



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

UPCOMING EVENTS

12th November

All students leave
for DESI

12th -15th

November

Fishing Club @
Tuross Lakes

15th November

Students return
from DESI

16th – 27th

November

Year 10

Work Experience
VET

Work Placement

17th – 19th

November

Yr 7 Transition
Program

18th – 20th

November

Yr 8-10 Transition
Program

24th – 28th

November

Young Leaders
Conference Syd.

30th November –

10th December

Year 10 Leadership
Camp.

30th November

Yrs 7-9 Excursions

11th December

Speech Day

REMINDER

DATES FOR 2016

BEACH

CARNIVAL

March 4th

GALA DAY

March 5th

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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COOTAMUNDRA SUCCESS



The very successful Cootamundra Show Sheep and Cattle Teams



*Cooper Carter Champion Parader
and Alisha Harrington Reserve Champion*

COOTAMUNDRA SHOW REPORT

On Friday 16th October a group of 22 show stock students loaded up and left at 5:30am, headed for the Cootamundra show. When we arrived we unloaded the truck and our bags and had time for some breakfast before junior judging started.

On Friday there were a total of six Junior Judging competitions held throughout the day. We were then split into three different age groups which were; 13–14yrs, 16yrs+ and the Group Final. Yanco Students had great success with many students placing and a number of students successfully qualifying through to the State Finals for Sydney Royal in 2016.

The results of the various events are as follows;

Fleece Judging:

13yrs – 14yrs

Damian Cain	2nd
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16yrs+

Lauren Hannaford	5th
Alisha Harrington	4th
Casey Morris	3rd

Group Final

Zac Liley	5th
Jock Hudson	4th
Bryce Johnston	3rd
Deanna Johnston	1st

Fruit and Vegetable:

13yrs – 14yrs

William Carbone	5th
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16yrs+

Casey Morris	5th
Lauren Hannaford	4th

Group Final

Zac Liley	5th
Bryce Johnston	3rd
Amelia Rawling	1st

Grain:

13yrs – 14yrs

William Carbone	3rd
Cooper Carter	1st

16yrs+

Casey Morris	3rd
Renae Nash	2nd

Group Final

Logan Manwaring	5th
Deanna Johnston	4th
Zac Liley	1st

Merino Sheep:

16yrs+

Lauren Hannaford	5th
Casey Morris	4th
Alisha Harrington	2nd

Group Final

Logan Manwaring	5th
Zac Liley	3rd
Deanna Johnston	2nd
Jock Hudson	1st

Meat Sheep:

13yrs – 14yrs

Hugh Weber	3rd
Adam Ruigrok	1st

16yrs+

Renae Nash	4th
Lauren Hannaford	3rd
Casey Morris	1st

Group Final

Bryce Johnston	2nd(3rd in the overall completion)
Deanna Johnston	2nd (but already qualified)
Zac Liley	1st

Cattle:

13yrs – 14yrs

Damian Cain	3rd
Adam Ruigrok	1st

16yrs+

Renae Nash	3rd
Alisha Harrington	2nd

Group Final

Kylie Fairfull	5th
Amelia Rawling	4th
Thomas Hotham	3rd

On the same afternoon the non - qualifiers Paraders Competition was held. The placings for this competition were as follows:

Hugh Weber	4th
Cooper Carter	1st

On Saturday morning the Paraders qualifier section took place, followed by the Champion Paraders Class. Once completed the Heifer and Steer classes also took place.

The following people made it to the finals and will go on to Sydney Royal 2016:

Alisha Harrington	1st
Logan Manwaring	2nd
Thomas Hotham	3rd
Adam Ruigrok	6th
Dimity Evans	8th
Bryce Johnston	9th

Kylie Fairfull, Lauren Hannaford and Renae Nash also made it into the finals but didn't qualify to go to Sydney Royal.

Cooper Carter won Overall Champion Parader and Alisha Harrington won Reserve Champion Parader.

In the Shorthorn section Eselar Park XLT Honour won Champion Shorthorn Heifer and Yanco Zo Zo won Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer. In the Limousin section Mandayen Temptress won Reserve Champion Limousin Heifer. In the Steers section Woodpark Streaker placed 2nd and Lemartres Black Kelly placed 3rd.

