



*As you sow, so  
shall you reap*

# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Students leave for  
DESI  
**August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Weethalle Show  
**August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Students return  
from DESI  
**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Ganmain Show  
**August 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Sheep –Dubbo  
Wether Challenge  
**August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Sports and Special  
Photo Day  
**August 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Condobolin Show  
**August 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Shooting Group @  
Bowral  
Fishing Club  
@Hillston "Hook  
Line & Sinker"  
**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
CHS Girls Cricket  
Narrandera  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**  
Athletics CHS -  
Sydney.  
Cattle - Dubbo All  
Breeds Heifer Show  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 11 Prelim  
Exams begin  
**Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Sheep – Elite White  
Suffolk Show  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Equine Harden  
Show  
**Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Shooting  
Group@Bowral  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 12 Graduation

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
Term 3, Week 5

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### LEETON EISTEDDFOD



*Congratulations to our Year 10 girls who were overall  
Junior Debating Champions.*

*L-R; Reba Nicholson, Alexandra West, Zoe Cunial and Olivia Carbone.*



*Tully James*

*Best Debater in the Sub-Junior Division  
at this years Leeton Eisteddfod.*

## **RELIEVING PRINIPAL – DAVID CRELLEY**

When the opportunity arose to submit an expression of interest for the position of Relieving Principal of Yanco Agricultural High School, I was immediately excited by the prospect of leading a public school with such a rich history and embedded traditions. I had been a Principal for six and a half years at two different schools and believed I knew all there was to know about how to lead a public high school through the current reform process. However, it became very obvious that Yanco was not your typical high school with the standard mix of staff, students and parents.

The equine meeting held on the last Sunday afternoon of the school holidays was eye opening and informative, giving me my first insight into the complexities of Yanco. The week that followed introduced me to a formal assembly which included a march past with students in their spectacular formal attire.

In Week 3, Education Week, we were gifted with our own front page advertisement in the local media. I also had the chance to meet with a small number of P&C Representatives to discuss issues facing the school, including the current staffing organisation. I also had the opportunity to escort a wonderful group of students to KROP in Griffith. It was my first introduction to the Drum Corp, proving to be exemplary ambassadors for our school and outstanding role models for the younger students from local primary and central schools.

Students have represented the school in a wide variety of agricultural, sporting and cultural pursuits over the course of the term. It must be noted that Yanco's teaching staff are significant drivers of these activities and dedicate large amounts of their personal time to ensure our students have access to the broad opportunities on offer.

I have had the privilege of interviewing prospective students and their parents regarding enrolment at Yanco in 2016 and am presently working with the executive team on the construction of the 2016 curriculum.

Academically, our staff are particularly dedicated and committed to providing a high quality education to each and every student at Yanco Agricultural High School. I commend them on their

willingness to learn and grow as professionals, their optimism about the future of Yanco Agricultural High School through an unsettled period of time and their dogged determination to continue to move forward.

We have finally reached the designated leave weekend and I now have an improved understanding of the complexities of Yanco. There continues to be challenges and associated opportunities for us to improve our processes and protocols, however my short time as relieving Principal has taught me that the many wonderful parents and staff whom all contribute to the 'Yanco Family' will undoubtedly work together to provide an outstanding education for all students, now and into the future.

*David Crelley*

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## **NEW DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **2016 BEACH CARNIVAL**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

### **2016 GALA DAY**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Beach Carnival and Gala Day are traditionally held on the third Saturday in March. These date changes for 2016 are due to the Sydney Royal Show being held a week earlier than previous years and a significant number of our YAHS Show Stock Team students compete in the State Finals at the Show.

All motels and caravan carks have been notified of the 2016 Gala Day date so we would advise early booking where possible to avoid disappointment.

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## **TERM 2 COMMENDATION AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **Year 7**

Harry Alcorn, Rhiannon Bolam, Erin Brown, Jasmine Cecchini, Angus Clarke, Reba Curran, Dimity Evans, Max Findlay, Stanley Herrmann, Alexis Hughes, Tully James, Jessica Kibble, Sarah McNamara, Talia McPhellamy, Harry Morris, Ned Routley, Brodie Semmler, Kathleen Taylor, Daniel Trembath, William White

### **Year 8**

Jessie Armstrong, Angus Bolton, Jacob Brouwer, Damian Cain, William Carbone, Cooper Carter, Kate Cattle, Emma Dixon, Betty Dolan, Kaitlyn Dykes, Ryan Findlay, Oswald Herrmann, Lachlan Hughes, Audrey James, Brook-Lyn Johnston, Sophie Ryan, Bianca Smith, Anita Tagliapietra, Connor Whitehurst, Montanna Wilkinson, Maddison Williams, Charlie Woods

