



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

UPCOMING EVENTS

14th August
Buses depart
DESI weekend
18th August
Buses return from
DESI
19th August
Classes resume
22nd -23rd August
Condobolin Show
22nd - 24th August
Hook Line and
Sinker @ Hillston
23rd August
Ganmain Show
28th August
Supplementary
photo Day
29th - 31st August
Dubbo Allbreeds
Heifer Show.
Fishing Club to
Hillston.
30th August
Barellan Show
3rd September
West Wyalong Show
5th - 7th September
CHS Athletics
6th September
Narrandera Show
6th - 7th September
Shooting group @
Bowral
7th September
Condobolin Show
10th September
Year 11 Preliminary
Exams commence
18th September
Year 12 Graduation

2015

Wed 31st January
All students return
to school.

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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NSW CHS RUGBY LEAGUE - AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



*Zac Saddler - NSW CHS
Under 15's Rugby League team –
played in the Australian
Championships recently*

YEAR 11 CANDIDATES FOR PREFECT POSITIONS 2015



Boys:

*Sam Larsen, Jock McPherson, Jock Ward, Damian Johnston, Luke Horrobin,
Nathan Morris, Harry Beal, Will Peterson, Mitchell Ryan, Darcy Booth*

Girls:

*Natalia Henderson, Rebecca Ritchie, Skye Bensley, Colleen Head, Heidi Johnston,
Rose Nevinson, Laura Harris, Georgia Howard, Marnie Whytcross, Jane Arndt,
Breanna Carr, Elly Pratt, Elizabeth Moran-Turner*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I formally announce the successful students who have been elected as the 2015 School Prefects.

The students are:

week in Griffith. The students were very well received at both events

- Our Open and Under 16 Girls Rugby Union '7's teams recently contested the CHS State Championships in Sydney. Although unsuccessful



Boys: Darcy Booth, Luke Horrobin, Damien Johnston, Nathan Morris, Jock Ward

Girls: Jane Arndt, Breanna Carr, Natalia Henderson, Georgia Howard, Rebecca Ritchie

Congratulations to these students and also the other candidates for taking the time, making the effort and putting their names forward for election for this most important leadership role in the school. The successful students will go through a series of workshops over the coming weeks and the School Captains will be named in late November.

Our students continue to excel in a variety of areas and this includes:

- Our Drum Corp were a feature of two major events during the recent Education Week. Firstly they performed in the Marketplace shopping centre in Wagga on the Monday at the regional opening then again in the KROP festival at the end of the

the school is very proud of these achievements and the leadership of staff Miss Weller and Mr Collins is greatly appreciated by all.

- Year 11 student Damien Johnston has been selected in the CHS Open Rugby Union team to tour South Africa for 15 days at Easter next year.
- Senior boys Ryan Van Gemert, Andrew Barr, Justin Mitchell, Dustin Manwaring and Jock Ward have been selected in the Riverina Athletics team to contest the CHS State Championships in the near future.
- Sam Larsen has recently skipped the Riverina Lawn Bowls team which contested the CHS State Championships in Wagga
- Sheridan Hammett rode at the Royal Brisbane Show (EKKA) with horses she was riding winning first place in the Novice Pony section and Reserve Champion Pony, then first place in the Open Pony section.

Congratulations to all students involved in these events and the many staff and parents who support them in their endeavours.

The school welcomes Mr Dickens to the English/History faculty at the beginning of this term. A Science teacher has been appointed to the school for 2015 and the selection on merit of a second Science teacher is under way at the moment. The planning for 2015 is well underway and the new approach is explained below.

Year 7 for 2015 has been finalised, Year 11 subjects selections are almost complete and Year 9 electives will be finalised shortly. The process of interviews for offering positions in Years 8 to 11 is well underway and vacancies will be very competitive. It is anticipated student numbers in 2015 will be about 390.

If your family has decided your children will not return to Yanco in 2015 please alert the school. Thank you to those families who have already informed us of their decision.



Brad Daunt and Annabelle Hall proudly displaying the rugs they won at the North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran in June. This year was the largest number of first places the school had achieved with Jessica Power and Grace Armour also winning rugs

The new Approach to School Planning for 2015 to 2017

The new approach to school planning brings together a number of reforms to give NSW public schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities, to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. It is highly strategic, focussing on 3 key areas for improvement determined by the school in consultation with its community, to ensure a profound difference to the ongoing growth and development of the school.

The new approach is the first step towards achievement of a simplified, integrated school planning and reporting process. In general it can be determined as 'Why do we do what we do?'

Three strategic directions will be determined by consultation with all stake holders from the perspectives of staff, parents and students. Together they will determine what Yanco looks like in the future. The 5 'P's approach will be undertaken.

- Purpose (the why)
- People and Processes (the how)
- Product and Practices (the what)

It is hoped to provide parents with a survey shortly which will allow them give advice to the school on out future directions. When this arrives please have your say. Your views are very important to us.

Year 12 has this week completed their Trial HSC exams and we are now only five weeks away from them completing their secondary studies. There is not long to go and I would encourage all students to good use of the remaining time, as it will go very quickly and the HSC exams will be on them before they know it.

For those parents interested in trying to gain further information on the P. & C. Federation Insurance it was hoped we could place further information in this newsletter but after discussion our advice to you is to access the P. & C. website and make contact with them over such matters.

I will be taking leave during most of September so Mr Benjamin will take over my role as Principal and Miss Dolstra will take on the Deputy Principal's position.

NEW STAFF – TERM 3

MARTIN DICKENS



My name is Martin Dickens and I have come to Yanco as a recipient of a Teach NSW scholarship. I have recently graduated from the University of Melbourne as a secondary English/History teacher.

Before undertaking my Master of Teaching (Secondary), I was originally from Albury where I was raised and went to school. Since leaving high school, I have been a research assistant for a variety of projects around rural education and have also participated in a cultural exchange to Peking University in Beijing, China. Outside of education I have a keen interest in politics as well as baseball and cricket. I look forward to being a part of the Yanco community in the coming years and thank everyone for extending me a warm welcome since I arrived early in the term.

