



As you sow, so  
shall you reap

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 19<sup>th</sup> August

Students return  
from DESI

### 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Gate Run

### 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August

Condobolin Show

Ganmain Show

### 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August

Hook, Line &

Sinker @ Hillston

### 29<sup>th</sup> August

Supp. Photo day

### 30<sup>th</sup> Aug - 1<sup>st</sup> Sept

Dubbo Allbreeds

Heifer Show

### 31<sup>st</sup> August

Barellan Show

### 1<sup>st</sup> September

Finley Show

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

W/Wyalong Show

### 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Sept

Adelaide Show

### 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Sept

CHS Athletics

### 7<sup>th</sup> September

Narrandera Show

### 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

Shooting @ Bowral

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

Ariah Park Show

### 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

Yr 11 Preliminary

Exams

### 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

Art Show

Elite White Suffolk

Show

### 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

Henty Field Day

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

Yr12 Graduation

# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

# Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2013  
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*Yanco student Grace Alexander with the Executive Director, Learning and Engagement, Brian Smyth King, during the Director General for a Day recently in Sydney.*



*Yanco students feeling the cold on the Columbia Ice Fields in Canada on our recent trip. First discovered in 1843 it has receded almost 1.5 km since that time. On this ice field you are close to the top of the North American continent, almost 7000 feet above sea level, where three major rivers emanate from the ice field and flow into the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic seas – look at a map to see this*

## DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR A DAY

Yanco congratulates Grace Alexander on being successful for the Director General for a Day Awards with only three students in the Riverina being recipients.



*Grace with DG and fellow awardee Saul Brady from Great Lakes College Senior Campus*

On the 28th July 2013 I flew to Sydney to be a part of the Education Week program “Director General for a Day”. At this forum I met with 32 other like-minded students and participated in a single day forum based on rural education and improving student voice and engagement. Here I shadowed the



*Group photo with Minister, Adrian Piccoli and DG, Michele Bruniges and all the Awardees from throughout NSW*

Executive Director Learning and Engagement, Mr Brian Smyth King. I learnt the detailed ways of the Department of Education and his role as Executive Director and how his job affects places like Yanco. Throughout the day I also met with Minister Adrian Piccoli and Director General Michele Bruniges, who each conducted a forum searching for students’ thoughts about how to better engage adolescents during the school day. Later in the afternoon I also met with the New South Wales Ombudsman and discovered their role in the Department.

To my shock the last forum was previously meant to be run by my Executive Director, Brian Smyth-King, but he believed the forum would be more beneficial if it was run by the students. So I was lucky enough to run Mr Smyth King’s forum whilst he overlooked and provided much appreciated support.

This experience was definitely one I will be forever grateful for as the friendships and leaderships skills I obtained were unbelievable. Thank you to Yanco Agricultural High School for sending in my expression of interest and gaining me this once in a lifetime opportunity. I would strongly encourage all students to participate in any Education Week Programs available and get involved in as many youth forums as possible, as the people you meet and the leadership qualities you obtain will help you in every aspect of your life in the future.

*Grace Alexander*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ELYSE NORTH



Yanco has many fine teachers and it is not often we have the chance to recognise the quality we possess.

Recently Elyse North was awarded a Quality Teaching Award and this was presented by

Griffith Network Director, Mr Andrew Pryor.

The school congratulates Elyse for being recognised by her peers for the work she does in educating our students.

### *Elyse’s citation reads:*

*Elyse North is an outstanding Music Teacher who has used her knowledge, experience and energy to upgrade the performance of students at Yanco Agricultural High School. She has a deep understanding of her subject area, has high expectations of her students and continually challenges and inspires them to a better performance. She is the leader and teacher of the school choir and acclaimed drum corp and is prepared to spend much time supporting and giving students opportunities to pursue their interests and upgrade their skills.*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week has seen the work with our new alliance schools – Macquarie Fields and Prairiewood High Schools really get under way with a visit from 16 of their teaching staff members on Monday and Tuesday. Together the schools have \$43000 to spend on two individual projects which are aimed at the improvement of learning outcomes for our students particularly in stage 4 being a focus.

The 16 staff spent the two days working with Yanco staff on an integrated unit of work and observing the differences from their schools to ours. The days included extensive tours of Yanco and the sampling of some of our lessons they would not see to buddying up with our staff to work with them on lessons, sharing resources and networking future ideas.

Information regarding the plans for these alliances



*Visiting staff from Macquarie Fields and Prairiewood High Schools*

is below. The bottom line always is to improve student educational outcomes and all three Principals are determined to further equip our teaching staff to ensure this occurs. The three schools have already formed a partnership which has evolved into a Leadership Learning Alliance to support succession planning and capacity building amongst aspiring leaders.

To develop, trial and evaluate a new model to support the building of capacity amongst aspiring leaders across three schools, creating a coherent professional learning platform which embeds strategies and supports recognised as successful, articulating a clear link between school targets,

KLA goals and the professional learning required to deliver these targets on a whole school, faculty and personal basis. A Year 7 unit has been chosen by the team and this unit is to be constructed, taught and evaluated prior to the end of the year. The units will be then made available to all other schools for them to contextualise in their own settings and use in the classroom.

The three schools share many commonalities, such as their selective nature of enrolments and are faced with impending retirements of experienced executive staff and growing numbers of less experienced staff taking up leadership roles, all at a time of ever increasing change across many areas including curriculum, the DEC itself, technology as well as the world beyond the school.

Our students continue to perform well in many areas. Our University Shield team, after great wins over Bega and East Hills High Schools came up against a hurdle this week in Denison Senior College from Bathurst – a school of 1200 Year 11 and 12 students. In a very tight first half our team found itself down 6 to nil at halftime. In the second half our boys came out and scored two tries that were converted to lead 12 to 6. Denison came back strongly after having an enormous amount of ball to level the scores 12 all at fulltime. Straight into golden point with 5 minutes each way. Yanco had some chances in the first half but could not kick the required field goal. In the second period of extra time Denison dominated possession and our boys defended as if their lives depended on it but in the final minute Denison were able to kick the field goal from about 30 metres out. To lose such a high standard match 13 to 12 in golden point overtime was gut wrenching for the team but they should hold their heads high as they have played very well and were just edged out on the day. Congratulations to all the boys, the school is very proud of you. Our thanks also go to Grant Coelli and Warren Weir for their efforts in coaching the team all year. To the students who supported the team by cheering themselves hoarse over the match well done and congratulations for exhibiting the fine sportsmanship that Yanco is renowned for.

In junior Rugby League for the first time in almost ten years Yanco participated in the famous June K/O. Sending both an under 13 and 14 team (with some Leeton players). Both teams did very well

winning four out of their five games for the day. Thanks to Warren Weir and Matt Coelli for ensuring the day was such a success. Congratulations for both teams.



Our Drum Corp had a very busy week recently. At the beginning of education week they played in the Marketplace in Wagga to open education week. In the afternoon the group spent time South Wagga primary School working with the students and staff in a workshop led by our students. Later in this week the students performed in KROP at Griffith with many other local government high and primary schools. All events were highly successful. Huge thanks to Elyse North and Bruce Hammond for supporting the students in these endeavours.



Year 11 student Ellen Shepherd continues to excel with clarinet being selected in the State Wind Band who will perform at the Opera House in State Instrumental Festival on August 26 and 27. Ellen has also been selected in the West of the Divide Wind band that will tour to Vienna in 2014.



*Alex McMaster*

Year 12 student Alex McMaster has been acknowledged as one of the best young cricketers in Southern NSW being awarded the 2012/2013 Murrumbidgee Cricket Council Norman Callaway Medal. This medal is awarded to the most outstanding under 21 cricketer in the Murrumbidgee Cricket Council. Alex's performance in both Riverina and Murrumbidgee representative teams as well Leeton and District Cricket Association and Leeton Soldiers Club Colts performance has been acknowledged by the selection panel. The medal is named after Norman Callaway who was born in Hay in 1896, joined Waverley in 1914 and made an immediate impression by scoring 129 for NSW Colts. He made his first-class debut a year later at 18 years of age. He arrived at the crease with the score at 3 for 17 and then proceeded to score 207 in 217 minutes. He headed to France in 1916 with the AIF but died on May 2, 1917 at Bullecourt aged 21 years and 28 days. Congratulations Alex on a fine achievement.

