



*As you sow, so  
shall you reap*

# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Students leave for  
DESI

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Students return from  
DESI

**13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Fishing Club @  
Tuross

**17<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Year 10

Work Experience.

VET Work

Placement

**22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

Shooting group @  
Bowral

**25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Year 7 Transition

**26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Yrs 8-10 Transition

**28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**

School Spectacular,  
Sydney

**1<sup>st</sup> December**

Year 10 return from  
Work Experience

**1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Excursion week

**1<sup>st</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Year 10 Leadership  
Camp

**12<sup>th</sup> December**

Presentation Day

Last Day of School

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Term 4, Week 5

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*Sheep - Rose Nevinson  
1<sup>st</sup> Place in Junior Judging  
(Senior Section)  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior Handlers  
(Senior Section)*



*Winners at National VETin Schools Worldskills, Perth  
Steven Butler: Gold  
(Electro-technology)  
Georgina Murdoch: Silver  
(Primary Industries)*



*Beef Cattle - Natalie Grylls  
Champion Parader*



*Equine - Emily Belling, Denzildon Trophy:  
Champion Junior Handler*

**2015**

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> January  
All students return  
to school

**SUCCESS AT  
ROYAL MELBOURNE  
SHOW**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With the commencement of Term 4 there has been the appointment of two new Science staff to the school on our permanent staff. The school welcomes Miss Katherine Crnkovic and Mr Elijah Marshall to the school. Both have a metropolitan background and have indicated they are very excited to be teachers at Yanco. I know they will have a very successful career and look forward to seeing them working with our students.

Students Steven Butler and Georgina Murdoch had a most exciting trip to Perth representing NSW at the National VET in Schools Worldskills. Steven being awarded gold in Electro- technology and Georgina Silver in Primary Industries. This is a wonderful achievement against the best in Australia and both students are to be congratulated on their achievements.

The process of organising the student leadership for 2015 is now well under way. The School Prefects have been elected and are as follows: Darcy Booth, Luke Horrobin, Damian Johnston, Nathan Morris, Jock Ward, Jane Arndt, Breanna Carr, Natalia Henderson, Georgia Howard and Rebecca Ritchie. The Year 12 representatives on the SRC will be Tiarne Smith, Harry Beal, Emma Gale and Will Peterson. Other year group elections are underway for the SRC as we go to press. House Captains elected are;

### **McCaughey:**

Geoffrey Hillam and Meg Potter

### **Mutch:**

Ryan Van Gemert and Marnie Whytcross

### **Breakwell:**

Hamish Bradford and Rose Nevinson

### **Gardiner:**

Matheson Lees and Grace Skipworth

The Vice-Captains will be elected from Year 11 at the commencement of next year.

At Royal Melbourne Show our sheep, cattle and equine teams continued on their winning way and in a unique treble students from Yanco achieved the best junior handling award in each of these three different sections. Congratulations to Emily Belling, Natalie Grylls and Rose Nevinson for these outstanding against very strong competition. I doubt any school has ever achieved such a combination of success in one year previously. See reports in this news of all the successes.

Congratulations to three of our students who have been selected in significant representative teams. Cambell McMaster has been selected in the Murrumbidgee Zone Cricket team and Zac Saddler has been selected in the NSW Under 16 Indigenous Rugby League team. Congratulations to Zac and Cambell. Damian Johnston has continued his success in Rugby Union by being selected in the Western NSW Junior Gold Squad. Best wishes to these students.



*The Year 10 WIN Program students with their certificates*

Recently the Year 10 WIN program was completed and students received certificates to recognise their achievements. This was a program developed by Leeton High School and YAHS with support from GetSet in Leeton. I would like to thank Leeton High School Principal, Mr Greg Horton, and his staff for the funding support that allowed students from both schools to participate in this worthwhile program. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Mr Nathan Cassilles and congratulate him for his efforts that ensured this program was highly successful. A presentation ceremony and BBQ was

recently held on the lawns in front of McCaughey. Congratulations to all students involved.

With the end of the year fast approaching exams are in full swing and we are looking beyond into 2015. Years 12 have recently completed the HSC and they are among 76,000 students who have sat for their exams this year. This year the exams were very smooth and students have been very positive about the exams and confident of doing well. We look forward to the results being released in mid-December. Although all students are completing exams this is certainly not the end of the year and it is expected that students will continue through until December 12 when we will hold our Presentation Day. I would invite all families to be present on the day and join the celebrations of success that the school has achieved in 2014. I hope to announce a very high profile guest speaker in the very near future. We will make some changes for 2014 to ensure the day will be completed in a little over two hours.

The school is very excited about the upcoming transition days for all new students in 2015. All new families have been invited and it is anticipated they will take the opportunity to learn how the school works in their time here. The school is excited to welcome our new students. There will be about 50 students in Year 7 with 25 girls and 25 boys. In total I expect the total school population to be about 390 in 2015. Our Year 11 and 12 cohorts will be the largest in the school.

Our Year 10 students will soon embark on two weeks work placement/experience depending where they are at. The paperwork to complete these activities has increased enormously and we would request all parents work with us as without the completion of this paperwork, students will be unable to access such valued learning experiences. In particular meeting timelines is now so important. If families choose to have their sons/daughters board with people other than their own family much additional paperwork is required. We would request to avoid this practice if at all possible.

A number of parents have enquired about the applications for 2015 scholarships. I hope these applications will be released next week but as students require their end of year results to submit applications there will be a very short turn around.

Information about the scholarships is on the website. Remember there will be an additional scholarship presented from the Australian Stock Horse Society to the value of \$2000 for a Year 11 equine student. I encourage students to have a go at these scholarships.

An issue I need to bring to the attention of all parents is around the dispensing of medications to students. All medications requested to be given to students must have supporting evidence from the doctor with an explanation of the plan for the student. The school will be unable to dispense medications to students without this information. Self-medication by students in the dormitories is neither appropriate nor permissible. The school will undertake an audit over the next two weeks to ensure all permissions are in place.

I wish to thank the large number of families who took the time to complete the planning for 2015 surveys that were recently circulated. We have just finished collating the information from parents, staff and students. The information covers the full range of responses but the feedback is very informative and will contribute greatly to the School Plan from 2015 to 2017. In particular we are looking closely at the comments on communication and are having many thoughts about the future.



## **BROKEN HILL SCHOOL OF THE AIR (SOTA) MINI SCHOOL – AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**

In Week 6 of Term 3 a small but enthusiastic group of teachers ventured North West to be part of the Broken Hill School of The Air (SOTA) mini school, which was held at Reola station. The group of teachers involved included Nathan Cassilles, Alison Giles, Mitchell Cross and Megan Thurgood, who packed up a number of different resources in which to provide opportunities and experiences for SOTA students in the areas of practical Science and PDHPE. Reola Station is located 112 kilometers North of White Cliffs, 102 kilometers west of Wanaaring and 180 kilometers from Tibooburra in N.S.W. Given that the roads were closed just prior to the trip due to rain, this made it quite an interesting trip in the 13 seater bus with a trailer attached.

During our time at Reola, the students were broken up into groups according to age ranging from preschool through to Year 6, and rotated around a number of activities. Apart from Yanco, activities were also run by the SOTA staff, the Australian Children's Music Foundation and Toy Library. We were very lucky to have four Year 8 students assist us in running activities during the school, including Seb Clarke, Emma Cullen, Hayley Dowling and Abbey Curran – who all did a wonderful job and should be very proud of their effort.



Nathan Cassilles and Ali Giles ran a number of PE activities including tunnel ball, relay races, continuous cricket, duck duck goose, soccer and worked on developing fundamental skills in a variety of sports whilst focusing on team work. These games proved to be very popular with the students.

