



As you sow, so
shall you reap

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th October
Buses return
8th October
Day 1 Term 4
12th October
Yr 7 HPV 3rd dose
12th-13th October
Leeton Show
(Equine and Poultry)
19th-20th October
Cootamundra Show
(Sheep and Cattle)
20th October
Murrumbateman
Field Day
20th-21st October
Shooting Group at
Tumut
21st October
P & C Meeting
27th October
June Show
(Equine and Poultry)
**29th October-2nd
November**
Yr 7-9 Exam Week
2nd-3rd November
Albury Show
(Equine and Cattle)
8th November
DESI buses depart
8th-10th November
Fishing Club at
Tuross Lakes
11th November
DESI buses return
12-16th November
Yr 10 Exam Week
18-23rd November
Prefects to Sydney
19-23rd November
Yr 11 Work
Placemenmt
23-24th November
School Spectacular

Friday, 21st September, 2012
Term 3, Week 10

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Three Riverina Region students are among 34 NSW secondary public school students who have been recognised with a *Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement*.

The awards recognise recipients:

- involvement in the corporate life of their school
- leadership positions within the school community
- participation in academic, sport and creative and performing arts activities at local, state, national and international levels
- community service work
- charity and local council involvement
- representing their schools in a variety of external forums

with particular emphasis placed on their achievements in years 11 and 12.

One of our very own Year 12 students is a recipient. Her citation reads.

Celina Delaney – Yanco Agricultural High School

Celina is a mature young person who has made a significant and consistent contribution in all areas of her school life. Her school is a much better place as a result of her diligent and enthusiastic endeavours. She is honest and trustworthy, considerate and respectful, cooperative and polite, conscientious and very keen to recognise the attributes and achievements of others. Celina is an outstanding role model for other students and displays an energetic leadership style with an infectious personality. Celina is an outstanding student and Yanco Agricultural High School is proud of her achievements.



ROGER WOTTON

Former YAHS student and well known figure, Mr Roger Wotton AM was farewelled by a large gathering at the Edlen Chapel Gunnedah on Friday, 14th September, 2012.



Born in Ardlethan on 14th June, 1919, Mr Wotton attended the local public school and then Yanco Agricultural High School from 1932 to 1935.

He served in the 2nd Australian Imperial Force from 1941 and was stationed with the 5th Field Regiment in Western Australia, Darwin, PNG and Borneo, rising to the rank of lieutenant.

Mr Wotton married Shirley Crick in 1945 and they had five children. Shirley predeceased him in 1999.

A farmer and grazier following the war, Mr Wotton joined the Country Party in 1950 and so began a long period in public life. His involvement and service to a number of organisations included:

- Coonabarabran Shire Councillor 1963-1968
- Member of Parliament 1968-1971 and 1973 until his retirement in 1991
- Royal Agricultural Society of NSW – Councillor, Deputy President and Ringmaster
- Vice president of the NSW Cricket Association for almost 30 years and Manager Australian cricket team on New Zealand tour in 1977

A proud old Yanconian, his relationship with the school was strengthened when grandsons, James, Angus and Hamish Hooke attended Yanco in the 1980s and 1990s.

Roger Wotton maintained his contact with YAHS, being invited to be guest speaker at Speech Day in 1989 and 2004 and returning again in 2007 to open the Colin M Brown Showstock Centre. Each year at the Royal Easter Show, he generously hosted a dinner for Old Yanconians and our students who were involved with the cattle and equestrian teams.

YAHS was represented at the service by year 10 student Joshua Beer, accompanied by Jock and Kaye Hamilton. The family of the late Roger Wotton have expressed their thanks for the beautiful

floral arrangement and attendance at the celebration of his life.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was a great privilege to accompany Year 12 student, Celina Delaney, to Sydney recently to receive her Minister's award for Student Achievement – one of only 34 in NSW awarded and only three in the Riverina. Celina was most excited and really did not fully grasp the importance and enormity of such an award until she met and listened to the citations of some of the other students receiving awards. Congratulations to Celina, and I believe this is the first time a student in this school has received such an award.

The school has been saddened to learn of the passing of Roger Wotton – an Old Yanconian of the 1930's. A wonderful man who made a very positive impression on all those who knew him. He has been most generous to his old school. His funeral was in Gunnedah last Friday and the school was represented by Kaye and Jock Hamilton and Year 10 student Joshua Beer. I thank them for taking the time and travelling such a long distance to represent the school.

Mr Ray Gough will hang up his chalk stick at the end of this term. Ray is a quiet man who has contributed enormously to this school over almost 37 years of teaching. He has a great sense of fun and we will all miss his expertise and experience in our school. We thank him for his efforts over many years and wish him all the best in retirement.

The Art Show and associated Fun Day this year have been wonderful successes. The Art Show in particular attracted a large gathering on the Friday night and the evening was opened by Regional Director, Colin Parker. This year the Most Outstanding Exhibit Prize was won by Colina Grant for her 'Catamarans at Caton' work. A particular thank you to Bronwyn Heath and Scott McGrevy for their long hours of effort to make the show successful. I would also like to thank the many parents who supported the Art Show and Fun Day with their time and support. Let's hope the weather is kind to us in 2013 for Gala Day and Beach Carnival.

We have recently had our new Trade Training Centre facilities in Hospitality and Metals handed over to us. These are both 'state of the art' resources for our students who will have full access at the beginning of Term 4. Staff have worked diligently over the past two weeks after the handover to ensure we have the facilities in operation as quickly as possible. There are no better facilities for these subjects anywhere in the NSW.

Recently a number of our students competed at the NSW CHS State Athletics Carnival in Homebush. These students included Sophie Eaton, Codie DeCaux, Janaia Booth, Chelsea Pratt, Inez Mara and Mitchell Pippin. All students did extremely well and we are proud of your efforts. Again Sophie was the star being placed second (for the second year) in 100 metres for her age group.



At the Commendation Assembly this week several students received Platinum Awards. This is the highest award in the school's welfare system and to gain such an award these students have needed to excel in many areas and ensure their efforts are reflective of what a good Yanconian is. These students were Amy Dunn, Ashleigh Rayment, Gabrielle Menzies, Scott Gill and Hannah Gorman.



Following is a list of students who have attained Gold and Silver Awards in the school's Welfare system

Silver

Year 7 - Thomas Arnold, William Blake, Max Booth, Hannah Kolve, Connor Ricciarelli, Matthew Seymour.

