



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 July

Students return from
school holidays

16 July

Day 1 Term 3

19-22 July

Bendigo Show -
sheep

21 July

Proposed Boat
Licence Course

23 July

James Ruse Band
visit 10 am concert

24 July

Yr 12 English Study
Day - Griffith

25 July

Brainstorm Prod. -
Verbal Combat

28-29 July

Shooting Group at
Bowral

30 July-3 August

Education Week

2 August

Aust. Maths Comp.

2-3 August

KROP

2-5 August

Yr 11 ski trip

3 August

Regional Athletics
Carnival - Albury

4-5 August

Shooting Group at
Bowral

7 August

School Photos take 2

10 August

Yr 9 Maths in
Trades Day

11-12 August

Fishing Club to
Condobolin

Friday, 29th June, 2012
Term 2, Week 10

Private Mail Bag
YANCO NSW 2703
Email: yancoag-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Telephone: 02 69511500
Fax: 02 69557180

Year 11 student, John Duryea, will be a member of the Australian team to compete in the World Down the Line (DTL) Championships to be held in Wales from 21st to 31st July.

The school SRC and P & C have helped sponsor John to attend these championships. His local community of Hay have been most generous with their sponsorship. John will have the support of both the Yanco and Hay communities in his quest for success on the world stage – this is an outstanding achievement in one so young.



JOHN DURYEA

After an outstanding success at the recent National Clay Target Shooting Championships held in Wagga, John Duryea has been selected to represent Australia in the forthcoming World Down the Line Championship to be held in Wales in late July.

John will combine with two other shooters, Matt Schiller and Geoff Aston in the three person under 21 team representing Australia. All three will shoot at the world championships for both team and individual honours.

At the National Championships held in Wagga in April John was named Junior High Gun – making him the most consistent under 18 shooter over the combination of events at the National Carnival. John was the first shooter to qualify for the Under 21 Australian team. He finished first overall in the Open National Point Score Championship, setting a new Open Australian point score record of 624 from 624 after an intense shoot off. John was the Overall winner of the Australian/New Zealand Championship.

Another Yanco junior shooter who competed in these championships was 16 year old Sam Barnes, also from Hay.

John will be competing at the Mid Wales Shooting Centre, one of the most premier Clay target facilities in the UK. The grounds cover 300 acres set in the natural beauty of the British isles. The Shooting Centre caters for the novice through to the expert shooter with layouts for Trap, Skeet and Sporting. John will stay in a 200 year old cottage at Montgomery, 15 kilometres from Newport in Wales.

John Duryea is extremely proud to represent his country in this elite event and the school community of Yanco wishes him all the best in his endeavours. We look forward to hearing your successes come late July.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A wonderful term has come to end on a high for the school. The Performance Night was a wonderful success and showcased the enormous and diverse talent in our school. Congratulations to Miss North and the other staff who participated and ensured success. To the student's, congratulations, we are very proud of your efforts. To the many parents who came I know you enjoyed the night and thank you for supporting our students. The next news will have more information and photos.

Over the last two days of the term we have spent time working with our present Year 10 preparing them for the selection of their Year 11 subjects for 2013. Many parents attended our information day on Thursday and were given information for their students to make informed selections for the future. Parents, thank you for taking the time to come along, many of you long distances. You have taken the first step in ensuring that your child is successful in the HSC in a little over two years time.

Over the last two days teachers have been kept busy with parent/teacher interviews and I have spoken to many parents and feedback has been most positive. In particular I have been keen to speak with parents of new students this year and I am most gratified with the responses. It is not all perfect but a comment that was common was that their children are happy here and enjoying the opportunities available. Many parents have commented on how constructive the teacher's comments were and how well they know their sons and daughters. Any reports not picked up will be posted home.

Local Schools, Local Decisions

At the moment there is much going on in our education system with forthcoming changes. As a Principal I welcome the ability to be more autonomous but still within the system. The Public Schools of NSW do a wonderful job in teaching the youth of this state and there is no doubt the best teachers are in our system. More must be done to ensure they remain in our system. If you ask me what LSLD really means to Yanco, I remain unsure and this is why there is so much discontent? We are now working in an ever evolving system and many of us are not quite sure if there is light at the end of the tunnel. With the soon to be released Resource

Allocation Model (RAM) it is important we ensure this school has the finances to not only exist but be able to continue on the renewal program underway at the moment. As the funding of Yanco is very complex and quite unique it is important the 'boffins' in Sydney making these decisions treat this school fairly – I have concerns this may not happen. Unfortunately we have people in Sydney making decisions on straight financial basis and it would appear their thoughts are behind closed doors. The lack of transparency and detail continues to be my main concern. My staff have demonstrated their concerns when 80% took strike action on Wednesday. Let's hope early in the new term we receive some clarity and can get some understanding of the future that lays ahead – we need to secure this wonderful schools future.

