



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 18th

Last Day Term 3

Sept 17th - 26th

Melbourne Show

Oct 3rd - 5th Cattle-
Shorthorn Youth Expo

Oct 5th

Buses return for
start of Term 4

Oct 6th

Day 1 Term 4

Oct 9th - 11th

Leeton Show

Oct 12th

HSC Commences

Oct 16th - 17th

Cootamundra Show

Oct 17th - 18th

Murrumbateman Field
Day

Shooting Group @
Bowral

Oct 18th - 19th

Equine - Tamworth
Inter Schools

Oct 30th - 31st

Cattle - Albury Show

Nov 2nd - 11th

Years 7-10 Yearly
Exams

Nov 12th - 15th

DESI Leave

Friday, September 18th 2015
Term 3, Week 10

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GRANDPARENTS DAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2015



GRANDPARENTS DAY

It was very nice to have our grandparents visit for a day. It was a great time for us all and I enjoyed seeing all the students and their grandparents. They all said that this school was an amazing place and were impressed by how much knowledge we had of our school.

If I were to ring up my grandparents they would say that they enjoyed having a walking tour of the school grounds and then a bus tour around our farming area. As my grandparents can't walk very far it was very good that the lifts were open to public use.

It wasn't just special to the grandparents it was also special for the students; writing letters and making name tags with little notes on the back. It was a very, very special day for everyone.

The morning tea was a good idea to get the day started, but at the end of the day it was sad because for most of the students it was time to say goodbye and wish them a safe trip home.



Jessee Reid Year 7

Following are just a couple of letters sent to Bruce Hammond after the very successful Grandparents Day 2015.

Dear Mr Hammond

Thank you very much for such a successful grandparent's day for the Year 7 students on Monday September 7th 2015.

The group were so proud to show us around the school and it was lovely to see how happy they are.

The bus trip around the farm was interesting and the concert was enjoyed by all.

Again thanks for the hospitality and your wonderful idea of Grandparents Day.

E Whitney

Dear Mr Hammond

Thank you very much for arranging Grandparents Day at Yanco Agricultural High School. It was a day I enjoyed immensely with my Granddaughter who looked so nice in her school uniform, greeting us at the car park before escorting us to the dining Room to be welcomed and given morning tea.

The drive around the school farm was most interesting. I had no idea Yanco property was so extensive. And I must congratulate the staff and students for maintaining such a successful enterprise.

During lunch and our walk around the school I was able to have a quick chat with other grandparents who came from near and far which was nice.

A school friend of mine said her father attended Yanco before he went off to WW1 and he had to look after the Ostriches, which terrified him! I did not notice any Ostriches left at the school.

I enjoyed the day immensely with my family and have happy memories of my weekend with my three granddaughters. The highlight – being Monday the Grand Parents Day and I do hope you will have many more

With many thanks Mr Hammond

Sincerely Jessie Hall

YAHS UNIFORM POLICY

The School uniform policy has been updated as of 11th September 2015, and released, in consultation with the P&C through the meeting held on 29th August 2015. This document is attached to this newsletter for your information and will also be available on our website for future reference.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Teachers

I am writing to you to outline my vision for Yanco Agricultural High School. This will be aided by the certainty that I will happily continue in the role of relieving Principal for the remainder of 2015.

I will begin by recognising the outstanding work that has been undertaken by large numbers of students, teachers, parents and former students in getting Yanco to the point it currently is, particularly when one sights the extensive resources available to students at this time. I am also acutely aware of the importance placed in the traditions and values that have created the unique educational setting that exists today.

It is essential that all stakeholders have a common sense of purpose and a genuine clarity around the future direction of the school to enable us to move forward as one team. The vision I have shared with staff, some members of the parent body and students include:

1. To ensure that every student has access to high quality teachers who are capable of engaging with and adding value to every student in every class they teach. Excellence in academic attainment must be a key focus moving forward, with the acknowledgement that excellence will look very different to every student.

2. To ensure that Agriculture remains the centrepiece of our school's vision both now and into the future. The significant difference is a focus on the science, technology, engineering and mathematics

underpinning exceptional agricultural education, to ensure our students have the opportunity to become industry leaders and experts in their preferred fields.

3. To uphold the school traditions that have been established over a long period of time, including the ceremonies, customs and events that highlight the unique setting and nature of an education at Yanco.

4. To continue to offer a broad range of high quality extra-curricular activities, including agricultural, creative and performing arts and sporting teams.

5. To ensure that the best quality of services, conditions and environment are provided within the hostel operations and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to call me at school on 0269511500.

Yours sincerely

David Crelley
Relieving Principal

Thank you to all parents who have completed the "Tell Them From Me" Partners in Learning survey. The flyer sent out to all parents is attached with this newsletter for you to look at and complete. This does need to be completed by the 16th October 2015. Thank you again to those who have and a reminder to those who haven't.

‘WEAR YELLOW FOR SCOTTY’ DAY

The Presentation to Leeton High School by Harry, Nicole and Will.



“Hello everyone, and thank you for having us here. Today, Nicole, Harry and myself, are here as representatives from our SRC at Yanco

Agricultural High School to present you with a cheque for \$800 to go towards your outdoor amphitheatre in memory of your teacher Miss Scott.

As an SRC we felt we wanted to do something to help staff and students here at Leeton High to get through this recent tragedy.

As an SRC we decided to hold a fundraiser day titled ‘Wear Yellow for Scotty’ where we would raise awareness to help stop violence against women. We wanted to also celebrate the life of Miss Scott and chose to use the colour yellow, as it has now become a symbol of her personality. This



was a life taken too soon and a person who touched the lives of many others and we thought it necessary to celebrate such an amazing woman and teacher.