Year 8 – Jemima Bargery-Medcraft, Cody Brown, William Booth, Matt Guttler.

Year 9 – Colleen Head, Erika Quinn

Year 10 – Tori Romanelli, Cameron Read

Year 11 – Keejana Zhang-Mackellar, Murray Smith, Madeline Stevens.

Year 12 – Kellie Armour, Alice Clark, Annette Fitzgerald, Tobie Payne, Agnes Wilton

Gold

Year 8 - Odette Mara, Jakeb Curran, Shayla Mullholland.

Year 9 – Arnah Garwood, Rose Nevinson

Year 10 – Joshua Beer, Amellia Butt

Year 11 - Emma Carmichael, James Leane, Denise Littlehales

Vanessa Patey has continued with her success in Music. She has been selected in the 2012 West of the Divide Wind Ensemble which will have a Regional Tour in November. Fellow music student Emma Carmichael has been selected in the core choir for the School's Spectacular in Sydney in November. Junior students Montana Hawkins and Sally McNiff have been selected in State Choir. Congratulations to all these students.

The Year 8 girls Netball team were recently very successful in being premiers in the local competition. This team included Zoe Cumming, Nicole Fairley, Chelsea Pratt, Liyu Coss, Kaitlyn McKay, Brittany Manwaring, Sophie Eaton, Montana Hawkins, Kimberly Butler. Congratulations girls, very well done. A number of other teams went close and we look forward to continuing great results in the future.

Year 9 student Brad Willis has been making a name for himself in the world of AFL umpiring. He has been both Field Umpiring and Boundary Umpiring some significant games over the past few weeks. These have included being Field Umpire in the Joss Zone Riverina Trials in Wagga, State PSSA Primary School Championships at Griffith and the

Southwest Junior (Under 11's) Grand Final. He has run the boundary at the national Country Carnival, Riverina AFL Reserves Preliminary Final and hopes to get a call for the Grand Final coming up this week. He will also run the boundary at the Joss Zone State trials in Albury over the holidays. Great effort, well done Brad. No team sports are possible without umpires and quite often this is a tough gig to handle. We have a number of boys who umpire also in junior rugby league. Hats off to them all, the games need this crucial input.

Year 12 student Lauren Read has over the last 20 months gone through a massive process to be accepted into the ADFA. She has been persistent and resolute in her objective and now this has paid off handsomely. Lauren has been offered positions in both the Air Force and Navy. Out of the hundreds of applicants, there were only four national positions offered for the job of a Supply Officer in the Navy and only seven nationally for the job of a Logistics Officer in the Air Force and Lauren was fortunate enough to receive both offers. Feedback has indicated that outstanding leadership skills, performance in academic testing and interviews, and ability to work in a team were crucial in being selected over the other candidates. These are all skills students from Yanco excel in and have great opportunities to perfect. Lauren was invited to a VIP luncheon on 25th August in the ADFA Officer's Mess with 100 of the top candidates for 2012 where they met the Commandant ADFA Bruce Kafer and all the Deans of faculties as well as the rector of UNSW Canberra. Lauren was placed in the top 100 applicants and had the chance to meet other people that will be attending ADFA next year. Her enlistment date is 25th January 2013 where she will be undergoing six weeks of initial military training prior to studying a UNSW Bachelor of Business degree, all paid for by defence.

Third term has been a particularly successful term for the school in many ways. As you will see in this issue the livestock teams have had a lot of success and both the staff and students deserve a great deal of thanks and congratulations. Lisa O'Brien with the sheep, Kim Weller and Luke Collins with the cattle, Paul Bandy with the horses and Mark Dixon with the poultry have committed many hours to the shows of late and students have had great

opportunities and been most successful. This weekend sees our cattle, sheep and equine teams travelling to Royal Melbourne Show. This is all taking place in holiday time so staff, students and parents involved deserve credit and many thanks for their commitment. Recently Paul Bandy organised a full weekend of riding lessons from Sue Walker, an acknowledged tutor from Young. She spent the weekend schooling both our students and others from the area. Feedback has been most positive and many of our students riding at Melbourne this weekend accessed intense tuition to have them ready to compete.



Sue Walker with Annette Fitzgerald and Jennifer Le Compte at the training days

The following students were presented with their Under 17 Phantoms Rugby Union jerseys by Peter Troidahl at our Commendation Assembly as they are unable to attend the Club's Annual Awards Night. This was the inaugural year for the Under 17 team in the competition and Peter indicated that without Yanco's support this team would not have eventuated.



Luke Lucas, Tyler Worland, Jackson Romanelli, Lachlan Ward, Adam Saul and Darcy Booth with their jerseys

Year 12 are at the completion of their studies and a great deal of preparation has gone into their studies. Students have worked very well and my expectations will be that we are looking at successful HSC results this year. In addition the students have raised over \$5000 for charity and both Luro and Careflight will benefit greatly from their hard work. They have been a terrific year to work with this year and I pay particular praise to the prefect group who have led well and been excellent role models for future years.



As part of their fund raising students and staff organised a beard growing competition. A little sexist but girls were offered the opportunity to grow the hair on their legs but there were no takers. A small number of diehards competed and the competition was judged by Mr Gough and Mr Gifford. After an exhaustive examination by the judges with the whole school as the audience, Chris O'Hara was awarded the winner. Well done Chris and thank you to all who took part. All students will be clean shaven prior to graduation though. This was a nice fun activity with a wonderful outcome.



Beard growing participants with winner Chris O'Hara

Finally, as will be seen from the P. & C. minutes, there are proposals to reduce our funding by very large amounts. I am most disappointed with these proposals and if they are forced upon us it will make it very difficult continue the program of upgrading our facilities and meeting the needs of your children. I am composing an open letter to all parents which you will receive during the holidays, or just after. Please take this on board as your support is essential if this proposal is going to be opposed.

Term 3 has been a wonderful term for the school with many highlights. I thank parents for their support and wish families all the best for the coming holidays. Stay safe, care for each other and we will do it all again next term.

