



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

12-16th November
Year 10 Exam Week

19-30th November
Year 11 Work
Placement

24-25th November
Shooting Group at
Leeton

**26th November-
7th December**
Year 10 Work
Experience

28-30th November
Transition Program

30th November
Orientation Day

3rd-7th December
Excursion Week
Years 7-9

10-13th December
Year 10 Leadership
Camp

14th December
Speech Day - last
day for students
(NO BUSES)

2013

30th January
ALL students return

8th February
Twilight Swimming
Carnival

**28th February-4th
March**
Designated Leave

5-8th March
Camp Hudson Yr 9

11th March
Open Day

15th March
Beach Carnival

16th March
Gala Day

Thursday, 8th November, 2012
Term 4, Week 5

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MELBOURNE SHEEP SHOWSTOCK TEAM

Champion White Suffolk
Ewe at Royal Melbourne
Show 2012 as well as the
Best Maintained and
Overall School Winning
Team.



YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Mrs Mary McPhee, Friends of Luro, and Mr John Ebbott, Careflight, receiving donations from money raised by the Year 12 students, by fundraising committee members Sophie Payne, Jordan Edmonds, Scott Gill, Annette Fitzgerald and Celina Delaney



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

How fast the year is progressing and it will not be long until this term concludes. It only seems like yesterday that I was down in Melbourne at the Show supporting our three livestock teams – cattle, sheep and equine, at the conclusion to last term. Congratulations to all involved and you can read about the tremendous results elsewhere in this news. Of particular note was Year 12 student, Jessica Crick, who was awarded Reserve Champion Beef Cattle Parader. A wonderful result, with nearly 200 students competing. As a result of the wonderful all round results Yanco was awarded the Most Successful School from the large number of schools competing in the steer section. In the White Suffolk section one of our ewes was awarded Champion Ewe – the first win by this school of a Championship at a major show. In a great result our sheep team were also winners of the school team's event at Melbourne for the second year. At Melbourne this year there were over 40 students, staff and parents in our three teams. A huge thank you to staff for giving up their holiday time, making these opportunities for students feasible and the parents for supporting the school to ensure events such as this are possible.

At Melbourne Year 9 student, Caitlyn Beer, was given the opportunity to parade a Clydesdale in both open and junior sections with great success. Caitlyn was very successful in the junior sections winning both the junior parading and junior judging with almost a perfect score in the judging.



Caitlyn has been given the opportunity to parade a Clydesdale mare at Royal Canberra Show next February, on behalf of the school, in the feature show. Not since my predecessor Colin Brown was

in the school have students had this opportunity with these beautiful horses.

After the holidays many students followed the agricultural shows in the area, Cootamundra and Albury, with great successes. There are a large number of students who have now qualified for State Finals at Sydney next year in various judging competitions and parading which is great to see. Congratulations to all these students.

Year 12 students have now completed their HSC and all has been smooth this year. Students appear confident and many have worked very hard and deserve to be successful. I look forward to their results later in the year. At the Farewell Luncheon the incoming Prefects were well organised and did a great job farewelling the class of 2012. Our Year 12 presented the new house flags to the school. Although this idea originated with the P. & C., Year 12 committed their funds to pay for the flags hence the presentation. At the same time Year 12 presented \$2200 each to Friends of Luro and Careflight. Both organisations were very grateful for the generous donation and spoke glowingly of how important the funds would be.



Congratulations to Alex McMaster who recently played in the Riverina Cricket team – winners of the country section of the State wide carnival.

Congratulations to Robert Leane who was recently awarded the best and fairest at the Bidgee Hurricanes for their under 18 team. In their first year this team, based mainly on Yanco students, has been most successful.

Congratulations to the new Prefect body for their first fundraising event – an enormously successful coin line competition won by Mutch house. There will be some changes next year which will increase the competition between the sporting houses as they compete for the Doubleday Shield.