Whilst the cattle team were busy on Saturday the sheep team were dominating all sections with their Yanco bred White Suffolks coming away with the following placings:

- Champion & Reserve Champion Ram
- Champion & Reserve Champion Ewe
- Champion & Reserve Champion Ewe lamb
- Champion & Reserve Champion Ram lamb

Yanco had a lot of success with both sheep and cattle, coming away with a lot of ribbons and places in Junior Judging and Paraders. Overall Yanco did really well in all competitions and everyone had a great time. The show stock team would like to give a massive thank you to Miss Weller and Miss Quinn for preparing the cattle and sheep and keeping the kids all under control and Mr McVittie for driving the truck and assisting the team. We wouldn't have been able to learn all the skills before, during and after the show and wouldn't have been able to attend if it wasn't for them.

By Lauren Hannaford, Kylie Fairfull & Renae Nash



Logan Manwaring with Champion Shorthorn Heifer - Eselar Park XLT Honour



Qualifying students for the State Finals in Paraders to be held in Sydney 2016



State Final qualifiers in Junior Judging

MELBOURNE ROYAL - CATTLE REPORT

On Friday 17th September eight students exhibiting eleven head of cattle travelled to Melbourne Showgrounds to attend the Royal Melbourne Show. We had a relatively early start, leaving school at 6:30am. A group of students travelled in the bus with Ms Weller while Mr Collins drove the cattle truck. We arrived in Melbourne at 2:30pm, unloaded the stock and settled them in to rest before setting up camp at the Big 4 Caravan Park.



Yanco Melbourne Cattle Team

The next morning we washed, prepared the beds, hung curtains and put up the display. After that we did some final touch ups with the clippers to some of the animals. For the next couple days we enjoyed the show and had a chance to look at some of the other steers and heifers that were entered in the renowned Carcase Competition. Over those few days we had some visitors who were very keen on our line-up of steers, and it showed when the Borthwick Trophy teams were picked with multiple steers chosen to represent their breeds with a Limousin, Shorthorn and Angus all being chosen in the line-up. The next day we prepared all the steers for our Paraders classes that afternoon. We had tremendous success with all students placing in the top five of their class, the results are as follows;

Will Carbone	1st
Logan Manwaring	2nd
Adam Ruigrok	2nd
Stacey Gardiner	2nd
Cooper Carter	3rd
Alisha Harrington	3rd
Thomas Hotham	4th
Odette Mara	5th
Charlie Pout	5th

All the students and teachers were extremely happy with our placings that day and there was a proud feeling with every student walking away with a ribbon and an ice cream.

The following day was the led steer classes, where we also had some excellent results with eight of our eleven steers all placing in their classes, with one steer (Frank) being lucky enough to walk away with Champion Medium Weight steer. He then went on to the Grand Champion class where he was up against some very stiff competition but couldn't be beaten when Judge Matt Spry sashed him Grand Champion Steer. The Murray Grey Limousin cross was donated by the Fairley Family.



*Adam Ruigrok with the Shorthorn Steer-
Kenny- Placing 4th in his class*

The weekend after we arrived back from Melbourne we received the carcase results back and we were satisfied with the results of the steers with all steers placing respectively in their weight divisions, The Murray Grey cross steer who was sashed Grand Champion Steer earlier that week, again brought the goods hanging up Reserve Champion Medium weight steer and some of the other steers were also awarded 80+ points and placing in their weight division classes.



*Cooper Carter with Limousin Steer
LeMartres- Black Kernaghan who placed
2nd in his class*

On behalf of the cattle show stock team I would like to thank the following breeders;

The Glen Angus & Murray Grey Stud
King Creek Limousins
Nagol Park Shorthorns
Woodpark Shorthorns
Le Martres Limousins
Mrs M Pierce
The Fairley Family
Garren Park Limousin



Logan Manwaring with Over Judge Matt Spry with the Grand Champion steer Frank- donated by the Fairley family

Without the continuous support and kind donations of these animals we would not have a chance for students to gain experience in the Beef Industry. I would also like to thank Mr Collins and Ms Weller for everything they do for us.

Thomas Hotham

COWS CREATE CAREERS PRESENTATION

On Thursday 5th November all of Year 7 travelled to Shepparton for the Cows Create Careers Northern Region presentation. Over the past two terms Year 7 studied 'Raising Calves' a Dairy Australia initiative called 'Cows Create Careers'.