Mitch Cross and Megan Thurgood ran a number of Science based activities including bottle rockets, experiments around shock absorption and safety, chemical reactions with elephants toothpaste, working with microscopes and using the van de graff generator to experiment with static electricity. Students were very excited to develop problem solving strategies and gain some practical Science skills.



Overall the trip provided staff with a valuable insight into what life is like in isolated areas, and the implications for our students. We hope to utilise and share this knowledge and understanding with other staff in the school so that they have an appreciation and understanding of the context of isolated students who come to YAHS and how this impacts on classroom teaching strategies.

I would particularly like to extend a big thank you to the Principal of Broken Hill SOTA Scott Sanford for allowing us the opportunity to be part of the mini school. Special thanks must also go to the Cullen, Clarke, Dowling and Curran families and everyone else who made us feel very welcome and helped us in delivering our various workshops to the students. We all agreed it was an amazing experience and we are truly grateful for the opportunity and the support we have received to make this all happen.

*Megan Thurgood,  
Head Teacher, Science.*

## MACQUARIE FIELDS VISIT

**Different.** This is definitely one of the main words to sum up the visit to Macquarie Fields High School. Twenty three students from years 8 to 11 travelled to the Western Suburbs of Sydney at 9:30am on Monday the 20th of October. We arrived at Hurlstone Agricultural High School at 4:30pm, where we were staying at for the next 3 nights. After arriving and unpacking we had a tour of Hurlstone Ag. They showed us their working dairy and their farm. After the tour of Hurlstone, we had dinner with their students in their dining room and then went to bed.

On Tuesday morning we got back on the bus and



*The students & teachers upon arrival at Hurlstone*

drove to Macquarie Fields. When we arrived we met our buddies and had a quick presentation about the school. Our buddies then showed us the school and explained how the school day worked. After recess, we again joined our buddies, and sat in on their classes. For the first time many of us had to sit through 80min periods! Some of us did struggle but got there in the end. After the school day ended we attended some workshops. These workshops included indigenous games, Pacific Islander dances and a workshop about the schools psychology classes. The girls all thoroughly enjoyed the Pacific Islander dances as we were taught how to do some of their moves. The boys were split into two groups and were taught two different Hakas. The workshops were concluded with dinner at the school with our buddies. We arrived back at Hurlstone at about 6pm, many of us were tired and so a couple of quick card games were shared in the rec room and then everyone was off to bed after a long day.

Wednesday morning came about and many of us said that the trains, the birds or the dairy had woken us up rather than the teachers that attended. Breaky was at 7:30am and then it was back on the bus to go back to Macquarie Fields for another day. As we



piled off the bus, some of us went and found our buddies straight away while the rest of us, still a bit unsure on how it all worked, waited for our buddies to come and get us. Roll call and Period 1 was up first before we all joined in the year 10 PE prac subject. Some of us went to tennis while others went “bush” walking. We then returned from our activities for lunch. During lunch we all tended to sit together, and it was nice to see many of the Macquarie Fields kids come up and ask how we were going and what it was like to experience the new things that we were facing. All of them were quite friendly. After lunch we were split up into about 6 teams, along with our buddies, with about 10 students per team for sport. We all played two games of Basketball and two games of Volleyball. Even playing sport with them was different to what we experience back at Yanco. After the school day ended we all attended more workshops. However in these workshops we had to, as a team, put together what we thought were good qualities within teachers. These workshops really made us think and work together. After we shared what we had all come up with we sat in on some of the Year 7 poetry recital. They were very good and really understood what they were reciting. Most of our ears pricked when two girls recited a poem together. Then once again we got back on the bus to return to Hurlstone. After watching a movie together we all got into bed after yet another long and tiring day.



Thursday, our last day, started the same as the others, breaky at Hurlstone and then back on the bus to return to Macquarie Fields. Roll call and first period came about and many of us spent this in the library as our buddies had a history exam. While we waited for recess we patiently played the Wii that had been set up for us, Uno and some chess. This kept us easily entertained. In period three many of us had science and I think we felt like geniuses as the topic they were learning we had already done. As it came time to leave we managed to get ourselves out of the next period which happened to be maths, and we have a feeling Cambell was pretty devastated to miss this one subject! Along with our buddies, we shared the experiences we had had, what we liked, what we could do next time to make it better and how we found the whole new experience of going to a school that was so big compared to our well known Yanco. We had a quick lunch with our buddies in the library and then returned to the front of the school to, yet again, board the bus for the long journey back to Yanco. We said our goodbyes knowing that we had made some new friendships.



For many of us this trip was a real eye opener. We were able to experience the difference between city life and life in the country. If

you asked any one of the students who went on the trip they would be able to tell you that it was very different and not what they expected. Macquarie



Field kids have four subjects a day with rotational 80 and 40 minute periods to sit through. Half the school is selective while

the other half of the students are comprehensive. Lunch and recces are very busy with new Year 7's playing handball on the quad and the senior years sitting at the park discussing the world's problems. Considering the difference in races and cultures

every student gets along well, they respected one another and treat everyone equally. Through this partnership we now have with



Macquarie Fields we are able to find and have long lasting friendships and we are also able to see who



we are up against in our HSC. Along with these benefits teachers are also able to share teaching ideas, and in some aspects make each school better through these ideas.

A big thank-you goes out to those teachers who made it possible for this trip to happen and accompanied us on our journey, Mrs Piffero, Mrs Carn, Mr Gifford, Mr Haskins and Mr Dickens and also those teachers at Macquarie Fields who organised all the activities for us to participate in. This thanks also goes out to our buddies, as without them we would surely be lost. Thank you to Brett our bus driver who had just finished his weekly bus run and then had to drive us all the way to Sydney and back. And last but not least thankyou to Hurlstone Agricultural High School for allowing us to stay.

*By Meagan Lette*



**Nicole Fairley**

*What I enjoyed most.*

On the trip to Macquarie Fields I enjoyed the Samoan dancing the best, it was a fun activity and a cool insight to their culture. Watching the teachers do the Hakka was one of the highlights of the trip.

*What I found most surprising.*

The surprising thing I found on the trip was that the classes went for 80 minutes long! This was a big change compared to the Yanco 55 minute lessons. I also found it surprising how well all the students got along at Macquarie fields despite their different cultures and races.

*Would I recommend this trip to others? Why?*

I would recommend for other students to go on the Macquarie Fields trip to gain an insight on who their competition is in the HSC, and to compare and exchange ideas to benefit both schools.

### **Deanna Johnston**

*What I liked most.*

I liked the Pacific Islander dance that they performed

*What you found the most surprising.*

That over 70% of the school was nationalities other than Australian

*Would you recommend this trip to others?*

I would recommend this trip to others because it was a big eye opener to me and it would make others have more respect for other cultures.

### **Cambell McMaster**

*What you enjoyed most?*

I enjoyed hanging out with the Macquarie Fields students and with my buddy Andrew.

*What you found the most surprising?*

I found that kindness and friendliness of all the students the most surprising.

*Would you recommend this trip to others? Why?*

I recommend this trip to everybody because it is a really fun experience where you can see how other schools operate and also to be able to know what kind of people in the HSC you are up against.

### **Liam James**

*What you enjoyed the most.*

I found that the Macquarie Fields had a great sporting culture, and they invited me to play basketball and it was really competitive and I found this the most enjoyable.

*What you found the most surprising.*

I found the happy nature and friendliness of the majority of the students pleasantly surprising.

*Would you recommend the trip to others?*

Yes I would highly recommended this to others for it's great beneficial purposes.