State Principal's Conference

Recently I had the pleasure to attend the State Secondary principal's Conference in Sydney. There were over 300 Principal's from Secondary and Central Schools present to hear some outstanding speakers, network with other schools to observe how other schools are succeeding and have access to over 40 suppliers of resources for our students. Yes it was at Manly but it rained the entire week and getting outside the conference centre without an umbrella was a very brave decision.

During the three days I had the pleasure to be addressed by three outstanding educationalists, one from Australia, one from Finland and the third from the U.K. The real highlight for me was Pasi Sahlberg – a Director-General in the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture. His recent publication – 'Finnish Lessons' is a great read and will open your eyes as to how education has been improved in another setting. Over the last three decades Finland has built a world class education system. He shows how, rather than relying on competition, choice and external testing of students, education reforms in Finland focus on professionalising teachers work, developing instructional leadership in schools, and enhancing trust in teachers and schools. He clearly delineated how the Finland model differs from the US and other industrialised countries. Finland's result have been outstanding compared to all other countries in this regard.

The second speaker was Baroness Professor Susan Greenfield – appointed as a Member of the House of Lords to put some oomph in the Upper Chamber by Tony Blair. She is a professor of pharmacology at Oxford. She was challenging, entertaining and very though provoking. She challenged us on ideas about the brain, technology, learning and the implications for schools. Her books 'Private Life of the Brain' and 'Tomorrows People: How the 21st century technology is changing the way we think and feel' look like great reads.

Dr Paul Brock, our own Director of Learning and Development Research in the DEC Director General's office was the third speaker. As always his address exploring leadership and vision was thoughtful, incisive and very challenging.

My challenge as Principal is to now influence the educational processes in this school to ensure all our students have the opportunities and support to guarantee their potential is reached.

North West Equestrian Expo – Coonabarabran

Early in June I had the opportunity to travel to Coonabarabran to be with our equestrian team. It was wet, cold, muddy and had 10 centimetres of water running through the camp site on the Saturday. Gum boots and drzsa bones were the order of the day. For our team of about 70 students, staff and parents it was difficult, and walking in mud to the knees to and from the showers is not pleasant. Despite all this spirits were high and successes continued throughout the time. To again win the Best Presented Team Trophy was outstanding – 5th time since 2001. Our own Keiran Hume (Year 12, 2011) has his photo prominently on the front page of the official program. To all involved the school thanks you greatly as without your hard work it would be impossible undertake such an event. There are over 100 schools represented, 740 horses and 660 students in 2012. This is a massive event and Yanco remains one of the elite schools due to the quality and hard work of students, staff and parents. You all deserve enormous thanks.

Thank you to Wendy Barlow for coming and training our Polocrosse teams prior to the event. This training was carried out in very dusty conditions and unfortunately the event was washed out at Coona.

Reports

The Semester 1 reports should be in your hands by the time you receive this news. All reports not picked up were posted on Friday to parents. Overall I am very pleased with the progress of our students and the majority of students can be well pleased with their efforts in Semester 1. Thursday and Friday was an opportunity for families to speak with teachers and ascertain progress and future requirements. Thank you to all families who took the opportunity to speak with teachers – your students will benefit from your efforts.

Parents, I request you look closely at the School Activities section on page 1 of your child's report. If this area is not present this indicates your child is not participating in school activities. For success and longevity at this school I have always encouraged students to get involved. If your child is not involved I would strongly urge you to have a discussion over this during the holidays. Maximising your time at Yanco is most important.

We did have some issues with the electronic access to reports earlier in the week. Some were our issues and these were easily corrected but it is very clear that if families don't inform the school when their email address is changed this causes us huge issues. We look forward to being all on the same page later in the year.