In order to participate the students were required to;

- Raise and handle Holstein Friesian poddy calves, in which the students were divided in to groups and were responsible for feeding the calves and cleaning the calf shed.
- Conduct a scientific report where the students had to conduct an experiment and write a report outlining the results of the experiment. The

Boys' class experiment was to determine the accuracy of the girth tape verses the scales. The Girls' class determined which teats gave the calves the milk the fastest when feeding.

- Take a funny group photo with their cow.
- Create a Mootube video outlining an aspect of the Dairy Industry.



First Place; 'The Moohers' (Dimity Evans, Rhiannon Bolam, Alexis Hughes and Megan Castle)

Yanco Ag was very successful at the presentation ceremony, with YAHS winning the Best Overall Junior School. YAHS competed against thirteen other schools. The group 'The Moohers' (Dimity Evans, Rhiannon Bolam, Alexis Hughes and Megan Castle) were awarded first place in the junior section. YAHS was also placed second with the group 'Dairy Dwellers' (Angus Clarke, Max Findlay, Tye Studholme, Ryan Maynard and Luke Brouwer) taking the honours. Third position was a close affair, with two YAHS teams being tied for third place. The two teams were 'Uddery Cowfused' (Conor Johnston, Stanley Herrmann,



Crazy Scientist and Robot Team 2; Tully James, Summer Bullion, Molly McBride and Ned

Bryce Johnston, Jack Hughes and Daniel Trembath) and 'Uddery Awesome' (Sarah McNamara, Jasmine Cecchini, Reba Curran, Tahlia McPhellamy and Molly McBride).



Crazy Scientist and Robot Team 1; Rhianon Bolam, William White, Seth Carter and Angus Clarke

At the presentation students were involved in a number of activities which included designing and dressing up as a robot and a mad scientist, designing a billboard and playing a number of games. Lunch was provided and students rather enjoyed their servings of dairy products.

After the presentations were finish the students visited Ashely and Lucy Gault's Dairy where they were able to see a working rotary dairy and ask Lucy many questions about dairy cows and farming. Many thanks must go to Lucy for giving up her time to show the students the dairy and answer all their questions.

The students had a long, but enjoyable day and gained lot of knowledge of the Dairy Industry

Stuart McVittie

AUSTRALIAN AFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bill Alexander represented Yanco Agricultural High School in the School Sport Australia, AFL championships in Geelong recently. He played as part of the NSW team. The boys played five games over seven days, they won four games and lost one game by two points, finishing in third place overall. The boys had a great week, all playing really well. Bill had his jumper presented to him by Tom Hawkins, originally from Finley NSW and current Geelong footballer.

WOMENS RUGBY SUCCESS

Since representing the Brumbies Under 18's Girls 7's Team at the 2015 Australian Championships held earlier this year, Yanco Agricultural High School student, Kaitlyn McKay, is continuing to forge a successful path through women's representative Ruby Union.

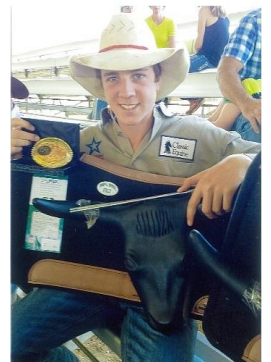
After the Nationals Kaitlyn played the entire season with the Leeton Rugby Union Club women's team, the Diana's, becoming an integral member of the team and going through the season undefeated on the way to winning the Southern Inland Women's Rugby Sevens Competition. Kaitlyn was then selected in Southern Inland Under 18's Girls team. They participated in the ACT Spring Sevens Series, and the team won the competition, going through to win the series undefeated.

Kaitlyn is now training with the Southern Inland Open Women's team and will be part of the Australian Rugby 7's Championships to be held in Wagga Wagga in early December.

TEAM ROPING CHAMPION

On 8th September 2015 I travelled with my family to Capella, Queensland, to compete in the Australian National Finals Team Roping. I had qualified for the finals at various regional events throughout the year.

While there I competed well. In the #6S Roping Event I headed while my cousin heeled. We caught three head clean to win the #6S Roping Event. We were awarded each an Australasian Champion Gold Buckle, saddle pads and in excess of \$1000 prize money.



Daniel Guilford Yr9

I am now busy preparing for when I compete at "The Big Show" Team Roping Event held in Tamworth in February 2016.

