. There also weren't as many beggars

on the streets as there was in India and Nepal. On 14th June we flew back to Melbourne.

Emily Crick



AUSTRALASIAN SHEEP AND WOOL SHOW, BENDIGO

On Thursday, 19th June, eight students (Rowan Horne, Sally Symth, Grace Cornish, Jane Goldsworthy, Steven Butler, Tom Arnold, Max Booth and Connor Ricciarelli) travelled to Bendigo, with Miss O'Brien driving the bus.

The White Suffolk judging started on Friday morning with the school placing 1st and 3rd in the novice ram class. The rams then went up to the open May 2011 drop class and were placed 3rd and 7th in a strong class of 18 rams. As Sally was shaking the hands with the steward, the lead rope on the halter slipped out of her hand, and the ram ran around the sheep shed through many people until it was cornered and a man caught it for her. She did admit afterwards that she was a little rusty on the sheep handling skills.

After lunch we competed in the ewe classes, firstly with the novice ewe class gaining a 2nd with a 2

tooth ewe and 3rd with ewe over 1 and a half years with lamb at foot. The 2 tooth ewe was not good enough for the top 10 in the open ewe over 1 and a half years' class, then the ewe with lamb at foot won third in its class. It was a very good result for the school in some very strong classes.

On Saturday morning it was quiet for the students so many of them helped other studs with their judging.

The afternoon was the schools interbreed competition. There were three classes for the schools - Ram any age, Ewe any age and Pair of 2 sheep. There were about 15 schools in the competition all with well-prepared animals. The ram class was first up and Yanco gained first place. Next up was the ewe, and it was 2nd out of a very good line up. In the pair class we put in the ram and ewe and gained our best result, 1st place.

Sunday morning was the junior judging day and all the students signed up for the Corriedale judging. Tom moved up to the oral part of the under 13 age group judging, and placed 4th. In the 16 years and over judging, both Rowan Horne and Sally Smyth were in the top six to speak - Sally came 1st with Rowan a close 2nd, receiving scores of 19½ and 20 out of 20 in their oral presentations. There were 135 competitors in the junior judging section.

Rowan went onto the Victorian state final for Merino junior judging, gaining a 2nd place and is reserve to represent Victoria at the nationals held in New Zealand next year.

All of the sheep show stock team would like to say a big thank you to Miss O'Brien, Mr Finch and Mr Dixon for their time and effort in taking us down to Bendigo for the weekend.

SCIENCE COMPETITION

On 23rd May, 69 students across Years 8, 9 and 10 participated in the Australian Science Innovations "BIG Science Competition", along with 40,000 other students from across Australia. Yanco Agricultural High School achieved some excellent results, with 22 students receiving a Credit or higher. Seven students achieved a Distinction level, which means



they received a mark between 85-94% - quite an achievement! The results are below:

Participation:

Year 8 – Olivia Alexander, Grace Armour, Zoe Cumming, Tobias Daniel, Sophie Eaton, Nicole Fairley, Ryan Forbes, Matt Guttler, William Hodge, Michael Hoskinson, Deanna Johnston, Toni Maher, Brittany Manwaring, Konnar Martin, Kaitlyn McKay, Courtney Menzies, Mitchell Pippin, Hannah Walker.

Year 9 – Samuel Alexander, Jane Arndt, Emily Belling, Luke Daunt, Hayley Fairfull, Arnah Garwood, Natalia Henderson, Cameron Ingram, Heidi Johnston, James Littlehales, Lachlan Manwaring, Nathan Morris, Rose Nevinson, Elly Pratt, Andrew Reid, Laura Seymour, Thomas Smyth, Courtney Stubberfield, Marnie Whytcross.

Year 10 - Jacqueline Ervin, Melanie Guttler, Demi King, Brody Macdonald, Stephen Meaney, Gilbert Rayner, Adam Saul, Lilly Serafin, Chelsea Whytcross, Remi Wilton

Credit:

Year 8 – Kimberley Butler, Gavin Evans, Liam James, Shayla Mulholland, Chelsea Pratt

Year 9 - Breanna Carr, Georgina Gibb, Luke Horrobin, Georgia Howard, Meg Potter

Year 10 – Grace Alexander, Joshua Beer, Ellen Stevens, Jack Webster, Carl Williams

Distinction:

Year 8 – Amber Arthur, Cambell McMaster

Year 9 – Forbes Lindeman

Year 10 - Courtney Buckley, Steven Butler, George Calman, Ellen Shepherd

A big congratulations to all those students who participated in the competition and we look forward to another successful competition next year. WELL DONE!