## **WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SCHOOLS (VETiS) COMPETITION**

The 2014 WorldSkills Australia National Competition was held in Perth from 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> of September at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. This major event saw almost 500 of Australia's most talented trade and skill technicians represent 49 specialised skill categories at what is known as Australia's largest trade and skill competition. The Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) competitors have all been part of the VETiS program, which involved them in a series of work-simulated projects based on industry standard frameworks. These projects were designed and administered by practising teachers and industry professionals.

As a Year 10 student of the VET Primary Industries course I participated in this competition and was selected to represent NSW after winning the gold medal for the Murray Riverina region. This first round of competition was held in Term 2, 2013 at Yanco



Agricultural High School. After winning this round of the competition I was then selected to fly to Perth to compete at a national level.

The journey to Perth started in Sydney on the 17th of September where I met up with the other 28 NSW representatives; two of whom was also competing in the Primary Industries section. We had all been issued with our state uniform and proudly wearing it we set flight for Perth. The group were so much fun to be with and certainly made the whole experience so much more enjoyable.



Having safely arrived in Perth that evening, we were then taken to the Convention Centre where we were introduced to the judges, mentors and the site we would be working in for the following 3 days of competition.

The competition was held over three days commencing on Thursday 18th September. Throughout the three days of competition in the Primary Industries section we undertook multiple tasks closely followed by a judge to score us on multiple aspects of each section.



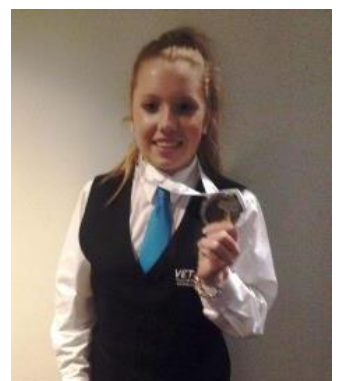
These tasks included fencing, tractor driving, working with three point linkages, chemical application, boom spray calibration, soil testing,



chemical spill, first aid, livestock handling and selecting livestock for market as well as a team challenge of building a fence. The competition not only included our practical

skills but also various theory booklets to accompany each section of competition.

At the conclusion of the competition I was awarded the silver medal and was delighted to have gained second place in Australia. Competing and working with the best was an amazing opportunity. I gained many valuable skills



from being involved and competing at such a high level. I would to thank my supporter and trainer, Miss Weller for her support and assistance in preparing for this event and also my Primaries teacher Miss Edwards for the ongoing support.

*By Georgina Murdoch Year 11*



## WORLD SKILLS TRIP

Following on from our flight from Wagga on the Tuesday afternoon, we arrived in the domestic terminal bright and early on the Wednesday morning to meet with the rest of the NSW Vocational Education and Training (VETiS) Team. We checked in, grabbed some breakfast, and boarded the plane to Perth. Upon arrival, we were bussed straight to the Perth Exhibition centre for the opening ceremony. This was when we first got a grasp of the size of the competition. Supposedly there were 500 competitors, but there were also judges, mentors, and volunteers. When they dropped the curtain at the rear of the stage, revealing the 6 pavilion halls of the competition, my jaw hit the floor. We were then called up by category, our first chance to catch a glimpse at the competition. Orientation took out the afternoon, making sure all tools had arrived undamaged, batteries were charged, and it was our first chance to view the “competition pack”, detailing the tasks we were required to complete, and to view the all-important marking guidelines.

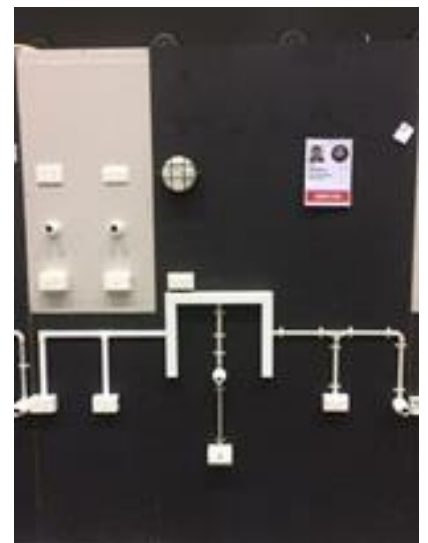


Thursday morning was the beginning of competition. The first task was a conduit wiring systems project, on both gyprock and plywood using convoluted instructions. The gyprock had to be cut by the competitor. Then three outlets, one switch, and two light fittings were mounted using the wide variety of fixings available to a tradesman. Various fittings and conduit types were used on the plywood to create the project, all to exacting tolerances. Points were awarded for correct location of conduit and equipment, using correct conduit and equipment, quality of work, secureness, and tidiness and safety whilst working.

Friday brought the second project of electrical measurements and fault-finding, and the third project, to disassemble and reassemble an electric motor, recording the bearing numbers. Points were awarded for time taken, correct bearing number recorded, and workmanship. The fourth project was a series of soldering projects – A voltage regulator, a voltage indicator, and a foghorn siren. Each project had to be completed and operational for the others to function.

Saturday was the final day of competition, and incorporated the final two projects. The fifth was to construct a sheet metal toolbox. Points were awarded for quality of work, and various dimensions being correct. The final project involved splicing into a long length of 6mm<sup>2</sup> cable, with shorter lengths of a specific sized cable, and installing the correct fitting at the at the end of the shorter cable. Points were awarded for solder quality, selecting and approximately using each fixing, correct splicing spacing etc. For some of the projects marking guidelines were three pages long.

Sunday brought with it the closing ceremony where I was rewarded for my efforts with the gold medal for VETiS Electro-technology.



I would like to thank the Electrotechnology Teachers at Leeton TAFE, Andrew Upton from Koorringal High, and Jon Clayton from Wagga TAFE for making this trip possible, for helping me achieve my results, and for giving me the opportunity to attend such a fantastic event.

*By Steven Butler*

## NEW STAFF

### ELIJAH MARSHALL



Hi. I'm Elijah Marshall and I'm very fortunate to be joining the science faculty at Yanco Agricultural High School. I've had a varying career in science, starting with a Bachelor of Science with

Honours at the University of Tasmania. I followed that with a PhD at the same university, looking at making the gold refining process easier, cheaper and more environmentally friendly.

After university, I worked as a scientist at Macquarie University looking at Antarctic soil characterisation and helped run Dunmore Lang College. I ended up as Dean of Dunmore Lang for approximately 18 months, but felt that I was beginning to lose my science skills, so I shifted to teaching. Before coming to Yanco, I was a science teacher at Normanhurst Boys High School in Sydney, teaching both to the mainstream students as well as within the autism support unit.

I love being outdoors, especially with my telescope and have been a Venturer Scout Leader for the past three years which means I've been abseiling, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, flying and all of the other wonderful things Scouts do.

I'm learning an amazing amount here at Yanco, with my students teaching me as much about agriculture as I'm teaching them about science.

### KATHERINE CRNKOVIC



Hello to all of the staff, parents and students of Yanco Agricultural High School. I came to Yanco from Campbelltown, where I have lived all my life, as the recipient of a TeachNSW

Scholarship. This is my first teaching appointment following my completion of a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Teaching at the University of Sydney. I first heard about YAHS when I met Mr Hill during the Leeton Outback Spectacular and again during a prac teaching experience at Macquarie Fields High School. As a result, I was

excited to have the opportunity to move to this unique school I had heard so many good things about. Since arriving at Yanco I have joined the Leeton Town Band, where I play Tenor Horn, and am looking forward to my future as a teacher of science at Yanco Agricultural High School.