The school is preparing for the 2013 year with some anticipation. Numbers are strong and we are now at the situation where only if there are withdrawals can any more students be accepted. We do have a waiting list so if your child is not intending to return in 2013 please let us know urgently. The final number in 2013 looks to be about 382. I am still negotiating with finance about funding for next year and once there is a confirmation I will inform parents.

A very generous Old Yanconian has donated a considerable sum of money to I hope set up some academic scholarships for the beginning of the 2013 year, all going well. More information in the near future.

In preparation for 2013 the school has been granted additional portable dormitory space. I expect this will arrive very soon. Other resources are also on the way, more in the next and last news for the year.

Our school website will be upgraded over the next few weeks and total control will revert to the school. This is most exciting and if there are features you would like to see please don't hesitate to contact us at school. We are setting the website up so we can add additional features as the site grows to meet our needs.

Already there are many plans in place for 2013. This week the SRC and Sporting House Captains were finalised. Congratulations to these students and I look forward to working with you in the next 12 months.



House Captains from left: Gardiner - Natalie Rayment and Toby Serafin; Mutch - Harriet Lugsdin and Harrison Grant; Breakwell - Madeline Stevens and Alexander McMaster; McCaughey - Rachel Skinner and Timothy Hillam

SRC Members - 2013

Year 8 - Kathy Mara, Thomas Arnold

Year 9 - Deanna Johnston, Cambell McMaster, Brydie Mannion

Year 10 - Jane Arndt, Breanna Carr, Ryan Van Gemert

Year 11 - Jack Webster, Ellen Shepherd, Harley Bruce, Brittany Whiteley

Year 12 - Billie Stenhouse, Emma Freeman, Carrie Hammet, Jesse McDonald

Yearly exams, work experience, work placement and year excursions are close and very soon Presentation Day will be upon us. Please attend this special day and celebrate a wonderful year for the school. Not only will our students be congratulated you will also see some of our special performers plus some very special awards achieved by students, staff and parents.

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday December 14 at the Roxy Theatre in Leeton.

STUDENT TRAVEL

The School wishes to advise that the booking of any travel arrangements for students, outside of normal weekly buses, Designated leave weekends and/or end of term travel, is the responsibility of parents.

Either you or the visiting child's parents will need to book these tickets on line or by phone and pay for them at the time of booking. The School cannot continue to cover the cost of these tickets and the fees incurred when these are cancelled.

When tickets are purchased, you must advise the School by email or in writing, if you require School staff to pick up your child from the local pick up point - student arrival time needs to be within an acceptable time for School and arrangements must be booked via the travel office at least 24 hours prior to scheduled pick up. The Travel Office is only staffed from 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me direct.

Denis Benjamin, Deputy Principal

MELBOURNE ROYAL SHOW

Cattle Report



The very successful Melbourne Team

On the second last day of term 3, 15 students woke at the early hour of 4am to travel to the 2012 Melbourne Royal show. When we arrived we unpacked and set up, and then waited for the animals to arrive. Once they arrived they were bedded, weighed and fed, it was then time for us to head to our hotel in the city and put ourselves to bed, ready for the big of days ahead of us.

On Saturday it was the selection of the Borthwick trophy, this enables each breed to select three steers who they feel are the breed's best representative. Two shorthorn steers prepared by Yanco, one from Blackjack Shorthorns and another from Sprys Shorthorns were selected to represent the Shorthorn team, this is a great results and a credit to all involved with the steers.



Yanco High steers in the Borthwick team

The rest of Saturday saw all animals being lead into their steer classes. In the end Goblin, the Limousin steer that the students won at the Limousin heifer show, took out first prize in his division, with a Limousin steer from Progress also placing. In the afternoon we were able to attend a steers and careers talk, as well as checking out the rest of the show.