NARELLE PIFFERO



YAHS is an amazing school, it is unique in so many ways and I knew it would be a place I would want to come back to one day. I finished teaching at YAHS in 2007 when I took leave after having my

first child. I moved to Cootamundra to bring up my children closer to their grandparents and to establish myself as an experienced teacher. I worked at Young High School as a PDHPE teacher during this time and took on many roles related to student welfare. The privilege to recommence my teaching career, this time as the Head Teacher Welfare, girls at YAHS is one that I am extremely excited about. I am passionate about health and welfare and feel that the students at YAHS, being a co-educational boarding school will benefit greatly from a continued intensive welfare program. I look forward to working with all the staff at YAHS to ensure that the welfare of our students is being met.

WELFARE LEVEL AWARDS

GOLD AWARDS – MAY 2014

Year 11 – Darcy Booth, Jasmine Boyland

Year 10 – Kimberley Butler, Kirsty Clark

Year 9 – Alison Treloar, Hannah Kolve, Gemma Fisher,

Year 8 – Hayley Dowling, Sebastian Clarke, Emma Cullen, Abbey Curran, Georgina Hughes, Lyndsey Mitchell

SILVER AWARDS – MAY 2014

Year 12 - Adam Saul, Jack Webster

Year 11 - Jane Arndt, Skye Bensley, Andrew Haenig

Year 10 - Lauren Hughes, Lucy Webster

Year 9 - Charlotte Butt

Year 8 - Jessie Alcorn, Amber Bevan, Mehak Bhangu, Lindsay Brown, Brad Daunt, Laandi Holland, Jasmine Whitehurst.

GOLD AWARDS – JULY 2014

Year 12 – Adam Saul, Jack Webster, Jacqueline Ervin

Year 10 – Nicole Fairley, Brydie Mannion, Cambell McMaster, Hannah Williams

Year 8 – Zoe Thomas

SILVER AWARDS – JULY 2014

Year 12 – Madeline Haddrill, Teia Oliver, Rick Worland

Year 11 – Steven Burrows, Emma Gale, Georgia Howard, Heidi Johnston, Sarah Oost

Year 9 – Jaclyn Dwyer, Zoe Potter, Matthew Young, Michael Hoskinson, Hayley Smith

Year 8 – Jackson Doyle, Joel Jenkins, Lachlan McMaster, John Mullins, Heather Robinson, Beau Routley, Brianna White

Year 7 – Emma Dixon, Cooper Carter, Oswald Herrmann

EDUCATION WEEK 2014

Monday the 28th of July the Drum Corp left YAHS at 9am and headed to Wagga Wagga to perform at the Market Place for the opening of Education week. When we got to the Market Place we found where we had to perform which was in front of Big W. We went through how we were going to stand, march on and off and when we were done we went back to the bus to have a rehearsal of what we were



YAHS Drum Corp.

Back Row: B. Manwaring, A. Treloar, H. Kolve, C. Tagliapietra, J. Beer, G. Armour, M. Ryan, S. McNiff, A. Potts, A. Hurst, J. Bargery-Medcraft.
Front Row: L. Gregory, C. Brown, S. MacKellar, D. Cromack

playing and all of the marching. When we got to the bus we unpacked our drums and did a rehearsal where the Drum Corp learnt to walk in a big circle as we were going. As we were rehearsing Mr Hammond got some good footage of us doing the circles. When we were done we walked back over to the Market Place and arranged ourselves to make our grand entrance through the automatic doors into the Market Place. Jemima was the major and was able to make the public kindly move so that we could get through otherwise we had to weave our way through mic cords and I could bet that someone would have fallen over them. So we did our piece and got a big round of applause and the newspaper took some photos. We then went back to the bus and on our way there, a member of the public and his children kindly asked us if we didn't mind playing for them and his kids, so we did. He was very grateful; we then finished our walk back to the bus and packed our drums away. Then we

went back to the Market Place where we were given half an hour to an hour for lunch. Once he had all come back together we went back to the bus and travelled to Turvey Park Primary school where we did a performance for them. We all introduced ourselves and told them our age, where we were from and our names. Nathan then told them about each of the drums and what they do when the snare is turned off and on. He nearly forgot to mention Miss North with the bass drum which was very

funny because I thought it was the one that most of the kids were interested in. We then let the teachers have a go and then the students. When we were done we marched out and then went back in and got a round of applause and some photo's. After speaking with the principal we packed up and got on the bus and went back to school. We got back at around 4pm. All of the Drum Corp is very thankful for Mr Hammond's help and Miss North who put a

lot of effort into making sure that the day ran smoothly. None of it would have happened without their help and support.

Claire Tagliapietra

KROP 2014

On Thursday 31st of July and Friday the 1st of August, the YAHS Drum Corp consisting of 13 students from years 9 and 10, went to Griffith to perform at KROP. We left Yanco at 8am with Mr Hammond and Miss O'Brien to Griffith Regional Theatre. When we arrived we had a short safety briefing and practiced the finale song. After this we went back to our dressing room and prepared for our first performance that day. In between our performances we had time to go to the park with the Yanco Public dance group. We also spent some time in Griffith Central. Each night after free time we had dinner at an Italian restaurant, Belvedere.

We then went and got ready for our last performance for that day. We didn't get back to school until 9:30pm. On Friday, we didn't leave school until 9am. When we arrived in Griffith, we got ready for our first performance which the school witnessed. During our break, we went to Dorothy Wade Preschool and performed for the children. We marched around the playground and they played follow-the-leader. The pre-school children then had a go playing on the drums. This was the first time we had played for children under five years of age and was a great experience for all. We then went and got ready for our last performance for 2014. After the finale we packed up our drums and belongings to pack them into the trailer. Then we all gathered in a circle with Miss O'Brien and Mr Hammond in the middle to do the war cry. This was a great experience for the whole Drum Corp and we would like to say a massive thank you to both Mr Hammond and Miss O'Brien for taking us to Griffith for KROP.

By Sally McNiff and Brittany Manwaring, Year 10

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF WAR, 1914

Yanco Agricultural High School commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the official start of World War I on Monday, 4th August. The school held a short assembly, during which Year 12 student Cameron Read explained the significance of this historical event. After a one minute silence, Year 11 student Nathan Morris rang the McCaughey Bell.

Cameron's speech:



On August 4th 1914, Britain declared war on Germany. Today we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the event that marked the official start of World War I. The declaration of war with Germany was made as a result of an escalation of tension across Europe. The final straw was the German occupation of Belgium.