### **Year 9**

Jessie Alcorn, Amber Bevan, Mehak Bhangu, George Clark, Sebastian Clarke, Brad Daunt, Hayley Dowling, Todd Gaffey, Max Gay, Max Hatty, Laandi Holland, Edward Horan, Grace Hughes, Bryce Johnston, Emily Kearines, Nelson Manwaring, James McGrath, Casey Morris, Sunny Oxley, Jayden Pippin, Amelia Rawling, Heather Robinson, Cameron Saul, Zoe Thomas, Breeanna Trembath, Brianna White, Jasmine Whitehurst

### **Year 10**

Nathan Arnold, Thomas Arnold, Olivia Carbone, Mitchel Cattle, Zoe Cunial, Grace Daunt, Gemma Fisher, Loren Gregory, Cameron Hall, Charlotte Horan, Luke Howard, Georgie Johnston, James Kearines, Cooper Lawson, Kathy Mara, Renae Nash, Connor Ricciarelli, Angus Smyth, Jake Smyth, Lawson Stenhouse, Kelsie-Rose Thatcher, Kyla Walmsley, Sebastian Webb, Alexandra West

### **Year 11**

Toby Afflick, Olivia Alexander, Grace Armour, Jemima Bargery-Medcraft, Elissa Bergmeier, Justin Bolam, Kymberley Brain, Maddison Burke, Madeleine Casey, Kirsty Clark, Darcy Cromack, Patricia Cromack, Tobias Daniel, Nicole Fairley, Ryan Forbes, Stacey Gardiner, Courtney Gleeson,

Matt Guttler, Alisha Harrington, Brodie Heron, Liam James, Deanna Johnston, Claudia Kuerschner, Clay McKenzie, Brayden McMaster, Cambell McMaster, Lara Mitchell, Kiera Mullan, Mitchell Pippin, Molly Schlunke, Nathan Twigg, Lucy Webster

### **Year 12**

Jane Arndt, Andrew Barr, Harry Beal, Emily Belling, Darcy Booth, Jasmine Boyland, Breanna Carr, Morgan Cumming, Chantelle Gorman, Laura Harris, Natalia Henderson, Jeremy Hillam, Gabrielle Holgate, Luke Horrobin, Georgia Howard, Cameron Ingram, Heidi Johnston, Matheson Lees, Liam McCallum, Jock McPherson, Elizabeth Moran-Turner, Sarah Oost, Meg Potter, Andrew Reid, Rebecca Ritchie, Tiarne Smith, Travis Taylor, Cooper Thatcher,



*Emily Belling and Breanna Carr  
Platinum Award recipients*

## JUNIOR DEBATING

*Yanco Agricultural High School vs. Ardlethan Central School*

During Week 9 Term 2, students from the Year 7 and 8 Junior Debating Team challenged Ardlethan Central School in Round 2 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The day was an excellent opportunity for all students to further develop their skills in public speaking and organise a presentation on a range of challenging topics.



Both Yanco (A) and Yanco (B) teams debated on the day. The topics included:

Yanco (A) – That downloading music without permission should be regarded as theft (Affirmative).

Yanco (B) – That we should study more Australian texts in English classes (Negative).

On the day, Yanco (A) team were successful in their debate whilst Yanco (B) fell to Ardlethan's team by only a point. All students should be extremely proud of their efforts on the day. The talent of our junior teams continues to grow and we all look forward to the next challenge where Yanco (A) team will take on the Yanco (B) team at school early in Term 3.

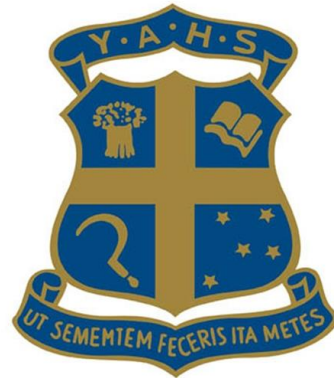
***Martin Dickens - Junior Debating Facilitator***

## P.B.L. SIGN COMPETITION

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (P.B.L.) Committee recently held its first major campaign at the school, focusing on the meaning behind the Yanco motto 'As You Sow, So Shall You Reap'. P.B.L. is a team operating at Yanco to focus on initiatives that reward positive behaviour at a whole school level.