COMMENDATION ASSEMBLY RECIPIENTS – 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

Year 7 – Nathan Arnold, Hannah Bennett, William Blake, Janaia Booth, Max Booth, Charlotte Butt, Mitchell Cattle, Grace Daunt, Benjamin Davis, Codie Decaux, Gemma Fisher, Loren Gregory, Thompson Helwig, Maddison Horrobin, Luke Howard, Abbie Hurst, James Kearines, Hannah Kolve, Annalise Potts, Connor Ricciarelli, Jack Simmonds, Angus Smyth, Jake Smyth, Lawson Stenhouse, Brooke Streat, Alison Treloar, Dylan Whiley

Year 8 – Olivia Alexander, Grace Armour, Amber Arthur, Jemima Bargery-Medcraft, Kirsty Clark, Tarhlia Claydon, Zoe Cumming, Jakeb Curran, Gavin Evans, Nicole Fairley, Ryan Forbes, Eon French, Karena Holland, Michael Hoskinson, Deanna Johnston, Toni Maher, Brydie Mannion, Logan Manwaring, Odette Mara, Konnar Martin, Clay McKenzie, Cambell McMaster, Ryan Pike, Hayley Smith, Claire Tagliapietra, Nathan Twigg, Hannah Walker

Year 9 – Samuel Alexander, Jane Arndt, Caitlyn Beer, Jasmine Boyland, Hamish Bradford, Steven Burrows, Breanna Carr, Toby Commens, Luke Daunt, Lyndon Edgerton, Hayley Fairfull, Stacie Fraser, Arnah Garwood, Georgina Gibb, Luke Horrobin, Cameron Ingram, Jarrod Jackson, Damian Johnston, Jennifer Le Compte, Joshua Leonard-McLean, James Littlehales, Liam

McCallum, Elizabeth Moran-Turner, Nathan Morris, Rose Nevinson, Thomas Newbigging, Jack Pippin, Meg Potter, Elly-May Pratt, Erika Quinn, Aidan Raeck, Adele Ruigrok, Darcy Skipworth, Grace Skipworth, Thomas Smyth, Courtney Stubberfield, Ryan Van Gemert, Bradley Willis

Year 10 – Samuel Barnes, Steven Butler, Emily Crick, Zoe Dunn, Jacqueline Ervin, Melanie Guttler, Jessica Hanrahan, Emily Head, Luke Lucas, Brody MacDonald, Dustin Manwaring, Justin Mitchell, Emma Muirhead, Scott O'Hara, Lachlan Pellow, Tori Romanelli, Samuel Ryan, Adam Saul, Jessica Scaysbrook, Lilly Serafin, Ellen Shepherd, Rick Worland

Year 11 – William Armstrong, Stefany Burrows, Emma Carmichael, Courtney Cheers, Harriet Condon, Grace Cornish, Jake Cromack, Sabrina Finch, Emma Freeman, Erin Goldsworthy, Jane Goldsworthy, Hannah Gorman, Johanna Graetz, Carrie Hammet, April Harvey, James Hincenbergs, Joshua Horrobin, Melanie Jenkins, Royce Johnston, Robert Leane, Denise Littlehales, Caitlin McAuliffe, Alexander McMaster, Lauren Pattison, Emily Pike, Cherie Potter, Natalie Rayment, Lucy Simmonds, Rachel Skinner, Billie Stenhouse, Alexander Stewart, April Worland

Year 12 – Kellie Armour, Clare Bolam, Mia Chen, Alice Clark, Jessica Crick, Celina Delaney, Annette Fitzgerald, Taylor Freeman, Scott Gill, Talosaga Lelea, Brendon McCallum, Gabrielle Menzies, Jonathon Murdoch, Xenii Newnham-Kell, Christopher O'Hara, Sophie Payne, Anna Pettit, Dakota Phippen, Lauren Read, Sarah Ride, Ryan Robinson, Mitchell Stubberfield, Teresa Sutton, Julia Todd, Ellen Toohill, Agnes Wilton

YEAR 8 NAIDOC DAY EXCURSION



This year for the Year Eight NAIDOC day excursion we went to the Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development School where we went to look at some sites that are important to the Indigenous people of the Murrumbidgee area. At these sites we were told stories of when the indigenous people were forced to move by white settlers and what happened to them when they were there.

After we looked at the special sites, we went to Narrandera and we were shown how to make didgeridoos and boomer-



angs. We were then shown how to look for witchi grubs in trees; after we found a few Connie Hulsen and Clay McKenzie had the pleasure of eating them raw. Yum!



The rest of the students then went to the BBQ where more grubs were cooked for the rest of us to try. Most of the people who tried them said they tasted like chicken.

After that we came back to Yanco for a BBQ lunch with the students from Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development School and started a game of touch football. At the end of the day after the game of touch we took the indigenous students for a tour of our school. It was a great day that helped me and the other students from Yanco understand a little of the lives of the local aboriginal people.



Ryan Forbes



DUBBO ALLBREEDS HEIFER SHOW

On Thursday, 30th August 18 students and 12 steers set off with Miss Weller and Mr Collins to the 20th National All Breeds Junior Heifer Show in Dubbo. The Dubbo heifer show is where 'the youth of cattle breeders' go to learn new skills and broaden their personal networks.

Friday consisted of talks from all different aspects of beef producing, this included feed nutrition, HD50K DNA reading, careers talk and practical tasks like freeze branding and nose ringing an animal. After a BBQ that night it was time for calf capers where competitors dress up their animals and themselves in a set theme, this years was Olympics which brought out some different ideas and well trained animals.

Saturday began with junior judging. Competitors had a number of classes to judge with the top competitors then having to give comment about the animals. Yanco students did very well eight students making it to the final to speak and many placing in the top five. James Littlehales was awarded Reserve Champion of the Sub Intermediate section with Toby Commens 3rd and Odette Mara placing 4th. In the Intermediate section Jessica Power placed 4th and Darcy Booth 5th. Keiley O'Brien competed in a very tough senior section and was awarded 4th. This was an outstanding effort by all students who displayed wonderful public speaking skills.

After lunch on Saturday was the judging of the animals, Goblin the limo steer Yanco won at Limousin Youth camp placed 1st in his class. Goldie (another Limousin steer) breed by the school placed 2nd, Spud ShorthornX Angus placed 3rd and Gambler Shorthorn steer placed 4th. Ex-student, Hannah Powe, had a terrific show and won the Heifer Jackpot and Interbreeds with her own Red Angus heifer.

That evening we enjoyed a dinner/disco. This also was an Olympic themed event which saw some

rather interesting costumes and Brittany Whiteley won best dressed in her section with her winter Olympic costume of her sleeping bag.