First place in Paraders - Troy Kylstra, Jessica Johnston, Jessica Crick, Kaitlyn Mckay and Logan Manwaring

Sunday was paraders day, where the students were able to show off their skills. Yanco students exceeded all expectations with every student from Yanco winning a ribbon in their paraders ring and placing in the top six. In total we won five first places - Troy Kylstra, Kaitlyn McKay, Logan Manwaring, Jessica Johnston and Jessica Crick; four second places - Kylie Fairfull, James Littlehales, Darcy Booth and Jessica Power. Jessica Crick in year 12 took out the 2012 Melbourne Royal Reserve Champion Parader, which was an amazing effort. This team effort saw Yanco be awarded the Botts-Burston trophy for most successful schools or college.

On Sunday night Miss Weller and Mr Collins took the whole cattle team out for dinner to the Crown Casino in Melbourne. Once we returned to the hotel Miss



Jessica Crick Reserve Champion Parader

Weller informed us that a couple of us needed to be up and ready to go at 1am the following morning as the steers were to be loaded for the abattoirs at 2am. So five of us including myself volunteered to wake up and help load the cattle in the dark early morning hours. We returned back to the hotel by 4am for a couple hours sleep before heading back home to finish the rest of our holidays.

Overall Melbourne was a great show; I'm sure everyone had fun and learnt something. I'd like to give a big thank you to everyone especially Miss Weller and Mr Collins for giving up their holiday time to take us to the Melbourne Royal and all the donators of the steers. I can't wait for next year!

Jessica Power

Horse Report



On Friday, 21st September Annette Fitzgerald, Kellie Armour, Carrie Hammet, Courtney Stubberfield, Tobie Payne, Johanna Graetz and Cameron Butt along with Paul Bandy and a few parents left early in the morning to head to Melbourne Royal. Yanco had nine horses entered for competition in the Australian Stock Horse classes. The classes consisted of hack classes, working classes, youth working classes and an open time trial. We achieved some great results with Annette winning the open time trial, and Paul coming 2nd in the open time trial and various placings from 2nd to 6th in all the classes. Everybody enjoyed the show, and would like to say a big thankyou to Paul for organising us and getting us out in the ring. Another big thank you goes to all the parents who came along for the help and support that they gave us. It was very much appreciated by everyone who attended.



Carrie Hammet

Sheep Report

On the last Friday of term 3, eight Yanco students travelled by bus with Miss O'Brien to Melbourne (we did allow the excess horse students to join us for the trip down). Along the way we picked up Mr Fulljames from Seymour railway station. We arrived at about 2 pm that afternoon and let the sheep settle in. The sheep did very well in the following classes:

- 1½ year old shorn ram – 2nd place
- Ewe under 1½ year old shorn placed 1st and 2nd
- Breeders Group consisting of one ram and two ewes – 1st
- Champion and Reserve white Suffolk ewe

The students were also very successful. In the Poll Dorset Junior Judging Steven Butler placed third in the senior section whilst Gavin Evans and Sam Barnes came 4th and 5th respectively.



Schools Competition: In junior judging students had to judge both short wool and long wool breeds. The inclusion of the Lincolns ensured that students expanded their judging skills during this show although they caused some angst at the time. Sam Barnes came 2nd in this competition. Students were also judged on their ability to handle and present their animals. In the junior handling competition Gavin Evans came first and Damian Johnston second. All the team competed very well in a field of over sixty students. During the show schools were also judged on how they maintained their animals and area; presented themselves and interacted with the public and other exhibitors. Yanco was successful in being awarded the Best Maintained Team award for the second year in a row. The team was also declared the most successful school team overall.

The mystery tour of Melbourne to find the 'all you can eat restaurant' and some 'ghosting' all added to the fun of the trip. Overall everyone did well and

the show was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Miss O'Brien and especially to Fully for coming across from Tasmania to join us again. His assistance was greatly appreciated.

Aidan Raeck

TOTAL BEEF CATTLE ASSESSMENT COURSE

This year I was fortunate enough to be awarded Grand Champion Junior Judge at the 2012 NSW Charolais Youth Stampede. As part of my prize I was offered a scholarship by the Charolais Society to attend the Total Beef Cattle Assessment Course. The course organised by the New England Angus Breeders Society and held on 2nd and 3rd October on grounds of Tocal Agricultural College.