2016 PREFECT INDUCTION PROGRAM

The Prefect Induction Program has been designed to provide students with the necessary skills to assist in their development as school leaders for 2016.

This program commences on Tuesday 24th November and the students return to school on Saturday 28th November.

The program will include visits to:

- James Ruse Agricultural High School
- CAREFLIGHT at Westmead Hospital Base
- St Mary's Cathedral Crypt
- ANZAC Memorial – Hyde Park
- Parliament House
- 2016 National Young leaders Day at Sydney Olympic Park
- Schools Spectacular at Darling Harbour Entertainment Centre

Our 2016 prefects attending this program are:

BOYS

Matt Guttler
Liam James
Logan Manwaring
Cambell McMaster
Mitchell Pippin

GIRLS

Nicole Fairley
Deanna Johnston
Kaitlyn McKay
Courtney Menzies
Hayley Smith

Congratulations to our new prefects for 2016. We wish them a safe journey and an enjoyable week in Sydney and look forward to hearing about their experiences upon their return.

EXCURSION WEEK NOV 30th – DEC 4th

Year 7- 9 Excursion Week is fast approaching and we have some very excited students preparing for this week away.

Year 7 students are travelling to Sydney, taking in some of the sights of the city such as; Madame Tussauds Wax Works, Sydney Aquarium, Hard Rock Café, The Powerhouse Museum, China Town

and Bondi Beach to name a few. Also a ferry ride to Manly Beach and Taronga Park Zoo.

Year 8 are heading off to Melbourne with an itinerary that will keep them very busy. They will be experiencing the Ureka Skydeck 88, Melbourne Aquarium, Cooks Cottage, The Shrine of Remembrance, The National Sports Museum, Old Melbourne Gaol and plenty more....

Year 9 are heading south and setting sail on the Spirit of Tasmania, leaving 29th November. While in Tasmania they will be visiting places such as Cradle Mountain, Port Arthur, Tasman Island Eco Cruises, Trowunna Wildlife Park, Rock It Climbing Centre, Cadbury Chocolate Factory to name a few.

We wish all Year 7-9 students a wonderful end of year excursion and a safe return to Yanco.

YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP CAMP - 30th NOV – 10th DEC

This camp is for students returning to or entering Year 11 2016. This is an opportunity for these students to develop and utilise their leadership skills. Yanco staff will be involved in this process and will be running a range of activities which will include canoeing, St Johns First Aid course, Lemon Car, Bronze Medallion, movies, dinner Laser Tag and Ten Pin Bowling in Griffith as well as many other activities back at school.

SPEECH DAY

The YAHS Annual Speech Day is fast approaching, which also means end of term. Speech Day will be held on 11th December 2015 and students will then go home with their parents or carers at the conclusion of Speech Day. We look forward to seeing you all at Speech Day.

ABSENTEES

Thank you to all parents for keeping the Front Office Administration informed in writing of their children's absences from school. It is important for us to have the "paper trail" for department purposes when your child is absent. In writing can be either by email, fax or written note. Thank you again for being so diligent with this. In this newsletter you will find a parent information sheet outlining Compulsory School Attendance.

WELFARE NEWS

Girls' Night In – Fundraiser

Every October, Australians come together to show their support for Cancer Council through Pink Ribbon Days, Girls' Night In and Other Pink Ribbon fundraising events. Cancer Council is the only organisation that works across every area of women's cancers: research, prevention, support and advocacy. So it was more than fitting that YAHS girls had their night on 17 October, 2015. And oh what a night!



The night was held outside in the Mason Quad with the girls doing a lot of the hard work themselves. The area was decorated in

mostly pink and dining was alfresco for the night. Shirley Worley helped some of the girls with the preparation of the food and cooking on the BBQs. The girls made scrumptious chicken kebabs, steak sandwiches, salads and freshly cut watermelon for dessert. Vicki Bradford assisted with the decorations which included fairy lights. The girls made the table centre pieces a few weeks earlier and they were filled with fresh flowers on the day. Mrs Draper joined in by providing punch ... non-alcoholic of course!



Shirley Worley, Erin Draper, Vicki Bradford, Narelle Piffero, Nicolle Sachs and Alison Evans, along with some of their children, joined us for a wonderful night. The idea for the night was to bring girlfriends together to celebrate friendships that matter and for a worthy cause.