## DIVERSE DRUMMING WORKSHOP



On the 14th of October, members of the Drum Corps participated in a Diverse Drumming Workshop in Wagga Wagga. The whole workshop was made up of about 30 kids from Leeton High School, Wade High School and YAHS. Our instructors were two professional drummers from Sydney, Cameron Gregory and Fatima De Assis, who were the workshop presenters from the DEC Arts Unit.



Over the whole afternoon we practiced multiple techniques and short pieces of music as well as essential drumming tips and tricks. At the end of the afternoon we recorded a piece of music that our instructor Cameron had made up during the workshop. The piece went for about five minutes and used the themes we had learnt earlier, rounds and call and response. Cameron would play a sequence and we would play it back. We had a great afternoon and would like to thank Miss North and Mr Hammond for making the workshop possible.

*By Lyndsey Mitchell*



## RUOK? DAY

On Thursday 11th September, the SRC held an RUOK Day for the students of Y.A.H.S. The day was not a time to raise money; it was a day to raise awareness of those people suffering from mental illnesses and to highlight that by having a conversation it could change a person's life. The school body was encouraged to ask the question "Are you okay?" and the students were told on the morning assembly to watch out for random acts of kindness throughout the school day.



*Mrs Carn, Will Peterson, Elly Pratt & Jane Arndt enjoying RUOK? Day.*

The night prior to RUOK Day, the hospitality staff graciously allowed us to make hundreds of delicious chocolate and caramel chip cookies in their kitchen to hand out to everyone on the day. The students who are a part of SRC really enjoyed the time, and got the chance to develop an even



closer bond as a group. We would like to thank Mrs Wrightson and Miss McCaig for giving up their time to help us with our baking.

In the afternoon of RUOK Day there were games and activities held on the PE square with prizes given out to the winning team and for the people that really participated well. These activities encouraged students to work together with students that they may not necessarily be in their everyday social group. Thus building relationships and encouraging students to engage in healthy relationships.

A huge thank you to Mrs Piffero for running the games and events after school and another thank you to Welfare for buying the prizes that were handed out. The SRC thought that it was a success and we plan to have another RUOK Day next year.

*Written by Bryce Johnston.*

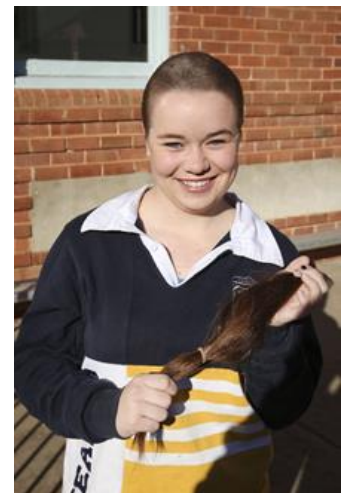
## WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

Today, 31 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma or a related blood disorder. That's 1,000 families who will have their



lives turned upside down in the next month. That's why, each year, the Leukaemia Foundation holds the World's Greatest Shave.

On the 21st of August, Cody Brown, of Year 10, participated in this fantastic fund raising event. Students and staff throughout the school rallied around Cody as she bravely stood before the morning assembly and had her beautiful waist length hair shaved down to a number 3 buzz cut. Through the generosity of her peers and staff of Yanco Ag, Cody was successful in raising a total of \$453 on the day. This, when combined with the \$560 dollars she raised independently, meant that Cody had raised over \$1000 for research in to leukaemia and blood related cancers.



This is a marvellous effort on Cody's behalf, and displays a true Yanconian spirit of generosity, ethics and leadership.

Special thanks must go out to Kylie Busch of the Leeton Barbers for kindly giving her time and expertise in shaving Cody's hair.

## DUBBO SCHOOL'S WETHER CHALLENGE

At the end of August, Mrs Quinn and Paul Bandy took 16 students from the Animal Management: Sheep and Wool elective class and 12 Merino Wethers to the Dubbo Rabobank National Merino



*Overall Champion School – Sponsored by UNE*

Show and Sale, where they were to compete in the School's Merino Wether Competition. Each team of three wethers was assigned to a team of four or five students. Since their arrival in April from Wood Park Merino and Poll Merino Stud, these teams of students have been responsible for caring for them, including providing them with feed and water, vaccinating, back lining and drenching them,



*Champion Wool Value Class*

breaking them into halter and preparing them for presentation.

Each team of wethers was judged on their projected meat and wool value over 5 years, then shorn and fleece tested. They were also scanned for eye muscle and fat depth. Prizes are awarded for:

- Projection class - team with the highest estimated earning capability over a 5 year period from both meat and wool
- Wool - team with the highest commercial value
- Meat - team with the highest commercial value

• Overall Champion Team - In addition to points awarded above, also taking into consideration the presentation of sheep, presentation and dress of students and the quality of Management Diary

The school was awarded Champion team in the projection class, Champion Wool value and overall Champion School, which also took into account the

management diary and quiz results. This was sponsored by the University of New England, who donated a cash prize of \$1000 and a perpetual trophy to the school.

The students were required to complete a quiz on the Sheep and Wool Industry to demonstrate their knowledge, with Brodie Heron placing first and Deanna Johnston placing second overall. Deanna also placed second in the Junior Wool Judging, with Natasha Greenshields placing third.



*Champion Projection Class*



## ALL BREEDS JUNIOR HEIFER SHOW - DUBBO



On Thursday the 4th of September 17 keen cattle students boarded the bus with Miss Weller and Mr Collins to travel to a Heifer Show

in Dubbo taking with them seven Blackjack heifers donated by the Carter Family and also ten steers and a heifer that is the first heifer shown for the new Yanco Shorthorn stud. When we arrived later that day the steers and heifers were off the truck, in the wash bay and then made their way into the beds.

On the Friday morning all 250 competitors were split into different age divisions and sent to be involved in numerous demonstrations. The Senior Paraders class commenced at 5pm on the Friday afternoon and there were four students in the classes. They were Jeremy Mackay, Hayley Fairfull, who placed 3rd, Laura Harris who placed 4th and Rebecca Ritchie who placed 5th.



*Stacey Gardiner  
4th in Junior Judging*

Saturday started with Junior Judging. Everyone did the judging and the students who were chosen to speak in this were Madeline Coomber, William Matheson and Stacie Gardiner, who placed 4th.

That same afternoon, it was time for the cattle to be judged. On Friday Cooper Carter took one of his heifers into the jackpot, but unfortunately did not place.

First to be judged were the steers. Most of our steers placed in their classes;

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Wagon Wheel ( bred by the school) | 2nd |
| Jimmy (Limousin)                  | 2nd |
| Justin (also known as Archie)     | 4th |
| Jeffry (Angus)                    | 5th |

In the heifer class the school's heifer, Yanco Powe placed a well-deserved 2nd place. Also three

Blackjack Shorthorn heifers placed as well. The junior heifer placed 2nd, the Sprys heifer placed 5th and so did their heifer named Blackjack Cherry Bomb.

Then onto the school Paraders, this commenced on Sunday. All students paraded well.

The following students placed were;

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Cooper Carter   | 4th, |
| Hugh Webber     | 5th, |
| Jarrold Brain   | 3rd, |
| Stacey Gardiner | 5th  |
| Maddie Coomber  | 4th. |



After the Paraders competition it was time for the presentation. Jeremy Mackay received the encouragement award for the senior group.

Overall we had a great time, coming home with some unforgettable memories and new friends were made. We learnt lots from the demonstrations and will value those lessons in the future. On behalf of the students who went to the Dubbo All breeds Heifer show we would like to thank the teachers, Mr Collins and Miss Weller. Without them we would not have been able to attend the show. We would also like to thank Blackjack Shorthorns owned by the Carter Family for donating their seven heifers to use throughout the show.