The two days were jam-packed with a mix of theoretical and practical experiences. After an hour of being at the course we had already started participating in in-depth lectures about the major components that make up a beef animal. We also further learnt about structure, genetics, estimated breeding values and other core elements that play a key role when assessing livestock through presentations which was run by Bob Dent of Bob Dent Cattle Services. After the lecture we travelled to the cattle yards on site where many different classes of cattle, which varied greatly in breed, sex, age and target markets, would be awaiting.

Before commencing assessing the beef class before us, we would be given a scenario that our placings would depend on and how we should be assessing these cattle. These scenario's ranged from steers that were due for slaughter, to heifers and cows that were due to be culled or kept for the different breeding programs. This also continued with bulls with a cast range of different situations to assess them.

The course also required you to answer questions on each class which would really make you think

and look closely over the cattle. While our thoughts were still fresh in our mind our judge, Steve Chase from Waitara Angus, would tell us his placings, answers and discuss reasonings with us. Just listening to Steve, let alone all the other entrants of the course, I learnt an incredible amount.

Reflecting back over the two day course I am very grateful for the opportunity I received. I would also like to recommend the course to anybody of any age and any level of experience who wants to better their beef cattle assessing skills and knowledge of the industry from either a stud or commercial perspective.

Keiley O'Brien

SHORTHORN HEIFER SHOW

In the holidays three students, Keiley O'Brien, Kaitlyn McKay and Toby Commens, along with Teacher, Mr Collins attended



the 26th Shorthorn Heifer show at Parkes. The show was a three day program held by the Shorthorn Youth club and is designed to develop competitor's skills in Animal Husbandry and Junior Judging.

Saturday started with demonstration talks involving show safety, leadership skills and team building exercises. After lunch saw the Junior Judging take place where competitors had to judge two groups of heifers, before the top eight competitors from each of the tree divisions gave their opinions on the class. Both Keiley and Mr Collins got to speak in their different division. Keiley placed fourth and Mr Collins was awarded Grand Champion judge of the show which has earned him the opportunity to Judge at the Angus Youth roundup, which will be held in January, as well as a stunning new lamp.

Day two saw heifer judging take place, where students exhibited heifers that they had broken in at school during term three. These heifers were donated to the school by Outback and Spry Shorthorns and will be used later at school and at

other shows. The heifers performed well and all placed in the top three of their classes. That afternoon saw team games take place before heading to the toga themed dinner where some fine team dancing took place.

The final day was paraders day where competitors were judged on their cattle handling skills. All four of us paraded well with Keiley placing first in her heat, and Toby and Mr Collins placing fourth. After lunch was the presentation which saw Mr Collins awarded Senior Champion Herdsperson for his last ever heifer show.

All three of us found the show to be a great experience working with the Schuller family and Sprys cattle, and we wish to thank them for their support.

Toby Commens

BENDIGO ELITE WHITE SUFFOLK SHOW AND SALE

At 8:00am on Friday 14th September, Miss O'Brien, 13 students, eight sheep, and one (faulty) handbrake headed off for the Bendigo Elite White Suffolk Show and Sale. Upon arrival, the sheep were unloaded, scanned for muscle and fat coverage, and penned up ready for competition the next day. The students then assisted the other studs in getting their sheep scanned and yarded, before heading off to the cabins for an early night ahead of a big day tomorrow.

Next morning everyone was up bright and early for the showing of the sheep. Yanco Ag had a great day, placing second in the Novice Ewe class, and first in the Ewe under one and a half years class, ahead of powerhouse studs Rene (Culcairn) and Ashbank (Dubbo) who placed second and third respectively.

The school competition also brought success for the school, taking out 1st and 3rd place in the Rams competition, and 2nd in the breeders group.