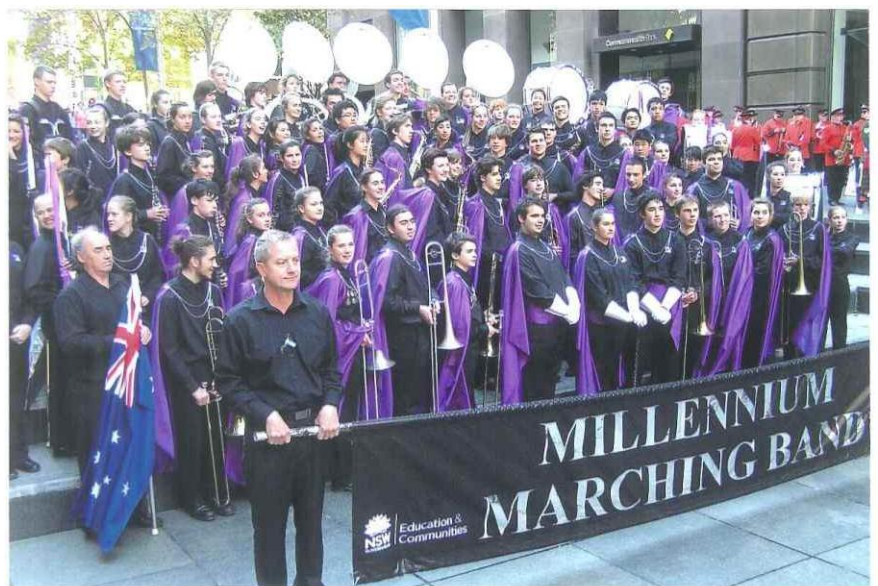
Students Success

Our students continue to excel in very diverse and high level activities. Thank you to the many families who keep me informed as many students appear reluctant to pass on their successes.

- Cross Country – Stephanie Burrows – Region team member
- Athletics – Mitchell Pippin, Remi Wilton and Dustin Manwaring – all age champions at Zone level, Clay McKenzie, Marnie Whytecross and Sabrina Finch – runner's up to age champions.
- George Calman and Cameron Read – members of the Millennium Marching Band – an

elite State contingent of students.

- Rugby Union - Damian Johnston (Year 9) and Angus Sheriff (Year 8) have been successfully chosen for the SIRU under 14's (Southern Inland Rugby Union) team for the past two years now (under 13's last year). The Southern Inland district spans over 600km radius so for these young men to be chosen to represent their district is a feat in itself, and it takes a lot of hard work, determination and commitment. During the long weekend just past, SIRU was involved in the state championships in Orange. They played two games on the Saturday. The first was at 12 noon against Manly, SIRU defeated them 28-7. Then at 4pm SIRU defeated the Southern districts 29-0, with was some exceptional rugby played and some great team work displayed. Then Sunday morning at 9am on an ice covered ground SIRU was up against Northern districts. They were defeated 30 -0. This score was not indicative of the heart these young men played with, they never gave up. The Sydney teams have web sites stating their training programs, they had been training constantly over the past three months, something that SIRU are unable to do due to the geographical locations of their team members. Both boys play rugby league for YAHS every weekend.
- SRC – Brittany Whitely has been selected to represent Riverina at State SRC.



The Millennium Marching band in Full dress in Sydney recently

- Vanessa Patey had the opportunity to workshop and play with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in Albury recently.
- Emma Carmicheal has made the first two 'cuts' in being selected as a featured singer at School's Spectacular this year. We wish her all the best in her next auditions in late July.
- State PSAAA Ruby League Carnival in Leeton – The following students were involved in refereeing and touch judge appointments over the three days of this State carnival. – James Leane, Steven Burrowes, Geoffrey Hillam, Jeremy Hillam, Luke Horrobin, Damian Johnston and Darcy Booth. All boys are to be congratulated on a wonderful effort and James won high praise for his prowess with the whistle.
- Trap Shooting – Sam Barnes – selected in the Junior Development squad

Happenings Around the School

Year 12 students Xenii Newham-Kell and Sarah Wellsmore have taken on an additional Work Placement during these holidays. Both girls have sorted and organised opportunities to spend the two weeks working on outback stations in Queensland and North Territory. Congratulations to both on showing the initiative to participate in such an experience. We look forward to hearing their stories on return.



Boat License – students, staff and parents recently spending the weekend undertaking the theory.

One of the maintenance team, Alan Briggs, has organised for students, staff and parents to obtain

their boat licences in a weekend course. 28, mainly students, recently undertook their theory component and soon will complete the practical aspects. Another 20 have indicated their interest in achieving this to support the fishing club. A big thank you to Alan for organising this opportunity.

On a recent Saturday, the MG Car Club from Wagga used the school as their rally point for the weekend. Many of these owners are past Yanconians and we welcomed their visit and hope they enjoyed their day.



The MG's and their owners outside McCaughey.

Coming Up

Term 3 will again be busy and I look forward to the many activities listed on the front of this news. The P. & C. have decided to expand the Saturday of Art Show on 8th September to include a Fun Day which replaces Gala Day which was washed out with floods. Will not be as extensive as the normal Gala Day but will provide an opportunity to finally celebrate the 90th year of the school. I fully support the concept and request you come along and join the celebration. The new toilet block financed by the P. & C. will be officially christened on this day.