Year 9 student Courtney Menzies has been selected in the Southern Sports Academy 15 years team for Netball. This team will compete in the 2013 15 years Championships from October 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in Sydney.

Year 10 student Damian Johnston recently played for the ACT Brumbies U15's Rugby Union Side, in Albury, against Victoria.

Year 7 student Daniel Guilford has qualified to compete in the Australian Team Roping finals to be held in Capella in Queensland in early September.

Students Cody Williams (Year 9) and Cameron Read (Year 11) have recently attended an

Aboriginal Leadership Camp in Wagga and greatly enjoyed the opportunity to participate.

A large contingent of athletes travelled to Albury to compete in the Riverina carnival. The largest number of students to have qualified to compete in Sydney made our Sports staff very happy. Five students have qualified for individual events – Chantelle Gorman, Emily Parker, Mitchell Pippin, Kiera Sanderson and Marnie Whytcross and the 12 years girls, 16 years girls and 16 years boys relay teams have also qualified. Well done to all involved and we will be cheering you on in the first week of September at Homebush.

Congratulations to Elyse North for being awarded a Quality Teaching Award – she is one of many fine teachers at Yanco and we applaud her efforts.

The recent P. & C. meeting at Naradhan was a great success and our thanks go to the Johnston family for their hospitality and organisation of great time had by all. Over \$20000 in funds was allotted to various areas of the school that had made submissions.

Over the next two weeks or so I will be on leave and I will leave the school in the very capable hands of Denis Benjamin.



## PREFECT SELECTIONS FOR 2014

### GIRLS

Brittany Whiteley  
Grace Alexander  
Lilly Serafin  
Melanie Guttler  
Zoe Dunn

### BOYS

Dustin Manwaring  
James Rapley  
Joshua Beer  
Lachlan Pellow  
Steven Butler

## MCCAUGHEY HISTORY

A letter from a relative of Sir Samuel McCaughey.

*Dear Headmaster,*

*Thank you very much for all the trouble you and the students of the school went to, making the unveiling of the statue of Sir Samuel McCaughey a memorable occasion for us. The things that we are aware of are only a small part of what was done. We did appreciate the attendance of the school choir and the drum corp and the heads of school attending the unveiling and then the guided tour of the school and the provision of the school buses for a tour of the area.*

*My father, who is 91 and is the grandson of David McCaughey, the brother of Sir Samuel, also attended the unveiling. This was his first visit to McCaughey House. He really enjoyed the visit as much as my sister and myself, although we did lose him at one stage when he disappeared to have a nap in his car.*

*I did mention to you the visit of P J McGinness to North Yanco to see Samuel McCaughey, which is mentioned in the QANTAS website. Also attached to this letter is a copy of a newspaper article reporting Yanco Agricultural School's Second Annual Prize Day of 17 December 1923, when the life size portrait of Sir Samuel McCaughey was first unveiled by the Principal Mr Breakwell. This picture was presented to the school by John McCaughey, Sir Samuel's brother. He died on 20 June 1928.*

*Thank you all for the memorable visit.*

*Yours faithfully  
Geoffrey Grantham*

Following are the articles attached to this letter from Geoffrey Grantham:

*Excerpt from [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)*

“The QANTAS story began in 1919, when former Australian Flying Corps Officers W Hudson Fysch and Paul McGinness heard of a \$20,000 prize offered by the Federal Government for the first

Australians to fly from England to Australia within 30 days. McGinness travelled to Yanco in western NSW to see Sir Samuel McCaughey to ask if he would fund their entry into the race. Sir Samuel agreed to finance their venture, but died before a suitable aircraft was found. The executors of his estate would not support the flight."

*Article from the Sydney Morning Herald, 17 December 1923:*

#### YANCO HIGH SCHOOL SECOND YEAR'S GOOD PROGRESS

At the second annual prize-day of the Yanco Agricultural High School congratulatory speeches on the work and progress of the institution were made by the chairman (Mr G Evatt, Resident Commissioner of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area), Messrs' W J Adams (President of the Leeton Progress Association), Polkinghorne (Leeton Fruit Growers Association) and Johnston (Leeton Parents and Citizens Association).

In his report Mr E Breakwell B.Sc., the Principal, said that the school was gradually becoming better known. They had now 83 students in residence while there was accommodation for 104. Compared with Hurlstone, a school conducting a similar class of work, the Yanco High School had made satisfactory

progress as regards the number of pupils. An area of 100 acres was being used for intensive culture, and the livestock included 10 horses, 17 cows, 50 calves and 16 sheep.

A life-sized portrait in oils, of Sir Samuel McCaughey, which had been presented to the school by Mr John McCaughey, was unveiled by Mr Breakwell.



#### RUGBY LEAGUE UNIVERSITY SHIELD REPORT - BEGA

On the 22nd of July YAHS First Grade Rugby League side travelled to Bega to play Bega HS in the Preliminary Round of the University Shield. We were fielding our strongest side thus far, with a number of players returning tho the team after injury and disciplinary layoffs.

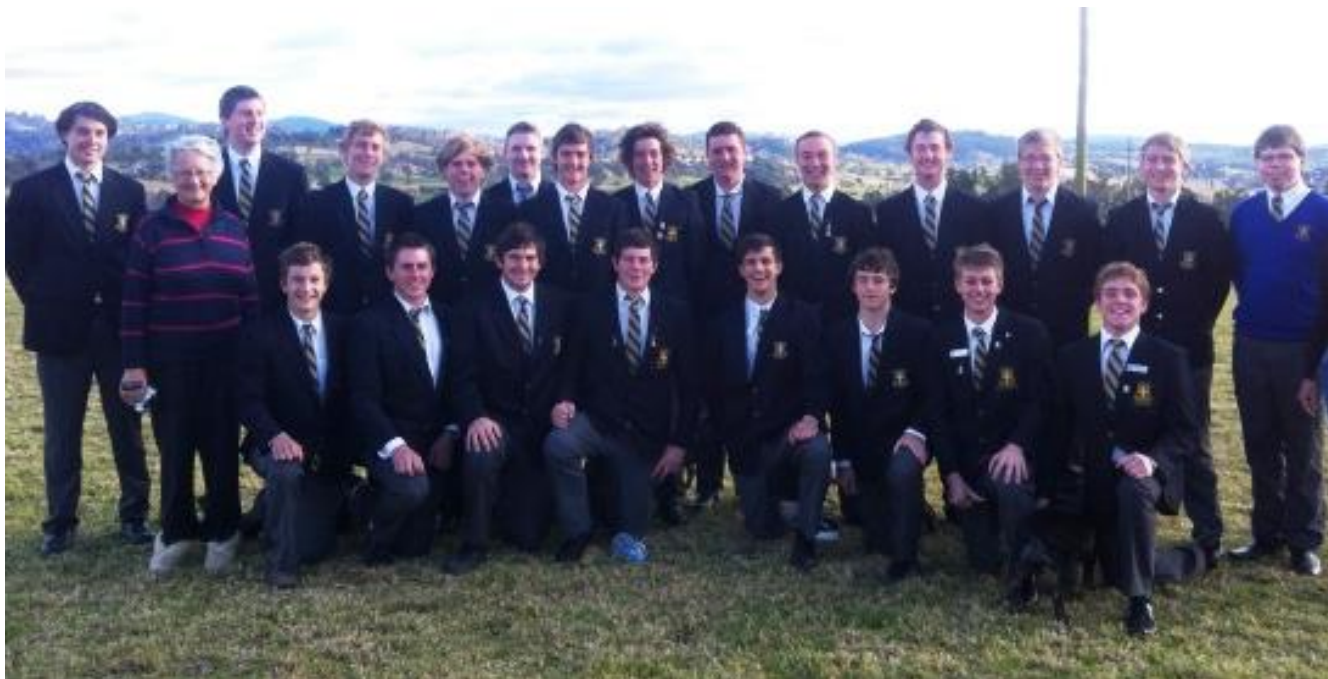
The game started indifferently for Yanco with some poor ball control forcing our side to defend the goal line on several occasions. Some excellent defence however left the Bega side frustrated which lead to errors of their own.