Sunday began with paraders with 164 competitors being judged. In the Junior section Alison Treloar placed 5th in her first ever show and Logan Manwaring 2nd. In the Sub Intermediate section Odette Mara placed 4th, James Littlehales 5th and Toby Commens won his class and went on to win Reserve Champion Sub Intermediate. In the Intermediate section Remi Wilton placed 4th, Jess Power placed 5th, Brittany Whiteley placed 2nd, Jess Johnston placed 3rd. Keiley

O'Brien and Inez Mara both placed 5th in their heats of the senior section of paraders. This is a wonderful effort as this was their first year in the senior division and were up against competitors with years of experience.

The afternoon saw the presentation of awards with three students, Kylie Fairfull, Darcy Booth, Jess Power, given encouragement awards and Brittany Whiteley placed in her section of the herds person award. Yanco was awarded Champion School for the show which was judged on their herds person ability, the display and their presentation.

All the students would like to thank Miss Weller and Mr Collins, Mr Collins Mum and Grandmother for cooking and all the breeders of the animals we are able to show. We would especially like to thank Tondara Herefords for kindly taking some of our steers up to the show.



Toby Commens- Reserve Champion Sub-Intermediate Parader



James Littlehales making his presentation



Yanco Ag Competitors at Dubbo Allbreeds heifer show

Inez Mara

HORSE SHOWS

Ganmain and Weethalle Shows

On the desi weekend of Term 3 Mr Bandy, Kellie Armour and Kellie's mum, Louise, braved the cold weather and took five of the schools show team Australian Stock Horses to both Ganmain and Weethalle Shows. All of these horses are entered for Melbourne Royal at the end of the term so the shows were a good practice for us. Over the weekend the horses were very successful taking out champion led hack and champion Australian National Saddle Horse at Ganmain and both Champion Led and Ridden Australian Stock Horse at Weethalle. All the other horses were also successful with multiple placings throughout the weekend in both the open and Stock Horse rings.

Ariah Park

On Sunday, 9th September, Kellie Armour, Josh Hughes, Courtney Stubberfield and Carrie Hammet travelled to Ariah Park to compete in Ariah Parks' 100th year show. Over the day the team of horses, all of which will be travelling to Melbourne Royal at the end of this term, were successful in the Australian Stock Horse ring taking out all placings in the led mare class, Reserve Champion Led Australian Stock Horse and many other firsts and seconds throughout the ridden classes. In comparison to many of the other local shows attended, Ariah Park had quite a few horses and the extra competition was good practice for both horses and riders.



Barellan Show

On Saturday, 25th August a team of 13 horses and riders plus a few strappers (Amellia Butt and Jess Hanrahan) travelled to Barellan to participate in the show. Barellan had a multitude of different events catering for all types of riders. Josh Hughes, Tom Gilvarry, Johanna Graetz and Jess Power, along with some others, competed in the team penning competition held throughout the day, and some also

competed in the two-handed cutting which was held afterwards. All riders did very well in these events. Annette Fitzgerald, Kellie Armour, Carrie Hammet, Mia Chen, Tom and Sally Smyth, Emily Belling and Brianna Carr competed in the show ring with great success with Mia winning reserve champion Thoroughbred, Sally winning Reserve Champion Quarter Horse and two of the stockhorses winning Reserve Champion Led Mare, Gelding and Ridden Australian Stock Horse. All round it was a very successful day for Yanco and we'd like to give Shirley a BIG thank you for coming with the horses and cooking our lunch. Also a thank you to Mr Bandy who not only was busy organising the show, marshalling horses but also looking after all of us.

Ardlethan

On 15th September, a group of eight (Josh Hughes, Jess Power, Jess Hanrahan, Emily Belling, Courtney Stubberfield, Jack Kimpton, Caitlyn Beer and Isaac Mannion) travelled to Ardlethan.

The school had two teams entered in team penning. The two teams penned well but were unsuccessful. We all had fun and enjoyed ourselves. The cattle were sticky, which made it difficult to separate them. Everyone got in and had a go and tried their best.

Caitlyn competed in the 60 and 80 cm show jumping. She came out with a clear round for both events. In the 60cm, she came home with a first ribbon and some prize money in her section. In the 80cm jump off, she went really well but unfortunately she did not complete the round due to her horse playing up.

Courtney, who was the only one hacking, was also going to and from the team penning arena. She came home with two firsts, one third and one fourth. She went in all of her classes and came out with some good results.

We would like to thank Shirley for driving us out to Ardlethan and cooking us lunch.

Emily Belling

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS DAY, NARRABRI

In Narrabri, on Friday 17th August, Blake Paulston had a very successful day at the St Francis Xavier's School Horse Sports Day, winning the 14 years Highest Point Score. Congratulations Blake.



POULTRY CLUB REPORT

Barellan Show - the rise of the Dixie Chicks

Beep, beep, beep the alarm went off at a lovely 5:30 am on a chilly Saturday morning of 24th August. Wandering down to the chook shed still half asleep we loaded the chooks into their special boxes, Breanna Carr's four Seabrights and Jacqueline Ervin's four Silver Spangled Hamburgs. After having a lovely breakfast (supplied by Shirley) with Mr Bandy and the horse kids we all bundled into the bus and were on our way to the show. We penned the chooks by 8:30am and were then left to our own devices, so we walked around taking photos of our fellow students, performing on the horses, and lent a helping hand in preparing and holding them too. Jacqueline's Rooster placed first.



Breanna's two Seabright hens

Unfortunately he was the only chook on the day to place. A huge thanks to Mr Dixon, Mr Bandy, Shirley and the staff that made this possible.

Jacquiline Ervin

Narrandera Show - Dixie Chicks First Strike

Once again another rude awakening at 5:30 and off to Narrandera show on the fresh, brisk Saturday morning of 1st September. Travelling with the horse kids and Mr



Bandy we arrived at the show, and had the chooks penned by 8:30am. Having been relieved of our duties we then drifted back down to the horse float and buses to see if we could be of any assistance, we also took the chance to photograph the other students and their horses performing in various events. Both Jacqueline and Breanna's chooks received a place, with Breanna's Silver Spangled Hamburg rooster taking out Champion Large Feather Male in the Junior Section and one of Jacqueline's Silver Spangled Hamburg hens taking out Champion Large Feather Female also in the Junior Section. Breanna's Seabrights also placed with her rooster getting first, a hen getting first and another hen getting second. Aside from Jacqueline's Hamburg hen taking out the Champion Large Feather Female in the Junior section her Hamburg rooster also got second next to Breanna's Hamburg rooster. All in all the day turned out to be very rewarding for both the Poultry and the Equestrian team, a big thanks to Mr Bandy, Mr Dixon, Shirley and the other staff who were involved in organising this day for us.