Weekly students who wish to remain in on the Friday night so they can attend the day with their parents can do so with no additional charges. There is no compulsion to stay but if you are able it would be great support. I am fully aware that sport finals on this day will be competition but we do need to move forward. Look forward to seeing you on the day.

New Staffing

Mr Shaun Brooker will return to the school at the commencement of Term 3. He has been the relieving Deputy Principal at Coolamon Central School and will resume his Head Teacher Science position at Yanco.

There have been some changes in the SASS and Hostel Clerical positions in the school and these will fully come into affect at the beginning of Term 3. Earlier in the term Mrs Joanne Peacock transferred to Parkview. Her position in Food Technology has been filled casually in Term 2. From the beginning of term 3 Mrs Fiona Chant will take over the positions of Food Technology Assistant and VET clerical support person (been filled by Mrs Sharon Skifleet). Mrs Sheree Camm has commenced work in the Travel Office and will work between this office and the Registrars' Office from the beginning of term 3. Many parents have meet Sheree in the last few days of the term. Commencing during the holidays will be Miss Emily Knott who will also work between the Travel Office and the Registrars' Office. **Please ensure you send all travel emails to the travel email not to personal emails.**

Term 2 has been highly successful and we look forward to similar success for the rest of the year. Term 3 will see our Year 12 have their final preparations for the HSC. We wish them every success.

NEW TRAVEL OFFICE DETAILS

Email: yancoag-h.transport@det.nsw.edu.au

Fax: 0269557850

A request to all parents. Please send all travel arrangements to the above email address or fax number. Please do not send to any staff members personal email address.

All staff working in the travel office have access to this transport email. By sending to personal emails there is a significant risk that the request will not be processed on time for your child to obtain the requested travel.

The ladies in the travel office thank you in anticipation.

HSC HOSPITALITY ENRICHMENT DAY IN WAGGA



Sixteen Year 11 and Year 12 Hospitality students, who are preparing to do the HSC exam this year, joined other Riverina students at Koorinal High School for a study day on Wednesday, 20th June. Guest speakers explained how to prepare and be organised for this year's Hospitality HSC

exam, giving lots of good advice and helpful tips.



HOSPITALITY EXCURSION - MELBOURNE

- 1st to 4th May

Tuesday morning Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes travelled to Melbourne arriving at our hostel at four in the afternoon. That night we all went out for tea in Lygon Street.

Wednesday morning we walked to our first destination, The Grand Mercure Hotel, visiting the chocolate shop which was right next door. We had a tour of the Grand Mercure which gave all of us an insight on the hospitality industry and certain requirements, procedures and information as to this particular type of business. We looked inside what

it was like in the five star motel rooms and the daily procedures and jobs carried out.

From here, we then visited the Westin Hotel. The tour around the Westin was amazing. There was a visible difference in the previous four star hotel to the fifth star. It was explained that the service had a lot to do with the rating, but we also saw that small difference in detailed decoration and attention to perfection. It provided pools, gyms, bars, and heaps of other facilities.



The Westin Hotel foyer

We then visited the William Angliss Hospitality School, and were shown a variety of different facilities and opportunities for students, the particular courses available, history of the development and the success of specific students.

The next visit was to the Grand Hyatt for a detailed tour of the kitchen and amazing High Tea. The specific kitchen we looked at was open and allowed guests to feel included in the preparation of their foods. It was interesting seeing the modernised designs and construction of the building and the different preparation of this level of hospitality. The whole atmosphere was elegant and was *almost* as good as the afternoon tea tasted. Delicious cakes and sandwiches were brought out in platters and orders of tea, hot chocolates and coffee were taken.



Waiting patiently for high tea to arrive.

That night we had a casual dinner at the mall and then went bowling and Lazer-tag.

Thursday was an extreme early morning rise as we visited the Wholesale markets where foods are purchased mostly by people who have a stall at the Queen Victoria Markets. Countless varieties of vegetables, fruits and other foods that none of us had even heard of were available. The rest of the morning was then spent at the Queen Victoria Markets. The 'Foodies' tour was very interesting as we learnt the historical relevance of the market and many of the building's involved. While we were on the tour we were able to taste a variety of different foods, breads, dips, salamis etc.

We then went to see the famous Seven Seeds Coffee Shop, said to be the very best in Melbourne. We were spoken to by the owner, and a young man who has grown up farming coffee beans, so it was great listening to both sides.

It was then off to T2, a perfect shop for all tea lovers! A long shop, stacked with shelves with hundreds of different types of tea leaves. There were lots of 'tea essentials' available; things like giant and mini tea cups, strainers, thermoses etc. We learnt about the countries where tea is produced, how tea was made, the relevance of it, the difference in fermentation depending on the tea type and tasted four different types.