Australian Prime Minister Andrew Fisher's government pledged full support for Britain and the

outbreak of war was greeting in Australia, as in many places, with great enthusiasm. Most people assumed the conflict would be over by Christmas. What they didn't realise, however, was that this declaration of war would lead to four years of death and destruction.

For Australia, as for many nations, the First World War remains the most costly conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. From a population of fewer than five million, 416, 809 men enlisted, of which 60,000 were killed and 156,000 wounded or taken prisoner.

2015 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign, and Yanco Agricultural High School will do its best to appropriately mark such a significant event in our nation's history.



In memory of the thousands of soldiers and civilians who lost their lives during the First World War, I ask you to bow your heads and observe a one minute silence. At the end of the one minute silence, you will hear the ringing of the dining room bell to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the declaration of war by Britain in 1914.

Cameron Hall

A WORD FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

I am so fortunate to be a part of the YAHS family and very much enjoy meeting students and getting to know them. As a parent and a psychologist, I am well aware that it can sometimes be confusing to sort out normal adolescent behaviour from that requiring intervention, so from time to time I will include a fact sheet in the newsletter which may be interesting to parents or students. I hope you find this one interesting reading – from the National Youth Mental Health Service, Headspace.

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BUCKLEY SHIELD

Yanco Ag vs Mulwaree High

On the 16th of July, Yanco Under 14's Buckley Shield team, coaches Mathew Coelli, Grant Coelli and former "league star" Warren Weir, travelled to Goulbourn to compete in the Buckley Shield match against Mulwaree High School.

It was a strong start to the match with wet weather on top of that and one of our main players, front rower Bill Alexander out with a knee injury. It made the game a little tough for the forward pack but they pulled through the first half and all played to the best of their ability.

Towards the end of the first half, the work of the forwards paid off giving us a chance to attack just metres from the line. On about the third tackle Jayden Pippin came in for a hit up near the line managing to make it over and score. Our first try of the game was converted by our hooker Dylan Whiley, which gave us a great confidence boost and the urge to speed up the game and complete our sets with no drop balls.



By half time it was 6 - 0, and the boys were happy with their work so far, but with only a six point lead and 25 minutes left of the game, we needed to reduce drop balls and keep Mulwaree in their own half to get good field position in order to attack closer to the

line. With two disallowed tries from Blake Haddrill and Max Gay, we lost confidence and made some mistakes. With a scrum feed to Mulwaree High only 10 metres out, gave them a great chance for the line which they took when the lock flew out of the back of the scrum and over the line with their first try. Fortunately for us their goal was unsuccessful keeping us a two point lead. With only 15 minutes left more mistakes were made in our own half

which gave them great field position giving them only 20-30 metres of space to work with until they could make it to the line.



This made our defensive line work so hard, with plenty of numbers in tackles and moving up as a team giving them no holes to break through and keeping them far from the try line as we could.

In the final minutes of the game we eventually got hold of the ball about 20 metres out from our own line. This made us very cautious with the ball trying not to make any mistakes. Unfortunately these mistakes were made giving them the ball at halfway as they

completed their set, and we made every tackle with numbers, they decided to put in a little chip over the top of the blind side. With a little chase and a bad but perfect bounce away from our winger Oswald Herrman, and back up into the hands of the centre, they would have to be through for a try with only five minutes left.



As Mulwaree High's goal was successful giving them the new lead at 10-6, and only four minutes left, we had to speed up the game with a quick kick off deep into their half and big defence, to try and hold them down there until we could get the ball back.





Unfortunately by the time we got the ball back, their defence was too strong holding us out long enough until the siren went. At this point we were shattered. After all the hard work the boys had put in, to come down to a loss was devastating. In the end it could have gone either way and the boys were happy with what they put into the game and could not have been more proud of themselves.

By Blake Haddrill.



RUGBY UNION INVITATIONAL

Toby Afflick travelled to Milton on the weekend to play Rugby Union in an invitation match against the Under 18's Crossley Heath School on tour from England.

They were a very hard strong team and we beat them in the last minute of the game with a penalty kick, final score being 29/27.

Thank you Mr Finch for giving me the opportunity to play against this team.



GIRLS RUGBY UNION REPORT – U16&18's

On Tuesday the 5th of August a busload of 23 girls travelled to Sydney with Miss Weller and Mr Collins to play in the CHS State knockout in rugby union. We had an early start on the Tuesday with one long bus trip ahead of us. When we got to Sydney around 3:30pm, we had a quick training session before settling in for the night at Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

The next morning we were up bright and early,



The Under 18's Team

getting ready for the big day ahead of us. We got to the fields in Merrylands and our first game was against Kiama. We ran onto the field with our heads held high but came out with a loss and our next game was against Endeavour Sports High School. We lost Brydie Mannion to a knee injury in the first half of the game and came away with a narrow lost 17-12.

Then we played against Peak Hill and won that game convincingly. Then we played our next game against Ingleburn. Our tries scorers for that day were Remi Wilton and Kaitlyn McKay. Our player's player for that day went to; Remi Wilton (3 points), Ash Pike (2 points) and 1 point to the birthday girl Kaitlyn McKay!

While the under 18's were playing so were the under 16's on the other field. The first game for the under 16's was against James Mehan High School. We ran onto the field, full of energy and keen to play but came out with a loss, it was a real eye opener playing against some girls twice our size. Our next game was against Hunter Sports High School, although we were tied at half time, we went down once again unfortunately losing Natalie



The Girls with the Super15's Trophy

Grylls and Chelsea Pike, due to the physicality of the game.

The Under 16's played against Hunter River Sports High in their third game of the day and was defeated by only one try. By the end of the day the team had really gelled together and working well as a team in both attack and defence, whilst playing

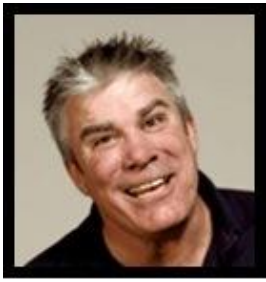


The Under 16's Team

against Dubbo College, and this showed on the score board with a win. Our tries scorers for the day were Natalie Grylls, Anita Tagliapietra and Abbey McCloskey. Our player's player for that day went to; Breanna Trembath (3 points), Georgie Johnston (2 points) and Emma Kuerschner, Natalie Grylls and Chelsea Pike (1 point). Although we didn't win the trophy we had a great day and we did get to hold the trophy of the Waratah's Super 15's win, which was nearly as good. We would all like to say a big thank you to Miss Weller for the time and effort she has put in to coaching the team, and also thanks to Mr Collins for assisting Miss Weller and putting up with all of us girls.