Miss Kearney and the Science Department.



UNIVERSITY SHIELD GAME v FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL



On 30th July YAHS University Shield side travelled to Figtree to take on Figtree High. It was a long trip and the boys rested well in anticipation of a tough match. The winner of this match would progress into the final eight in the state.

The match got off to an inauspicious start for the Yanco side with a solid first set with the ball being nullified by a poor kick chase leading to a 4 nil deficit without Yanco having made a tackle. From here the guys switched into gear and after a few solid sets in defence began to gain confidence. Jesse McDonald received the ball in a strong attacking position and with a dummy and a step Jesse left Figtree defenders grasping and scored adjacent to the posts.



This was another confidence boost to the Yanco side and after another strong set in attack Mitchell Stubberfield hoisted a high bomb to Jed Noonan's wing. Jed soared for the ball and defeated a couple of defenders to race in for another try under the sticks. Yanco took this 12 – 4 lead into half time

after having to complete a mountain of defence on their own line. Scott Gill and Mitchell Stubberfield were instrumental in deflecting Figtree's raids.

The second half started well for Yanco with solid completion and defence leading to some excellent attacking opportunities. Scott Gill found his hands on the ball in some space and made the most of it to race in Yanco's third try.

Yanco looked well in control of the game now and year 9 debutant Stephen Burrows crossed for a try after scooting from a quick play the ball. Not long after this Toby Serrafin scored a near identical try scooting from dummy half also.

Figtree did manage a late consolation try, however the game was well over and Yanco had run away convincing victors 28 to 10. Best players on the day for Yanco were Mitchell Stubberfield, Scott Gill, Tom Webb, Kieran Fair and Jesse McDonald. Yanco will now have a home game against Canowindra High School in the Quarter Finals of the University Shield.

END OF TERM TRAVEL

Please be aware that any changes to end of Term 3 travel and return of Term 4 need to be submitted to the School by ***Tuesday 21 August 2012***. Changes to destinations cannot be made after this date.

CHANGES TO CANCELLATION OF DESI AND END OF TERM TRAVEL

Countrylink have advised that cancellations will incur a late fee if tickets are cancelled within 14 days prior to leave dates. All cancellations need to be done direct to CountryLink call Centre on 132232. You can no longer cancel here at the School (children cannot come into the Duty Room and cancel a one way trip nor can we accept any correspondence in relation to this). You will need to have your child's boarder pass information and you will also be asked security questions to identify yourself.

All **destination** changes for Desi or end of term travel need to be submitted 21 days prior to leaving and must be in writing and children must fill in applicable paperwork.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING



Sam Barnes was successful in being selected to attend the National Junior Development Camp for Clay Target Shooting. 20 students from all over Australia attended the four day Camp in Wagga Wagga. Coaches were Graham Gosling from Newcastle and Gary Hayden from Victoria.

JAMES RUSE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL TOUR

On Sunday, 22nd July, George Calman, Ellen Shepherd and I were invited to join the members of the James Ruse Senior Concert Band to accompany them in their performance at Yanco Agricultural High School, which was to be the next day. After a hour long rehearsal on the Sunday we had merited an invite from their conductor, Mr Glenn Armitage, to join them for the whole of the next

day to perform with them at their concerts at Grong Grong Public School and the Masonic Nursing Home in Leeton. Taking this opportunity eagerly, we soon found ourselves on a bus full of kind and most welcoming strangers who by the end would become allies in music to begin the uniting of the four agricultural schools in New South Wales. The repertoire we performed included works from Shrek, Harry Potter, Patton, the Great Escape and John Williams' greatest movie hits plus many more. Over the day, friendships were formed between the two schools, performances of high quality were achieved and knowledge was shared to increase understanding of the different schools we attend.

We then went out for dinner to the Leeton Hotel as an ensemble to spend more time with each other before the James Ruse students travelled back to Sydney the next day. After our dinner we were then invited to attend their non-talent quest which saw students from the highest ranked school for ATAR's in NSW make fun of themselves. It was sad saying goodbye but was interesting meeting these people and sharing in this experience was an outstanding opportunity.

Vanessa Patey



DRUM CORPS REPORT

The Drum Corps have had a busy start to Term 3. We have travelled to Griffith for KROP rehearsals and performances. As usual, KROP has been a really fun experience for the students, with three year 8 students being asked to play. Students performed a piece written by George Calman and April Worland that was really well received by the audience.