For dinner we went to Dracula's Theatre Restaurant. It was nice to sit, relax and eat while being entertained by the show that included great humour, interesting acts and great singing and dancing.

We managed to fit a lot of places in such a short amount of time and it was really great and enjoyable. A special thanks to Mr and Mrs Rolfe, Shirley and Mrs Wrightson for making the trip possible for both the year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes.



Happy Birthday to James Leane

Sabrina Finch

YEAR 12 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 12 Food Technology students have been developing a new food product. They have spent a few weeks experimenting with ideas and have come up with some really good ideas. Some of the ideas have been schnitzel pizzas, unusual choc bit lamingtons, extremely tasty variations of muffins, some tartlets and pancakes with various toppings, nice pastries and savoury toffees.



Tarryn, Celina and Kellie decided the food was excellent

The class have also made a visit to Sunrice to see how they develop new products. They were able to watch 90 second rice being made, packaged and put in the retort. The class also had a presentation on how the marketers come up with new product ideas

and what processes are performed before a new product enters the market.



Year 12 Food Tech in their lab coats

The most popular part of the visit was the taste testing. The students had a chance to taste test one of the very new products on the market. They found it a challenge, but managed to help out!



Hayley, Rosie and Julia enjoy the taste testing

The class would like to thank Mrs Doig for showing them the factory, her presentation and the good food tasting.

YANCO MARKETS

On Sunday, seven students in Year10 attended the Yanco Markets, which are held in town on the last Sunday of each month. The Friday before we had a cooking spree baking up a storm including scones, cakes, chocolate crackles, cookies and cupcakes which we sold alongside a lolly guessing competition, henna, jewellery and beaded wares. We set up and got ready for the next four hours. We were approached by several members of the community who asked about the school and supported our stall. They asked us how the school was going and told us stories of their experiences

and time there. It was interesting hearing their stories and meeting members of the community. We got to put marketing skills to use and had the opportunity to experience what it was like to sell stock and manage a budget from buying the ingredients, to making and selling our goods and experiencing little purchases. Not all of us were successful in selling the whole of our goods and paying off the cost of originally buying the ingredients, but due to our living style we were able to raid the dorms afterwards looking for customers. The organisers were very helpful with getting us accustomed to the way things worked and we all had an awesome time, although I think the majority of us bought more stuff at the markets then we sold.

Thanks to Miss O'Brien, Mr Weir and Mrs Haskins for organising and transporting us to this activity.

Courtney Buckley

NORTH WEST EQUESTRIAN EXPO



All hands to plaiting the manes ready for competition

At 3:30am on Wednesday, 30th May a team of 21 riders, nine strappers, four staff and 22 horses headed off to Coonabarabran horse expo. It took the schools convoy of two trucks and multiple cars, trailers and horse floats 11 hours to get to Coonabarabran with only one mishap, the loss of a tyre off a trailer. In the end everyone arrived safely. On Thursday morning everyone helped out with setting up the schools camping site and sorted out all horse gear and horses. Later in the day students rode their horses in preparation for the start of competition. On Friday we had our first competitors, Annette Fitzgerald and Courtney



Annette Fitzgerald warming up ready to compete, with stables area in background

Stubberfield competing in their dressage for the B-grade One day Event. On Saturday things start to move along a bit more with qualifier for the Australian Stock horse challenge, B-grade, C-grade, D-grade and combined training. But sadly the good old Coona weather kicked in by raining for the whole day. Due to the miserable weather, the polo cross was called off. Sunday came and things were still cold and wet but everyone was up and ready by 6:30. Students competed that day in the final round of the Australian stock horse with Annette Fitzgerald placing 6th, Teresa Sutton placing 9th and Courtney Stubberfield placing 4th for their age group. Competitors also finished their One Day Event in all grades with Annette Fitzgerald placing 10th in B Grade, Blake Paulston placing 9th in C-grade, Isaac Mannion placing 1st in his division for D-grade and Sally Smyth placing 8th in her division



Erika Quinn at the water jump



Caitlyn McAuliffe on the cross country course



Blake Paulston on the cross country course

for D-Grade. In Combined training Jack Kerin snuck in with a 10th place. On Monday we had dressage with Mia Chen placing first in one of her events, we also competed in a new event called the Warrumbungle Way with Isaac Mannion placing 2nd and Tom Gilvarry placing 4th. Students also competed in sporting with good results for Tom Gilvarry, Annette Fitzgerald, Sarah Wellsmore, Sally Smyth and Blake Paulson. Riders also competed in show jumping with Blake Paulston placing 5th in his event. On the final day of competition students competed in team barrels, prixcaprili dressage and hacking with Kellie Armour placing 2nd and Blake Paulston taking out a 1st in their hack classes. To finish of the week with a big positive our school won best presented large school and Blake Paulston taking out Boys age champion for 13 years. We would like to say a

huge thank you to all families and the student strappers who helped out at Coona. Also we would like to say a big thank you to Mr Bandy, Miss Edwards, Miss Bradford and Alison for making Coona happen. All students, family and staff arrived at their destination safety and without losing a tyre on the way home!!

