



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

29th May - 3rd June

Equine NWEE

30th May

Zone Athletics

30th - 1st June

Limousin Youth

Cattle Show.

Fishing Club to

Carrathool

4th June

Students leave for

DESI

10th June

Students return

from DESI

11 - 13th June

Holbrook Sheep &

Wool Fair

13th June

Riverina X-Country

13 - 14th June

Wagga Boarding

School Expo

14th June

McCaughey Ball

15th June

P&C Meeting

18 - 22nd June

Equine – SIEC

Sydney

21 – 22nd June

Shooting @ Bowral

24th June

Riverina Athletics

26th June

Year 10 & 12

Parent/teacher (pm)

Year 11 Subject

Selection

Presentation

Performance Night

27th June

Years 7-9 & 11

Parent/Teacher day

Wednesday, 4th June 2014

Term 2, Week 6

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YANCO SHINES AT 2014 SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW



Champion Trade Steer at Sydney Royal Easter Show 2014



*Jack Turner. Year 12 2014
State Champion Junior Judging – Grain.
Jack was 2nd in the Merino Junior Handling
competition and 3rd in the State Final of Junior
Judging for Beef Cattle*



*Jane Goldsworthy. Year 12 student 2013
State Champion Junior Judging for
Sheep Meat Breeds*

NATIONAL MERINO CHALLENGE



On Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of May, nine Year 11 and 12 students competed in the National Merino Challenge at the Melbourne Showgrounds.

The NMC is an AWI initiative designed to allow young people to engage with the Merino industry by developing their knowledge, skills and networks, and involves presentations and demonstrations from industry professionals. Students participate in seven 'mini-challenges' over two days, testing their knowledge of Merino fleece, production, breeding and selection. These included AWEX-ID typing and valuing of wool, condition scoring of sheep, ewe and ram selection for breeding objectives using visual and Australian Sheep Breeding Value data, nutrition and feed budgeting.



The Merino Challenge Team

These techniques are derived from several well-known industry initiatives, such as MerinoSelect, Lifetime Ewe Management, Bredwell Fedwell and Visual Sheep Scores, are used throughout the NMC, giving students a realistic and practical insight into the tools available to growers to make more informed decisions.

A highlight of the weekend was the Industry Dinner, in which students are dispersed amongst other students from TAFE, colleges and University, as well as professionals in the industry to promote networking.

Aidan Raeck was awarded second overall in the Secondary students section, as well as the top performing student in both the Wool and Breeding sections. Yanco was also awarded Champion Team in the Secondary School division, with the four highest scoring students Colleen Head, Aidan Raeck, Chantelle Gorman and Jack Turner.



Aiden Raeck

The students received a woollen doona, woollen bag and Australian Sheep and Wool Handbook and the school also received a pregnancy scanning crate, valued at \$5000, generously donated by Bralca.



Aiden Raeck, Colleen Head, Chantelle Gorman and Jack Turner

ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT YAHS



ANZAC DAY SERVICE IN LEETON



PRINCIPALS REPORT

Our ANZAC service again demonstrated how special this commemoration is at Yanco. With a



large crowd of visitors watching on our

students proudly marched onto the area around the cenotaph, recognising the Yanco fallen by placing crosses in the surrounding gardens. Led and organised by the Prefects with the support of Mr Press, the ceremony was

again very special. Thank you to the small group of local students who marched in the Leeton ceremony during the holidays. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.



The end of Term 1 and during the holidays our students continued to excel with sheep, cattle and equine teams doing very well at Sydney Royal Easter Show. The front cover of this news conveys how successful the school was at Sydney. This was the first year that the school has taken sheep to Sydney and I hope we continue to do so in the future. Congratulations to Jack Turner and Jane Goldsworthy for being State Champions in Junior Judging. When you consider that this is a 25 years and under competition these results are outstanding and both deserve the rewards. Both will travel to Brisbane in August to compete in the National Championships. Jack also did well in the Merino and Beef Cattle competitions – he had a great show. In the steer competition the school's steer was judged Champion Trade Steer against the other 65 steers in the competition. Winning this carcase

award was great testimony to the hard work and persistence of students and staff. Thank you to the Carter family for supplying this steer. For the first time in a number of years Yanco won the 'Best Presented School' Award from the 50 schools present at Sydney – a great reward for the efforts of our students.

Over Easter our Venturers also were very successful in the Dragonskins event. An excellent result for our very inexperienced team.

Both of these events required enormous commitment from both staff and students to ensure success. The good will of staff to ensure that these opportunities for students eventuate is greatly appreciated.