Jacquiline Ervin

West Wyalong

An extra early start on Wednesday, 6th September for the West Wyalong show. The alarm went off at 4:30am and the chooks were loaded by 4:45am. We had breakfast with the sheep and horse kids, and arrived on time. The chooks penned by 8:30am, just as the wind was beginning to start and continued to blow all day. Breanna's Hamburg rooster had again got first, and one of her Seabright hen and rooster, which were entered as a breeding pair, came first too. Jacqueline's Hamburg rooster came second next to Breanna's and two of her hens came first and second as well in that section. A special thanks to Mr Bandy, Mr Dixon, Miss O'Brien and the staff who help us prepare and go to the show.



The school poultry at West Wyalong

Jacquiline Ervin

Ardelethan Show – The Dixie Chicks Strike Again

The final show for the term came around on a lovely day – Saturday, 15th September. Up for the final time at 5:30am, loading the chooks a 5:45am our little club had grown by one new member Cathy Mara and her two Pekin roosters. We departed from the school at 6:30am sharp and made our way to the show, once there we penned the chooks again by



8:30 and wander around the show taking in the scenes. Breanna's Seabright rooster placed first and two of her hens received first and second in their section and her Hamburg rooster came second. Jacqueline's Hamburg rooster came first and one of her hens had also come first. Both Cathy's roosters came first too, a great result for a first show. Thanks to Mr Bandy, Mr Dixon, Shirley and all the staff which were involved in getting us to the show and organising everything beforehand.

Jacquiline Ervin

SHEEP SHOWS

Dubbo Merino Sheep Show and Ram Sale

On Tuesday, 28th and Wednesday 29th August nine students, twenty one wethers from seven of the schools families, attended the Dubbo Merino Sheep Show.

Leaving at 6am on Tuesday the team survives a kangaroo and a flat tyre to arrive in Dubbo at noon. The sheep were unloaded, penned and watered, awaiting judging on the hoof. As the judge delivered his assessment the students recorded comments. It quickly became clear that this was a very serious show and that the supplementary feeding that we had been giving the sheep had not been as comprehensive as others in the competition. We also found that the evenness of the teams was letting us down when compared to the other pens of wethers. This was followed with the shearing of the wethers and the micron tests showed the visual assessment to be accurate. The Hazedean team we took with us was awarded a second place for the wool after this section of the competition.

The next day the boys were up early and after checking on the wethers they had a look around the rest of the studs on display, offering assistance and helping many of the other studs. Mrs O'Leary organised one of the Judges to give the boys a quick lesson on the process of Judging. This led to a few of them helping out as stewards in the judging of the fine wool merino ewe classes. The wethers were then assessed for eye muscle and fat depth. Once all the results were in the Willis' team was awarded a second place in the combined carcase valuation.

The boys then entered the junior judging and handlers' competition. Of the 50 entrants 10 were selected to address the judge and justify their selection. Only two were school students and Sam Barnes represented YAHS. As a result Sam was placed third in the Junior Judging competition.

We returned to YAHS at 8pm on Wednesday and came away from the show having been competitive, successful and learning a few very valuable lessons. To improve our results we will need to shear the wethers earlier to bring them in line with the other teams, (and not minimise the impact of natural disasters like floods) and introduce them to an ad lib feed ration as soon as possible. We will also need to be more careful in selection of the wethers to ensure a more even team of three sheep in each pen.

We would like to thank those listed below for the use of the wethers, not just at the show, but also for the use of them at the school in the weeks leading up to the show.

- Richard Cannon, Hazeldean blood
- Peter and Fiona Willis, Broula blood (a stud at Tarcutta) who have used Nerstane genetics to infuse their sheep
- Bernard Dwyer, Bloodline is Greendale (a stud from Cooma)
- Turners
- Matt Shady, Illoura bred, Poll Boonok blood
- David Nevinson, Spring Plains blood and bred.
- Tony Armour, Avonsworth blood (a stud that has now changed hands and name to Johnson Park, Yass)

Matt Shady

West Wyalong Show

On 5th September 28 students from the sheep, poultry and equestrian teams attended the West Wyalong show, with 18 of them belonging to the sheep team. It was an enjoyable day, except for the hot and windy weather which meant that we were all worn out by the end of the day. The sheep did very well taking out a vast range of ribbons.

The classes consisted of:

- Ram showing no more than two permanent teeth - Champion ram and reserve champion ram
- Ewe showing no more than two permanent teeth - Champion ewe and reserve champion ewe

At approximately 11 o'clock the ram sale commenced and we got the chance to watch. Damian Johnston and Colleen Head also got the chance to speak about the school and the sheep on the microphone and both did very well.

In the afternoon the tractor pull was viewed by most of us but we still missed the roar of the chamberlain super 90 that could be heard all over the showgrounds. At about 2:30pm we boarded the bus back to school. Everyone would like to thank Miss O'Brien, Mr Dixon and Mr Bandy for organising and making this day possible.

Aidan Raeck

YEAR 7 MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY

During Term 3, Year 7 boys and girls participated in a Middle School Day. Throughout this day we did various team building activities. In the first session we got into groups and were given several challenges. These included the 'weetbix' challenge where a person from the group had to eat a dry weetbix and then whistle. The winner of that challenge was Annalise. The winner of each challenge gained a lollie for each player.

In the second session the boys and girls separated and had group discussions about life at Yanco Ag and growing up at the school. The boys went out bush and had a fire then split into groups and spoke about the good and bad things about school. The girls spoke about friendships and dealing with girl issues.

In the last part of the day we all went to the library and learnt more about study skills and how to cope with the work load at Yanco.

Everyone had a fantastic day and got something out of what they learnt ☺

Kathy Mara and Connor Ricciarelli

MATHS CHALLENGE DAY

On Thursday, 6th September, 18 students in Years 7, 8 and 10 attended the Maths Challenge Day which was held in the Multi-Purpose Centre at Leeton High School.



Ben Davis and Angus Smyth breaking a mental sweat

We started the day off with problem solving which was hard, but got our brains working. After that we played a game called Swiss. This involved us solving number sequences using algebra. Then it was time for a break so we all had morning tea. After that we played a series of different activities which included origami, probability and equation crosswords. This took a while so afterwards we ate lunch which was prepared by the dining room.