Isaac Mannion



The preparation kit



LIMOUSIN YOUTH SHOW REPORT



Kaitlyn McKay during her paraders class where she won first place

The Birubi National Limousin junior show was a great three day show which was held on 1st June. We took a team of seven students and ten heifers. We started with an ice breaker where we had to get in to our groups and talk to each other then we had talks from industry people about marketing, animal selection, and some even got to make their own rope halter.

The next day we had junior judging. Results: senior division - Keiley O'Brien (reserve champion); intermediate division - Darcy Booth (reserve champion); junior division - Troy Kylstra (champion) and Kylie Fairfull (reserve champion). The afternoon was filled with the heifer classes, where we paraded the heifers that were kindly supplied to us to break in and take to the show by Beckenham Limousin stud. That evening we attended the dinner and dance.

On Sunday we had paraders. The seniors went first with Keiley O'Brien coming 5th in her heat. In intermediate Kaitlyn McKay came 1st and Nicole Fairley came 3rd in their heat. Toby Commens came 5th in his heat, Darcy Booth came 1st and then went on to become champion intermediate parader. In the junior section Kylie Fairfull came 3rd and Troy Kylstra came 1st who then went on to become champion junior parader. Troy Kylstra also became champion herdsman.



Darcy Booth Champion Intermediate parader and Troy Kylstra Champion Junior parader

On Saturday we entered two teams in junior judging. Team one consisted of Toby Commens, Keiley O'Brien, Darcy Booth and team two was comprised of Odette Mara, Nicole Fairley, Kaitlyn McKay. Team one won the champion team event winning a steer for the school called Goblin from Garren Park genetics.

We would like to thank Beckenham Limousins for their support and giving us the opportunity to work with their animals and Mr Collins for coming with us.

Odette Mara



The Yanco Team ; Kylie Faifull, Nicole Fairley, Odette Mara, Toby Commens, Kaitlyn McKay, Darcy Booth and Keiley O'Brien with the steer they won, Goblin, from Garren Park.

SHOOTING GROUP AT BOWRAL



On 15th June the shooting group departed school and started our trip to Bowral. The trip was good but we were banned from singing thanks to Mr Benjamin. When we arrived we were all excited and started setting up all our areas for the weekend with the boys on one side and the girls on the other side of the shed. This trip the amount of girls outnumbered the boys, showing that girls are just as into the sport as the boys. A few of the kids were a bit worried about Ivan Milat but to our relief we had no special visits from him on the weekend. The next morning we were woken up bright and early with a few of us walking around like zombies having missed out on our normal sleep in - it didn't help that it was raining as well. We all agreed that breakfast was tops (bacon!!) and headed out to the range to get started. We shot silhouette with lever action and pump action rifles first up with some of us knocking them down and some not knocking them down. We had scorers while we shot which didn't make things better as they sat there chuckling when we missed. We then all had a go at 3p which



was prone (lying down), sitting and off-hand (standing) shooting with scope rifles at paper targets. Some had success while others failed to find all the bullets they had supposedly shot at the target (we suspect the bullets went walkabout). That night, after we begged for ages, we got to do the spotlighting challenge. The aim was to educate us on safe shooting when you go out at night. One mistake and we were disqualified, which happened pretty fast for most of us. The next morning we were again woken up early, much to our disappointment, but it wasn't all that bad when we realised we would be having more bacon for breakfast which got most of us up and running. We continued shooting at paper in 3p and after we finished that we used scope rifle on smaller silhouettes just to make things harder. When we



finished shooting, we all started to clean up which, for some of us, wasn't the ideal thing especially if you had to clean the bathrooms/toilets. We said our goodbyes with special thanks to the Bensley family and the other helpers that put up with us for the weekend, and then hit the road with most of us falling asleep straight away except for the boys up the back. The weekend was great; all of us had so much fun. Thank you to Mr Benjamin, Mr Sachs and Mrs Hogan, who cooked all our meals (they tasted amazing), and all the other people that were there to help us. Without all their consideration and organisation we would not have had the opportunity to go away on such a fun-filled trip.