A number of new teachers have commenced at the school this term. It gives me much pleasure to introduce Mrs Narelle Piffero to the position of Head Teacher Welfare Girls. She comes with a great deal of experience and her most recent school was Young High School. Some years back she taught at Yanco as a PD/H/PE teacher. Other new arrivals include Miss McCaig (Food Technology), Mr Elliott (English) and Mr White (Science). We welcome these staff and hope they enjoy their time at Yanco. In other staff news Natalie O'Leary has resigned as Farm Foreman. I would like to acknowledge her hard work over the past four years where she has progressed the school farm in many areas. I thank her for her efforts.

Early in the term a group of students and staff travelled to Broken Hill to attend the Agfair. A report appears later in this news. Thank you to the many parents who supported our visit.

Our students in the sheep teams have had great success over the last weeks. For the second year our team has been successful in winning the secondary school section of the National Merino Competition held in Melbourne. Aidan Raeck was the star of the team being our highest scoring team member and being the top performer in the wool and breeding sections. At the State Sheep Show in Dubbo again success was achieved in the Show Prime Lamb Hoof and Hook section with Yanco being awarded the most successful school entry and selling lambs to a top of \$196.

Our students continue to excel and this term has been dominated by many sporting activities. Two of our students have been chosen to represent NSW in Perth during September in the National Worldskill in Schools competition. Steven Butler (Electrotechnology) and Georgina Murdoch (Primary Industries) will be part of a five person team to represent NSW in this competition. This is a wonderful opportunity and we wish these students all the best in their endeavours later in the year.

Our athletics and cross country carnivals have been very successful in wonderful weather conditions. The zone cross country carnival was also held at Yanco and our top students maintained their success. The zone athletics carnival is being held this week in Griffith and 75 students will compete. Results will be in the next news.



Chloe Ward in the Riverina Touch Football Team

Listed below the page are student achievements in sport this term:

- CHS Greater Southern U15 Rugby League – Zac Saddler. This week Zac has competed in the NSW carnival and been selected in the NSW team – congratulations to Zac. This is the first NSW representative from Yanco in a number of years.
- CHS Greater Southern Open Rugby League Adam Twigg, Jordon Burley and Stephen Burrows
- CHS Riverina U15's Touch Football team – Chloe Ward
- CHS Riverina South West AFL State Championships U15's – Luke Pyle, Seb Webb, Bill Alexander and Zac Saddler
- NSW CHS Rugby Championships –

Toby Afflick, Damian Johnston and Ryan Van Gemert

- NSW CHS U16's Rugby Union squad – Damian Johnston
- NSW CHS Riverina Netball – Courtney Menzies, Olivia Gay



Courtney and Olivia



The Riverina Netball Team

This week the schools Buckley Shield Rugby League team was successful in defeating both Leeton and Wagga Wagga High Schools in the local gala day held at Yanco. Coached by Matt Coelli this team is playing very well and on weekends is on top of the local competition undefeated. After these two good wins they will move onto the next rounds. Again this is the most successful this team has been for a number of years. Well done boys.



Back Row L-R: N. Manwaring, B. Routley, B. Haddrill, W. Matheson, J. Pippin, B. Alexander, D. Guilford, P. Nicholson.

Front Row L-R: M. Dunne, M. Gay, G. Clark, F. Menzies, O. Herrmann, D. Whiley, C. Ricciarelli, O. Stubberfield, C. Saul, T. Lucas.

Exams in all years have now been completed and reports are being prepared. For our Year 12 students there is just over a term left and this time will go very quickly. The Parent/Teacher days at the end of

term are an important opportunity for parents to assist and support the learning of their children. Your attendance is most important if you wish to ensure your sons and daughters are working at their potential. As the reports are completed they will be available on the Millennium website and hard copies will be given out on the days of the Parent/Teacher interviews.

At the same time as the Parent/Teacher days, Year 10 students and parents will have the opportunity to source information and ask questions prior to making decisions about subject selections for Year 11 in 2015. Be aware these decisions will be required early in Term 3 and making informed decisions is important to ensure success in the senior years. Organisation for this event will be completed next week.



Red Shield Appeal

Performance night is on again on Thursday night June 26th. Staff and students put a great deal of work into this event and your support is encouraged. Take this opportunity to see some very talented students perform in the creative arts area.

It is a great shame that the Art Show for 2014 has been cancelled. This event has been long established on the schools calendar and its demise is most unfortunate and leaves a gaping hole in the arts program of the school.