When holding the ball we always looked dangerous and after a repeat set on the Bega line Jesse McDonald took the line on strongly to open the scoring for Yanco. This try somewhat opened the floodgates for Yanco with two more quick tries seeing us skip out to a 18 point lead.

This large lead was whittled away by a determined Bega side before half time with poor discipline and ball control granting Bega two soft tries. The first of Bega's tries came in bizarre circumstances, with the referee calling two YAHS players offside, so they both stepped aside and let the attacker run forty metres untouched to score.

After some strategic advice at half time, Yanco came out stronger in the second half and further extended their lead with two more tries. However as has been so regular this year, Yanco were unable to put the game away and poor discipline and ball control again allowed Bega back into the game.

Bega scored two late tries to make for a close finish, however Yanco were able to hold on and win 30-24. Best players for Yanco were Jordon Burley, Alex McMaster, Jesse McDonald and Tim Hillam. YAHS now progress through to round 1 on the University Shield competition (Final 16) and will tackle East Hills Boys High School in Sydney next.



*University Shield - Bega*

## UNIVERSITY SHIELD – EAST HILLS

Last Monday on the 29th of July our first grade footy team travelled to East Hills Sydney to take on East Hills Boys High School in the University Shield. After previously beating Bega high school in the earlier round the boys were in the top 16 and feeling pretty confident going into the game.

On Sunday afternoon we arrived at Hurlstone Agricultural High School who was kind enough to let us stay in some of their dormitory buildings. After settling in we chucked the boots on and headed out to the back oval to do a quick training run before heading into the match the next day.



After getting a good sleep the boys woke up keen as mustard to put on a good show and get the win. With the extra support provided by the school spectators bus of about 50 people the whistle blew and we were underway. Early in the match the East Hills boys hammered us and showed that they weren't going to be an easy beat, attacking our line twice within the first 5 minutes but our strong defence held them up

and then we started to regain momentum and get on top of them.

With hard work in defence our attack started to improve resulting in Tom Webb going



over for a try in the 15th minute mark and Jesse McDonald converting to put us up 6-0. With consistency in attack Jesse McDonald crossed over for our second try in the 23rd minute but the conversion was unsuccessful.



Leaving us 10 nil up in the 27th minute of the tough match the East Hills winger made a big break down the side line which resulted in a try which was also converted by

the star winger, the score was 10-6 going into

halftime. We came into half time pretty happy with our effort but we knew there was improvement needed. We had completed 12 of 16 sets in the first half which we also knew as a team was a massive improvement from our Bega game.

The second half kicked off and both teams came out firing, once again East Hills went hard for the early stages of the half but then our boys started to get a roll on, Strong runs by both the forwards and backs seen us gain big metres in our sets, resulting in Jesse McDonald going over for his 2nd try of the game in the 46th minute, And converting his try making it 16-6. The boys kept on fighting taking the game on and completing set after set with James Leane being rewarded in 58th minute to put us well in front, conversion was unsuccessful.

Then in the 63rd minute Tim Hillam crossed for yet another Yanco Ag try and now we were well and truly on our way to the top 8, Tim's try was converted by Jesse McDonald. Tom Webb sealed the game in the dying minutes to see Yanco come out victors 30-6. It was a solid effort by the boys led by Captain Tim Hillam who was a

standout all day. Other stand outs for the day were Tom Webb, Jesse McDonald and Alex Stewart, with Player's player being awarded to Jordon Burley.

We are now in the top 8 of the University Shield and currently preparing to take on a strong Bathurst outfit of the Denison College on Tuesday. Also a special mention to our coaches and managers Mr Coelli, Mr Weir and Roy who have driven us and prepared us for our last two away games. None of this could happen without you guys.



## UNDER 13'S RUGBY LEAGUE

The under 13's junior rugby league side travelled to the Junee knockout where they finished runner-up in their division after a count back. The boys played four games, winning three in devastating fashion and being narrowly beaten in the other. In game one the boys played Wagga Kangaroos and were gallant in this defeat, just beaten on the siren, 8 to 4. Having to jump straight off the bus on to the playing field, the boys had a rushed preparation and were beaten by a try right on the siren. Strong

Game three against the strong Albury team witnessed another resounding victory, 36 to nil. Guided around the park by Connor Ricciarelli, Will Barnes and Dylan Whitley, left the much bigger Albury team with no answer to the juggernauts of the under 13's division. In the last game of the day, again an amazing effort from the whole team, witnessed another resounding victory, 44 to nil over Young. This capped off a hugely successful carnival for the team, showing patience, determination, skill and focus. Commitment was



*Under 13 Players*

games where had by Dylan Van Gemert, Beau Routley and Blake Haddrill. The second game saw the boys defeat Harden, 16 to 0. This was an encouraging win coming off the last close game with the boys going back to basics and putting in a huge defensive effort.



Stand outs in this game where Michael Bensley, Mitchell Dunne and Cameron (The Axe) Saul, leading the way with big hits and ruthless tackling. Hard running from Todd Gaffey, Daniel Guildford and Jayden Phippen left Harden reeling in their tracks.

outstanding from Nelsen Manwaring, and Ethan Viant. The improvement the boys have shown over the season has been remarkable and a credit to their



determination and drive as we now head in to the semi-finals of Group 20. Their preparation and enthusiasm will hopefully see them through to victory and glory on grand final day.

*Matt Coelli*

## MY EXCHANGE – ELLY PRATT

My idea for an exchange programme was sparked from a brochure that Mrs Kirk handed me in April



2012. I contacted my parents to tell them my idea. My mum said, “Yeah sure Elly”, just thinking it was another of my crazy ideas. One week later I had an application sorted and sent. Within 3 days my mum was

contacted and was giving the news that would change my life forever. “Elly has been accepted for the semester programme for COSTA RICA in January 2013. My mum and dad really didn’t have time to think about it. 2 weeks after my acceptance I was summoned to Sydney for a meeting with AFS. They asked me questions and I had to write a letter to my future host family.

I was going to Costa Rica. People still ask me why I chose Costa Rica. My answer is always that I wanted to experience something completely different to anyone I know. I know people that went to France, Italy or USA. My family even had to Google Costa Rica to find out where it was located. When they found out the Costa Rica was located in Central America they were hesitant but soon realised that it was what I wanted and understood that it would be a wonderful experience for me.

The next 9 months I spent trying to prepare myself for my new life in Costa Rica. I went to preparation camps and Emailed returnee exchange students. I was so excited!

Boarding the plane and saying goodbye to my family was the hardest thing I had ever experienced at that point. Saying goodbye to everything that I knew, everything that was normal for me all to enter a world I knew nothing about and immerse myself in a language I only knew ‘hello’ and ‘goodbye’ in. I cried for about 2 hours into my first flight of 14 hours to Los Angeles, all of my second flight from Los Angeles to



Houston then on my third I slept. Landing in COSTA RICA I still didn’t believe that I was in another country. I was excited, tired and hungry.

It was about 10 pm on Friday night when I finally got through the customs to Costa Rica. 3 other Australian girls that had travelled with me were greeted by an AFS volunteer. That night we were taken to a camp of all the new exchange students from all over the world. I made friends with people from countries such as Hungary, Mexico, Japan, Austria, Germany and so many more!