By Alisha Harrington Yr 10 & Abbey McCloskey Yr 8

MURRAY HARTIN – POET, AUTHOR AND ENTERTAINER VISITS YAHS.



Students and staff at YAHS enjoyed a visit from Murray Hartin in June last term. Murray, or Muz, captured the ear of some of our staff who somehow encouraged him to pay us a visit. So on Monday

evening (16th June) Murray engaged and entertained us with some of his poetry by means of a mini concert held in our school hall.

Tuesday and Wednesday morning a number of students in years 9-11 participated in workshop activities with Murray and on Tuesday evening a group of boys met with Murray to discuss a range of issues.

Murray was known to some of us who were familiar with his epic poem 'Turbulence', but we also realised that many of us who are attending YAHS strangely enough also had a few things in common with him.

Firstly, he was a country boy – born in the north west of the state in Moree and his early education was at Pallamallawa and then Moree Primary school. He then he went to the big smoke for his secondary schooling and was a boarder for 5 years at Barker College in Sydney. He played 1st XV

rugby at inside centre and 2nd XI cricket. He was also the President of the Rural Youth group.

Murray has had range of careers, most notably as a journalist, including as a sub-editor and editor at various newspapers. However, about 18 years ago he turned his hand to writing bush poetry. His poem "Rain From Nowhere", written in February, 2007, addressing the issue of rural suicide, has touched the hearts of people Australia-wide. This is an emotional story of a struggling farmer, crippled by drought and has been described in Time magazine

as the most significant piece of Australian verse written in the modern era.

'Rain from Nowhere' has been credited with saving many lives, giving hope to lots of Aussies in the grip of depression and has been used by groups such as The Salvation Army, Black Dog Institute, Beyond Blue, Men's Shed and other community groups to both combat and destigmatize depression.



Mini concert in the hall

Murray has also produced a series of films. This passion and talent has seen him awarded three times Poem of the Year and twice Book of the Year at the Australian Bush Laureate Awards.

Murray's Interests include rugby, golf, and people. The words and audio to 'Rain From Nowhere', along with "Turbulence", and others are available from <http://www.murrayhartin.com/>



RAIN FROM NOWHERE

Murray also kindly donated a copy of his book and CDs to our school library. Murray's visit was very enjoyable, entertaining and educational; thank you to the school for providing us with this opportunity.



Zoe Cumming & Kimberly Butler

By Jack Webster, Year 12

YR 11 CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS



Gabrielle Holgate, Georgia Howard, Bailey Cox, Will McLean and Elly Pratt

YEAR 9-10 WORKSHOPS



Olivia Carbone & Grace Daunt



Murray conducts a workshop sessions with a group of year 9 and 10 students



Matthew Young Year 9 thanking Murray



L-R: Alexandra West, Zoe Cunial, Kathy Mara, Gemma Fisher at the Creative Writing Workshop



L-R: Lawson Stenhouse, Maddison Horrobin, Georgie Johnston

RAIN FROM NOWHERE

Murray Hartin

His cattle didn't get a bid, they were fairly bloody poor,
What was he going to do? He couldn't feed them anymore,
The dams were all but dry, hay was thirteen bucks a bale,
Last month's talk of rain was just a fairytale,
His credit had run out, no chance to pay what's owed,
Bad thoughts ran through his head as he drove down Gully Road.

"Geez, great grandad bought the place back in 1898,
"Now I'm such a useless bastard, I'll have to shut the gate.
"Can't support my wife and kids, not like dad and those before,
"Crikey, Grandma kept it going while Pop fought in the war."
With depression now his master, he abandoned what was right,
There's no place in life for failures, he'd end it all tonight.

There were still some things to do, he'd have to shoot the cattle first,
Of all the jobs he'd ever done, that would be the worst.
He'd have a shower, watch the news, then they'd all sit down for tea
Read his kids a bedtime story, watch some more TV,
Kiss his wife goodnight, say he was off to shoot some roos
Then in a paddock far away he'd blow away the blues.

But he drove in the gate and stopped – as he always had
To check the roadside mailbox – and found a letter from his Dad.
Now his dad was not a writer, Mum did all the cards and mail
But he knew the writing from the notebooks that he'd kept from cattle
sales,
He sensed the nature of its contents, felt moisture in his eyes,
Just the fact his dad had written was enough to make him cry.

"Son, I know it's bloody tough, it's a cruel and twisted game,
"This life upon the land when you're screaming out for rain,
"There's no candle in the darkness, not a single speck of light
"But don't let the demon get you, you have to do what's right,
"I don't know what's in your head but push the bad thoughts well
away
"See, you'll always have your family at the back end of the day

"You have to talk to someone, and yes I know I rarely did
"But you have to think about Fiona and think about the kids.
"I'm worried about you son, you haven't rung for quite a while,
"I know the road you're on 'cause I've walked every bloody mile.
"The date? December 7 back in 1983,
"Behind the shed I had the shotgun rested in the brigalow tree.

"See, I'd borrowed way too much to buy the Johnson place
"Then it didn't rain for years and we got bombed by interest rates,
"The bank was at the door, I didn't think I had a choice,
"I began to squeeze the trigger – that's when I heard your voice.
"You said 'Where are you Daddy? It's time to play our game'
"I've got Squatter all set up, we might get General Rain.'

"It really was that close, you're the one that stopped me son,
"And you're the one that taught me there's no answer in a gun.
"Just remember people love you, good friends won't let you down.
"Look, you might have to swallow pride and take that job in town,
"Just 'til things come good, son, you've always got a choice
"And when you get this letter ring me, 'cause I'd love to hear your
voice."

Well he cried and laughed and shook his head then put the truck in
gear,
Shut his eyes and hugged his dad in a vision that was clear,
Dropped the cattle at the yards, put the truck away
Filled the troughs the best he could and fed his last ten bales of hay.
Then he strode towards the homestead, shoulders back and head
held high,
He still knew the road was tough but there was purpose in his eye.