Red Shield Appeal Collectors

Yanco students have continued to support the local community. This term Year 11 students have been visiting Gralee Special School and the students of both schools are very enthusiastic about this initiative.

Last weekend over 30 students participated in the Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army have expressed thanks for our students support as their collections in Leeton would be greatly reduced without our students.

In the last week 80 students and 16 staff from Macquarie Fields and Prairewood High Schools have visited us in the first of what is anticipated to be an annual visit. They enjoyed some of the local agricultural industries, worked beside our SRC and participated in our classroom learning. The visit was a great success and a full report will be in the next newsletter.



Drum Corp auditioning for KROP during Education week. Our Drum Corp will also feature in the opening of Education Week at Wagga in the Marketplace.



Students participating in White Card training

SYDNEY ROYAL EQUINE – APRIL 8th - 23rd

On Tuesday 8th April we had an early start for Sydney Royal with a convoy of two trucks, a ute and horse float, 15 students and 12 horses (six Clydesdales, five Australian stock horses and one pony).

In the first week Jess Power led Georgina to win 1st in led Clydesdale 3 years. Erika Quinn was 1st with Lilly in the

rode both their mares well in the hack classes. The Clydesdales and Stock horses departed with the majority of the students and returned to school.

The second week of the show was up to Sheridan Hammet and Will Peterson. Lily the riding pony was led and ridden by

Sheridan Hammet to achieve 1st in the Arabian derivative ridden and 3rd in the led, 6th in the led riding pony and 3rd in the ridden riding pony. We would all like to give a massive thankyou to Vicki Bradford, Paul Bandy and Mr Finch for supporting us throughout the event.

Written By Will Peterson, Jess Afflick, Sheridan Hammet and Erika Quinn.



driven and 2nd in her dry led mare. Bronte Doyle and Jess Power had a tag team for Fergus' led classes finishing for an 8th in his led and 4th in his driven. Tess was led by Megan Lette to place 3rd in her led dry mare and 2nd in her driven. Colin was led by Jess Power and Ingram led by Georgina Murdoch, placing fifth in the led Clydesdale colt.



During the Australian Stock Horse Classes Blake had an exceptional show with his Midlands Pedro scoring a 1st in his gelding hack and a second in his junior hack. Jessica Afflick and Sheridan Hammet



BATHURST ROYAL EQUINE – MAY 1st – 4th

On Thursday May 1st Blake Paulston, Will Fitzgerald, Will Peterson, Sheridan Hammet, Jessica Power, Jessica Hanrahan, Bronte Doyle, Megan Lette, Jessica Afflick, Georgie Constance Annabelle Hall and Parents all headed to Bathurst for the Bathurst Royal. We

arrived and set up camp and prepared for the show. On

Friday we had Stock Horses and novice hack classes. Will

Peterson and Brooksfield Just Gorgeous placed 1st in the Novice Boy Rider 15 and under 17, 1st in the junior Australian Stock horse Handler and 5th in the Novice Hack

over 15.2hh not exc. 16hh class.

Jess Power came 3rd in the Led Australian Stock Horse Gelding over 15hh with Coolidowns

Flint. Jess Afflick received 3rd in the Australian Stock Horse Handler

with Rama China Girl. Miss Edwards and her colt placed 3rd in the led Australian Stock Horse class.

Bronte Doyle and Matthew Harland were in the Show-jumping Ring riding very well. On Saturday



we had the Clydesdales, open Hacks and ANSA classes. In the Clydesdale ring Colin received Champion Colt and was runner up in the Supreme Led Clydesdale, Lilly 1st in the Led Dry Mare, Tess 2nd in the driven

class, Megan Lette and Lilly Placed 1st and Jess Power and Tess Placed 3rd. Tess and Alison Prentice accompanied by Jess Power were champion best presented Clydesdale and wagon. In the Open Hack ring Jess Afflick and Rayma Justa Doll were 1st and reserve champion Open Led hack mare and 3rd Open ridden Hack Mare ridden by Sheridan Hammet, Will Peterson 2nd open Hack Mare, 4th Led ANSA



Filly or Mare, 1st open Boy rider 15 and under 17, and was awarded Champion Boy Rider. On Sunday were the Breeds Classes with Sheri Hammet and Sanlirra Talk of the Town and Annabelle Hall

riding Slim dominating in all rings throughout the day. Sheri received 1st Part welsh and went on to be prized champion part welsh pony, 1st in riding pony and awarded reserve champion.