In Week 4, the drums and choir travelled again to Griffith to perform at the ICPA Conference. Both groups played really well. After DESI, the junior and senior drummers will also be performing at the Leeton Eisteddfod and travelling to Condobolin Show.



A very big thank you needs to be given to Mr Hammond for driving the Drum Corps on the early mornings and late nights home. Another thank you needs to be given to Mr Greg Roe, who tutors the Drum Corps. He and his wife Sharron have been travelling to Canberra to rehearse with the Federal

Police Pipe Band to play at the Edinburgh Tattoo, and left Australia three weeks ago for the performance. We are looking forward to his return so he can share the experience with us.

RIVERINA REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On Friday, 3rd August, 21 enthusiastic students made the journey to Albury for the Riverina Regional Athletics Carnival.

Yanco Agricultural High School had a huge amount of success throughout the day with several students achieving personal best times and making it into the Riverina Team to compete at the State Carnival.

There were a few outstanding moments throughout the day including the performances by Sophie Eaton and the 14 year Girls Relay Team. Sophie Eaton has also been selected to run in the Open Girls 4 x 400m Relay at the State Carnival. An excellent achievement for a 14 year old!

The following eight students were successful in making it to the State Athletics Carnival to be held in Sydney on 6th, 7th and 8th September.

Sophie Eaton – 100m, 200m, 400m, 14yr Girls 4 x 100m Relay, Opens 4 x 400m Relay

Stephanie Burrows – 1500m

Inez Mara - Discus

Mitchell Pippin – 800m

Remi Wilton – 1500m

Brydie Mannion – 14yr Girls Relay

Codie DeCaux – 14yr Girls Relay

Janaia Booth – 14yr Girls Relay

I wish all students the best of luck at the State Carnival. We are all so proud of the effort they have put in over the last five weeks with their training. I would also like to thank Miss Jessica Kearney for putting in her time and effort into helping train the students before the carnival. A big thanks also, to Mr Ray Gough for driving the students and I down to Albury.

Good luck to you all.

Miss Alison Giles

FIRST EQUINE TRAINING DAY

Over this last weekend we had the pleasure to have, at our school, Amanda Madigan to provide our students, as well as others, with lessons to enhance their Showjumping skills. Amanda originated from Western Australia and went through the pony club ranks. She moved onto Eventing to a three star level before following her true passion of Showjumping. Her career started in Western Australia before she realised that if she wanted to reach her goals she needed to base herself in the East. Amanda started work for Chris and Helen Chugg at the Diamond B Farm at Glossodia NSW. During her career she has had the pleasure of producing many grand prix horses. They have consisted of a mix of ex race horses and many purpose bred performance horses. She has had the pleasure of having five world cup horses in her career to date and has had numerous wins and places at the top level in the country. She is also a very valuable part of the team for the Chuggs and their famous horses, Vivant and Conquistador, and more recently, their latest imported Stallion, Balvga. Amanda travelled with Vivant to the Beijing Olympics where he was the reserve, WEG at Lexington Kentucky and the world cup final at Geneva where he finished seventh in the world. Amanda is keen to pass on her knowledge and experiences to as many enthusiastic up and coming riders as she can. Some of her performances include:

- Leading Section 2 horse at Sydney Royal Easter Show 2011
- Leading Section 1 horse at Showcase of Showjumping 2011
- Sixth Gavlar World Cup 2011
- First Section 2 Grand Prix Adelaide Royal 2011
- First Mini Prix Wodonga Cup 2010
- Fourth Equitana Grand Prix 2011
- First Sale World Cup
- First Shepparton World Cup 2003



Her favourite thing to do is to start and produce their young horses to a level and then to support their new owners in their promising careers. Amanda enjoyed her weekend at our School and participants benefited from her wealth of knowledge.

Other upcoming training days include Sue Walker – Hacking, Sarah Venemores – Eventing, David Cameron – Eventing and Ian Frances – Horsemanship. These days are filling up quickly, so if you are interested can you please contact Paul Bandy.

YEAR 7 AND 8 DEBATING REPORT

On 13th June, the Year 7 and 8 debating team had its first experience debating against two Leeton High School teams and a team from Cootamundra High School.

We had three debates on the day and tied with Leeton High School, winning three debates each which moves us into the next round where we will again debate against Leeton High School.

Everyone performed extremely well for our first time debating and we received some valuable feedback from the Adjudicators, our fellow teammates, and our opposing teams.