The students also did very well in both the Junior Judging and the Paraders. Andrew Haenig placed 1st in Junior Judging, with Ryan Van Gemert 2nd, and Steven Butler 3rd. Ryan Van Gemert backed up, placing 1st in paraders, followed by Andrew

Haenig 4th, Aidan Raeck 5th, Sam Barnes 6th, Steven Butler 7th, and Molly Cornish, who's older sister Grace attends Yanco Ag, placing 8th.

Monday morning brought with it the White Suffolk Sale. An optimistic \$2000 minimum was imposed by the committee, with 45 rams offered. 17 rams were sold with the top of \$7500 and an average of \$3558.

The show was terrific for YAHs to compare our animals with other White Suffolk studs and for students to expand their knowledge and skills.

Steven Butler and Sam Barnes

WALBUNDRIE SHOW



On Monday, 29th October (long weekend) I made the trek from home (Naradhan) to Walbundrie to the Southern Riverina Strong Wool Shearing Championships which was held in conjunction with the

101st Walbundrie show. The show began about 8:45am and wasn't long until it was my heat. Nine young blokes were entered in the novice section, with four in each heat - I was in the second heat. I inspected the first cross hogget ewe I was to shear then stood on the board anxiously waiting for the 3, 2, 1, Go. During this heat I was just trying to secure a finals spot (top 4) while getting a feel for the sheep. Ended up with a score of 42 for the heat putting me in 4th spot, just enough to make it to the finals. The novice finals were not until about 3:30pm so had some time to kill, and between watching the other divisions shear and checking out the rest of the show I seemed to fill it in.

The finals came round and with two sheep to shear I had to decide which was to be the first. With that all sorted out the countdown started and we were into the finals. A combined total of 71 points for the two sheep was scored in a time of under five minutes. Finishing first gave me the opportunity to see how the other competitors were going but upon turning

around I realised that keeping clean was where I was going to fall short.

In the Novice finals I was pretty happy to walk away with 3rd place and while it was a valuable learning experience I had heaps of fun while competing.

During my travels I met up with Rowan Horne who was there to qualify for Sydney in the Merino Junior Judging. In a strong field of competitors Rowan came out on top with \$100 cash and a gas burner as a prize. Rowan was extremely professional and deserved to win every bit of it.

Royce Johnston

COOTAMUNDRA SHOW



Yanco Agricultural Cattle, Sheep and Poultry Team at Cootamundra Show

With an early Friday morning, Sheep, Cattle and Poultry Show Stock Teams headed off to Cootamundra on 19th to take part in various events where they could qualify for Sydney Royal Show and the state finals or just have a go at judging.

Once we had arrived, everyone had a go at judging fruit and vegies, merinos, fleece, grain, meat sheep and beef cattle. For many this was out of their comfort area having to judge different categories that they don't normally work with. Yanco performed well with 11 qualifying positions going to students from YAHS. Following are the results;

Grain section: 1st - Zoe Howe, 2nd - Damian Johnston

Fleece section: 1st - Sally Smyth, 2nd - Keiley O'Brien, reserve position - Grace Cornish

Merino section: 1st - Royce Johnston, 2nd - Sally Smyth, reserve - Grace Cornish

Meat Sheep Breeds Section: 1st - Zoe Howe, 2nd - Jessica Power, reserve - Aidan Raeck

Fruit and Vegetable section: 1st- Keiley O'Brien, 2nd - Odette Mara, reserve - Jack Turner

In the beef judging section, Students had the opportunity to try to qualify for Sydney at Cootamundra or wait until Henty show next year. A lot of our students did a great job judging and got to speak on the microphone to justify their reasons. This saw first time ever cattle judge Breanna Carr qualified for Sydney. James Littlehales had the best score with his placing scoring 100/100 and this

secured him Champion Junior Judge. In the 13 years and under section Troy Kylsta placed 2nd and Logan Manwaring 3rd. Kaitlyn McKay and Nicole Fairley placed 2nd and 3rd in the 14 years group and Toby Commens and Jessica Scaysbrook place 4th and 5th in the 15 years and over section.