Sheridan was awarded 1st place in the Riding ponies and placed reserve. All horses performed extremely well

considering the weather. Congratulations to all the students and a massive thankyou to all staff and parents involved. Once again the YAHS Equestrian Team would like to congratulate Paul Bandy on his consistent effort towards the students and horses and to thank Mr Finch for supporting us.

Written By Will Peterson

WAGGA HORSE TRIALS – MAY 10th – 11th

On the 10th May we had a busy weekend at Wagga Wagga competing in the Horse Trials in the lead up to the North West expo at Coonabarabran. On Saturday we had Dressage and Show Jumping. All students went well and were in the top 15 placegetters. On Sunday we had Cross Country with every student well prepared and confident throughout the event. All horses behaved exceptionally well.



Georgina Russ on Banjo



Will Peterson



*Will on Brooksfield
Just Gorgeous*

Everyone was very anxious prior to the final results being posted. In the 95cm juniors we had Courtney Stubberfield on Wallawest Kaos with 7th and Madeline Coomber on Declan just missing out on a place. In the 80cm juniors we had Erika Quinn on Game on coming 10th, Mathew Harland 5th on Sonny, Blake Paulston 2nd on Midlands Pedro and Grace Daunt 1st on Jasper. In the 60 Cm opens Jess Power received 3rd on Coolidowns Flint. In the 60cm Juniors we had Courtney Stubberfield 7th on

Odyssey, Abbey McCloskey on her bay gelding placing 6th, Bronte Doyle on Prince Lonsdale scoring 5th place, Chloe Ward placing 4th on her black gelding, and Will Peterson 1st on Brooksfield Just Gorgeous.

All Students should be proud and confident leading up to Coonabarabran.

We would like to thank Paul Bandy, Mr Finch and all the parents who were involved. This would not have happened with them. Thank you.

Written By Will Peterson

SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW

April 16th – 23rd were some of the most exciting and exhausting days for the 18 Yanco Ag students and 10 steers attending the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The days resulted in great experiences and plenty of wins for the team. The students who attended were Hayley Fairfull, Laura Harris, Madeline Coomber, Logan Manwaring, Jeremey Mackay, Brittany Clark, Eliza Caldwell, Aaron Cain, Jack Turner, Breanna Carr, Odette Mara, Adele Ruigrok, Brittany Whiteley, Cooper Carter, Brodie Heron, Kaitlyn McKay, Zoe Howe and Rebecca Ritchie,



*Cooper Carter following his success in the paraders
competition*

were accompanied by Mr Collins and Miss Weller. During the show the team won many prizes, to start off, the trade steers both received ribbons. A Yanco steer by the name of Swagman received 5th in his class but was out done in the hook competition when Ladies man donated by BlackJack Shorthorns

(the Carter Family) smashed the competition receiving champion trade steer on the hook. He scored 91.4 points and won by a total of 6 points.



Zoe Howe parading a steer bred by YAHS which placed 5th in the trade steer section

Our next steer competition was the purebred steers. We had 2 steers winning places on the hoof and 2 steers also winning bronze medalions in the hook competition. Those steers were, Studley (Murray Grey bred by Yanco) – Highly Commended in the class, Mundine (donated by Yamba Murray Greys) – 4th in the class, Laver (donated by Yamba Angus) – won a bronze medallion on the hook and finally Kidman (Limousin bred by Yanco) the school steer also won a bronze medallion.

The Stan Hill competition was next. Our only steer that made it in was out belted Galloway by the name of Greenthorpe Koala. He was donated by the Greenthorpe Galloway Stud. All steers where presented well during the show. We would like to thank our donators of these steers. They are – Yamba Murray Greys, Yamba Angus, Greenthorpe Galloways and BlackJack Shorthorns.

That is not all the success that Yanco Ag students received. Rebecca Ritchie received a 2nd place in school paraders, in the under 13's paraders competition Cooper Carter won overall. In the State final parading competition our place getters were, Odette Mara received 4th, Logan Manwaring and Hayley Fairfull received a highly commended. To top off the school's success, the team placed 1st out of 46 schools in the school's herdsman's competition.

After the main part of the team left the show, 6 students stayed behind as state Final Junior Judging was next. Many students competed in different areas such as Beef, Meat Sheep, Poultry, Grain, Fleece and Dairy Cattle Judging. Place getters in these competitions were – in the meat sheep Laura Harris was chosen to speak but unfortunately did not place. A past student of Yanco Ag, Jane Goldsworthy received champion meat sheep junior judge. In the Beef Junior judging competition Jack Turner was placed 3rd and was also Champion Junior Judge for Grain Judging. Finally in the Dairy cattle Junior Judging competition Hayley Fairfull was 4th place.