### CANTEEN NEWS Christmas Special

3/4 Kakadu Oilskin Jackets \$140  
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## MELBOURNE SHOW REPORT

In the last week of Term 3, Emma Gale, Will McLean, Rose Nevinson, Samuel Thomas, Lindsay Brown and Mr & Mrs Quinn took seven sheep and a lamb to the Royal Melbourne Show. The competition was strong, with studs from Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, however one of our ewes, McCaughey 13131 was awarded the Reserve Champion White Suffolk Ewe and Yanco was awarded Most Successful White Suffolk Exhibitor.



*L. Brown, S. Thomas, E. Gale, R. Nevison, C. Hogan*

In the School's Sheep Competition, students were required to judge short-wool and long-wool meat sheep, which were Poll Dorset and Border Leicester, then compete in a Handling competition. Emma Gale, placed 2nd in the Short-Wool Meat Sheep Junior Judging and 3rd overall Senior Junior Judge; Samuel Thomas, placed 2nd in the Long-Wool Meat Sheep Junior Judging; Rose Nevinson, placed 1st overall in both the Senior Junior Judging and Handling competitions, and Lindsay Brown, placed 3rd overall in the Junior Judging. The School also came third in the Best Presented School



Competition and the total of the points received from this and the junior judging and handling competitions ensured Yanco was awarded Champion School in the Sheep School's Competition at the Royal Melbourne Show.

## MURRUMBATEMAN FIELD DAYS

From Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of October, six students went to Murrumbateman Field Days. They were Grace Armour, Meagan Lette, Montana Hawkins, Heather Robinson, Lyndsey Mitchell and Thomas Kimpton. At the Field Days our job was to speak to people about the school and hopefully give them the idea to send their children to Yanco Ag High School.

On Friday we left Yanco at 8:30am and took a long trip to Gundagai where we took a quick break to stretch our legs. Further along the track we stopped at Bookham to drop off 3 students. The rest of the students went on to Yass. On Saturday we left from home and headed off to Murrumbateman field days. We spent all day there talking to people about the school. On Sunday morning we got there earlier so we could help out with saddling the mounted police horses. Again we spoke to people all day and at the end of the day we packed up the tent and headed back to school. We first stopped for dinner in Wagga and then got back to school at 9:30pm.

*By Thomas Kimpton*



*Meagan Lette says hello to a regular visitor to the Murrumbateman Field Days*

## JUNEE SHOW – POULTRY

Yet again, the poultry show team has had another successful show, with all birds placing in



*Breanna Carr, Heather Robinson and Abbey Curran*

their categories. Careful preparation was carried out by Heather Robinson, Abbey Curran and Breanna Carr. For the second year in a row, the team claimed Champion and Reserve Champion Bird in Show, with Plymouth Rock Hercules (YAHs) and Silkie Gertrude (owned by Emma Cullen). We would like to thank Mr Dixon and the enthusiastic and welcoming committee involved in running the poultry section at Junee Show.



## MELBOURNE SHOW - CATTLE REPORT

On Friday the 19th of September when all the Yanco students were getting on the buses to go home for the holidays nine cattle students stayed at school to pack and get ready for the Melbourne Royal Show. We spent all day washing, clipping and doing last minute adjustments to our display before packing the bus and trailer ready for our early morning.



*The Cattle Showstock Team*

All of the students performed well with special mentions going to Kaitlyn McKay placing first in her class, Hayley Fairfull and Jeremy Mackay both placed second, whilst Logan Manwaring, James Littlehales and Rebecca Ritchie placing third in their respective classes. The highlight of the paraders went to Natalie Grylls who placed first in her class and then went on to become Champion Parader for the show.



*Natalie Grylls -  
Champion Parader*

The next event was steer classes where all of the steers performed well with five steers being place getters in their classes. In one class Yanco steers dominated with the first three placegetters being exhibited by the school, two steers were dominated by The Garren Park Limousin steer (Jimmy) placed first and (Junior), third place went to The Glen Angus steer (Greenie). A Greenthorpe Galloway steer (Dominator) placing third and another Greenthorpe Galloway steer (Wally) placed fourth in his class in their respective classes. Unfortunately our heavyweight steers didn't fare so well during their

classes. Five of the steers were also selected to represent the team breeds competing in Borthwick Cup. The Glen Angus Steer (Greenie) was selected in the Angus team, The Garren Park Limousin



*Garren Park Jimmy,  
1st Place and Borthwick Limousin Team member*

Steer (Jimmy) was selected in the Limousin Team and the three Greenthorpe Galloway steers (Wally), (Dominator) and (Rum & Raisin) were all selected to be a part of the Galloway team competing for the trophy. After all of the results were collected both on the hoof and on the hook the Angus team won the trophy.



*The Glen Angus Steer, 3rd in his class and*

The show team left Melbourne on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> and went home for a well-earned holiday. All the students had a great time, both in and out of the ring, but were keen to get home after a long week. The students who went would also like to thank Miss Weller and Mr Collins for giving up their own personal holiday time to take us to the show; it was a great experience for all.

*By James Littlehales, Jeremy Mackay and  
Rebecca Ritchie*

## ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW 2014 - CLYDESDALES

A team of five Clydesdales – three mares and two geldings represented the school at this year's Centenary of Exhibition of Clydesdales at Melbourne Royal.

Students Emily Belling, Meagan Lette and Jessica Power spent a few days of their holiday preparing, caring for and exhibiting these majestic animals.



For the first time in the world the Clydesdales were paraded in an indoor area at this year's show.

In very big classes our individual animals struggled a little but in the junior classes our students shone greatly winning many awards. Emily had a great show and all three girls deserve much congratulation for their efforts against some of the best animals in Australia. A big thank you to Paul Bandy for his efforts in making this event so successful. Also thanks to Alison Prentice and Colin Brown for allowing the use of these animals for our students.



## AUSTRALASIAN TEAM ROPING FINALS

On Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September I left home with my family and our horses to start our journey to Capella Qld, where we competed in the Australasian Team Roping National Finals. To qualify for the National Finals we had to have placed at a regional roping during the year.

The competition started on Thursday night with the preliminary finals in which I had no luck. On Friday I competed in the number 7s and placed sixth out of approximately 250 teams, heeling for Allan Wood from Tabbita. On Saturday I had the day off. On Sunday I competed in the number 9s, Jnr Breakaway and Jnr Team Roping, in which I roped well but unfortunately didn't place. My big brother Billy placed third in the 13s, my little brother Jackson won the dummy roping while dad competed well but unfortunately didn't get any placings. We headed home on Tuesday after a good National Finals and reached home by Friday.

*By Daniel Guilford*





## SHORTHORN HEIFER SHOW REPORT

On the October long weekend, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>, six students chose to give up their holidays and travel to Parkes on the Friday for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Shorthorn Junior Heifer Show. Once there we met up with Mr Collins and started to unload our cattle and set up our area and wash and blow dry the cattle.



*The Yanco team at the Shorthorn Youth Expo*

The school took seven shorthorn heifers for us to show and Logan Manwaring, who had recently purchased two heifers to start his own stud, brought them along to participate with. Rebecca Ritchie and Cooper Carter, who are also keen shorthorn breeders, also attended the weekend with their own stud cattle.

On the first day of the show we all split up into groups and went to tutorials which covered a range of topics within the beef industry. The afternoon consisted of a fitting competition and some activities with everyone else so we could get to know other people in the shorthorn industry.

Sunday was the day for the heifer classes up until lunch time, then after lunch we had junior judging, where we had to assess three different classes of animals before the top place getters were chosen to give their reasoning's. Logan Manwaring and Jeremy Mackay made it to the oral section of junior judging.



champion class but missed out.