We spent the weekend at that camp all talking and going through more preparation for our new lives there. Meeting after meeting, lecture after lecture, it all went so long when all you wanted to do was sleep. On the Monday morning we all said goodbye and boarded



separate buses to travel to our new homes. On the way we drove past volcanoes and were driving through slums. I wished my Australian family to be there so they could be seeing what I was seeing. It amazed me so much to see just how different things actually were. 2 hours later, I got off the bus and was greeted by my new mother and father whom I knew nothing about prior my arrival. THEY SPOKE NO ENGLISH. Nothing! Not even hello. I was not prepared for this. Luckily I was also greeted by a boy from the USA that had already

been living in the same town as me for 8 months. He helped me talk with my family. On the drive to my house all I could ask myself was what have I got myself into! I arrived at my house. It was small and very basic. I had 3 older sisters. The youngest was 22 and was married on the second week of me being there! Was so amazing to see her so happy. The second was 25 and had a son age 1 that lived in the house with us and the third was 28 that was also married and had a daughter aged 2. My entire family was at my house to

welcome me including all my new cousins and grandparents. I didn't know what to do. No one could understand me I felt so awkward and homesick. They were all so lovely and caring toward me they always were. I will never forget my first few days. All I could do was cry because I was so overwhelmed.

After a week at my new home, I started school. I met the boy from the USA and he helped me out. My first class was cancelled; the teacher called and told us that she didn't want to teach so we all had the morning off. This was so strange for me because at Yanco that would never happen. This soon became the normal for me because in Costa Rica the schooling is very... relaxed. I learnt more not being in class anyway, I could talk and learn more Spanish with my friends rather than being in class and being the distraction. I also got very used to people coming up to me with cameras wanting photos because of my fair hair and blue eyes.

School began at 7 am but because I lived two towns away I had to get the bus at 5.30 am. Which meant 4.30 am wake up for me every morning! School ended at 4.30pm and I returned home at about 5.30pm. My family always made fun of me because I was always tired or sleeping.

It took about 2 months for my Spanish to be good enough to understand, 3 to be rather good then by the 4 I was fluent. I was lucky in a way that my family did not speak English so I was not tempted to speak English instead of Spanish.

My proudest moment of my exchange was the first time my Dad came into my room and had a long conversation with me in Spanish. I was so happy I cried! I ended up spending a lot of time with my Dad as we shared the same interests in sport. He also loved to take me on little trip to the Rain forest to show me the wildlife. He felt so proud to be able to show me his country.



My family were the most important part of my exchange, I couldn't imagine living there with a

family I didn't like. Although they were very poor, they still were willing to do anything for me. I will never take for granted the life I have here in Australia ever again.



The weekends I did not have a family event, I spent travelling around the beautiful country with other exchange students. I visited Volcanoes, went hiking, and visited huge waterfalls, National parks, rainforests, beaches and so much more. My favourite place in Costa Rica is a place called RIO CELESTE. You hike up a mountain for about 3-4 hours and you come to a 35 metre waterfall, but the water is a vibrant blue because at the top of the mountain there is the river, the river is where the minerals from the volcano and the water from the fresh water river mix and make it so blue. It was so amazing!

Costa Rica is such a beautiful place and I cherish every moment I spent there. It was definitely the best 5 months of my life that I will never forget.

Being back in Australia is still not normal for me. Every day I am always thinking about my family and friends and being back there. They were my life. I miss it so much. I plan to visit in the coming year with my Australian family.

## YEAR 9 WAGGA EXCURSION

On Thursday 08/08/13, Year Nine ventured out of the school as a group to enjoy some much deserved fun and recreation in Wagga Wagga. The aim of the day was for the students to have the chance to bond together whilst engaging in some exciting and enjoyable activities. The day began at 1pm with the



one and a half hour trip to Wagga were the students would begin with some high energy, team Laser Tag. For those not familiar with this internationally recognised sport, Laser tag involves teams battling it out in a darkened, smoke filled maze with the aim of game is for players to gain the most 'hits' by shooting a laser at sensors worn on the oppositions harness, all the while attempting not to take any 'hits themselves. With the students split into three groups, two hours of fun and mayhem ensued, however in the end it was clear that several students



reigned supreme. Liam James and Natalie Grylls out shone all contenders as they displayed an uncanny knack of destroying their opposition. If

ever the zombie apocalypse comes, I want these guys in my camp. Also of note, was Thompson Helwig, whose expertise on Xbox and PlayStation finally paid off and Montana Hawkins, who claimed that "it's just fun to shoot the boys". After the excitement of Laser Tag, the students moved on the Sturt Mall where they had an hour for dinner in the food court and time spent shopping in the Mall where they found "heaps of fully great bargains".

With their pockets stuffed full of lollies, chips and chocolate, the group then moved on to the cinemas

where they watched the action movie 'Wolverine'. Although some of the students had not seen the previous 'X-Men' films, all the students enjoyed the excitement and drama of the film. The cinema manager commented that "they could come back anytime, especially if they were going to buy that much popcorn again".

It was back on the bus after the movie for the long drive back to YAHS with many a sleepy student dozing off and no doubt dreaming of their own futures as superheroes. All the students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and great team skills throughout the day. A very special thanks must go to Sally Cassilles and Luke Collins for accompanying the students and without whom the day could not have occurred.

*David Haskins* Year Nine Advisor

## YEAR 9 FARMING AND EDUCATION

*Year Nine Guest Presenter – Phil Blacker*

On Monday night, 05/08/13, a select number of Year Nine students partook of the insights and knowledge of one of Yanco's most successful farmers. Phil Blacker, a YAHS old boy and former employee of the school, held an intimate discussion session covering his experiences as a farmer and the changing nature of farming in the 21st century. Mr Blacker Identified how the educational needs of modern day farmers have changed due to the challenges of climate change, the rising Australian dollar, increased importation of produce and the impact these issues have had on the profitability of farming in Australia.



*Mr Phil Blacker and future farmers*

With over 4 decades experience on the land and having held positions such as Chairman of the Riverina Citrus Association, Mr Blacker held the attention of the students. At the end of the discussion, the

boys and girls of Year Nine were able to walk away with the clear message that, today's farmer must be a scientist, businessman, agronomist and ecologist and that the need for learning and education never ends, rather it grows with each new challenge to the industry.

## DRUM CORPS - EDUCATION WEEK PERFORMANCES

and teachers have a go at the drums. We then played another 3 more tunes for them before



On Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, the YAHS Drum Corps went to Wagga Wagga for the Education Week Opening Ceremony. We left at 8:00 am from the school with Mr Finch driving the bus. We arrived at Wagga around 9:30 am and walked to the Market Place to have a look at where we were playing. After a little practise, we opened the ceremony at midday.

leaving. The kids loved it and the teachers enjoyed it as well as we did. Thank you very much to Mr Finch for taking us over to Wagga for the day.

*Brittany Manwaring*

Later in the week, the Drum Corps travelled to Griffith for the KROP (Kids Rapt on Performance) shows. Students performed an arrangement of the challenging piece *Hailstorm*, and created their own choreography for the performance. As usual the Drum Corps was a massive hit at KROP, not only for the audiences in the 4 shows, but also for the other school groups that were involved in the show. On the Friday afternoon, after a great performance where we were supported by the Year 7 cohort in



After the ceremony, we went to South Wagga Public School and put on a show for them. We played 3 tunes and then we let some of the children



the audience, we spent some time with Griffith East and Tharbogang Public Schools letting the primary students have a play of the drums. A big thank you goes to Mr Hammond for his help with organising the trip to Griffith.



## MY 'HEYWIRE' JOURNEY



In September of 2012 I heard about a great competition over the radio called 'Heywire'. It would involve submitting a story in any media

form that you saw fit to describe rural life as a teenager and I could be rewarded with an all-expenses paid trip to Canberra for the Heywire Regional Youth Summit. If selected as a winner your story will be aired on all of the ABC stations throughout radio and television. The youth summit is an opportunity for 40 of Australia's finest youths to discuss current issues and broaden schemes for rural communities. Being from a rural town and going to an agricultural high school I felt that it was well suited to me. The 2012 competition had already closed so in February of 2013 I wrote out a story that best describes my favourite part of rural life. I simply typed up and submitted a story about cattle, most people that know me know that they are most definitely my favourite thing in the whole world! My story told of how I came upon the industry, how I've worked my way through the ranks and who has helped me along the way. The director of the competition made me the featured writer of the month in July and told me that my story was promising and I was a strong contender in the competition. Also a student at a Brisbane university is including features of my story in her final assessment in the lead up to receiving a PhD in Social Science and Human Relations.