In our spare time between competitions, students competed in other competitions to pass the time.



The cattle team

Brittany Whiteley received 2nd place in the heifer fitting competition while Hayley Fairfull won reserve champion in the heifer fitting competition also. Rose Nevinson and Jack Turner entered in the Merino sheep challenge. As a result Rose Nevinson came out on top winning 1st place with Jack Turner not far behind receiving 2nd place. The last competition was the heifer show. The place getters were Laura Harris receiving 5th in paraders and Rebecca Ritchie also receiving 6th in the same class.

Overall our time at the show was fun, exciting and also an experience that we will never forget. We would like to thank Mr Collins and Miss Weller for the opportunity to go to Sydney Royal Show.

Written by Laura Harris, Madeline Coomber and Hayley Fairfull

SYNEY ROYAL SHOW - SHEEP



On Wednesday morning we left Yanco with the sheep and started our long trip to Sydney Olympic Park. The sheep kids were stressing a little because we didn't think we

were going to get to the show ground and pen up the sheep in time. As it turned out we were fine. After the sheep were all settled, watered and fed we only had to scan for the objective class. Once that was over we had to just wait around until the sheep had been inspected and then we went to Bundilla scout camp which was where we were staying. After



tea and cleaning up we all went to bed to be ready for a busy day of showing.

The next day we had to leave by 5:30am, however we were all so tired we didn't get going until 6am and got caught in peak hour traffic!!! After the sheep were fed and watered we began showing in the stud classes. Although we didn't win any broads we were still very successful getting a few firsts and seconds, with a third being our lowest placing. We were happy as we placed in every class. Once the showing was over, all the seniors had to go to the Old Yanconians Dinner, so all the juniors went to watch the rodeo.



Friday morning was another early morning and we left at 5:15am and on time!!! Today we were



showing in schools classes and were very pleased when Emma Gale, holding number 093, placed second. Once the showing was completed we were allowed to go and walk around the show. Most of the team went and tried out the rides, but Chantelle and I kept our feet on the ground and watched the camp-drafting. That night we ate dinner and pretty much went straight to bed.

We had a 3:30am start on Saturday so that we could have everything packed on the bus and ready to go on time. All we had on that day was the handlers competition. This was a huge competition with over 90 competitors. We went pretty well with Rose and Will getting into the top 10. Once handlers was over, we all had to wait around to take the sheep home. We were all packed up and ready to go by 4pm.

We all had a great experience. We were lucky enough to be interviewed by WIN news. We were all pretty chuffed about that! We would also like to thank Mrs Conley for giving up her time to take us to Sydney.



The Sydney Sheep Team

The Sydney Sheep Team: Chantelle Gorman, Rose Nevinson, Emma Gale, Stacey Gardiner, Jack Turner, Will McLean, Tom Arnold and Deanna Johnston.

By Deanna Johnston

OLD YANCONIANS DINNER AT THE SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW



Old Yanconians John Brown and Bernard Egan with Year 12 Students at the Old Yanconians Dinner in Sydney



'Old Yanconians' with Senior Students representing Sheep, Cattle and Equine



ADOLESCENT QUIT SMOKING PROGRAM

Smoking is a dependency which can be very difficult to break, even for those people who have not been smoking for long.

For that reason, Yanco Agricultural High School will run a program designed especially for early smokers (adolescents) during term 3 2014.

The program will be conducted by our school counsellor Robyn Heath and is designed specifically to encourage and support individuals who are already considering becoming a non-smoker.

The program runs for an hour a week for 4 weeks, and participants will remain anonymous.

Anyone wishing to enquire or comment on the program is welcome to contact Robyn at the school (69 557546).

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FORUM



On the 7th of May, eight students in Year 9 were selected by Miss Giles to participate in an interesting Mental Health Forum held at the Roxy Theatre in Leeton. Charlotte Butt,

Tom Arnold, Seb Webb, Olivia Carbone, Zoe Potter, Alison Treloar, Mitchel Cattle and Connor Ricciarelli were the eight students attending this event.

Firstly, we were introduced to Felicity, Dom and Karley. Other schools from within the area joined us in the event. The Mental Health Forum was about understanding how mental illnesses can affect our lives and that anyone can suffer from a mental illness. It was also about how people hide their illness and that they don't have to.



Dom and Karley both shared personal experiences about their own mental illnesses which were about anxiety and depression.