After a recent survey by the team, the results indicated that a number of students were not familiar with the school's motto. In an effort to help students understand the value of this statement, students were asked to locate different signs posted around the school as part of a 'treasure hunt' style activity. When students returned to school in Term 3, the prefects highlighted the origins of the motto and how the values of hard-work and persistence are relevant to all Yancoians in the 21st Century. The team looks forward to hosting new and exciting campaigns in the near future to reward all students who show diligence and respect for their school.

Y.A.H.S Positive Behaviour for  
Learning Committee



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## WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**– Learn and Discover the World! -**

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year. To request program information for your family, visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au), email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or call 1300 884 733.



## 2015 YEAR 11 SKI TRIP

On Thursday the 16th of July, 42 Year 11 students and four teachers waited patiently outside McCaughey House for the bus to pick us up and take us on an adventure to Blue Cow Mountain in the Snowy Mountains. As we loaded our bags and snow gear onto the bus everyone had an eager smile on their face; some to experience snow for the first time. We stopped at both Wagga and Yass to



buy snow gear and feed our enormous appetites. As we grew closer and closer to our destination, curtains were open and everyone was on snow patrol, with our first sighting almost an hour and a half away from our Snow Gate hotel. Once we reached the hotel, we unpacked into our rooms and hired out our snow gear, jackets, pants, helmets, boots and of course skis and snowboards. That night saw some restless sleepers, as they were keen and excited to hit the slopes in the morning.

It was an early breakfast before we jumped onto the bus to make our way to the snow fields. Everyone was dressed head to toe in their snow gear looking like Eskimos. Once out of the bus we got onto the ski tube and headed up to the top terminal. The



sight was spectacular! An open view of the untouched snow fields, reflecting the bright sun and

“blue bird” day. Those who had never experienced the great whiteness had to of course run and pick up the snow to see what it was like. After everyone had posed for the group photo we were split up into our

separate group lessons, snowboarders, first time skiers and experienced, and those teachers who knew how to ski went out on their own.

Each day we all had skiing or snowboarding lessons for 2 hours; some perfected their already formidable skills, whilst others were just learning to stay on their feet for more than five minutes.

It was a great way to start

the day, being able to ask questions to our amazing instructors who could do everything from walking up hill in skis to skiing down backwards while guiding us. When 4 o'clock came everyone was ready to go home, their feet aching and their eyes



almost shut. Many stories were told on the ski tube down the mountain and on the bus back to the hotel but once we closed the doors to our rooms everyone hit the pillows ready for the next big day.

There were a number of ups and downs for many, a few injuries and a few who were almost at the giving up stage. On the last day we all had a group ski, one by one sweeping down the hill past Mr Cassilles and the go-pro. After that we all had 40 minutes to do what we pleased. Some stayed on the known tracks and others took the plunge and challenged themselves on blue runs. However,

despite their level of ability, everyone enjoyed themselves. Soon it was time to leave the snow fields. Some didn't really want to leave and almost missed the ride home. We quickly dumped our hire gear and changed into something comfortable for the long trip home.

In the end, all agreed that this was an amazing experience. The joy of sharing the beauty of the ski fields, the exhilaration of speeding down the slopes and the hare brained antics of our friends is something that will stay with us for life.

A very big thankyou must be made to Mr Cassilles, Miss North, Miss Seidel and Mr Haskins for making the trip possible and for providing help and assistance throughout the trip.

*By Molly Schlunke*

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## **YEAR 11 ADVANCED ENGLISH, CREATIVE WRITING**

Recently, the Year 11 Advanced English Class has been focusing on their creative writing. The students have been experimenting with ways to convey meaning, tone and themes through the manipulation of language, sentence and narrative structure and perspective. It has been a very positive exercise with the students increasing their ability to create expression that encompasses both the literal and metaphoric.

Here a couple of examples that plays with the idea of shifting perspective on daily life to produce new insights into human experience of mundane matters. Enjoy!

### **The Mirror.**

There it was again, that bright light, those panicked sounds. The start of the day and the signal of the hours to come, seeing things that simply cannot be unseen. The routine was now fairly similar, I lay in the dark until the kids were ready for school and my human had time to think about herself for a moment. It didn't use to be this way; I hardly saw the light of day before my cousin in the bathroom

was smashed in a freak shower accident. I'm pulled from my thoughts as I see the hand reaching for me through the bag, I brace myself, somehow knowing that my mental preparation just won't be enough. The world around me slows, the arm holding me moves as if swimming through honey, my dread, elongating the process. And then, bam! There it was, the morning 'I only got three hours of sleep' face, by far one of the worst, and an accurate reflection of my mood. Those bags look as if they were carrying groceries, her face pale from her lack of Vitamin D, her hair, obviously styled by electrocution. My human. The disgusted look on her face exactly matches my disgusted musings. I sigh, and I urge her with all my shininess to find some better lighting and get the make-up bag out.