On Wednesday, 18th July, Miss Mercuri took two year seven's and two year eight students to Leeton High School for Round 2 of debating for year 7 and 8 Debating Challenge.

The topic for the debate was 'Sports should be compulsory in schools' and after the coin toss it was decided that we would be the negative team.

Our first speaker was Liam James, second speaker Gavin Evans, third speaker Codie DeCaux and our team advisor was Gemma Fisher. Our debate was tough, with both teams arguing well, but in the end Leeton High School were stronger narrowly defeating us. We have learnt a lot from this and will take what we learned and apply it in our next debate at the Leeton Eisteddfod.

We would like to thank Miss Mercuri for her time and help and for also transporting us there, and Gabrielle Menzies and Celina Delaney from the Senior Debating Team for helping Miss Mercuri coach us and for their great tips.

By Gemma Fisher, Codie Decaux, Liam James and Gavin Evans.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

A Shearing competition is in the pipeline for next year's Yanco Gala Day in March 2013 to help promote the shearing industry and above all, to have a bit of fun via a friendly competition (nothing too serious!!).

It is anticipated that there will be three divisions, Learner (100 a day or less or shear one sheep in five minutes or longer – we are hoping this will be the biggest category – male and female!!), Intermediate (shear one sheep around two minutes) and Opens (shear one sheep 1:10 minutes or less) and hopefully some Team Shearing which consists of a range of abilities in each team. We have already secured some sponsorship which will mean cash prizes will be up for grabs on the day.

A YAHS Shearing Comp Shearers singlet will be supplied for participants so we are wanting an indication of numbers so no-one misses out on the day.

We have already gained the support of Leeton TAFE, a Shearing Contractor, a State Champion Wool Handler, a local Wool Buyer and the

possibility of further support coming on board so all we are looking for now are the participants – YOU!!! Ability or age is not an issue or an excuse, just have a go!

If interested in participating could you please contact Royce Johnston on 0432427629 or Alan and Kerrie Johnston on 0269661335

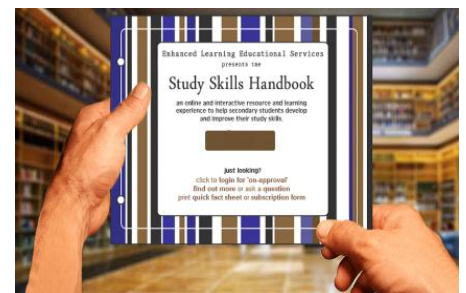
STUDY SKILLS SUPPORT PROGRAM



Included in this edition of the newsletter is information regarding a **new online resource** which is available for students and their families. Parents are encouraged to logon to this site (using the YAHS login details [see separate PDF 'Information for Parents and Students'] or **contact school for the username and password**) as there is a wealth of information that could be useful to enhance their child's learning.

Year 7 and 8 students have been introduced to this site as part of their Study Skills unit and other year groups have been informed about this resource. It is envisaged that all year groups will be provided with an introductory session to assist them in using this resource and that all students will set up a tracking account. The benefit of a resource such as this is that students (and parents) can revisit and seek information that is relevant to them. The site also uses audio and video clips to present information which assists many students who prefer this medium for learning.

Students have been requested to email their year advisor providing feedback about the site. We would also appreciate any comment



about this resource from parents. Please email comments to erin.draper@det.nsw.edu.au and Jason.sachs@det.nsw.edu.au

YEAR 7 GIRLS PICNIC

One Sunday in Term 2 some of the Year 7 girls went out bush with Vicki and Alison (Duty Staff) and had a little picnic. We lit a fire and cooked damper on sticks and had some soft drink. It was so much fun and the damper tasted great. Thank you to Vicki and Alison for taking us out bush and for the Year 11 girls who also came along to help.



Loren Gregory

90TH ANNIVERSARY PAVERS

Over 100 pavers have been ordered and the path will be completed ready for Presentation Day in December, to mark the end of the 90th year of the school. The last day for orders will be Friday, 14th September (the Friday after Fun Day) and order forms will be available from the P and C Stall at the Fun Day.

FLASH READ



After school on 26th June, 31 students, with Mrs Rolfe and Mr Hammond, went in to Leeton to take part in Flash Read. We all took something to read either a book, paper or magazine.

2012 is the National Year of Reading. Flash Read is when students walk around and when someone says over the PA system "Love to Read, Love to Read", we all stop and read for 10 minutes. After that they said "thank you for participating in the Flash Read" and we all went back to the park and marked the roll to make sure we did not leave anyone behind.

Shai-yane McKellar (Year 7)