Our hosts had plenty of fun activities for us to do, which was great because it kept us on our feet.

At the end of the forum there was a Q & A session where many of our questions were answered. Thanks so much Miss Giles for this great opportunity. We all learnt a lot.

GRIFFITH YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Congratulations to Jasmine Boyland and Nathan Morris for being selected to perform at the Griffith "Young Musician of the Year" Awards.



Nathan and Jasmine

Jasmine wowed the audience playing guitar and singing a beautiful performance of her own composition To You Tonight, accompanied on piano by Dom Vella. Nathan played an arrangement of the Queen hit, Somebody to Love, and impressed the audience with his lyrically interpretation of the piece. Well done Nathan and Jasmine.

IN CONCERT

On Sunday May 18th Miss North and I left YAHS for In Concert. We travelled to Wagga, then an 8 hour train ride to Sydney. We arrived in Sydney then had to catch another train the Meriton in Bondi



Lyndsey Mitchell

Junction, where we were staying. The view from our room was amazing; we could see the city and Harbour Bridge and took lots of photos. After a good night's sleep we were refreshed and ready for a day of rehearsing at Sydney Town Hall with The Idea of North and our conductor, Elizabeth Scott. We spent about 5 hours practising songs and then headed back to our apartment for dinner and to get ready for the concert.

The concert began at 7pm so we did a few warm ups to get ready. There were nine hundred students in the balcony of the Town Hall and three amazing instrumental groups, including an orchestra, symphonic wind band and jazz band. The A Capella group, The Idea of North, also sang a couple of pieces, and we performed two of their arrangements of Stevie Wonder songs, Never Dreamed You'd Leave in Summer and Isn't She Lovely.

After the concert and lots of photos, we had supper at Circular Quay before heading back to our accommodation at 12:15am. The next morning was a rush heading back to central station to catch the 7:30 am train back to Wagga.

I would like to thank Miss North and Judith Gollasch for allowing us to have the amazing opportunity to perform at this event.

Lyndsey Mitchell

BANGARRA DANCE WORKSHOP



On Friday, 11th April, Betty Dolan and I travelled to Wagga Wagga High School with Miss North to attend the Bangarra Dance Workshop. When we first got there we had to get a name tag with a number below our name. Soon after that we had to warm up. With the warm ups

being pretty difficult we were wondering how hard the dance was going to be. Although the instructors moved fast, they always went back over the steps. We danced for a while and then we had lunch.

After lunch we got straight back into it going over the dance & making sure everyone was up to speed. We had danced for over 3 hours and finally it was time to dance for the instructors. After several groups of performing, Betty and I were called up in a group. They got a few people in groups to dance and they would choose the best dancers out of those groups. Although neither of us got picked I think we both did a very good job.

To finish the day off we got photos with the instructors from the company and thanked them for the day. Overall it was very enjoyable and a great experience.

Annie James



YAHS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2014

AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
12's	Cooper Carter	Makayla Longford
13's	Samuel Thomas	Amber Bevan
14's	Lachlan McMaster	Breanna Trembath
15's	Reid Burley	Chloe Ward
16's	Mitchell Pippen	Brydie Mannion
17's	Jock Ward & Cooper Thatcher	Erika Quinn
18's	Sam Ryan	Melanie Guttler



Cross Country Age Champions

OVERALL HOUSE POINTS

1 st	Mutch	221
2 nd	McCaughey	206
3 rd	Breakwell	139
4 th	Gardiner	130



18 yrs Sam Ryan, Cameron Read, Edward Booth, Melanie Guttler, Jessica Power, Ellen Shepherd

The following students came first in their event and were awarded Zone Age Champions;

Reid Burley	15 year boys
Cooper Thatcher	17 year boys
Jock Ward	17 year boys
Chloe Ward	15 year girls
Erika Quinn	16 year girls
Melanie Guttler	18 year girls

Well done to all students who competed!

A big thank you to the Year 9/10 PASS class for assisting around the course and the Year 11 PDHPE class for acting as timekeepers and recorders!!

OVERALL SCHOOL POINTS

1ST YAHS	1,060
2ND WHS	860
3RD LHS	620
4TH NHS	465
5TH GHS	310
6TH CCS	125
7TH HCS	80



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2014

This year the Zone Cross Country Carnival was held here at YAHs. We had a large number of YAHs students competing and it was fantastic to see many of these students finishing in the top six and making it onto the Riverina Carnival, which will be held in Week 7.