From one simple story about my passion I have opened the eyes of many and opportunities for myself. I am extremely hopeful that I am selected in the team of people to attend the youth summit!

To see my other stories and the stories from the rest of the competitors simply google 'Heywire'.

### **My story:**

*My story is about my passion for beef cattle and the beef cattle industry..*

*Ever since I was young I loved cattle! At the time it didn't matter what sort I just loved them, they were cute and strange but terrifyingly huge! In 2009 at*

*the age of 12 my aunty entered me in the beef cattle parading competition at my local show. I had no idea what was expected of me and I was immediately intimidated by the amount of very experienced people around me but my aunty introduced me to Margaret Kennedy a very kind lady that was running the event and she showed me the animal I was to be using for the competition, I will never forget the feeling I had when I saw her for the first time. She was a moderately large square meter (that is a breed) cow named Eva and she had a calf named Max. I had a terrible 'first experience' with that animal, she pushed me around, knocked me over, stood on my feet and dragged me around like I was a rag doll! I left the show ring very upset and wondering why I would have ever wanted to do that!!*

*But somehow that rough and tumble old cow Eva started something and in 2010 I returned to the same showground but this time I was more determined to prove a point.*

*I was deserving of a position in the beef cattle industry.*

*On the first day of the show when all of the stud cattle were getting prepared for the ring I made a move that would change my life forever, I picked the friendliest face in the crowd of experienced cattle breeders and handlers and simply explained to her that I was a very inexperienced young person looking for a chance to get my foot in the door of the industry I now call home. Lyn Frecklington was her name and she was a very experienced cattle woman and was at the show with the Hollywood Angus Stud team that consisted of her husband Ian, Sister Michelle Wheeler, Niece Rachel Wheeler and a semi-trailer load of glossy Black Angus cattle just itching to hit the show ring. On that day I learned more than I think I ever had before, I was so enthusiastic about anything they asked me to do. They were the friendliest and most empowering people I had ever met, I washed, brushed and picked up after huge bulls as well as tiny calves and had the greatest experience of my life! and after that day Rachel whom I had known for approximately 8 hours invited me to come to the next show that the team from the Hollywood Angus stud would be attending and paid me 15 dollars for my efforts and that to me was the most well-earned \$15 I ever received!*

*On the next day of the show I paraded a young square meter heifer and did much better but still did not receive a place in the winners but I didn't care I had won my confidence that day and that was all that mattered to me, the next hurdle was my first ever junior judging experience with cattle. After judging sheep and goats beforehand I was confident I would do reasonably well and I did. I placed 1<sup>st</sup> in my age group and received over all champion out of junior and senior divisions and was offered a job out of the experience which I undertook and it also lead me to many different avenues of the business .*

*Since then I have showed at over 40 cattle shows showing steers, cows, calves, heifers and huge bulls worth thousands of dollars. I have received in excess of 60 ribbons for my efforts, been pulled up into champion positions at major shows, undertaken jobs that I was offered at these many shows, started my own beef cattle stud and breeding business (with the help of my family) and moved to an agricultural school where I continue to pursue my dreams with a passion. My plans are to be a successful cattle breeder and to one day have my stud animals in the winner's circle at major Australian agricultural shows, travelling around the globe showing and learning along the way about this industry in which I am so uncontrollably in love with.*

**Brittany Whiteley - Year 11**

### **SHINY STAR FOR ALBURY – EMILY PIKE**

On Saturday the 20th July Emily Pike travelled down to Albury to perform on stage at the Albury Commercial Club. This is a big stage and an even bigger audience! Beccy Cole is currently touring with her Biggest Hits tour and has Lyn Bowtell as her support act. Both are amazing singer songwriters and the show is well worth seeing. In each town Beccy offers a spot for a rising star to perform. For the Albury show, Emily entered by posting a video and was selected to be Beccy Coles' Shiny Star for Albury.



*On stage with Beccy Cole*

When we got there we were greeted by a local radio presenter and we dined together whilst waiting to go through to the dressing room to meet Beccy Cole Lyn Bowtell and the other performers. Halfway through the show Emily had her time when the stage was hers.

### **CHILD CARE ASSISTANTS**

Recently our students had a chance to apply as an assistant at the local Good Start Child Care Centre. Four students were successful in gaining a place.



*Kaitlyn McKay teaching her student about puzzles*

They are Liyu Coss, Darcy Cromack, Kaitlyn McKay and Hayley Smith. The girls attend their work-place for three hours each Tuesday, over six weeks, starting from the beginning of Term 3.

Each girl has had a really positive experience with the little people and they look forward to going to 'work' each week.



*Liyu Coss reading stories to the older children at Good Start Child Care Centre.*

At the end of their six weeks they will present a small activity to their group. The girls go to different rooms – one to the baby room, one with 1-2 year olds, one with 3-4 year olds and one with the 4-5 year old room. Each experience has been different due to the age variation of the clientele.

The benefits to the student have been:

- They gain an understanding of Early Childcare, the Career.
- They are a team-member in a real work situation, creating learning opportunities beyond the classroom
- One student to each room on a weekly basis improving employability, career development and life skills.

## YEAR 9/10 TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

The class group is very busy at present working on a furniture unit, a cross stitch unit and a practical based theory unit on fabric decoration, which includes printing, stencilling, shrinkage fabric, dyeing, machine embroidery and Shiva inks. The students have choices during class time to be busy making furniture items, or they can be sitting quietly to concentrate on their embroidery. The theory based fabric decoration samples will form into a cushion which will, in turn, tie in with the furniture unit. Many of the students are striving to make products that are challenging for their skill level. Below are photos of some of the class.



*Tarhlia Claydon is making progress with her cross stitch*



*Kymberley Brain works on her quilt*



*Meagan Lette sewing her bean bag*



*Thompson Helwig working on a lampshade*



*Sally McNiff making applique pieces*



*Karlee Barwick working on her*



*Lucy Webster mastering the rotary cutter*

## REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On Friday the 26th of July, 35 enthusiastic athletes travelled to Albury to compete in the Riverina Regional Athletics Carnival. Although it was an early start, the students were eager to get out there and compete. All students had a fantastic day and were extremely supportive of each other. We came away from the carnival with some excellent results. 17 students have made it on to the State Athletics Carnival, which will be held at Homebush Stadium, Sydney on the 5th, 6th & 7th of September.

Those students are as follows:

Chantelle Gorman - 2<sup>nd</sup> 15yr Girls Javelin  
Emily Parker - 1<sup>st</sup> 14yr Girls Long Jump  
Kiera Sanderson - 2<sup>nd</sup> 17yr Girls High Jump  
Marnie Whytcross - 15yr Girls Shot Put  
Mitchell Pippin - 2<sup>nd</sup> 15yr Boys 1500m

### 12 Yrs Girls Relay

Annie James  
Amber Bevan  
Olivia Reid  
Annabella Thorpe

### 16 Yrs Girls Relay

Remi Wilton  
Amy Miller  
Chelsea Whytcross  
Marnie Whytcross

### 16 Yrs Boys Relay

Eaden Turner  
Cooper Thatcher  
Ryan Van Gemert  
Sebastian Webb

All students competed with fantastic sportsmanship and gave 110% in every event. A big thank you goes to Mr Coelli for supervising and supporting the students on the day.

*Miss Giles*



## 2013 STATE CROSS COUNTRY

This year five students from YAHS made it to state cross country. They were Hannah Gorman, Jess Power, Mel Guttler, Ellen Shepherd and Reid Burley. On Friday the



19<sup>th</sup> of July we all arrived at Eastern Creek Raceway ready to walk the track at 8am. After everyone had walked the course, the first from our school to race was Hannah in the 18yrs girls, placing 75<sup>th</sup>. Next to run was Reid in the boys 14yrs placing 88<sup>th</sup>. Last to run was the 17yrs girls' school team including Jess, Mel and Ellen who placed 77<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup>. Overall it was a good day with everyone running very well, even though the weather got colder as the day went on.