After junior judging it was time for the non-qualifying paraders competition. This saw Zoe Howe and Toby Commens both winning their section, and having to compete the next day in the Championship class. Other place getters were Jessica Power - 2nd, Breanna Carr - 3rd, Odette Mara and Hayley

Fairfull - 5th. The afternoon session saw the best and presented section of the cattle where students had to prepare their heifers in five minutes and get them to the ring. Again Yanco students performed well with Keiley O'Brien and Toby Commens both winning their section and Jessica Power and Jessica Scaysbrook placing 2nd and 3rd.

The next morning, shearing kicked off at 9:30 am with Royce Johnston, Alex Stewart, Deanna Johnston, Sam Barnes, Damian Johnston and many



Students who qualified for state finals in Junior Judging

older (and one might say more experienced) shearers taking part in the shearing competition, including some old Yanconians. Royce made it into the shearing semi-finals but was unfortunately knocked out. He came fourth overall in the novice section.

At the same time, the sheep and cattle section got underway with the judging of the animals.

The two tooth rams were placed first and second in the White Suffolk class and the ram lamb also earned a first place. The two tooth ewes placed first in the woolly and shorn categories. The three ewe lambs were placed first, second and third (Jane's lamb probably was placed down the order due to it's obstreperous nature). The group (two ewes and a ram) were placed first and YAHS animals were awarded the Champion ribbons for the White Suffolk classes. In the interbreed competition the group was placed third against the other breeds.

In the cattle ring Yanco was showing heifers from Outback and Sprys shorthorns, this saw them win Reserve Champion Heifer with Sprys Judith. They also took out Champion and Reserve Champion steer.

On the other side of the showground, the poultry were penned and ready to judge. Breanna Carr's chooks got a first and two seconds.



After lunch, the cattle parading qualifiers was held, these saw many sheep students take the lead of a cow to assist in ensuring the most number of competitors could get to Sydney. Yanco did well with Troy Kylstra and Inez Mara qualifying for Sydney and the state finals. On completion of the qualifiers they held the championship class of the paraders, this saw the handlers get put through their paces and having to swap animals. Toby Commens took out the award which is a wonderful result considering he has only being doing this for the past three years.



James Littlehales- Champion Judge and
Toby Commens-Champion Parader

After an action packed two days, the teams arrived home exhausted but content on their achievements and participation in the Cootamundra Show.

All students would like to thank Miss Weller, Mr Collins, Miss O'Brien, Mr Dixon and the bus driver Ray for taking us to this event.

Breanna Carr, Damian Johnston and Liam McCallum



Inez Mara and Troy Kylstra qualified for the state parading finals at Sydney next year

LEETON SHOW

On Friday, 12th October, the year seven girls washed and prepared four of the nine school Friesian poddies calves, and two shorthorn heifers for Leeton show. On the following day Miss Weller and Mr. Collins took ten year seven students to help out with the poddies and Inez Mara (Year 11) to help with the shorthorns. The exhibit was to display both the school and the cattle. This proved to be very successful and brought lots of interest to

younger children. It was a long day for us and the cattle and a great effort for the calves as it was their first show and they all behaved themselves.



Setting up the display



Maddi Horrobin and Jaclyn Dwyer washing their calf



Shai-Yane Mackellar, Georgie Johnston and Zoe Potter washing a poddie calf

Kathy Mara

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FORUM



Breanna Carr, Adam Saul, Damien Johnston, Steven butler, Melanie Guttler, Darcy Booth, Erika Quinn, Meg Potter, Chelsea Whytcross , Lilly Serafin at the Mental Youth Health Awareness day

Mrs Rolfe took ten students to a special Youth Mental Health Forum in Griffith on 30th October to meet with other schools and discuss how to prevent

and treat people with mental illnesses. The day also consisted of a variety of activities and thought provoking ideas that really got us thinking about how we could make a difference.