The following students were successful in making it to the next level;

12yrs	Cooper Carter, Damien Cain, Will Carbone
13 yrs	Sam Thomas, Amber Bevan
14 yrs	Breanna Trembath, Grace Hughes
15 yrs	Reid Burley, Aleksi McDermott, Chloe Ward, Lauren Sealey, Loren Gregory
16 yrs	Meg Potter
17 yrs	Cooper Thatcher, Jock Ward, Liam McCallum, Erika Quinn, Tiarne Smith, Amy Miller

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

Mutch

Captains:	Mitchell White Zoe Howe
Vice Captains:	Cooper Thatcher Sheridan Hammet

Breakwell

Captains:	Sam Ryan Amellia Butt
Vice Captains:	Hamish Bradford Georgia Howard

Gardiner

Captains:	Adam Twigg Demi King
Vice Captains:	Luke Horrobin Isla Hughes

McCaughey

Captains:	Jordon Burley Tori Romanelli
Vice Captains:	Jock McPherson Meg Potter

CHS STATE SWIMMING RESULTS



Cooper Carter

50m	Freestyle	24 th
100m	Freestyle	22 nd
200m	Freestyle	18 th
100m	Backstroke	20 th
100m	Breastroke	20 th

Jock Ward

100m	Freestyle	21 st
200m	Freestyle	18 th
100m	Backstroke	24 th
100m	Butterfly	19 th

Abbey McCloskey

100m	Freestyle	27 th
100m	Backstroke	26 th

Chloe Ward

100m	Freestyle	26 th
100m	Backstroke	27 th

Meg Potter

50m	Freestyle	19 th
100m	Freestyle	20 th
200m	Freestyle	18 th
100m	Backstroke	14 th
100m	Butterfly	22 nd

Mel Guttler

50m	Freestyle	22 nd
100m	Freestyle	18 th
100m	Butterfly	21 st
14 Year Relay		21 st
17 Year Relay		16 th



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014 AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
12	William Carbone	Kaitlin Dykes
13	Oswald Herrmann	Amber Bevan
14	Nelson Manwaring	Breeanna Trembath
15	Clay McKenzie	Chloe Ward
16	Mitchell Pippen	Brydie Mannion
17+	Jock Ward	Remi Wilton

OVERALL HOUSE POINTS

1 st	Mutch	1565
2 nd	McCaughey	1456
3 rd	Breakwell	1128
4 th	Gardiner	1094

RECORD BREAKERS

Monique Turner	14 Girls Shot Put	8.73m
Remi Wilton	Senior Girls Long Jump	4.23m (beat it by 2cm)





YAHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014



BROKEN HILL AGFAIR

Students Cooper Lawson, Sebastian Clarke, Jock Hudson, Emma Cullen, Emma and Claudia Kuerschner and Hayley Dowling joined staff Mrs Thurgood, Mr Sachs and Mr Finch on the long haul to Broken Hill for the biennial Agfair. Weather was very wintry and quite wet with a small stream running down the road in front of our display tent.



The evening before the Agfair students visited their old primary School, School of the Air, and spoke with a number of families both at the school and by satellite so they could remain on their properties in what was a very wet time.



Many thanks to the students for their efforts with everyone on the grounds being fully aware we were present to speak with. Both Emmas and Claudia also had a spot in the fashion parade and showed their skills on the catwalk.

On the Friday evening staff dined with the families in an opportunity for Yanco to learn more about the life these very isolated students live and how we can further support them in their learning. Thank you to all the families who supported our visit and made us feel most welcome.



Mr Sachs & Mrs Thurgood

CWA CONFERENCE



DRAGON SKIN 2014

Lost Cities

On the first Thursday of the Term 1 School Holidays, Mr Press drove a team of 4 venturers to Bathurst so they could participate in the Annual Dragon Skin challenge activity that was being held in the Newnes State Forest, just east of Lithgow. On Thursday night we stayed at the Bathurst Scout Hall so that we would be more refreshed prior to the start of the hiking activity the next day.

Dragon Skin is a Venturer Scout organised activity that is run annually in various State Forests throughout NSW. On Dragon Skin there are many activities that you are able to complete, the goal is to complete as many activities (bases) as possible and achieve the most points at each of these bases. The activities test how well the group can use their initiative, creativity and teamwork within a framework of Shared Leadership to solve practical problems or attempt provided stunts. At night you are required to stay at one of 4 VOC's (Venturer Overnight Camp).