*Ellen Shepperd*

Congratulations to the 5 runners who successfully reached State Level this year. As NSW Cross Country has some of the best runners in Australia and are usually the winning State, our YAHS runners should be very proud to make it to this level. Well done!

*Mr Watt*



## BRUMBIES DAMIAN JOHNSTON

Damian Johnston played for the ACT Brumbies U15's Rugby Union Side in Albury, on the weekend of August 4th, against Victoria. Unfortunately, Victoria won 12 to 10.



## 'OUT OF HOURS' ACTIVITY REPORT Warren Weir

### NETBALL

#### **Year 7 YAHS vs. LEHFAB**

On the last game of the season we had a few of our own players out. We were lucky as we ended up getting some younger subs to help us out. We lost 38-1 to a stronger team on the day. We were all exhausted by the end of the game but gave it 100%. Our subs did really well and helped us out a lot.

*By Hayley Dowling*

#### **Year 9/10**

The Year 9/10 netball team has had a fairly successful season. The team made it to the semi-finals but unfortunately on Saturday the 3rd of August we got knocked out of the competition. Our whole team consisted of Year 9 and Year 10 students. They were Tarhlia Claydon, Liyu Coss, Georgia Howard, Marnie Whytcross, Jane Arndt, Heidi Johnston and Lilly Tomlinson. We all had lots of fun and all the girls played outstandingly. We all can't wait to play again!

*By Jane Arndt*

### LEETON REP NETBALL

One Saturday morning was the biggest event in 'Potter' history, Meg vs. Zoe Potter head to head.

During the first quarter both teams were getting used to each other and figuring out the other teams techniques. Leeton Rep came out in front.

In the second quarter, Meg and I were against each other. You could tell by the intensity in our faces that we both wanted to win. Leeton kept the lead but only narrowly.

Third quarter Meg and I were still against each other hearts pounding with exhaustion. Leeton were in front by 2-3 goals so it all came down to the last quarter.

The stakes were high! Last quarter and the score was 18-18. Throughout the whole quarter it was goal for goal. Leeton ended up being lucky by getting a few intercepts and scoring some quick goals. The final score was 20-25 in favour of the Leeton Rep team.

*By Zoe Potter*

## REP NETBALL

This term Courtney Menzies has been offered a position in the Southern Sports Academy for 15 years Netball to compete at the 2013 15 Years Championship game. The School would like to congratulate her on such an outstanding achievement.

## FOOTBALL

### **Under 14s Rugby League**

The under 14's team have been trying their best all year. We have won several games with only two teams in the competition, both looking very solid at times.

During the year many unfortunate injuries kept key players out for numerous games. Although the team is lacking in experience we are starting to mould together to unite a strong team. As we move into the finals, the team has never looked better and are looking stronger with every game we play.

*By Cameron Hall*

### **Wednesday Night AFL**

The team has had a great season with great attack on the ball. Everyone played really well and had lots of fun.

*By Seb Webb*

### **Under 18's Hurricanes**

The Hurricanes under 18's started the season well winning the pre-season knockout for the second year running. We haven't looked back since! We are currently sitting comfortably on top of the ladder only having lost two games during the season. We are all looking forward to finals time.

## TAE KWON DOE

Throughout our lessons of Tae Kwon Doe this year we have done lots of different activities. We do push-ups, sit-ups, star jumps as well as stretches and laps of the training room for our warm up. We would then train with different partners and learn punches, kicks and tricks for competing in tournaments.

*By William Ervin*

## HOCKEY

On Saturdays Mia Schneider, Emily Head, Teia Oliver, Breanna Carr, Cody Brown, Kimberley Butler, Candace Staker, George Calman and Brody MacDonald travel to Griffith to play hockey in the

women's and men's hockey competition. The girl's first game is a Yanco team in the junior competition. Our skills and team work shine through as we are led by star player Breanna Carr. We then divide up into our individual women's team where often we are playing against each other. Both Brody and George have been playing exceptionally well under Mr Haskins influence as team captain. We would like to thank Griffith Hockey Association, Mr Haskins and Bryan Quinn for driving us every week.

*By Teia Oliver*

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Once a week Claire Tagliapietra and I visit Parkview School's after school care to volunteer our time. We help entertain and supervise the children. We also help prepare the afternoon tea and clean up. For the rest of the afternoon we play with the kids, do craft or help with their homework. We both have lots of fun and it is a very rewarding activity to do for the community.

*By Teia Oliver*

## DDA DANCE

This year I have done dancing for the Disalvatore Dance Academy and have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it. I have done contemporary/jazz which is my favourite dance as well as tap and ballet. I go nearly every Saturday from 10.30am to 1.30pm. I go by myself but hopefully some of friends will be joining me soon. I really like dancing and hope it is something that I can continue to do.

*By Emma Cullen*

## STUDIO 9 GYM

Of an afternoon, evening and weekends students are able to go to Studio 9 Gym in Leeton which is owned by Warren Weir, our sports coordinator. We are able to get personal programs where we can work at our own pace or we can participate in the night classes. I personally like the gym as I am able to work at my own pace and can seek help and professional advice quickly and easily. I would recommend this to all students.

*By Inez Mara*

## VOLLEYBALL

Please find attached a flyer for the Spring Volleyball Competition. Registration date is

Wednesday 4th September at 7.00pm at the Stadium - there will be nets up for a hit and training and introduction etc. on the night.

The Competition starts the next Wednesday, 11th September.

### LEETON NETBALL REP TRYOUTS

Rep tryouts for 2014 Season will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September starts 4.30pm sharp. All girls are to be there at least 10 minutes early to register and have position filled in.

Tryouts are for 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's and 17's (must be turning that age in 2014), e.g. can be turning 12 next year (12 and under). 12's and 13's will be playing in Saturday competition throughout the year. Carnivals have not been finalised as yet. 13's, 14's, 15's and 17's will be going to state Age Carnival which is a three day event.

### **REGISTRARS/TRAVEL OFFICE**

#### WEEKLY STUDENTS

If your child has a regular ticket on one of the weekly busses and for some reason they are not going to travel, we require you to cancel this seat so that the Duty staff are not trying to locate the student, thus holding up the bus. We may also have requests from other students wishing to travel on this service. If we don't know there are seats available we have to deny this request.

#### SCHOOL FEES

School fees are well overdue. If you do not have a payment arrangement in place your child's boarding position will be at risk if your account is not paid in full by the end of term.

#### DESI & END OF TERM TRAVEL

Returning to School Term 3 "Failing to Load" charges have been charged to family accounts. This \$20 fee will continue to be charged when tickets are not cancelled and students do not load on the bus.

Please be aware that bus timetables can change from leave to leave, and that is why it is imperative that your child collects their ticket every time they travel. Countrylink continue to tell us that there

will be random ticket checks & anyone not having their ticket on them can be refused travel. Please support us in this request by ensuring your child has picked up their ticket.

#### YEAR 12

End of Term Buses have been automatically cancelled for Year 12 students as this will be their Graduation (Graduation Thursday night, buses leave Friday Morning). If you will be picking up any other siblings at this time can you please ensure you cancel these tickets as this will not be done automatically.

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### **SHOES**

Many students have decided to wear inferior shoes to school. Shoes for classroom work need to be solid shoes with a good solid sole and uppers. Students cannot do practical classes if they don't have solid covered in shoes. The black canvas shoe and ballet style shoe are not suitable for school. Please check your child's footwear and provide them with suitable protective foot covering.



## CLYDESDALES

As some of you may recall, the Equestrian Show Team made a trip to Mr and Mrs Colin Brown's stud to look at some Clydesdales to show at Melbourne 2013 and Sydney 2014 Royal Shows. The two Clydesdales aged one and three have now arrived at school and are beginning training for the show ring. The colt, Ingram, aka 'Wally', has made



*Will Peterson with Ingram 'Wally'*

much progress with Will Peterson and Jane Arndt, and already looks like he could be a champion. The three year old, called 'Daisy' is proving a little more difficult to train but with the help of student Jessica Power she is already moving around better.