*By Lara Mitchell*

### **The Mirror**

Beep, beep, beep. I heard the unmistakeable alarm that sounded the start of another day; another day of sitting on the wall, never really being seen. No one cares about the mirror; all they care about is their reflection. I heard the shuffling of feet as the people began to rise. The light switched on, filling the room with brilliance; filling my face with a picture of that room. Almost immediately I had people crowded around me, straining to see me, or more likely straining to see themselves. As I watched them get ready, I thought of how much effort they put into getting themselves clean or beautiful or awake. I think I'd be lucky to get a wipe down once a month. It's funny I thought, how these people, who seemed so obsessed with their looks, were more blind than they realised. I mean they couldn't even see what was right in front of them. They couldn't even see me.

*By Keira Mullen*

## **YAHS SHEARING COMPETITION RESULTS**

(Held Gala Day, 21st March, 2015 at Yanco Agricultural High School)

The third Shearing Competition held at Yanco Agricultural High School was again hailed a complete success in every way by not only the competitors, but by spectators and organisers alike. A total of thirty three participants competed on the day with some participants competing in two sections. The vast majority of competitors were students from Yanco Agricultural High School itself. This can be further broken down to twenty one Learner competitors, six Intermediate competitors and six Open competitors.

The competition began with the heats of the Learners, Intermediate and Open sections, which was then followed by the finals for each section. The winners and prizes are listed below:

### ***Learners***

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Helen Guttler	\$170
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Deanna Johnston	\$140
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Nicki Guttler	\$90

### ***Intermediate***

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Royce Johnston	\$140
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Gavin Evans	\$90
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Matheson Lees	\$70

### ***Open***

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Kaleb Artridge	\$140
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	John Polsen	\$90
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Zeb Studholme	\$70

It was interesting to note that, for the first time, all three placings in the Learner section of the competition were taken about by females which drew a great cheer from the crowd once announced.

Each competitor was given a printed shearing singlet donated by a local wool buyer, Brendan Proud & Co from Griffith to be worn whilst competing.

To finalise a great day of participation, and to do something a little different to last year's Speed Shear for CareFlight, three speedy shearers teamed up with two volunteers each from the crowd to engage the crowd in some vigorous fundraising. The three shearers shorn a sheep each, followed by the next team member hoping up on the board to do 5 push ups, followed by another sheep being shorn by each of the shearers. The third team member

then had to drink half a bottle of water after which the shearers shorn another five sheep each. The crowd really began to get behind their chosen team at this stage when the shearers, Paul Bandy from YAHS, Kaleb Artridge from Mullengandra and Zeb Studholme from Weethalle, managed a very tight finish. All the while the donation buckets circulated amongst the crowd to raise some much needed funds for this worthy organisation. Specially printed CareFlight Charity Shear singlets subsidised by Shearing Supplies of Dubbo were also sold on the day.

The final event for the day was the Lachlan Sutton Team Shearing Competition which proved to be a very popular event with nine teams of three competing, including an all-girls team. Each team member placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd received a printed sash using funds donated by an ex-Yanconian, Lachlan Sutton. The results were as follows:

### ***1st Place - The Handicapped***

John Evans, Gavin Evans, Alan Johnston

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Place - The Leeton Lads***

Bryce Johnston, Royce Johnston, John Polsen

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Place - The Western Division Dads***

Tas Clarke, Gary Dowling, Graham Hudson

Once the presentations were over Kaleb Artridge demonstrated to an interested crowd of shearers of all ages and abilities the finer points of shearing and how to position the sheep and shearer to make the most of every blow. Those who participated found this demonstration to be very enlightening and are now keen to practice the tips shared by Kaleb in the future.

We would like to sincerely thank AWI for the enormous contribution of making available the prize money for this competition and for paying the Learners entry fees which enabled so many to participate and created a valuable experience in the lives of these young people. We are also appreciative of the opportunity to be able to positively promote the shearing industry via this competition. It is already anticipated that this competition will be repeated at the annual Yanco Agricultural High School Gala Day next year and look forward to garnering your support again.

***Alan and Kerrie Johnston***