Once we had finished eating we went back to work. We all took part in a maths relay which involved a



The maths relay was a lightning paced maths bonanza

broad variety of mathematics skills. Once that was completed, we finished off with a few rounds of Letters and Numbers.

Unfortunately, we did not bring but we all enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward to next year!

Grace Armour

MATHS IN TRADES DAY

After leaving at 9:00am on Friday, 14th September, Year 9 arrived at Leeton Riverina Institute of TAFE and got ready to learn about maths in different jobs. After a brief meeting, we separated into our first course for the day. There were a wide range of courses including aged care and nursing,

hairdressing, metal fabrications, civil construction, primary industries and electrotechnology.

For the whole day, we each participated in four different courses we had selected with an excellent lunch of barbeque sausages in between. It was just what we needed after a hard morning of maths.

Overall, we learnt many things about how maths is vital when going for a job. It is used in nearly every single job (even hairdressing!) and we now know how important maths really is. We will never have to ask 'when will we ever use this?' again.

Breanna Carr and Lyndon Edgerton



Bailey Cox trying his hand at a zig-zag part



Jock McPherson giving Darcy Booth a correct dose of TicTacs and red cordial at the nursing session

AG DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Year 7



Year 7 Boys in their plots

During the past term Year 7 have been busy learning about the dairy industry as well as harvesting their produce from their gardens. There has been a large harvest of cauliflower and some broccoli from the students which have been sent to the dining room for all students to eat. The produce has been of a high standard and grown quite well

with the heaviest cauliflower weighing in at 4.1kg. This was grown by the girls group Queens of the Garden which consists of Georgie Johnston, Janaia Booth, Annalise Potts and Kylie Fairfull. All gardens have been well maintained and are now preparing for a summer crop.



Annalise and Abby with Year 7 girls harvest of Cauliflower



Georgie with the cauliflower weighing 4.1kg

Year 8



8AG2 Class Harvesting Broccoli



8AG1 - Mitchell Pippin- Reversing the Tractor



8AG3 with their harvest of cauliflower and Broccoli

During the past term Year 8 has been busy learning to drive the tractor, harvesting their market garden and starting their pig unit. The tractor driving

lessons have been very interesting and sometimes even hair raising. We have had students who have been nearly born on the tractor to those who have never set foot on one. The tractor tests are showing many have great ability to drive a tractor but some need to work on their reversing skills with a trailer.

STATE CHOIR

Congratulations to Montana Hawkins and Sally McNiff, both Year 8 students, for being accepted into the State Choir. Run by The Arts Unit, State Choir provides opportunities for talented government school students to rehearse and perform challenging repertoire in a State ensemble. Students will be under the direction of professional conductors and perform at the Sydney Opera House from the 14-16th October. We wish these girls luck with their upcoming performances. Congratulations also goes to Emma Carmichael (Year 11), who was accepted but could not take up the offer due to Schools Spectacular and HSC commitments.

ART SHOW CATERING

As the glitz and glamour of the Art show was taking form, there was also plenty of movement in the lower levels of the McCaughey mansion. The Year 11 Hospitality class were gearing up to present food for their first major event. Mrs Rolfe's group had spent many hours of class time pre-preparing most of the food and freezing it for the event. They had a lot of fun making savoury foods, but their specialty was to become chocolate coated biscuits. The biscuits that were not coated to perfection had to be disposed of; there being some willing participants. On the Friday night all of the fresh foods such as canapés and Vietnamese roll had to be made. The class performed their duties very well and the catering appeared to work well. There were many positive comments from the patrons.

Mrs Wrightson's class arrived in fine black and white waiter outfits to serve the tasty treats. They carried the plates and carried the food upstairs and served it to the patrons. Both groups learnt some new tasks and gained useful skills that they can use again.

2012 YAHS ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION RESULTS

Traditional

1st Prize - Jeff Wright "The Banjo Player"
Highly Commended - Patricia Toscan
"Daisies"

Modern Mixed Media

1st Prize - Peter Kopilow "Meander"
Highly Commended - Lorna Craig
"Somewhere"

Pastel

1st Prize - Silvia Bamberry "Great Gran's Chair"
Highly Commended - Beverly Cornell "Mixed
Bunch"

Drawing

1st Prize - Zoe Tucker "Kangaroo Resting"
Highly Commended - Eva Stimson Clark "Nothing
is Really Lost"

Miniature

1st Prize - Cathy Hutton "Still Waters"
Highly Commended - Zoe Tucker "Pears"

Sculpture

1st Prize - Rose Brigden "The Elvis Chess Set"
Highly Commended - Ross Fairley "Cockatoo"

Colour Photography

1st Prize - Kate McGreal "Colours of India"
Highly Commended - Mary-Anne Lattimore
"Morning Mist"

Black and White Photography

1st Prize - Kate McGreal "Udipors Child"
Highly Commended - Jacob Errey "Women in
Smoke"

Student 15 Years and Under

1st Prize - Montana Hawkins "Defying Gravity"
(YAHS)
Highly Commended - Isabella Mercuri "Still Life"
(St Francis)

Student 16-18 Years

1st Prize - Cherie Potter "Untitled" (YAHS)
Highly Commend - Jacob Errey "Jenna" (St
Francis)

Most Outstanding Exhibit Acquisitive Prize
Colina Grant "Catamarans at Canton"



GRIFFITH REGIONAL ART GALLERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

The Griffith Regional Art Gallery has a number of fabulous workshops lined up for the school holidays.

Fun and Fantastic Prints – Janine Murphy

Friday, 5th October

6 - 9 Years 10 am - 12noon

10 - 12 Years 1 pm – 3pm

Cost \$15 - includes all materials. Create fun and fantastic prints using Scratch-Foam. Bring apron.

Bone carving – Hape Kiddle

Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th October

16 years + 9:30 – 4pm

with briefing on Friday, 14th from 5:30 – 6:30pm

Cost \$175 (2 days). Includes all materials.

A two day course using organic materials including bone, shell, wood, horn and stone. Participants will explore traditional Maori and Japanese techniques to create contemporary jewellery pieces. Bring own lunch.

Weaving Workshop – Debbie Flower

Saturday, 22nd and Sunday, 23 September

16 Years + 10am – 4pm

Cost is free and includes all materials.