In the morning, we listened to Sarah McFarlane from the organisation "Walking Feet". She recounted her connection with mental illnesses, telling us about her brother Ben who had schizophrenia. This touching story made us more aware of the impacts of not treating or helping people who have a mental illness.

Next we had Q and A, where questions could be asked to a panel of professionals that work to make people's lives worth living. Some good questions were asked, like "How do you help your friend to explain to their parents that they have a mental illness?" or "How do you help someone to get help?"

One statistic that stuck out for the whole day was that every one in four people diagnosed with a mental illness receives professional care. Another interesting fact was that there are currently not enough hospital beds to support mental illness patients. This means they have to stay with their family, who sometimes have no idea how to cope or look after someone with a mental illness.

Overall, the day was great with all of us taking away something new that can help our society. We hope that this day will be run again, because it is educational, interesting and very important.

Breanna Carr

YEAR 10 EXCURSION TO GRIFFITH

On Friday 19th October all of Year 10 travelled to Griffith to listen to Matthew Johnstone. Matthew is the author and illustrator of "I had a black dog". Matthew works at the University of New South Wales researching for the Black dog institute. He has himself suffered depression and was able to convey his message about resilience and depression to the group. He told the students how they can recognise depression, help someone with depression or get help for that person from other sources. He

made the talk very interesting with an array of handmade illustration as a power point presentation. The school would like to thank the Riverina Bluebell Group for organising the day.

YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY



Denise Littlehales, Emelia Keenan, Emily Carey, James Leane, Sabrina Finch, Hannah Gorman, Emma Freeman and Alexander McMaster enjoyed receiving a certificate of appreciation from the LYNKS committee. They hold two of the desserts they plated.

On 19th September, eight students travelled to the Leeton Soldiers' Club to help with the plating and service of the meals for the LYNKS dinner. The LYNKS dinner is in honour of students from our school and other schools in Leeton and Narrandera who have done workplacement on one day a week over Terms 2 and 3. It was a good opportunity to practise being a waiter for a large function. Many of the group had never served before and were rather amazed when they arrived at the venue. They were expecting a small crowd but found over 200 hungry people waiting for food.



The group were soon put to work delivering bread

rolls, followed closely by the main course. The nervousness was gone and the group settled into the task at hand. Once the main was served, the eight students were given the opportunity to plate up the desserts. They gained mastery in mini Pavlovas topped with fruit and passionfruit sauce. Denise became a whiz at the drizzle of sauce. Hannah was very good at painting a strip of chocolate on plates to allow Sabrina to place the pannacota. She was ably helped by James who drizzled the chocolate sauce on part of the dessert. Alex helped add the crushed honeycomb.

Several of the students also helped with washing of plates after the entire group had cleared the tables following each course. The class learnt about teamwork and the need to be organised when 200 plus meals need to be served quickly. Thanks to Matt and the team at the club for the learning experience.

STATE CHOIR

State Choir was an outstanding experience for the both of us. We met lots of different people from all over the state and from many different schools and backgrounds. We learnt a lot of new singing techniques which will help us in the future. It was such an amazing experience to perform in the Opera House. It is a very special place that is very well known and we are both so thankful to be given the privilege to sing in the Opera House and to work with the people we did. We would like to thanks Miss North for giving us both this opportunity, it was an amazing experience.



Sally McNiff and Montana Hawkins

YEAR 11 STUDY SKILLS DAY

On Wednesday 17th October, Year 11 participated in a study skills day. Early into term 4 students had voiced some concerns about feeling overwhelmed with entering their Year 12 studies. To address this issue we ran a day which targeted specific areas to try and give our students some strategies to assist them in preparing themselves for HSC subjects.

In the first part of the day students met in the library and heard about expectations for Year 12 students, and the School/Board of Study requirements for Assessment Tasks.