The team for this year's dragon skin consisted of Andrew Barr (medic), Bailey Cox (arts and craft), James Wade (navman) and Mitchell Ryan (captain). On Friday morning Mr Press dropped our team off at the "check in" point which was at Lithgow Bus Depot. Shortly after "check in" we were

bussed into the middle of the Newnes State Forest to commence the hike and activities. After a long and tiring hike and the completion of 9 bases we eventually found our way to our first nights camp at VOC 2.

On Saturday morning, we were ready to head off as soon as we were allowed to sign out of this VOC. We navigated our way through the back tracks of the forest and up to our last activity at 5:00pm.

When we completed our last activity for the day we had a time limit of 45 minutes to walk 7km across the forest to VOC 4 for that night before sign in closed. We were quite happy that we had completed 17 activity bases for the day; this brought our overall tally to 26 activities. After an early night of being around the bonfires socialising we were up nice and early ready to get in a long hard day in before setting up camp at VOC 3 for the last night. On the last day we managed to clean up on 20 bases. When we signed into VOC 3 we started to feel the anticipation of the weekend knowing that we had achieved at least 1350 points.

After breakfast on Monday we had the closing ceremony. During the presentation we were saying how we would be happy if we beat our 8th position from the previous year. The winning teams were read out and the announcer passed the 8th and then the 4th position we started to look at each other in disbelief. We made it to the top three and our team name had still not been called out. When the announcer identified 3rd place we started to wonder just how well we had gone. Then finally our team was called out "4 foot soldiers, Yanco Ag High School Venturer Unit". As we made our way up to receive our award and have our photo taken they informed us that we had just missed first place by one point. After the ceremony we were congratulated by many of the friends we had made over the weekend and



2014 Dragon Skin Team "4 Foot Soldiers" receiving their 2nd place award: James Wade, Andrew Barr, Bailey Cox, Mitchell Ryan receiving their Award presented by Bryan Davidson, Chairman of Dragon Skin organising committee.

said our farewells. All in all it was a fantastic weekend and one we will never forget. With a big thank you to Mr Press for taking us and giving up his weekend, without his help none of this would have been possible. We have already set our goal and a challenge of improving our final place next year; this is one goal we are looking forward to achieving to the best of our ability.

CHESS REPORT



Starting this term the chess team has been meeting each Wednesday to have some friendly matches with each other and to perfect our skills under the watchful eyes of Mr Gifford. So far we have a couple standout

players who are so far undefeated at school. A few weeks after we started, Mr Gifford told us about a Thursday afternoon chess competition at Leeton Library. We were all very interested. Since then most of the chess team have been going in on Thursdays and Mr Gifford has attended whenever he can. While here we found that even our best

players can be beaten. Jack Webster and Adam Saul found that the son of one of our very own, Mr Hall is an immensely talented chess champion who proved much of a

challenge for some of our best.

Last week we fought in head to head battles of chess against Hay. The final score was 2-2. Sadly in the event of a draw the last game is not counted meaning that Hay was victorious on the day.

They brought 5 players, 4 were on the team and they had 1 extra, whereas we had some extra players keen for a game, which then resulted in a few friendly matches.

By Matthew Young, Cooper Lawson and James Kearines.



BLACK DOG BIKE RIDE FROM PERTH TO SYDNEY

At the Commendation Assembly held at the end of term 1, a presentation was made to the School Captains to mark the fundraising achievement of the Yanco Community in supporting former student, Andrew Hammond (YAHS 1991-1996) in his fundraising bike ride from Perth to Sydney last November.

The Black Dog Institute seeks to raise the awareness of issues of depression and bipolar disorders. Andrew had one of his school mates, Cameron Jackson, take his own life after suffering from depression and



Andrew with the certificate presented to School Captains

another classmate, Joe Howard, who was deeply involved in raising awareness of these issues, died tragically last year. So Andrew decided to raise funds by riding from Perth to Sydney in 7 days.

Andrew's target was \$3,000. He raised over \$6,500 and Yanco's contribution was \$ 2,584. This was from a staff morning tea, a sporting house challenge, a sausage sizzle in Leeton and other donations from staff and students.

At the assembly the Captains were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for the fundraising effort.

TRANSPORT NEWS

Boarder Passes are available for travel on NSW Trainlink services within NSW, from school on Friday and Saturday or to school on Sunday or Monday. If travelling on any other day, the pupil must have an official 'Letter of Authority' from the school Principal. This letter is to be presented when requesting a ticket and must be carried for the duration of the journey undertaken.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Parents, please let your children know the cost of a postage stamp has increased to 70c.