Students have also been actively participating in horse class, learning how to long rein three older and more experienced Clydesdales called Bessie, Rose and Lilly. In time, the students will learn how to guide a Clydesdale pulling a sled.

*By Breanna Carr*



*Nat Grylls long reining Rose*



*Courtney Stubberfield and Jessica Afflick giving Lilly and Bessie a rest*



*Jessica Power with Georgina "Daisy"*



*Nat Grylls and Sharalee Blair pair up Clydesdales Rose and Bessie*



*Sarah Oost with Bessie*



*Kaesha Nijssen with Rose*



*Jessica Power with Daisy*



*Will with 'Wally'*

## YEAR 7 AGRICULTURE REPORT

So far this year all of year seven has been working very hard in both practical and theory lessons in agriculture. At the very start of the year we all got inducted to the school farm, piggery, free range poultry and show stock cattle. That meant that when we were on the stock roster for piggery or poultry we knew where everything was and what we had to do, it also meant that we could go and join the show stock cattle team whenever we wanted. We also did some research on climate and rainfall, in this subject we had to draw up many types of graphs and enter in the results we got from researching.

Early last term we had to “buy a plot of land” and plant vegetables in it. We had to look after, harvest and “sell” the plants to “make money”. The main idea in this is to try and make the most money and have good productivity.

At the moment we are looking after and working with poddy calves. Here we are required to feed the calves in the morning and afternoon. During class we are learning about the dairy industry and how to raise calves, we get to lead the calves around and record their weights to insure they are growing.

We would also, all like to thank Miss Weller, Mr Collins and Mr Shady for teaching us this year as I’m sure that none of Year 7 would know so much about agriculture without your help.

*By Kaylee Radburn year 7*



## TASTE TESTING AT SUNRICE

Year 11 Food Technology recently travelled to Sunrice to undertake a commercial taste testing session. This excursion covered some vital work done on sensory assessment in their core topic for the preliminary course. The class did a 2 by 3 comparison test on black rice. 95 % of the class got full marks on getting the test correct, which shows they concentrated and make good use of their taste buds. A later blind fold taste test in class also showed they have a good sense of taste and are very adept at naming the correct product in various forms. We are thankful for the talk Mrs Doig gave on new products and their makeup, and the time Sunrice gave to our class.



*Keira Sanderson gets ready to test the black rice*

**YEAR 11 AT SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS  
CARNIVAL –SUPPORTING STAFF**



## GRALEE VISIT – YEAR 11



## WELFARE LEVEL AWARDS

### PLATINUM

**Year 12** – Jane Goldsworthy, James Hincenbergs, James Leane, Robert Leane, Lauren Pattison, Murray Smith, April Worland.



*Murray Smith, Lauren Pattison, James Leane, Jane Goldsworthy, Robert Leane and April Worland*



*James Hincenbergs*

### GOLD

**Year 8** – Kathy Mara, Angus Smyth

**Year 9** – Jemima Bargery-Medcraft, Zoe Cumming, Montana Hawkins, Thompson Helwig, Claire Tagliapietra.

**Year 10** – Emily Belling, Jasmine Boyland, Breanna Carr, Meg Potter, Erika Quinn, Aidan Raeck, Mitchell Ryan.

**Year 11** – George Calman

**Year 12** – Emily Carey, Johanna Graetz, Carrie Hammet, Royce Johnston, Keejana Zhang-MacKellar.

### SILVER

**Year 7** – Emma Cullen, Abbey Curran, Hayley Dowling, Bryce Johnston, Kaylee Radburn.

**Year 8** – Janaia Booth, Grace Daunt, Grace Kalinin, Shai-Yane MacKellar, Dylan Whiley.

**Year 9** – Tarhlia Claydon, Connor Edmunds, Liarnah Jones, Matthew Owen, Hannah Walker

**Year 10** – Caitlyn Beer, Katie Dowton, Hayley Fairfull, Andrew Haenig, Will Peterson, Courtney Stubberfield.

**Year 11** – Samuel Ryan

**Year 12** – Melanie Jenkins, Caitlin McAuliffe

## GEM AWARDS FOR TERM 2



*Back row: Olivia Alexander, Breanna Carr, Steven Butler, Courtney Cheers, Nathan Morris, Bryce Johnston.*

*Front row: Hayley Mildren, Zoe Cunial, Alison Treloar, Sebastian Clark, Deanna Johnston, Lauren Pattison*

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – SEMESTER ONE 2013



*Year 7: Hayley Dowling, Zoe Thomas, Bryce Johnston, Brianna McAuliffe, Sebastian Clarke.*



*Year 10: Breanna Carr, Joshua Horrobin, Meg Potter*



*Year 8: James Kearines, Dylan Whiley, Zoe Cunial, Alison Treloar, Loren Gregory*



*Year 11: Lilly Serafin, Chelsea Whytcross, Madalene Haddrill, Grace Alexander*



*Year 9: Deanna Johnston, Kimberley Butler, Amber Arthur, Cambell McMaster*



*Year 12: Denise Littlehales, Natalie Rayment, James Leane, Robert Leane, Courtney Cheers, Laura Gaffey*

## MICHAEL WILSON EQUINE CLINIC



On the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of July, Michael Wilson came to school to instruct us with some stock work skills. The group consisted of 9 riders on Saturday and 11 on Sunday. On Saturday we had a 9am start. This lesson went until 4:30 with a lunch break at 12:30. We all got a lot out of this lesson and this was only the first day.

On Sunday we had another 9am start. This lesson also went until 4:30 with a lunch break. By the end of this lesson our heads were filled with loads of information. The weekend went really well and we would all like to say a big thankyou to Michael Wilson for coming to the school and teaching us all some very handy tips. We would also like to thank Paul Bandy for organising it all and Mr Finch for his continuous support in the equestrian field.



*Michael Wilson with a class*

## IAN FRANCIS EQUINE TRAINING

On August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> a large group of both Yanco students and people from outside the school participated in a weekend of instruction by Ian Francis.

Ian Francis is a popular horseman who has successfully trained and competed on many horses in many different disciplines. He has a broad

knowledge and has helped many people improve their horsemanship skills. The school focused on the simple, foundation movements that are essential in training a horse. This meant that many people gained a bit of knowledge from Ian, especially those with young horses.

The feedback from all the participants was extremely positive and everyone believes they now have more knowledge to help them with their horse training. A great time was had by all and group would like to thank Ian Francis for his help and a special thank you to Paul Bandy for organising a great weekend.



*Ian Francis training*



*Ian Francis with a class*



*Staff and parents commencing Equestrian Australia Training with Sarah Venamore*

**P&C AWAY MEETING, NARADHAN, NSW.**  
*(a very pretty little place between Rankin's Springs  
and Lake Cargelligo)*

**Saturday 3rd August 2013.**

For those who are not aware, every year the YAHS P&C families wander away from Yanco for an



*P&C Executives:  
L-R Justin MacKellar, Monique Owen,  
Ellen McMaster, Elizabeth Dwyer  
and David King.*

Away Meeting where not only general school business is discussed, but most importantly, funds are allocated back to various areas of the school. The school staff and teachers are

invited to send in submissions requesting funding from the P&C and these are then deliberated and toiled over at this Away Meeting.

This year we were invited and made very welcome by Alan & Kerrie Johnston, their family and the Naradhan community. The whole weekend was a great success and made even better with the total amount of \$20,000.00 in funds allocated back to our school. On behalf of the YAHS P&C, we would sincerely like to thank the Johnston family and all the wonderful people who helped in putting together a most enjoyable weekend.

The overwhelming sense of country hospitality and welcome was certainly felt by all of us and I am sure the smiles and happy memories will continue to remind us all of what a great time we had with the community of Naradhan (the bus trips were certainly a highlight....I didn't know mini buses could fly around corners so well on two wheels. I always thought buses had four wheels to keep them stable...oh how wrong was I, just ask Kerrie!!)