Unfortunately it rained during dinner but that did not dampen our spirits as it was only for a short time. We did have to move the movie indoors and were able to get cosy in the Library where we watched the movie "Beaches" on the big screen. A tip for anyone wanting to do this in the future – a movie you may have watched about 10 years earlier and thought was wonderful, will probably not



have the same impact 10 years later. We kicked back with drinks, party packs and popcorn to watch the movie. The girls were very courteous and did not mention that the movie was boring until near the end. Good on you girls!



We did have two lucky door prize winners – Rhiannon Bolam and Olivia Seymour. They won a Pamper Pack each. In all we had about 50 girls attending and would like to thank all those who generously donated to the cause.

The Girls Night In was a huge success and we do intend to hold it again next year at the same location but with some different ideas. Watch this space.

By Sharon Green and Theresa Tagliapietra



WELFARE NEWS (cont.)

Girls Welfare Day

Mid-way through Term 3 on August 26th, Yanco Agricultural High School girls were treated to a full day of welfare activities. The day was presented by Chloe Veljanovski, a representative from Enlightened Education. The day started at 9:00 am and was broken into three sessions. The first session allowed the girls to tap into their creative side with



a focus on things that matter to them, and a self-reflection of what they would like their futures to look like. The girls created journals where they depicted their thoughts in their own individual way. These journals were also used to write messages to each other later in the day. The day progressed with some light hearted dancing and some acting from various students and staff.

After recess the mood of the day became a little more serious as the discussion turned to personal safety, setting boundaries and safe partying. There were many useful tips provided on how to keep ourselves safe and to always trust your gut feeling and respond to it. To relax and refresh from this heavier content the next topic enabled all the girls to learn how to relax and 'chill out' as they practiced some visualisation and massage techniques.

During the last session titled: 'Love the Skin You're In' the girls were asked to critically evaluate the messages that bombard them every day in relation to negative stereotyping, sexism and media images.

At the conclusion of the day the girls were treated to a spectacular high tea of sweet treats and drinks. This was generously hosted by Mrs Tagliapietra, Mrs Draper, and Mrs Evans, so a huge thank you must go to these lovely ladies.

The day has been labelled a huge success with many positive evaluations coming in from students and staff involved.

Mrs Piffero

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

This Safer Drivers Course has been designed by the Roads and Maritime Services (formerly the RTA) to establish safer driving practices for learner drivers under 25 years old who already have 50 hours real driving experience.



It will assist young learner drivers to:

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

After the successful completion of module one and two of the course the learner will receive a twenty hours reduction in their log book (from 120 hours to 100 hours).

NRMA Safer Driving are facilitating Module One of this course on Wednesday November 25th.

The course will be held at the Leeton Shire Library for a total cost of \$140.

Course numbers are limited to twelve people with a minimum of nine people required to run the course.

For further information and booking visit the NRMA Safer Driving website at:

<http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au> or contact the **Leeton NRMA office Ph. 6953 3600.**

MUSIC NEWS

HSC Music Performances

On Thursday 10th September our Music 1 students completed their HSC Practical Examinations at the Roxy Theatre. Each student performed four pieces representing the topics studied throughout their HSC studies. It has been excellent to see all their hard work and effort pay off in some outstanding performances.



Beauty & the Beast

Students attended a performance of Beauty and the Beast at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Thursday 10th September. It was an outstanding production with talented performers and a live band. A big thank you goes to Mr Press for driving the bus over to Griffith.



Diverse Drumming Workshop

YAHHS was fortunate to host the NSW DEC Arts Unit Diverse Drumming Workshop on Wednesday 7th October. Students from several schools in the area participated in this workshop with a focus on djembe drumming patterns taught by the talented tutor Yacou Mbaye and assisted by Jonathan Griffiths. A big thank you goes to Catherine Gilholme for facilitating the workshops around the region and bringing these talented musicians to our school.



State Choir

We are so proud of Year 7 student Erin Brown who travelled to Sydney at the start of Week 4 to perform with the NSW DEC State Choir at the Sydney Opera House.

NSW STATE CHOIR PERFORMANCE – FESTIVAL OF CHORAL MUSIC

On November 25th, I travelled to Sydney with my family to rehearse and perform as part of the New South Wales State Choir at the Sydney Opera House. I was selected to perform in this choir during my participation at the Riverina Choral Camp, held at Borambola in July this year. Students for the NSW State Choir are selected from all over NSW, and we come together in the days leading up to the Festival of Choral Music to rehearse as a group before our performances at the Opera House.