He called his wife and children, who'd lived through all his pain,
Hugs said more than words – he'd come back to them again,
They talked of silver linings, how good times always follow bad,
Then he walked towards the phone, picked it up and rang his Dad.
And while the kids set up the Squatter, he hugged his wife again,
Then they heard the roll of thunder and they smelt the smell of rain.

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*"Depression is a serious illness that can affect a
person's physical and mental health, their relationships
with others and ability to work and enjoy life.*

*Depression is one of the most common mental health
problems. One in five people experience depression at
some stage in their lives."*

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/find-help/index.shtml>

Useful sites for help:

<http://australia.gov.au/topics/health-and-safety/mental-health>

<http://www.beyondblue.org.au/the-facts/who-can-assist>

<http://www.kidshelp.com.au/>

MURRAY HARTIN VISIT

Late last term we had a visit from a well-known bush poet – Murray Hartin. He came and worked with our students over three days. One special evening was spent with a group of boys from years 9 and 10. We also had a couple of Year 12 students come for the evening.



Murray Hartin with the boys

We started the night with an inspirational chat from Mr Finch and Mr Cross before Murray arrived after being kept over dinner with Mrs Draper. He introduced himself and got the boys to tell them a bit about themselves as well. He remembered a few students from the workshop he had that day with a year 10 group. Murray sang “Condo, condo, condo” a few times as we went around the room. He mentioned a few people that he knew from several of the places and it was interesting to see the boys’ faces change when he said he knew someone they did.

The night was about getting to know Murray before the next day’s session with him where the boys were to write some poems. Murray told us some short stories and jokes and Mr Sachs especially liked the yoga story and the cleansing end.

Can’t tell too much because as we all know what happens on tour stays on tour, but the boys all enjoyed the evening and the yarns that Murray told. I would like to thank the students for their exceptional behaviour and attentiveness as well as their participation – they were not shy to step up and chat with Murray and give him their ideas.

I would like to thank Mrs Draper for making the most of an opportunity and getting Murray to come here and spend a couple of days showing our students that writing and enjoying poetry is an OK

thing for a bloke to be into. And of course Murray for making the trek down from Moree to visit with us, tell us a bit about him and hopefully getting some of our students to be able to write some really good yarns.

Jason Sachs.

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Accelerated Reader

As part of our National Partnership funding for the improvement of reading and comprehension, Yanco Agricultural High School will be introducing a new reading program. Accelerated Reader will be used with Year 7 and Year 8 students, as well as targeted students in Years 9 and 10.

The program identifies the reading range of each student through an online test. Students can then find books in the library that match their reading range. After reading these books, students complete a quiz, which tests their understanding of the material.

The Accelerated Reader program will allow parents to log-in and see the progress their child is making. We hope to begin the initial testing of students after the Desi break and then start the program towards the end of Term 3.

Parents will receive more information once the program commences. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Amy Dolstra

Head Teacher English/History

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thankyou goes to Melissa Helwig for her donation of two heavy boxing bags. We are endeavouring to get these up around the outside of the gym for students to make use of in the morning or afternoons and weekends along with the other equipment already around the oval. Thank you, Melissa, for your kind donation.



LAMBEX YOUNG GUNS COMPETITION

The LambEX Young Guns Competition was for students all over Australia up to the age of 30. There were three sections – high school and undergraduates, early career professionals and PhD students. We had to submit an essay on a topic on a list that they provided or you could choose your own topic so it was very broad. We also had to submit a poster informing the public about your topic. Once submitted the judges chose the top five in each category (based on the written essay) and invited them to the LambEX conference and to produce a speech on our topic where we would again be judged on dress, content and public speaking skills. At the end of our speeches the judges asked questions to us and we had to answer them, which we were also judged on.

So this is where my journey began. In class Mrs Quinn gave us this competition as an assessment task. I took this assessment just like any other assignment and gave it a fair crack. After about a month I received an email saying I had been chosen as a finalist and was invited to LambEX. I thought at first it was a joke but then it settled in and I was pretty happy about it. My topic I wrote and spoke about was ‘Attracting young people into the prime lamb industry.’

On Tuesday the 8th July, Cherice (my sister) and I began the nine hour journey to Adelaide to the LambEX conference. On the way over I was calm and the nerves hadn’t settled in, it just felt like I was going on a holiday with Cherice. Mum on the other hand I think was getting more nervous than me! Just a few weeks before heading on over to Adelaide I started writing notes for my speech and after about an hour I just put it all aside. That was it until the day before I was to leave and Mum wanted me to practise saying my speech but my answer each time was “I’ll be right” and was texting me quite regularly. Right up until about 10 minutes before my speech that was how I was feeling – relaxed and no worries at all. I slept fine on Tuesday night and had a sleep in Wednesday morning. Wednesday afternoon we went in to the Adelaide showgrounds, registered and put up my poster (I had to create as part of the competition) in the foyer. About 5 minutes before all competitors of all sections had to say their speeches, there was a blackout across Adelaide so we had to go into

another room and do our speeches. It was then that we all realised we didn’t have to speak in front of the LambEX audience (900+ people) which we were all happy about. Just before I was to speak I was shaking so much I felt sick. The questions that the judges were going to ask were my worst fear but it turned out that I answered all but one which was a curly question – Do you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can get people in the middle of Sydney to eat and like lamb meat and not be vegetarian? I honestly had no clue on how to answer that question. After all our speeches were over we got told that if we had won we would get told the next day and have an interview in front of the LambEX audience.

ATTENTION!!! to all young people interested in the sheep industry

- Statistics show that the average age of a farmer is 53. There needs to be a younger generation to drive this industry forward and make it a successful one
- The global demand for lamb and mutton is high all around the world therefore the Prime lamb industry is feeding the world.
- Your love of sheep and the prime lamb industry could make a positive effect on the industry.
- Utilise the latest technology in taking this industry forward

The Prime Lamb Industry

This industry could die without you!

We need your help today

Deanna Johnston
Naradhan NSW

Unfortunately I did not win, but I did come second and am very happy with what I have achieved. The rest of the conference went well and I met some people who are professionals in their area. I also met a well-known American radio producer and rancher. This was a great experience for me and I learnt a lot more about the sheep industry and it was a great opportunity to meet new people within the industry. It was a long two and a half days but it was well worth it.