We would also like to extend thanks to the following people: Tom & Lan Templeton (Woolshed), what an amazing place and what a wonderful effort on their part for keeping a part of our very important history alive and available for all to experience. Crystal McGuigan (Naradhan Public School Principal), a most amazing 'little' school with an overwhelmingly 'big' hearted and dedicated

Principal. It was certainly a delight meeting John Templeton (Lake Show President and Old Yancoonian), thanks is expressed to John for taking the time to share his memories and stories of the 'good old days' and sharing his views and advice on our Show culture. Finally, but certainly by no means least, thank you very much Judy and Peter Daunt and the Naradhan P & C, for the wonderful culinary skills of camp fire cooking, the food was



*The P&C members outside the Naradhan Hall.*

absolutely delicious and cooked to perfection ....more damper please?

Our thanks and appreciation for all your support and continual dedication to the Yanco family, our students and school, it is greatly appreciated.

***P. & C. Allocation for Funds requested by Staff***

1. Art equipment – cutting tools	\$1100
2. Support for students representing overseas	\$1000
3. Cattle Crush	\$6000
4. Gallagher Smart TSi Animal management System	\$5000
5. Signage for Sheep Team	\$ 150
6. Library Online resources	\$5000
7. Boys Welfare	\$ 875
8. Girls Welfare	\$ 875

**TOTAL** **\$20000**

Requests from staff totalled \$92754.20

*Monique Owen*  
Secretary  
**YAHS P&C 2013**

## ALL CLUCKS FOR POULTRY SHOW TEAM

Arriving at 10am in Albury, Sunday 11th, Cody Brown, Loren Gregory, Breanna Carr and Mr Dixon were thrown into the bustling of poultry goers and squawking of chickens at the Albury Poultry Auction. The aim of the day was to pick up some show quality birds for the Poultry Show Team.

Having selected a list of pens that were of our interest, we pushed our way into the midst of the auction and waited for our first pen, 43, a pair of Polish. The competition was fierce but we secured our first lot of birds at a reasonable price. Moving on, we waited out the front of pen 71 which contained a Dark Barred Plymouth Rock Rooster. This time there was very little competition and the rooster was picked up at a



*White Crested Black  
Polish Pair*



*Rosecomb Bantam Trio*

reasonable price as well. Next on the list was pen number 179, containing a spectacular trio of Rosecomb Bantams. We all believed the competition was going to be even larger than our previous attempts, as they were beautiful, well-bred birds, but the crowd must've seen the hunger for chicken in our eyes because we were the only bid, picking them up for a real bargain! We now have the beginnings of the Y.A.H.S Poultry Show Team, with these six beautiful school chooks, not to mention the other birds that our enthusiastic members own.

Much appreciation goes towards the Maintenance Team, in particular, Roy Bandy who has repaired and renovated the old cages, so that our chickens are kept in show quality condition when they return after Desi.

*By Breanna Carr*

## US/CANADA TRIP A PARENT'S EXPERIENCE



Having never travelled overseas previously, it was with great trepidation that I boarded the plane bound for Vancouver on Saturday, 29th June. The kids, however, seemed to take it all in their stride and even had the appearance of being seasoned travellers- something I didn't accomplish!

All the anxious moments leading up to our departure like "Who will do all the work at home while I'm away?" and "How will I get on without my wife telling me what to do?" or "What will happen if.....?" all disappeared upon landing in the US as the realisation came that I'm too far away to do anything about what is happening (or not happening!!) at home, so I enjoyed the restful sleeps not dreaming about the work to be done the next day on the farm!

We visited places like Vancouver (where I tested positive to carrying a lethal substance at the airport screening – a bottle of water I'd forgotten to take out of my backpack!); San Francisco (World's narrowest shop – 5ft wide!); Alcatraz Island (a 25 acre island where a maximum security prison was built in the 1930's and housed the likes of Al Capone); Billings (interesting sights whilst on a morning jog); Sidney (YAHS student behaviour came to the fore at the Community BBQ whilst the Principal was giving his address – owing to the ease of accessibility of fireworks crackers due to the 4th July celebrations!); Saskatoon, Calgary (oooo..... remember the sore feet after two days at the Stampede girls!); Banff (need to be careful of the Ground Squirrels when inspecting their burrows– the ones on sentry are inclined to nip you on the back of the leg!); The Columbia Icefields (the tourist centre there made the Guinness Book of Records when it was built for the significant number of toilets installed – 64 ladies and 12 mens!) We also thoroughly enjoyed our billeting hosts and we were very impressed with all the Lucerne that just grows wild on the Canadian Prairies!

So, the anxious traveller who began this trip is now keen to do it all again one day. A special thank you must go to Bruce Hammond and Jeromy Nolan



*Dark Barred  
Plymouth Rock  
Rooster*

(from Leeton Traveleaders) for all the behind the scenes work they did to ensure that we all had an incredibly memorable US/Canadian experience

*By Alan Johnston, Naradhan*

## **CANADA TRIP**

“Gee – you’re brave...”

Some thoughts on the USA/Canada trip.

*By Bruce Hammond.*



*The Canada Crew*

With endorsement by the Principal, the idea for a trip to USA/Canada in 2013 was put to the Yanco community in early 2011, and initially over 80 expressions of interest were received. The aim was to look at various aspects of agriculture in northern USA and Canada and to meet with some American families and experience their way of life. Eventually the group comprised 33 students and 29 adults for a total of 62.

I took the basic concept for the trip and the start/end dates to Jeromy Nolan at Traveleaders in Leeton and started corresponding with my contacts in Montana. Ideas were discussed and modified and a detailed plan developed. Approval from the Department had to be obtained and this process started 12 months prior to the trip and was completed 6 weeks before we left.

For me there were 2 great challenges in organising the trip.

The first was the 5 students (Nicole, Demi, Courtney, James and Lachlan) who would be travelling without an adult member of their family. My wife and I became their guardians and they were told numerous times of the high expectations we had of them and the level of self-responsibility that would be required. Needless to say, they were all brilliant while we were away, and my thanks go to the many parents travelling with us who “adopted” my 5 as we went on our travels.

The second challenge was whether the concept of

the hosting process would work. I sent my friends in Montana details of the Yanco families who said that they would like to be billeted. Joan, Maryanne and Joe gave this information out to members of the Sidney community and we had enough offers to cover all the members of the Yanco group who wanted to be involved. The end result was that everyone “clicked” and there were many tears and hugs as the Yanco visitors said goodbye to their hosts as we headed north to Canada. The hosting concept had been great success and long-term friendships established and the host families now consider that they have family in Australia. Our large group was warmly welcomed where ever we went and developed friendships in the true Yanco tradition. This was never more evident than at the farewell dinner in Banff (Canada). We had been met at Billings (Montana) by 2 coach drivers (Andy and Steve) from Calgary who would drive us on our trip through Montana and Canada. With these two amiable gentlemen came respect and marvel at us “Aussies”, and especially the students whose

attitude, manners, humour, desire for knowledge and acceptance of responsibility “blew” them away. The drivers were taken aback and humbled by the thank you speeches made by Grace, Ellie and Mel at the farewell dinner. Both Andy and Steve are planning trips to Australia and to Yanco (of course).

There were so many highlights of the trip so I will leave it to others to talk about their impressions. For me, the trip was a wonderful experience that everyone will remember for a long time, and it was well worth the time and effort put into organising it. A huge thank you to the students and adults who proved that taking a group of 62 Yanconians to the USA and Canada was not a brave pipe dream filled with danger, but a time of travel, friendship, learning and excitement. The question now being asked is

“Where will we go next?....”



*Mini Chuck Wagons*



*Glaciers are COLD!*



*Glacier transport*



*Demi takes a photo*



*Calgary Mascots*



*Not sure where we are going!*



*Like my hat?*



*We love our new boots.*



*Rugged up.*



*Aren't we cool?*



*Sharing notes at the 4H show Saskatoon.*



*The whole group in the park at Sidney*



*Tour guides in Vancouver*



*A Grand site*



*Travelling is tiring.*



*Lachlan inspects an old tractor*



*Spruce Meadows Show Jumping*



*Dad and daughter in Banff*



*Funny faces*



*Fun in the hotel pool*



*I found a bear.*



*Grace says thank you*