The Festival of Choral music is a four-concert celebration of NSW Public School musical talent, with the Combined Primary School's Choir consisting of 700 students, with 700 new students performing in this choir every night!

Monday 26th was the first full day rehearsal at the Arts Unit, at Lewisham Public School. We were given a selection of choral arrangements in the weeks leading up to the festival and on the first day we had to work out which songs were going to be performed at the concerts. Out of the six songs, Dance the Horah and Warri and Yatungka were the final selections to be performed.

Our second day of rehearsal on was a full day at the Opera House itself where we began rehearsing in one of the back rooms before we did a full stage and sound check in the Concert Hall of the Opera House. During this time, the Combined Primary School's Choir and all other musical ensembles all had stage time. It was amazing to walk out on to the stage of the Concert Hall and see the enormous pipe organ behind us. We were at the Opera House from 9.30am through until the end of the first concert that night, so it was a very long, but exciting day!

On the third day we didn't have to be at the Opera House until after lunch, so that gave us time to spend the morning at Bondi Beach before heading back in for the final rehearsal and concert that night. We had to perform at two concerts over the course of the festival – the Argyle and Bennelong Concerts. As part of performing, we were required to wear our school's formal uniform to showcase the diversity of schools that took part in the State Choir.

It was an amazing experience to sing with so many talented people and be part of such a huge choral experience with professional conductors. Being able to sing at the Opera House was a privilege and an experience I will not forget.



I also have to give a huge thank you to Miss North, who spent her own time helping me to prepare and familiarise myself with the music before I left.

Erin Brown Year 7

ENGLISH NEWS - YEAR 7 POETRY

Year 7 have been working hard this term to understand poetry and are beginning to be poets in their own right. Here are some samples from Mrs Carn's English class.



Farm-House

House lying lonely
in the paddock abandoned
asking to be owned.

Alexis Hughes



The Sun

Deep golden ball of fire,
Climbing high in the sky,
A glaring hot spire,
The beautiful warmth makes me sigh.

Soon the sun is centre stage,
Warming up our tiny world,
Trapped within a bright blue cage,
In the sun I lie curled.

Tully James



Fog

The mist on the plain,
Summer morning after rain
Orange sun rises.

Elliane Boulton



Seasons

Autumn is over,
Winter has arrived quickly,
Snow will fall soon.

Molly McBride

A REMINDER TO RETURN ANY ENGLISH BOOKS TO THE ENGLISH STAFF ROOM OR LIBRARY BEFORE THE END OF TERM.



MURRUMBATEMAN FIELD DAYS

On Friday 16th October, Mr and Mrs Hammond and eight YAHS students headed off to the Murrumbateman Field Days. The school has been represented at this field days event every year since 1998, but 2015 was to be very different.

This time six members of the Drum Corps were among the group and had been invited to play on the Village Green Stage on Sunday and word had spread because within twenty minutes of arriving on the site to set up on the Friday, there were three enquiries as to when and where the drummers would be performing.

A cancellation of another act on the Saturday resulted in the drummers performing just after lunch on Saturday to a very appreciative audience. The drummers also marched around the field day site and entertained the exhibitors who could not make it down to the stage.

Sunday was a repeat of the Saturday performances with the addition of the drummers being asked to provide background beats for the Canberra Morris Dancers as they performed.

In front of the stage was a "floor" area over the grass and as the drummers performed, this area gradually filled with young children dancing and moving around to the beat of the drums. Quite a cute spectacle!

A special thanks to Lara Mitchell and Montana Hawkins who took over the microphone to introduce the drummers and talk about the school. The drummers were Grace Armour, Claire Tagliapietra, Brittany Manwaring, Tom Kimpton, Lyndsey Mitchell and Heather Robinson.

A very special thanks to Grace Armour who made the original suggestion about requesting permission from the Field Days committee for the drummers to perform (and then kept asking if Mr Hammond had made the request!).

POST SCRIPT - GRANDPARENTS' DAY

The impact of this day in September continues with many of the Year 7's reporting that they have had letters and cards from their guests saying what a great time they had on their visit to the school.

One of the boys has relayed the following story: "On our last DESI weekend, I stayed with my pop and he wouldn't stop talking about Grandparents Day and what he had seen. He was still asking me many questions."