That afternoon the presentation ceremony was held to receive our prizes for placing in our paraders classes and junior judging. One of the main prizes in the presentation was the major encouragement award which is a stud

On the final day we had our parader classes and we all placed in our paraders with Jeremy Mackay and Alisha Harrington placing second and then Jeremy made it into the reserve



heifer donated by Tarraganda shorthorns, all competitors were placed in to a draw, with the winner being pulled out of the hat. This year's winner was Yanco's Alisha Harrington, who was so excited with the award. The heifer is currently still with the Morris family and is getting AI and from there Alisha is going to start up her very own shorthorn stud with the help of her family.



*Alisha Harrington after winning her heifer*



## LOUD SHIRT DAY



During Term 3, the SRC held a fundraiser called Loud Shirt Day.



*Lachlan Pellow, Mr Gifford & James Rapley*

It was an excuse for students to wear their brightest clothes and raise money to help give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children.

Loud Shirt Day was a perfect way to engage our school community in a simple fundraiser. We used this opportunity to educate students about hearing loss and about how deaf children can be fully integrated into a school community with the help of the fundraisers such as Loud Shirt Day.

As a school the students managed to raise \$194.85, and were also lucky enough to raise some money through the local community to the value of \$170.00. A total of \$364.85.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped raise money for a very worthy cause.



*Kimberley Butler, Zoe Cumming & Olivia Gay show off their love of pink*

## RIVERINA VISUAL ARTS CAMP 2014

To kick off Term 4 seventeen students from Yanco Ag participated in the 2014 Riverina Visual Arts Camp. This experience connected students with Wagga Wagga TAFE, its facilities, equipment and staff for some accelerated workshop experiences. Students participated in a range of courses covering drawing, painting, jewellery making, animation, printmaking and photography. Our students made a real impression on the camp organisers and TAFE staff. Yanco also enjoyed the opportunity to work and socialise with students from other Riverina schools.





## **McCAUGHEY WHITE SUFFOLK STUD - LEADING THE WAY WITH SHEEP GENOMICS**

McCaughey White Suffolk stud has become one of the first terminal sheep studs in Australia to test ewes and ewe lambs as well as ram lambs on a large scale with the aim of identifying and selecting animals that demonstrate superior meat eating quality traits, which were previously unable to be measured prior to the development of the technology.

The Sheep Genomics tests are available for the four major breeds of sheep and provide information on over 12,000 genetic markers which can predict differences in the performance or appearance of an animal due to genetic differences. This improves the accuracy of the Australian Sheep Breeding Values for growth, muscling and fat and improves the prediction of worm resistance and hard to measure traits for meat eating quality such as intramuscular fat and shear force. These meat eating quality traits are of particular focus for the stud as it is imperative that as a prime lamb ram producer we are focussing on what the consumers want – juiciness, flavour and tenderness, which are correlated to intramuscular fat or marbling and shear force which is the force it takes to break the meat.

The top 20% of ram lambs, ewe lambs and ewes were identified using LAMBPLAN data. Blood was collected from a small cut on the ear on the genomics cards by Animal Management, Year 11 Agriculture and Year 11 Biology students. These were sent to the Sheep CRC for DNA testing and the data will be available for those lambs in early 2015. The purpose of testing the top 20% of ewes and rams are to identify the superior animals for these traits and possibly look at doing some embryo transfer work with or to selectively breed to superior meat eating quality sires to breed a line of superior meat eating quality animals.

There are some excellent bloodlines within the stud already from two rams; one of which is a 2007 drop ram that is still the trait leader on LAMBPLAN for intramuscular fat, the other the grandsire of a large proportion of 2014 drop lambs. We are seeking to improve this even further by securing the only semen left in Australia from the only ram that is a

trait leader for all three DNA tested traits, Lean Meat Yield, Intramuscular Fat and Shear Force and actively seeking out rams that meet our breeding objectives with regards to meat eating quality traits. There is currently no other stud to date in Australia that is DNA testing female animals in this manner and for this purpose, and YAHS is looking to be the first to be able to confidently supply terminal rams that are DNA tested and guaranteed to produce juicy and tender prime lambs. These rams will be for private sale in 2015 and hopefully in our inaugural on-property ram sale in Spring 2016.



***For more information, please contact the  
Sheep Enterprise Co-ordinator, Ellie Quinn  
at YAHS on (02) 69511500.***

## COOTAMUNDRA SHOW - CATTLE AND SHEEP REPORT

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Yanco cattle and sheep teams loaded up early to head to Cootamundra Show, taking with them eleven heifers, twelve sheep and twenty students.



*Students who qualified in the various Junior Judging events for state finals in 2015; Colleen Head, Rose Nevinson, Rebecca Ritchie, Hayley Fairfull, Zac Liley, Jeremy Mackay and Logan Manwaring.*

On arrival we unloaded all the animals and got straight into the junior judging competition. The students all had a go in numerous junior judging events these included Merino, Meat Sheep, Fruit and Vegetable, Fleece, Grain and Beef Judging. There were two main sections in this competition, Group Finals, consisting of Yanco students aged from 15 to 17 (trying to qualify for Sydney Royal state final in 2015) and Non-Group Finals which were then split into their respective age groups.

In the non-qualifying groups the students who placed were, in the 13 years age group, Cooper Carter placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Fleece, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Merino Sheep and Meat Sheep, Hugh Webber placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fruit and Vegetables and 5<sup>th</sup> in Grain and Lindsay Brown placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Fleece. In the 14/15 years age group the place getters were, Cameron Saul placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fleece and Grain, Bryce Johnston placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Meat Sheep and Grain and

also placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fruit and Vegetables and Jock Hudson placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Grain, 4<sup>th</sup> in Fruit and Vegetables and also placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Fleece and Merino Sheep. Jock was also named best judge of the day in Merino Sheep Judging. In the 16 years age group, Alisha Harrington placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Merino and Beef and Brodie Heron placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Beef and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fleece.

In the group finals, the students who placed in the top 2 or 3 in each event have won themselves opportunity to represent the region and the school at Sydney Royal 2015 in the state finals. The people who qualified were Jeremy Mackay placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Meat Sheep Judging, Rebecca Ritchie winning the Merino Sheep Judging, also placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fleece and 5<sup>th</sup> in Beef and Grain, Hayley Fairfull placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Fleece and Grain, also placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the non-qualifying group for Beef, Logan

Manwaring placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grain and 5<sup>th</sup> in Merino Sheep, Colleen Head placed 3<sup>rd</sup> also in Merino sheep and Laura Harris placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Beef Judging. Others who also placed in these events were, Madeline Coomber placing 5<sup>th</sup> and Angus Smyth 4<sup>th</sup> in Meat Sheep Judging.

Friday afternoon also saw the paraders for the students who did not want to qualify for Sydney at Cootamundra but wanted to have a go at Albury, take place. The place getters in this event were, Hugh Webber and Cameron Saul both placing 4<sup>th</sup> and Brodie Heron placing 1<sup>st</sup> in his class. We then had the heifer fitting competition. There were four students from Yanco competing and they all placed.



*The Very Successful Cattle and Sheep Team- with the Grand Champion Ewe Lamb of Show and Champion Ram, Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer and Champion Parader of Show*



Cooper Carter and Hayley Fairfull placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeremy Mackay placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Logan Manwaring placed 4<sup>th</sup>. This section gave the students five minutes to prepare their animal and get it to the ring for competition.