After recess students were broken up into four groups and rotated through four workshop sessions. The session details are outlined below.

TEACHER/ VENUE	Session Information
LIBRARY Mrs Draper	Timewise, Library Resources, BOS, CSU HSC Online, Study Skills
FRONT McCAUGHEY Mr Sachs	Stress management, Team building, Rock and Water
CONNECTED CLASROOM Mr Brooker	Goal Setting, Verbs, BOS, Apps
LAB 1 Mrs Thurgood	Prep/Study Skills, Study Timetable, ATAR Calculator, Utilising your mentor

An evaluation of the day found that overall 89% of students found some benefit from the day. Here are some of the things students had to say about the day:

“The day was very helpful in regards to study techniques, resources and setting up study timetables”

“It was a very beneficial day, good advice.”

“It was useful for the start of Year 12.”

“It was good, I know how to study better now.”

“It was a really good wakeup call as to what things are missing from my room.”

“It put my perspective of being organised into place.”

“Inspired me to put up goals and study notes.”

“It was good to be shown the importance of goals.”

“It was great to learn the capabilities for specific online resources.”

“It is important to set short term goals in order to reach long term goals.”

Overall I would like to thank the students for their participation on the day. A huge thanks must also go to Mr. Brooker, Mr. Sachs and Mrs Draper for their extensive knowledge and advice throughout the day.

Mrs Thurgood.

SHOOTING GROUP REPORT - TUMUT



We started the weekend with an early Saturday morning. We left the school at 4:30am to head for Tumut, stopping Wagga for breakfast at McDonalds, then kept travelling to Tumut. It was a quiet trip because most people were sleeping.

When we got to the Tumut range we had to wait a while for the air rifles matches to finish. The first match we competed in was the Rimfire which was a 40 shot match. The second event for shooting was CLAS which was also lots of fun and this was also 40 shot match. We all did well even though we had an early start.

On Sunday we had a sleep in until 7:00am, had breakfast and then we were on the range shooting in a CLAS 80 shot match which was awesome. CLAS is where we shot a 22 rifle with scope at steel silhouettes. Rimfire is also at steel but with a lever action and no scope.



After lunch we had our presentation, nearly everyone won a prize and those who didn't got encouragement awards. We all had a fun time.



After shooting fun

Results

Brody MacDonald: 18Y – 2nd Air Rifle; 2nd RFH; 2nd CLAS Smallbore; 2nd Rimfire; 2nd Four Gun.

James Kearines: 15Y - 3rd Air Rifle; 2nd Four Gun

Rose Nevinson: 15Y – 3rd RFH; 1st Rimfire; 2nd Rimfire

Luke Lucas: 18Y – 3rd RFH; 3rd CLAS Smallbore

Cameron Hall: 15Y – 2nd; 1st CLAS Smallbore; 2nd CLAS Smallbore; 3rd Rimfire;

Connor Ricciarelli: 15Y – 2nd CLAS Smallbore; 1st CLAS Smallbore

Aaron Nevinson: 18Y – 3rd Rimfire;



Rose Nevinson

COIN LINE FUNDRAISER



YEARS 7 AND 8 GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Early in term 4 the junior girls had separate nights out. We went into Leeton to the Parkview park, where there is a playground with lots of equipment to play on. Mrs Rolfe, Vicki Bradford and Shirley Worley cooked a BBQ tea while we played



Year 8 girls enjoying their BBQ tea at the park

on the swings. Tea was yummy and it gave us a good chance to have a girl's only chat. After tea we played some fun teamwork games. A couple of the games we achieved a good result and a couple of the games were much more difficult. We may need some more practice to get a better result. After the games we headed to Maccas for an ice-cream. Thanks to our year advisers Mr Haskins and Miss Giles and other staff helpers who attended on one of the two nights.



SHEARING THE SCHOOL FLOCK



GATE RUN



Dr Langdon after Gate Run



Gate Run Champions