GIRLS RUGBY UNION



Miss Weller sent out the call for interested girls to compete in the Regional Girls Rugby Union competition. Her call was answered by a very enthusiastic group of eager young ladies prepared to make Yanco proud of their efforts.

After a couple of training runs where the rules were explained and skills taught it was time for the first match – against Narrandera High School, a very formidable opponent, having a size advantage. Our girls worked hard and used their speed to get over the opposition and have a good win. Remi Wilton was selected as the best player on the day.

The next opponent was Wagga Wagga High School, with many Year 12 girls and a great deal of experience and training before them. In a game that seesawed throughout Wagga were first to score. This followed a prolonged attack by our girls who then scored. At half time the match was tied up and

the visitors were concerned about their unbeaten record.

In the second half the Wagga teamed again scored first but not long after our team were back on level terms with a try. A power struggle followed where both teams tried hard to score. In the last five minutes Wagga were able to score three quick tries to win the match. Our girls deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts and the opposition coach indicated our team had much potential being so young and inexperienced. Yanco's best player was Jessica Power, closely followed by April Harvey and Remi Wilton.

A huge thank you to Miss Weller for her efforts and encouragement from the sidelines, with Mr Collins helping out.



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2012



On Tuesday, 12th June, 70 enthusiastic students travelled to Griffith for the Zone Athletics Carnival. The weather improved throughout the day, providing the kids with excellent competing conditions. It was great to see a number of parents at the carnival supporting not only their children but other students in the Yanco team.

The students were very successful on the day and we saw many placing in the top two, who will then compete in the Regional Carnival in Albury on Friday, 3rd August. In all, 30 students will be competing at this carnival.

Six students, in particular, competed extremely well, finishing in the top two overall in their age groups. These were;

Age Champions

14 year Boys – Mitchell Pippin

15 year Girls – Remi Wilton

16 year Boys – Dustin Manwaring

Runner Up

13 year Boys – Clay McKenzie

14 year Girls – Marnie Whytcross

Open Girls – Sabrina Finch



At the end of the day the students witnessed the All Star 100m event where we had both Sophie Eaton and Patrick Dwyer competing. The All Star 100m event is a 100m sprint with students competing who had the top eight times of the day, for males and females. Sophie and Patrick both had fantastic runs, coming in 2nd. It was an excellent achievement for both of them, especially for Sophie, as a Year 8 student competing against senior students.

Thank you to Matt Coelli, Erin Draper and Steve Hill who helped transport and supervise the students for the day. A big thank you also, to Elizabeth Dwyer who took some outstanding action shots of the students while they were competing.



Miss Alison Giles

RIVERINA REGIONAL MUSIC CAMP

On Sunday, 3rd June, Ellen Shepherd and I attended the Riverina Regional Music Camp at Borambola. It was here we were going to spend the next week working with professional musicians to perform at the end of the week. During this week, pieces were given to us such as excerpts from *The Firebird*, *Mary Poppins*, *Tchaikovsky's Greatest Hits*, *An*

African Symphony and many more. During this week, tutors were given for the various instrument groups in which to help improve technique as we musicians play. They gave us insight as to what studying music involves and how to perfect our practise, tonality and sight reading. We also worked with the conductor Di Hall as she conducts camps in the New England Region and Western Region as well as Riverina and has much valuable teaching skill. The week was a lot of fun as usual and the sound of the ensemble sounded fantastic by the end of the week.

Vanessa Patey

Vanessa has been too modest to mention that she was elected Section and Band Leader for the camp. This is an important responsibility in a concert band and she should be commended on this achievement.

Elyse North

YEAR 7 AG UPDATE

This term, Year 7 have had four Friesian male poddy calves to rear. Students have been rostered on during morning and afternoon duty where they feed the calves milk. In class we are learning about the dairy industry and what happens to the cows and calves.

The first time we went down to work with the calves we named them and weighed them. Now we are in the process of breaking them in. This isn't an easy task either, sometimes they are really well behaved and sometimes they are not good at all. Every day that we work with them they behave a little bit better.