Enjoy creating your own raffia baskets. Hands-on instruction will cover techniques of coiling, weaving, twining and construction. Bring own lunch

COW ART

Each year at YAHS students represent their sporting house in a fearsome contest that requires skill, stamina, team work and creativity. The Annual Cow Art Competition challenges students to paint a life-sized fibre glass cow in shades of their house colour only. Adding to the challenge all houses must address a given theme. This year's monochromatic milkers were painted to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the school.

With paint brushes in hand and house spirit in heart students from years 7 to 11 devoted many after-noons, all keen to present a winning cow. Miss Moo of Breakwell was painted in a sunny yellow featuring Hannah Kolve's trademark spiral patterning. Mutch embraced their limited palette of black and white to produce a cow dressed with images that celebrated the school's ripeness of age. In an innovative application of paint and other materials McCaughey's cow was outfitted with black trousers (accommodating a bulging udder), a sparkling red coat, monocle and top hat; for keen observers this big red cow evoked a likeness to Sir Samuel himself. Without a doubt Gardiner had the most fun of any house as evidenced by vibrant splashes of green paint and a scattering of hand and foot prints.

The cows were displayed for Family Fun Day with coin collecting buckets under udders. The house that could



milk the most money for a P & C fundraiser would be judged winner of the 2012 Cow Art Competition. While all four cows were popular with the public, Breakwell emerged victorious. Congratulations to our young and yellow cow painting crew on this year's success and to all students involved. The cows will rest easy this summer as we ponder next year's theme to be.

Scott McGrevy

MIA ADVANCED/ DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING

Bruce and Kathy Staines would like to wish everybody a safe and enjoyable holiday.

We especially send our best wishes to the Year 12 students who return to sit the Higher School Certificate in Term 4. I have spent time with quite a few of you over the past couple of years and I am sure that if you approach the Exams with the same determination you have given to your driving lessons you will all excel.

To all other students don't forget the Federal Government programme for one free driving lesson. Contact me on 0409 935775 for details.

Bruce K Staines

GRALEE ASSOCIATION

Over the year Ryan Robinson and I, with assistance from various other students and staff, helped to create a strong tie with The Gralee School in Leeton. To give Yanco students the experience of dealing with those who have a disability, while having fun and being a role model and a friend to the children at Gralee.

The senior students from Gralee have visited Yanco and accompanied by Year 11 students have gone for tours of the farm square, patting the poddy calves, looking at the chooks and had carriage rides pulled by Paul Bandy's Clydesdales. During Term 3 they came and sat in on a science class where Mr Hill and Mr Brooker did experiments that exploded, buzzed, popped and made the hair on Courtney's head stand up. We all had lunch on the PE square and finished the day off dancing to the Macarena.

Every second Friday, five students from Yanco Agricultural High School's Year 11 class have been spending two hours at the Gralee school. We play sport at lunch time and assist in sport lessons, some of us help with maths and reading, while others are involved in cooking class or playing chess. For many Yanco Ag students this is a new and challenging environment that they are throwing themselves into but the two hours always fly by and are full of smiling faces and hugs from all the kids who clearly appreciate the students from Yanco being there.



For most Yanco Ag students this has been a new experience that they have taken with arms wide open and should be commended on how well they have involved themselves throughout the year. We look forward to the end of term BBQ that Year 11 will host for Gralee.

Students who have regularly participated both here at school and at Gralee are - Toby Serafin, Murray Smith, Trevor Dowton, Harriet Condon, Melanie Jenkins, Laura Gaffey

Harriet Condon

VOLLEY BALL REPORT, YEARS 8 AND 9

Volley Ball is played every Wednesday night. We have two teams playing. Last Wednesday night was our first game for the second season. We have had a few new people join, making it more enjoyable and a lot more fun. The two teams are:

Lauren Hughes
Lucie Carey
Hayley Smith
Nicole Fairly
Chelsea Pratt
Isla Hughes

Deanna Johnston
Kaitlyn McKay
Brydie Mannion
Lucy Webster
Courtney Menzies
Georgia Howard

Lucie Carey and Brydie Mannion

BASKETBALL REPORT

So far this term we have played three games, with two losses and one draw. We play on Monday nights at the Leeton Stadium. Every game has been lots of fun and each time we play we improve. The games are always interesting and competitive as we have not played as much as the other teams, but we keep our game up and don't lose by much.

We train every Wednesday from 4:30 – 5:30, doing many different drills and ball skills. When we play basketball we have five players on the court at a time with one substitute. Every two to three minutes we rotate the players so that everyone has equal time on the court.



OPEN GIRLS LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

On Tuesday, 21st August, 16 enthusiastic girls travelled to Griffith to participate in the Riverina Open Girls League Tag Championships.

In the first game the girls were up against Griffith High School. The Griffith girls looked fit and ready to go but Yanco caught them by surprise when Sophie Eaton got the ball and took off up the right hand side of the field to score a try. The try was successfully converted by April Harvey. When the half time bell went Yanco were up 6 – 0 and the girls were feeling confident. In the second half the Yanco girls made a few errors which allowed the Griffith team to get in front, scoring three easy tries and converting one. The final score of the first game was 14 – 6.

The second game was against Hay. Being their first game for the day, the Hay girls were fresh and ready to go. Unfortunately they proved to be too strong for the Yanco girls and got in a few early tries. Jessica Power, Marnie Whytcross, Remi Wilton and Sophie Eaton were excellent in defence, snagging some great tags. The final score was 34 – 0 to Hay.

The Yanco girls' final game for the day was against the Barellan/Hillston side. The Yanco girls had an outstanding game, scoring five tries in the first half. Tries were scored by Marnie Whytcross, Brydie Mannion, Elizabeth Moran-Turner, Hayley Smith and Remi Wilton. In the second half Remi Wilton had a blinder of a game, getting every tag in one



full set when in defence. Another three tries were scored in the second half. Try scorers were Remi Wilton, Sophie Eaton (converted by Elizabeth Moran-Turner), Elizabeth Moran-Turner (converted by April Harvey). The final score was 42 – 6.

The Yanco girls should be very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship! Thank you to Mr Steve Hill who drove the bus over and was our photographer for the day.

Miss Alison Giles

RIVERINA CUP

On Thursday, 2nd August, Yanco Ag Riverina Cup team took part in a Gala Day at YAHS. Other teams involved were Leeton High School, St Francis and Mater Dei Catholic College. Yanco's first game was against Leeton High School.