Deanna Johnston Yr 10

YEAR 12 AG AI PROGRAM

Curriculum in the Cattle Yards....

Over the past couple of weeks the Year 12 Agriculture students have been busy undertaking an Oestrous Synchronisation program using cows from our own Yanco Shorthorn and McCaughey Limousin herds. This is the first such joining for the recently established shorthorn stud, which was founded in 2013. This was possible with the support and generosity of Sprys Shorthorns, Barvon Shorthorns and Outback Shorthorns who donated foundation females. This program provided students with a range of learning opportunities as they were



Dustin Manwaring shows Jess Hanrahan how to insert the CIDR.

responsible for selecting suitable females from the herds using genetic information and subjective and objective data.



Year 12 Ag students drafting off cows in heat

The Artificial Insemination program resulted in some long hours in the cattle yards with students undertaking the entire program which included early morning starts administering hormones to ensure all animals ovulated in a very short timeframe and heat detecting at dusk, midnight and

dawn. Furthermore, they assisted local Limousin breeder Peter Kylstra, in the actual AI process with



Sam Barnes ensuring the correct dose of PG is given

students learning some techniques to help improve conception rates. Having the ability to provide our students with a learning opportunity like this where information learnt in the classroom such as the interaction of animal hormones and providing adequate nutrition, can be backed up with practical components ensures our students leave well equipped for life outside Yanco.



Year 12 Ag students with Peter Kylstra

The Year 12 Agriculture students are to be commended for their attitude, work ethic and professionalism when dealing with the stud cattle. Their efforts resulted in all females programmed coming on to heat and we now eagerly wait to see how our conception rates fare. Fingers crossed!

On a closing note we would like to thank Sprys Shorthorns, Outback Shorthorns, Garren Park Limousins and Progress Limousins for their support of our students learning and of our cattle stud stock program here at YAHS.

Mr Collins

BENDIGO SHEEP AND WOOL FAIR

On Thursday July 17th, fifteen enthusiastic students headed to Bendigo Sheep and Wool Fair along with two awesome teachers, Mrs Quinn and Mrs Conley. We left early Thursday morning and arrived in Bendigo at 2:30pm. First we unloaded and got our sheep organised then we headed to our accommodation at the Golden Nugget Caravan Park just out of Bendigo. Once we arrived we unpacked, had showers then cooked dinner.



The next day we were up early to head to the showgrounds where we prepared our sheep ready for showing. Once we had completed our preparation we went to some courses on offer to learn more about wool and meat. First we watched Bob the butcher cut the lamb up and he taught us about the various cuts of meat, then we went and learnt about wool and fleece judging.

Once we had finished the courses we started showing against other schools and studs. We tried our best and won a few ribbons but there is always room to improve on in the future.



The next day we had Junior Corriedale Judging and Merino Judging where we were very successful

with Jacob Skinner placing 3rd and Jock Hudson placing 5th in the Junior Judging. Molly Cornish came 3rd in the under 14's to 15's Junior Judging and we were not far behind in the Merino Judging.



Once we had fed the sheep we then headed to the movies in Bendigo to watch "How to Train your Dragon 2". Everyone enjoyed it. When the movie finished we went to the Bendigo Club for dinner then to Cold Rock Ice Creamery which everyone enjoyed.

The last day always comes so quickly and today we had a Schools Interbreed Competition which is where all the schools compete against each other. Unfortunately we didn't get a placing but we still have plenty more show's to improve. Once we finished we packed up and loaded the sheep and headed back to Yanco feeling very proud.

We could not have done it all without Mrs Quinn and Mrs Connolly. They were exhausted after we dragged them around Bendigo for four fun days.

YEAR & AG – PODDY CALVES



Throughout Term 2 the Year 7 girls have raised four poddy calves while the Year 7 boys are currently raising five calves. All the year 7 students are currently learning about the dairy industry and participating in a program called

'Cows Create Careers' run by Dairy Australia. This is the first time YAHS has participated in the program.

Cows Create Careers - Farm Module is a six-week program that aims to increase the awareness of dairy industry careers in a very hands-on way. The students also need to complete a project in small groups where they create a three minute MooTube movie relating to the dairy industry. This is then submitted to Dairy Australia for judging.



This year, fourteen schools in the Northern Victoria region will participate in the program including Rochester Secondary College, Shepparton High School, Kerang Technical School, Cohuna



Secondary School, McGuire College, Notre Dame College, Yanco Agricultural High School, Finley High School, Echuca College, St Mel's School, Moama Anglican

Grammar School, St Joseph's School, Nagambie and Christ the King P-12 Anglican College, Cobram.

Upon completion of the program, students and teachers will be recognised at a Presentation Finale where prizes are awarded to the winning schools and students. The Finale will be held on Thursday 6th November, 2014 in Shepparton.

CHS NETBALL REPORT

During Term 3 a super keen bunch of girls headed off to Griffith to take part in the CHS Netball knockout. They then had to play two games against Wagga and Leeton High and if successful they would have to play the winner of the other pool. The girls' stomachs were full of nerves as they anxiously waited to take on rivals Wagga High.

As the girls took the court for the beginning of what would be a tough game, their enthusiasm was still high. Throughout this game, Yanco Ag and Wagga high were goal for goal and the girls soon realised this game was surely going to be as tough as expected. At half time, Yanco Ag was down by 1 goal but that didn't get the girls hopes down. In the second half Marnie Whytcross broke out and

received some game changing intercepts backed up by Courtney Menzies shooting with close to 100% accuracy. With Gemma Fisher and Marnie's focus and determination to force changeovers, it made the quick transition easy for centre court players; Meg Potter, Olivia Gay and Grace Skipworth to ensure the goals sunk by both Courtney and Mel Guttler. With the defence and attack both working vigorously, it worked in our favour to ensure the close win by only 2 goals against Wagga High. The girls were all so excited with this victory. Next was Leeton High.