The date for the 2016 Year 7's Grandparents and Significant Others Day will be **Monday 5th September 2016**.

Bruce Hammond



**YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH
SCHOOL WILL BE TAKING STUDENTS
TO WARBIRDS DOWNUNDER AIR
SHOW IN TEMORA ON FRIDAY NIGHT
THE 20TH AND SATURDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER. ANYONE WHO IS
INTERESTED PLEASE PAY \$5.00 TO
THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE BY THE
18TH OF NOVEMBER.**





Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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ARTICLE FROM THE LAND NEWSPAPER “PROGRESSIVE BREED FOSTERS AG’S FUTURE”

By Kate Pearce – The Land – 27 August 2015

The use of White Suffolk sheep has become a common theme in agricultural high school curriculums across New South Wales.

Yanco Agricultural High School Agriculture teacher and stud manager Ellie Quinn said the White Suffolk society’s breeders were supportive in educating youth.

The Yanco White Suffolk stud was established to provide an educational resource for the students. The stud was founded in 2003 from donations from local studs and now has 160 head of breeding ewes. Students from Years 7 to 12 are involved with the stud, Agriculture is compulsory from year 7 to 10 and the majority of Year 11 and 12 students choose either Agriculture or Primary Industries. About 160 students throughout the year deal with the sheep, from shearing, crutching, drenching to back lining, and lamb marking.

In recent years the stud has focused on breeding high performance rams and the use of Australian Sheep Breeding Values (ASBV’s). This year was the first time in four years that the stud undertook artificial insemination (AI) on the ewes. All the technical AI work was done by a vet, although the programming of the ewes’ cycles was done by the students. “The students in pen and load them for the vet, do everything bar the AI itself,” Mrs Quinn said. She said the students were heavily involved in the management of the stud, through the Animal Management (Sheep and Wool) Stage 5 elective that was introduced in 2014, based on the same course developed and run by Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. The Year 9 students are involved in selecting sires for the AI program and then continue in Year 10, following their selections through from AI to lambing, weaning and performance recording for LAMBPLAN.

Sheep CRC donated about 40 parentage tests to the stud, and it has been adopting DNA technology since, with the students blood testing lambs for parentage and genomic data.

“Last year we used the Sheep CRC Genomics Tests to test the top 20% of our ram lambs, ewe lambs

and ewes, so we could obtain data on their meat eating quality (MEQ), in particular, Shear Force, which is associated with tenderness, Intramuscular fat, which is associated with flavour and juiciness. The results came back that we have some of the top sheep for meat eating quality – within the top one per cent on LAMBPLAN. Last year we used the data on our ewes to select sires specifically on meat eating quality, to develop a line of superior MEQ sheep. This year we will continue to test the top 20% of our ram lambs and ewe lambs as well as parentage test our backup lambs and selectively AI our best MEQ ewes to top sires. We will also be running a small embryo transfer program utilising some of our top performance and MEQ ewes.”

“It’s delivering more improvement in the industry,” Mrs Quinn said. “Consumers want consistent quality and this is one of the tools available to seedstock and commercial producers to ensure that.”

“The White Suffolk breed is quite progressive... they began testing for meat quality straight after it became commercially available last year,” Mrs Quinn said.

Yanco students have also been tagging with electronic identification tags at birth for the past three years to improve the ease of data collection.

“This gives the kids some insight into the data recording technology and how traceability works, with this new technology they take so much in and they enjoy using it.” Mrs Quinn said the school was a member of the Superwhites Young Sire Improvement Group, which they joined recently in 2014 at the suggestion of a life member of the White Suffolk Association and long-standing beneficiary of the school’s White Suffolk stud.

“As a result we get two or three allocations of semen from young, high performance sires from breeders within the group and the students choose the remaining sires,” she said. “It’s excellent for increasing genetic linkages with other breeders, which in turn increases the accuracy of our ASBVs and hopefully in the next few years, we might have a sire selected in a team to be used by other breeders”.

Submitted by Ellie Quinn



The Y.A.H.S SRC need your help!

The Yanco Ag SRC is looking at creating a cook-book to raise funds for events and fundraising initiatives.

We are looking for recipes that have been passed down through your families, or recipes that you have perfected.

Parents and friends of Yanco students are all invited to participate.

Can you please send your recipe with a photo of the dish and a photo of yourself to

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