This game was a fierce encounter with both sides eager to assert physical dominance. In a seesawing match YAHS emerged eventual victors 12 – 10. This win progressed Yanco through to the final of the day against arch rivals St Francis. St Francis was coming off a comprehensive 22 – 0 win over the travelling Mater Dei Catholic College.

The match against St Francis was a considerably tougher and faster affair than the first match, with St Francis sporting a definite size advantage. Nevertheless YAHS held a 4 – 0 lead at half time. The second half unfortunately was not as successful for the YAHS side as the effort to chop down St



Francis' big men began to tell. St Francis ran away victors 16 – 4.

St Francis will progress into the finals to be played in Wagga. The best players for YAHS on the day were Stephen Burrows, Captain James Rapley and Nicholas Heywood. A big thank you must go to Jackson Romanelli, Tobie Payne and Tyler Worland for their assistance with preparation for the games.



All students who participated in the carnival had amazing experiences and represented the school and region with pride and commitment.

Thank you to the parents who travelled to Sydney with their children to support them in their endeavours. Without, you this wouldn't be possible.

Congratulations again to the students who reached to State level. Well done!

CHS STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday, 6th September, six students from Yanco Agricultural High School travelled to Sydney to compete in the CHS Athletics Carnival at Homebush Stadium.

The 14 Year Girls Relay team consisting of Sophie Eaton, Chelsea Pratt, Janaia Booth and Codie DeCaux had a brilliant run, finishing 4th in their heat and 18th overall.

Inez Mara competed in the 17+ Girls Discus, throwing a distance of around 23 metres (a personal best for Inez).

Mitchell Pippin competed in the 14 Year Boys 800m finishing 8th in his heat and running a personal best time.

Sophie Eaton not only ran in the 14 year Girls Relay but also competed in the 400m, 200m, and 100m. In the 400m heat, Sophie qualified 1st beating her personal best time by five seconds. She finished 6th in the final. In the 200m heat, she qualified 4th and then finished 6th in the final. In the 100m, Sophie qualified 4th in the heat and came away with a silver medal in the final. An absolutely incredible achievement!

TARONGA ZOO WORK EXPERIENCE

From 10th to 14th September I went to Taronga Zoo in Sydney for a week of work experience. For the week I helped the keepers with their work and learnt about what they do every day. I was placed in the Primates and Ungulates division at the zoo. This meant that I worked with primates like the gorillas, chimps, gibbons, orang-utans, langurs, spider monkeys and littler monkeys. I was also able to help with ungulates like the giraffes, zebras, tapir and mountain goats. What I actually did was sweep and rake, pick up the animals poo, place fresh feed in their enclosures and chop more food for the animals for the next day. I also got a lot of exercise as I had to walk around the zoo a lot. But even though it was mostly practical things I did, I did



learnt a lot about how the zoo operates; why the keepers love working at the zoo; and why some of them would travel for hours a day just to get to the zoo for work. I also learnt a lot about the animals and how they behave in general. For anyone that is interested, it was a great learning experience and I applied for work experience at Taronga in term four when I was in Year 9.



Ellen Shepherd

EXCHANGE TO CANADA

On Thursday, 1st September, 2011, I departed from Sydney to live in Canada for 10 months as an exchange student. After a total of 23 hours flying I arrived in Toronto and met up with all the other exchange students from all over the world for an orientation. I spent three days in Toronto visiting various attractions. After the three days in Toronto I caught another flight to Sault Ste. Marie, where I met my host family. For the duration of my time in Canada I lived in a small town called Iron Bridge which is one of the many small towns on the Trans-Canada Highway.

I attended Central Algoma Secondary School as a Year 10 student. The school has about 350 students from Year 9 to Year 12+, who came from the small towns in the surrounding area. The school had two major teams - the ice

hockey team and the wrestling team which competed in many national and international events.



It was around November when winter finally set in with first snowfall of the winter and my first snowfall ever. As Christmas came there was about a foot of snow on the ground and the temperature was minus 23 degrees Celsius so I was lucky enough to experience a white Christmas and freeze at the same time.

During my time in Canada I travelled to many places in both Canada and the USA. I went to places like Ottawa, Chicago, Sudbury, Niagara Falls, Traverse City and many other places.

I departed for home on 1st July this year to return to Yanco and finish Year 10 again. The year I spent away was the best time of my life. I wouldn't think twice about doing it all again.

Robert Ryan



FISHING CLUB REPORTS

Condobolin

We left the school at lunch time and by the time we arrived and set up the camp it was time for tea.

After breakfast the next day we put the boats in and were out fishing for the whole day. We did not catch anything, but as the old saying goes, "a bad days fishing beats a good days work, but then, a great days fishing leaves you wishing that it never would end".

We were woken up on Sunday with Logan's mum yelling that she had caught a cod measuring 60 cm. We were then in the boats eager to see what the Lachlan had in store for us. We still hadn't caught anything by the end of the day and had just about packed up when Ian came in with a 60 cm cod. We were all disappointed that we didn't catch anything, but it was a good weekend and thank you Allan and Peter for taking us and Ian for setting up the camp.



Hillston Hook Line and Sinker

On the weekend of 24th, 25th and 26th August, the fishing club crew headed to Hillston to participate in the annual hook line and sinker fishing competition. We left school at 1.00 p.m. on Friday in bad weather, arriving about 3.00 p.m. at Hillston



to register the boys. When this was completed we went to the Hutchinson's farm just a short drive out of town, where we stayed for the weekend.

Saturday morning was a great start to the weekend. Some of the boys were keen for a fish in the wee hours of the morning (5.30 a.m.); others were not so keen. During the course of the morning there were a few carp caught. All was quiet until about 10.30 a.m. when Will Armstrong got hold of a very sizeable cod measuring 67 cm. During the next hour another four carp were caught then the fish went off the bite again. Later in the day most of the boys were hanging around the camp when word came that Briggsy (Allan Briggs) had just got hold of a slightly bigger cod that Will's, measuring 72.5 cm - quite a fish for the Lachlan River. The excitement carried Briggsy's voice some distance along the river.



That night the owner, Mr. Hutchison, his wife, daughter and grandson, Caleb, came to visit us. They were very helpful transporting gear along the river. The boys fished early (not quite as early as the previous morning) and then returned to camp to help pack up. Once everything was packed, we had enough time to have one last fish before departing to the Hillston Club for the presentation. The prizes were really good and a couple of the boys managed to pick up a few prize bags (hats, shirts and lollies). The weekend was great fishing and the boys are looking forward to next year's competition.