Saturday kicked off with the qualifying paraders section of the show and was followed by the heifer and steer classes. Paraders saw many students who tried their best to make it to Sydney with many students from the sheep team willing to give it a go



*Students who qualified for the state beef cattle paraders in Sydney in 2015; Logan Manwaring, Bryce Johnston, Madalane Coomber, Jeremy Mackay and Cooper Carter*

as well. In the finals for the competition Yanco had nine of the sixteen students vying for the ten places. Five students were lucky enough to be granted the opportunity to compete in Sydney at the state finals with another student also from Yanco being the reserve for Sydney. Those students who qualified were, Jeremy Mackay, Logan Manwaring who also placed first in this event, Madeline Coomber, Cooper Carter and a member of the sheep team Bryce Johnston. The reserve is Alisha Harrington, who will get to compete if any of the other students is unable to make it.



*Logan Manwaring  
Champion Parader*

After this event the people who placed first in their classes from Friday and the qualifying group went on to compete for champion parader, and fortunately Yanco had three students, Logan

Manwaring, Cooper Carter and Brodie Heron compete. The outcome of this event was that Logan Manwaring was named Champion Parader of the Cootamundra show 2014.

The heifer classes and the steer class ran on straight after paraders with many of Yanco Heifers placing in their classes. In the 12 months and under class Yanco Powe Powe won her class with Nero J255 placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same class. In class of heifer's 12 months and under 16 months, Futurity Endurance Ruby placed first, Futurity Mary Ann placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, both of these heifers are owned by Logan Manwaring. Also in that same class Yanco had Nero Maria placing 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nagol placing 4<sup>th</sup> and Nero Cyto Alison J220 placing 5<sup>th</sup> making this a clean sweep for Yanco in this class. With having two heifers able to compete for champion junior heifer, Futurity Endurance Ruby and Yanco Powe Powe, Logan Manwaring's heifer, Futurity Endurance Ruby walked away with reserve champion heifer under 20 months.

We then had the carcass animals hoof class. This class is judged on how the animal has put muscle and fat on and whether they are suitable for their required markets and fortunately Yanco had a heifer, Fairly Fair Lady, donated by the Fairly family placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in this class.

Whilst the cattle students were busy exhibiting the cattle, the sheep team were also busy preparing and showing their twelve exhibits. They took five lambs, one ewe and lamb, two rams and two hogget ewes. They were very successful, gaining the Champion and Reserve Champion White Suffolk

Ewe, Ram, Ewe Lamb and Ram Lamb, as well as the Grand Champion Lamb of the Show in the interbreed competition against the Poll Dorsets, Hampshire Downs and Texel ram and ewe lambs with a June drop lamb, 14004. Whilst the ewe lamb that received this title was not the biggest in her class, the Judge commented that she was the most correct, had excellent muscling throughout the loin and



*Zac Liley with the  
Champion White Suffolk*

hindquarter and was an excellent example of the White Suffolk Breed type.

After all the success at the show the Yanco team packed up, loaded the heifers onto the truck and got back onto the bus ready to come back to school and rest up for Albury, the last show of the year. On behalf of the Yanco team we would like to thank Nero Shorthorns owned by Keith and Vicky Ridley for the kind loan of the heifers, the Fairley family for their donation of two carcass heifers and finally BlackJack Shorthorns owned by the Carter family for letting some of our students lead your heifers in qualifying parades. We would also like to thank Mr Collins and Miss Weller for taking the time out of their weekend and taking us to Cootamundra show. Without all of these people we would not gain the experience and opportunities given to us. Overall we had a great show and we are now looking forward to Albury show.

*Written by Hayley Fairfull*

## COOTAMUNDRA SHOW – WILL PETERSON

### *Brooksfield Just Gorgeous*

1st Led open Hack 15.2hh-16hh,  
1st Led ASH Mare or filly,  
1st Led ANSA Mare or filly,  
1st Gents Hack,  
1st Gents Rider 17 and under 21,  
1st Ridden ASH Mare or filly,  
2nd Open hack 15.2hh-16hh,  
3rd Open hack 15.2hh-16hh  
Champion Large Breed Mare or filly  
Reserve Champion Open Hack



*Lindsay Brown with the Champion Ram lamb and Rose Nevinston with the Res Champion Ram lamb*

## JUNEE SHOW

*Brooksfield Just Gorgeous* ridden by Will Peterson  
2nd led ASH mare  
2nd ASH junior handler  
1st ridden ASH mare  
1st ridden ASH junior  
Champion ridden ASH hack  
2nd led open hack  
3rd open hack 15.2hh - 16hh  
*Sanlirra Talk of the Town* ridden by Sheridan Hammet  
Hammet  
2nd ridden open Galloway 14 -14.2hh  
*Rayma Justa Doll* ridden by Sheridan Hammet  
2nd ridden open hack 15 - 15.2hh  
1st child's hack  
Champion Open Hack  
*Willowcrest Dreams* ridden by Sheridan Hammet  
2nd led open pony 13.2 - 14hh  
2nd ridden open pony 13.2 - 14hh  
*Daleford Cameo* ridden by Jessica Afflick  
1st maiden hack  
1st 4yrs and under  
*Jack* ridden by Georgia Makila- Reynolds  
1st novice galloway 14.2 - 15hh



**Will Peterson's  
Brooksfield Just  
Gorgeous**



## LEETON SHOW

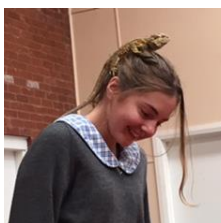
*"Weja Warrego"* ridden by Emily Belling  
1st Juvenile handler  
1st Ridden ASH Hack Gelding  
2nd Led Gelding  
Reserve Champion ASH Hack  
3rd Open Working ASH Gelding  
3rd Working ASH Ridden by Juvenile  
1st and 3rd Junior team penning  
Reserve Junior Team penner



## 'SNAKE TAILS' VISIT YANCO

On the 14th of October 2014, Bob the reptile man who represents the 'Snake Tails' program, came along with his reptile crew which consisted of;

- ☐ A red-bellied black snake
- ☐ A brown snake
- ☐ A fierce snake
- ☐ A tiger snake
- ☐ A blue-tongued lizard
- ☐ A huge olive python
- ☐ A fresh water turtle
- ☐ A fake salt water turtle
- ☐ A blue-tongued lizard
- ☐ A shingleback lizard



With his reptile crew, Bob taught us how to be safe around and how to conserve these brilliant creatures. He also taught us the procedures used if you were to get bitten by a deadly snake. Lots of students enjoyed this informative show, and were even more excited when they got to get up close and touch the lizards and turtles. Some students even got the python put around their neck! Although the poisonous snakes were in boxes with a glass front, they were still breathtaking to look at.

We all learnt a lot, for instance, that brown snakes aren't the deadliest snakes in Australia, fierce snakes, although they have not killed anyone. The difference between turtles and tortoises, also that the tiger snake looks like a brown snake and that you should never kill a snake with a shovel as it could come and bite you back.

Although everyone had different thoughts, one thing that everyone remembered was that red-bellies kill brown snakes, so don't kill the red bellies.

*By Emma Dixon and Bianca Smith Year 7*



## WIN PROGRAM 2014

This year fifteen Year 10 students took part in the Work Inspirations Program. These students, along with twenty five Leeton High School students, undertook 14 days of work placement at various business and industries in the local area and learnt lifelong employability skills. Congratulations goes to the YAHS students below that completed the program, I am so proud of the students and all of their achievements along the way.

I also would like to thank all of the students, parents, employers, staff and wider community that attended the WIN program presentation lunch that was held on the 27th of November.