Knowing that Leeton High went down to Wagga quite convincingly it was thought by the girls that this game wouldn't have been as challenging. The assumptions made by the girls were correct and they beat Leeton High by a convincing 12 goal lead. Goal shooters; Zoe Potter, Jasmine Boyland, Zoe Howe and Mel Guttler shot accurately enough and contributed greatly to this defeat. Again Marnie Whytcross played amazingly working defensively very strong with Grace Skipworth, Gemma Fisher and again Jasmine Boyland. Centre court players making the transition from attack to defence easy were; Lilly Serrafin, Meg Potter, Olivia Gay. Courtney Menzies had a spell, saving her energy for the final the girls would soon undertake against Griffith High School.



Back Row: G. Fisher, Z. Howe, M. Whytcross, L. Serafin, O. Gay, M. Guttler

Front Row: J. Boyland, Z. Potter, G. Skipworth, M. Potter, C. Menzies

After two games of excitement the last game left was the grand-final against Griffith High School. The nerves started kicking in as we took to the court

with Melanie and Courtney shooting, Olivia, Meg, Lilly and Grace in centre court and Marnie and Gemma in defence. The nerves soon escalated when being even scores after the first quarter of the game, But as soon as the umpire started making some unlucky calls this caused the girls to start putting their heads down for the next 3 quarters which lead to us making unneeded turnovers from Griffiths tough pressure. In the last quarter everything went downhill and we ended up finishing the day in second place which we were still very happy about.

After a hard three games of netball we finished the day being proud of our efforts especially with the close win against Wagga Wagga High School. We would like to thank Mrs Piffero for putting her time in organising the day for us girls making it such a great experience, and to the girls for all being outstanding players.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY 2014



On Thursday 17th of July, 11 students travelled from YAHS to Sydney for the 2014 CHS State Cross Country Carnival. We stayed the night at Hurlstone Agricultural High School, where we were looked after extremely well. The students had a chance to check out another agricultural boarding school and also had the opportunity to mix with a few of the Hurlstone students.



On the Friday morning, we got up nice and early and travelled to the Eastern Creek Raceway, where the carnival was held. It was an extremely cold day, but the students all ran exceptionally well and made us all proud. The support that Yanco Ag students provide for one another is one of the very unique qualities about this school.

The following students represented YAHS at the CHS State Cross Country Carnival;

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| 12 years | Cooper Carter, Will Carbone |
| 13 years | Amber Bevan |
| 15 years | Reid Burley, Chloe Ward, Loren Gregory |
| 17 years | Cooper Thatcher, Jock Ward, Liam McCallum |
| 18 years | Melanie Guttler, Ellen Shepherd |

A big thank you to the parents, who attended the carnival and supported their children. Also a special thank you to Steve Carter, who accompanied the team up to Sydney and back. Your support means so much!

Miss Alison Giles

RIVERINA REGIONAL ATHLETICS 2014

On Tuesday 5th of August, 19 enthusiastic students made the journey to Albury for the Riverina Regional Athletics Carnival.

Yanco Agricultural High School had some pleasing results throughout the day with several students achieving personal best times and making it into the Riverina Team to compete at the State Carnival.

The following 5 students were successful in making it to the State Athletics Carnival, which will be held in Sydney on the 4th, 5th and 6th of September.

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| Jock Ward | 1500m, 800m, Javelin |
| Justin Mitchell | 17+ Boys Relay |
| Dustin Manwaring | 17+ Boys Relay |
| Andrew Barr | 17+ Boys Relay |
| Ryan Van Gemert | 17+ Boys Relay |

I wish all students the best of luck at the State Carnival and a big thank you to Mrs Danielle Ingram for acting as team manager on the day.

Miss Alison Giles

HOSPITALITY – CLEAN PLATES

On the 7th August Year 11 Hospitality students catered for the Regional School Principal's Luncheon.

The students started early on the day preparing the food and setting up the 'Breezeway Bistro' for the function. Tablecloths were ironed, flowers arranged and cutlery polished.



set a new high standard of excellence. All plates came back to the kitchen empty. Clean plates are always a good sign the food was appreciated. An excellent team effort and even the kitchen shone at the end of the day.

Year 11 Hospitality



Our menu was themed with a cultural link to the Commonwealth Glasgow Scottish Games. Mrs Roe lent us a Kilt and we tried to get a bagpipe player but without success. The room did look good with lots of tartan and Scottish scenes played on the TV screen.



The whole kitchen was a buzz with students all working hard to plate up restaurant standard food for the guest. We appreciate Mrs Chant's efforts to make sure we had great ingredients to work with on the day. The front of house team did a great job as did the Barristers of the day and the Kitchen cooks



WOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 8 Technology



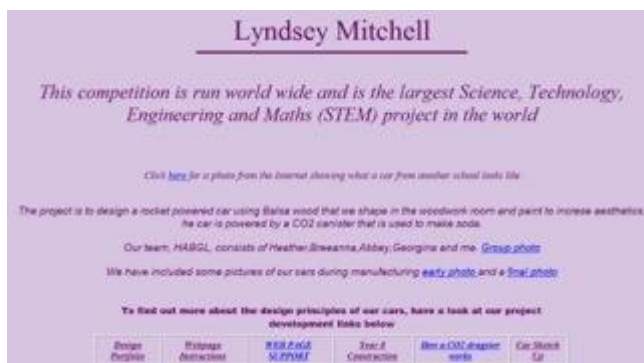
This year, Wood Technology classes in Year 8 are participating in a rocket powered car competition. This competition is the largest STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) project worldwide with an estimated 16 million students in competitions annually. The students design and

manufacture balsa wood cars that are powered by a small CO2 cylinder for making soft drinks. These small cars, capable of 0 - 72kph in approximately 1 second, compete in a drag racing format to find the fastest cars.

In addition to the car, students develop a basic webpage to promote their team and act as a folio of their work on the car. The students learn basic HTML code and write and modify their own webpage for colours, fonts and hyperlinks to other pages and websites with relevant information about their cars.



Term 2 winner Olivia Reid with her car still under development



A screen shot of Lyndsey Mitchell's homepage

Stage 5 Farm Maintenance

Farm Maintenance was reintroduced in 2014 as a way of increasing basic skills development that will be useful around a farm. So far this year the students have been learning to disassemble and reassemble a small 4-stroke engine, basic woodworking building a chicken tractor and will soon begin learning skills in concreting, sheet metalwork and welding.



Chicken tractor construction



Matt Seymour works on his motorcycle engine while Madison Gillett rebuilds an old pump engine.