Loren Gregory



Gemma, Zoe, Georgie, Grace, and Shai- Yane with their poddy- Buz



Hannah, Loren, Codie, Annalise and Grace with their poddy- Bow



Abbie, Charlotte, Kylie, Kathy and Alison with their poddy- Mate



Janaia, Jaclyn, Brooke, Maddison and Hannah with their poddy- Jellybean

HOLBROOK SHOW

On Tuesday, 12th June promptly after school finished, sixteen enthusiastic teenagers loaded sheep, food, bedding, and gear into the new sheep trailer, bus and Mr Dixon's ute. Mr Bandy and Jane's expert packing ensured that all gear and sheep were safely secured. Trusting Mr Dixon and Royce with the food the rest of the crew headed with Miss O'Brien to the Holbrook show grounds. Four hours later after frequent requests for food by Gavin and having unloaded the sheep the team arrived at Mr Dixon's house where they were greeted by comforting smells of cooking food. The Holbrook sheep team consisted of old hands and new faces: Kurt Walker, Charles Hogan, Thomas Arnold, Max Booth, Ryan Van Gemert, Deanna Johnston, Royce Johnston (the old man of the team), Stacie Fraser, Colleen Head, Matt Owen, Aidan Raeck, Steven Butler, Damian Johnston, Andrew Haenig, Gavin Evans and Jakeb Curran.

Wednesday morning a delicious leisurely breakfast of bacon and eggs ensured that the team had plenty of energy for the long day ahead. The day commenced with a series of workshops covering fleece judging, meat sheep judging, oral speaking, pests and parasites and merino judging. Over 160 students from across the region and as far afield as Ballarat and Picton participated in this day. After lunch the schools sheep competition was held. Yanco animals received a 2nd with the Ram milk tooth shorn, a 3rd Ram two tooth shorn and then a first with the four tooth and over ram. The milk tooth ewes received a 2nd and a 5th whilst a 2nd was obtained in the four tooth and over section. That night the team was expanded by the addition



of Jane and Erin Goldsworthy who were kindly brought down by Mr Press.

Thursday, pancakes for breakfast, open sheep judging (schools and studs compete) and the commencement of the student judging competitions. The ewes achieved sound results with a 2nd, 3rd, 4th and Reserve Champion ewe in the milk tooth class; a 1st in the four tooth and over section and a second in the pair of ewes. The rams however were the highlight for the school with: a 1st, 4th and Reserve Champion with the milk tooth rams; a 1st in the four tooth and over; and the two tooth ram was placed first in his class, Champion ram and the was judged Supreme Shortwool ram at the show. In a tight competition with St Paul's, Yanco was victorious as the most successful White Suffolk exhibitor.

In the midst of all the sheep judging we had both the fleece judging, junior merino judging and the Novice Meat sheep judging. In the

fleece judging four YAHS students gained the right to speak about the fleeces and justify their choices. In the junior section Gavin Evans earned first place and Thomas Arnold second. In the senior sections Deanna Johnston placed first and Aidan Raeck fourth. In the Merino judging Jakeb Curran won the under 14's section for the second year in a row. In the open section (15-25 years) seven students were selected to speak and the following six from Yanco were placed as follows; 2nd Ryan Van Gemert; equal 3rd Damian Johnston and Deanna Johnston; equal 5th Stephen Butler and Andrew Haenig and in 7th place Royce Johnston. There were over 70 participants in the Novice Meat sheep judging and only three students were selected to speak. Thomas Arnold was placed 2nd in this competition.



Yanco received an encouragement award in the Best Maintained School competition. Three YAHS students also participated as Associate Judges during the show: Jakeb Curran, Damian Johnston and Gavin Evans. Damian was one of the judges who determined the Supreme animal of the show. It was terrific to also see the willingness of all the students to assist as stewards or just in helping during the three days. From 160 students Royce Johnston was awarded the Hurstmead Trophy for the best junior handler during the 2012 Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair. The team would like to thank all the family and friend who were able to attend the show and also Mr Dixon for opening his home and hot water system to them.

PRACTICAL UNIFORM REMINDER

Parents and students are reminded that there was a practical uniform requirement brought in following a P & C recommendation in 2012 for practical subjects. These subjects include Primary Industry, Equine Studies, VET Metal, IT Timber, Stage 5 IT Timber and Metal, 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory, Engineering and Automotive, and Agriculture. Students will be required to have the practical uniform by term three to participate in practical activities in class. This uniform is able to be worn throughout the whole school day. The uniform is available at the canteen at a



Friday a fast pack up, clean up and a burnt sorry crisp breakfast of bacon and eggs and the team were off for the final day at the Holbrook Show. The Riverina Group ASC Final of the Meat Judging was held with five Yanco students participating: Royce Johnston, Deanna Johnston, Damian Johnston, Erin Goldsworthy and Jane Goldsworthy. This competition is a qualifier for the State Final at the Royal Sydney Show. Three of the Yanco students got to speak and they were placed Deanna Johnston 7th and Jane and Erin Goldsworthy equal second.



cost of \$40 for the pants and \$43 for the school embroidered shirt. If there are any major issues please contact the school. The wearing of jeans in the school is only acceptable when in travel dress.