### Student

Cody Brown  
Aaron Cain  
Lucie Carey  
Liam Catanzariti  
Jakeb Curran  
Matt Guttler  
Matthew Harland  
Brittany Manwaring  
Logan Manwaring  
Odette Mara  
Clay McKenzie  
Luke Pyle  
Nathan Twigg  
Shanae Uebergang  
Jack Weber

### Host Employer

Leeton Veterinary Hospital  
Leeton Toyota  
Earthcraft beauty  
Murrumbidgee Irrigation  
Cummins South Pacific  
Nathan Wood Construction  
Isaac Houghton Carpentry  
Stir Espresso  
Knagge Family Trust  
Leeton District Hospital  
Narrandera Gourmet Meat  
Intersales Leeton  
Bardney Metal Fabrication  
Yenda Producers  
Cransley



*Logan Manwaring with his host employer*



*Cody Brown with her host employer*

## CHS U15's NETBALL KNOCKOUT

On Tuesday the 21st October the YAHS U15s Netball Team headed to Wagga Wagga for the CHS netball knockout carnival.



*Back Row: Z. Thomas, Z. Cunial, Z. Potter, R. Nicholson, Z. Thomas, H. Robinson, O. Gay (Umpire)  
Front Row: A. Bevan, G. Fisher, B. Doyle, A. Tagliapietra*

We left school at 7:30am to arrive at Wagga for our first game at 9:30am. All of our games would have 12 minute halves and a 30 second break in between, the girls would be constantly on their toes.

Our first game was the hardest by far, we were up against Wagga High school, the YAHS girls were all very competitive and tried there hardest. This game ended with a score of 5-19, Wagga's way. For a team that had only trained a minimum amount of times together, they showed fantastic team work. This really showed with their win in their second game against Gundagai. All girls played exceptionally well and we ended up with an 18 point win.

The third game the girls were confident and desperate for another win, it was against Tumbarumba and both teams fought hard and we came out on top with an 11-8 win.

The girls spirits were high going into their second last game which unfortunately they went down to Murray, the girls were low in goals and ended in 3-14 loss.

Finally it was time for their last game, and the girls lacked motivation and energy. This was a very hard game which pushed the girls to their limits. The

Yanco girls were versing Corowa and it was neck and neck until the very end. YAHS went down in their last game with a disappointing score of 5-12.

We would all like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Thurgood for being a great coach and for her half time talks. They really paid off. We would also like to thank Miss Giles for being the most organised assistant coach and bus driver. Olivia Gay was also our umpire for the day and she was consistent all day and we really appreciate her hard work.

*By Gemma Fisher and Reba Nicholson*

## CHS CRICKET

This year I took on the great privilege of being the CHS boys' cricket team coach. We started our deep run in the Davidson Shield knockout back in term 1 at the local schools T20 gala day at Coleambally Central School. The boys were fortunate enough to walk away winners on the day after beating Wade High School in a very tight grand final on a crumbling turf wicket. After setting a smallish total of 100, Wade HS looked set for a win at 2/50 of their first 10 overs. That was until Toby Daniel ripped them apart with a game winning 5/10 with a huge 3 wicket maiden coming on his fourth and final over.



This gala day win automatically placed us into the quarterfinal against Barham HS in which we made the 4 hour drive to play on their home field. Batting first we made 113 with the top scorers being Hamish Bradford (33), Andrew Haenig (21) and



Andrew Reid (20). Toby Daniel broke through with the new ball getting 3 early wickets to have Barham at 3/2 and from there they never fully recovered. Barham were all out for a total of 51 meaning that YAHS won the match by 62 runs. Toby Daniel was again the man of the match with a remarkable 6/13.



Next up was a semi-final match up against Deniliquin High School here at YAHS oval. Unfortunately due to the tight scheduling it meant that we were unable to play on a turf wicket and instead had to resort to the schools synthetic pitch. Batting first YAHS looked solid with the openers Jeremy Hillam and Sam Alexander getting their eyes in early. An unfortunate incident saw Jeremy Hillam needing medical treatment and having to retire hurt. YAHS set the target at 106 with top scorers being Darcy Booth (25) and Sam Alexander (22). YAHS came out onto the field looking to get early break through wickets and that is exactly what they did having Deniliquin at 2/12, both openers (Sam Alexander and Toby Daniel) getting a wicket with Toby getting one with his very first ball. However Todd Marshall the number four batsmen for Deniliquin and Riverina representative player proved to be the sticking point for our attack. He smashed his way to 66 runs not out with ease and coasted his team to a win by 5 wickets.

Making it to the semi-final is a great achievement by the boys and something they should be extremely proud of. The boys' behaviour and sportsmanship has been at an exceptionally high level throughout the year and something that I am very proud of. It has been fantastic to be part of the adventure and I am looking forward to hopefully going one step further next year.

*Nathan Cassilles*

## **NATIONAL TEAM BARRELS - TAMWORTH**

On the 20th of August Amellia, Charlotte and I travelled to Tamworth to compete in the Australian Barrel Horse Association Finals. To qualify for the finals you had to compete at 5 ABHA days. It was a very long drive up there, but we enjoyed the trip. We stopped at West Wyalong for a quick fuel stop and then we stopped at Gilgandra to let the horses off for a quick walk around just to stretch their legs. When we arrived at Tamworth at 5pm we had to find our stables and put the bedding in for the horses. After we set up the truck I thought I would go for a walk with one of my friends, who also qualified for the finals, to have a look around.

The day after we arrived we had expedition runs. Charlotte had her run early that morning and then Amellia and I were a little while after Charlotte. The three of us were done pretty early in the morning so we had the rest of the day to relax.

On the Friday we had to compete. We had our first round. Charlotte was in the first 15 runs. She had a good run but she had a little trouble on her first drum. Amellia had a really good run but knocked a drum and I had a really good run but unfortunately knocked a drum as well.

On Saturday it was the opens and the classic on. We were not in any of those events. On Sunday we had to compete again. I was out first on Edna and we did a really good run but just like our first run I knocked another drum. Amellia came out and had a bad run and broke the clover leaf pattern. Charlotte was the last one of our family to compete and did a really good run. When it came for the presentation we were all waiting even though we knew none of us were place getters. Charlotte ended up 7th in the third division.

Thank you to Mum and Dad for driving that far and giving us the opportunity.

*By Katherine Butt*

## **BUSH FIRE SEASON**



Helping local families be better prepared for the current bush fire season.

The Bush Fire Danger Period has commenced for the Local Government Areas of Carrathool, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera. With this in mind no fires are allowed to be lit without a Fire Permit, including house hold incinerators. Fire Permits can be obtained by contacting your local Brigade Captain. If you need their contact details, please contact the Fire Control Centre on 6966 7800.

Fires with a Permit can be lit from 4pm and must be extinguished by Midnight, Monday - Friday. No fires are to be lit on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays. For further information, go to [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or contact the Fire Control Centre on 6966 7800.

## **SAFER DRIVERS COURSE**



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It will assist young learner drivers to:

- Improve their own levels of safety when driving, by learning how to manage road safety risks.
- Increase current driving skills and acquire new ones through a combination of classroom learning and practical supervised instruction from a professional driving instructor.

After the successful completion of module one and two of the course the learner will receive a twenty hours reduction in their log book (from 120 hours to 100 hours). NRMA Safer Driving in Leeton is facilitating this course on November 26th.

The course will be held at the Leeton Shire Library for a total cost of \$140. Course numbers are limited to twelve people with a minimum of nine people required to run the course. For further information and booking visit the NRMA Safer Driving website at:

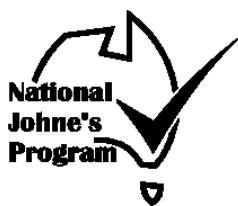
<http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au> or visit the NRMA office at 5 Pine Avenue, Leeton.



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