Year 11 Timber Furniture

Recently Year 11 Timber students visited a small, specialist timber milling operation in the Moama region. It was a long haul but very worthwhile with the students seeing a log being sawn using different techniques and learning how to decide which technique to use to best show off the features of the timber.



James from Tasmanian Timbers talks to the students about borers and other unexpected defect they found once they started sawing a log

The milling operation, Tasmanian Timbers, is a small operation that concentrates on salvaging high grade Australian timbers for bespoke furniture and musical instruments such as violins and guitars. The students were able to inspect their selection of timbers and slabs that are seasoning to help guide selection of a suitable timber for their Year 12 major works

were willing to try ideas outside their comfort zone and always aimed for the highest quality of workmanship.

A more complete series of photos will be in a later newsletter when the projects are able to be placed on display and the photos can do the projects justice.



The Year 11 class and workers on an 18 tonne section of a tree salvaged from northern Victoria



Dustin Manwaring applying an internal waterproof coating to his hat, coat and boot rack



Adam Twigg joining the bamboo for his bar project,



James showing off the figure in some Tiger Myrtle from Tasmania



Scott O'Hara's dining table that expands into a ping pong table

Year 12 Major Works

The practical work section of the 2014 Year 12 timber class is complete and their projects and folios are now "locked away" till HSC markers come to the school in late August. The class has worked very hard this year and created some beautiful and technical pieces of furniture. It has been a pleasure to teach this class as they



Sam Ryan's elegant dining table



A VISIT BY THE “AMERICANS”

On Friday 18th July, the school hosted a visit by two families from Montana USA. The visitors were Joe and Maryann Steinbeisser and their daughter Joan and her two children Mykla and Payton.

So what is the relationship between this group and Yanco?

The relationship goes back a long time. Joan was an exchange student who stayed with Mr and Mrs Hammond 30 years ago when she was 16 years old, and they have remained in contact since then. When the group from Yanco went to the USA last year, Joe organised many of the agricultural visits we went on in Montana and Maryanne organised the host families that many of the Yanco group stayed with.



The five Yanco students who travelled without their parents to the USA stayed in Joe and Maryanne's home while we were in Sidney Montanan, and there were many hugs and smiles as the group was reunited.

On the Friday Joe, spoke to four agriculture classes about his farming background and particularly the growing of sugar beets. Joe was very pleased with the questions he was asked, and was particularly



impressed when the year 8 boys thanked him and gave him great handshakes at the end of his talk.

At lunchtime, Joan spoke to all the students in the dining room about her experience as an exchange student and how it had changed her life. She encouraged students to have a think about going on exchange and the experiences it could lead to. At the end of Joan's talk, Grace and Dustin presented

our visitors with some mementos of their time at Yanco.



While in Australia, the “Americans” were treated to some great Aussie hospitality by the Yanco families from Condobolin and Naradhan areas. A special thanks goes to the King's and the (many) Johnston and Gaunt families for their welcome and hospitality.

Bruce Hammond

TEXTILES

Mrs Stacy Lugsdin very kindly gave the textiles department a smocking machine. We wish to thank her for her kindness. The students are learning how to use the machine and are looking forward to adding to their skills in this area.



Stage 5 Textiles Technology Class 2014

YEAR 11 SKI EXCURSION REPORT

On the morning of the 31st of July, 43 eager Year 11 kids jumped on a bus with Mr Press, Ms



Wornes, Mr Cassilles and Miss North to head to Perisher for two and a half days. Although the trip up and back was long, it was well worth it. After being assigned a room and organising our snow gear, we had dinner, a friendly game of soccer with another visiting school and then went to bed to be ready for the next day.

Day one

We were up bright and early, had a nice hot breakfast and were on our way to the ski tube. Before we arrived at the ski tube, Mr Press thought he better give us a bit of education about the snow. "Do not eat brown, yellow, or red snow"... After a few laughs things got serious and everyone was rugged up and ready for the cold. As we all carried our skis/snowboards up the stairs we could feel the cold. When we walked outside, it was a bit of a shock to those who had never seen snow before, because they still couldn't see it all that well. Regardless of the cold, the morning started with a two hour lesson. After this, we were allowed to venture to the rest of the slopes. Even though it was hard to see, freezing cold (-8 degrees) and we were being blown over by 60km winds, everyone had a couple of runs before retreating inside. The people



who were game enough to go back out ended up being late back to the ski tube at the end of the day.

Day two

The second day started off about the same. Breakfast, education on the bus (again), and a ski tube ride to the top of the mountain. It was a MUCH better day, even though the wind was a bit cold. Once again, after our lesson, we were out and about on the mountains, and this time everyone was out for the day, except Marnie of course. Before the day started, Miss North thought it would be a bit of fun to have a friendly competition. The person who did the most vertical kilometres over the day would receive a free dinner on the way back to school. Congratulations to Will Fitzgerald (over 4kms) and

Tiarne Smith (over 3kms) for winning.

Day three

As soon as we got up, we knew day 3 was going to be by far the best. Mr Press says it's the best he has seen in a long time. With only half a day skiing we got straight into the lessons where all the instructors took us out to the more complex slopes. With one hour left before we had to leave, everyone made the most of their time. Even though it was sad to leave the snow, we were getting on the ski tube to return to the hotel, packing up the coach and on our way back to Yanco.

On behalf of the students who attended the Ski Trip we would like to say a big thankyou to the supervisors, Mr Press (also the organiser), Miss North, Mr Cassilles, and Ms

Wornes and to the bus driver, Col. We can confidently say for ourselves and for the rest of Year 11 this was an eventful and splendid trip. Even though most people were sore, few bruises here and there, we all made memories we won't forget.



By Adele Ruigrok and Rebecca Ritchie



Visual Arts at Performance Night

This year's Performance Night was accompanied with an exhibition of student artwork. The Year 9/10 Visual Arts class curated the exhibit, a task that involved selecting, cataloguing and displaying works. Our students are commended on the talent demonstrated through so many of their works.

A vivid display of talent (clockwise)

"The Sunrice Mural" Year 9/10 Visual Arts;
Watercolours by Breanna Carr; Graphic Design by
Lindsay Brown (center); Aerosole Stencilling by Caitlyn
Beer; Watercolour and Ink by Oswald Herrmann