We hope this money can help you get the amphitheatre to the beautiful final product and memorial that your teacher Miss Stephanie Scott deserves.”

THE DRUMMERS KEEP ON DRUMMING!

Term 3 has been a busy time for members of the YAHS Drum Corps with many performances at varied events:

Official Opening of Education Week at the Marketplace in Wagga

Kids Rapt on Performing (KROP) in Griffith

Forbes North Public School (by special request)

Condobolin Show (with the Condobolin Pipes and Drums)

Weethalle Show (Official Opening)

Lake Cargelligo Show (leading the Grand Parade)

Grandparents’ Day (what a performance!)

Leeton Eisteffod (the Seniors beat the juniors by a very small margin)

In all cases the drummers have presented a very professional display and impressed their audiences and they need to be congratulated on their commitment and expertise.



Bruce Hammond and Elyse North

LEETON EISTEDDFOD RESULTS 2015

Once again, students from YAHS had a positive year at the Leeton Eisteddfod. Congratulations on your hard work in preparing for this event and your continued success.

Montana Hawkins:

Highly Commended- Open- Ensemble

Highly Commended- Sacred or Spiritual Solo - 18 years & under

Highly Commended- Folk song - 18 years & under

Highly Commended - Song from TV, Film or

Popular Ballad - 18 years & under

Jasmine Boyland:

1st Place - Solo with Own Guitar Accompaniment- Open

1st Place - Vocal Solo- Open & Mrs J Bollock Trophy

Highly Commended- Country – Open

L&B Rodley Trophy Award for the most promising acoustic/classical guitarist with own vocal accompaniment.

Highly Commended - Song from Musical Comedy- 18 years & under

1st Place - Country- 18 years & under

2nd Place - Champion Vocal Solo - 18 years & under

Nathan Morris:

2nd Place - Jazz, Swing, Rock, Blues or Pop Music- 18 years & under

Highly Commended- Piano Solo- 18 years & under

1st Place - Piano Solo from Memory - 18 years & under

2nd Place - Piano Championship - 18 years & under

Choir:

1st- Vocal Ensemble - 18 years & under & Murrumbidgee Choral Cup

High School Percussion Band:

Junior Band: 2nd Place

Drum Corps: 1st Place





UNDER 16'S GIRLS 7'S RUGBY UNION TRIP

The under 16's Rugby Union Team met outside Mason Dormitory to load the bus and leave for Hurlstone Agricultural High School, where we would be staying overnight. The team was pumped. After a long and eventful bus trip we arrived at Hurlstone around 4pm. Later on we had a training session before dinner (which was some of the best pizza I have tasted).

Miss Jolly woke us up for early breakfast. We packed the bus and head off to Merrylands for the CHS Rugby 7's Glen Clayton Shield. We set up camp and started warming up. The first team we played was Hunter Sports School, where we put up a fight but they were just too fast and got around us, we were defeated 40 - 0 Heads were down; it was a bad way to start the comp.

The next team we played was Wagga High. It was a fun game to play taking it in turns scoring tries until the second half where we took the lead. We won 25 - 15, the girls were on fire, we were ready for the next game.

Narara Valley High School was the next team we played and they were very fast but we were faster. It was a tight game, the stakes were high. Although the opposition were tough we still managed to come out on top with a win 15 - 5.

After winning two games and losing one, we were placed third (because of how much we lost by in our first game) and we had to play the other team, Blacktown, who were in third place from the other pool. From the start they were a tough team but we

managed to keep up until half time. Blacktown came out on top with a five point win, 15 - 10.

After a long day the team went to McDonalds for a well-earned treat. Kelsie and Sarah were named players-players and were awarded with t-shirt. The bus trip home was long and quiet. We were all very proud of the way we played and will have many funny memories and stories to tell.

On behalf of the team we would like to give a special thanks to Miss Weller for coaching us and giving us the opportunity to play and Miss Jolly and Mr Collins for also coming along on the trip.

By Georgie Johnston



PHANTOMS WIN ON THE WEEKEND

The 2nd grade team won 22-20 and then the Dianna's won 37-5. Congratulations.



Mr Collins, Elizabeth Moran-Turner, Damian Johnston and Kaitlyn McKay

NATIONAL ALL BREEDS JUNIOR HEIFER SHOW REPORT

On 4th September 16 students went to the All Breeds Heifer Show in Dubbo for three days. We had 18 animals including three heifers from Luke Collins, one heifer from Cooper Carter and one heifer from Logan Manwaring. The cattle ranged from Shorthorns, Angus, Murray Grey and Limousin. Seven steers and eleven heifers competed in the show.



The Cattle Team

The next day we did classes on how to clip, judge, what all the sprays are used for and washing your own cow. On Saturday we had steer classes and the results for the steers were Adam Ruigrok, Renae Nash both got a fourth place in their classes and Will Carbone picked up a second place with his steer “Oddie”.

In the heifer classes Thomas Hotham placed second with a borrowed heifer from Kingsley Vale Shorthorns. Cooper Carter with his own heifer placed fourth in his class. Brodie Heron placed fifth and Kylie Fairfull placed second in her class with the school’s own bred heifer, “Yanco Zoe Zoe”.

On Sunday in Junior Paraders, Sarah Manwaring placed third with her heifer. Cooper Carter placed second, Will Carbone placed third and Damian Cain placed fourth, all in the one class. Adam Ruigrok placed fourth with his steer.

In the intermediate section Riley Rasmus, Thomas Hotham and Kylie Fairfull all placed fourth in their class. Logan Manwaring placed second in his class leading his own heifer. In the seniors Alisha Harrington placed fourth in her class with the school’s heifer.

On Sunday afternoon a presentation was held and Logan Manwaring placed third in the Intermediate Herdsman Challenge and in Junior Judging. He also won the Genetics Australia Award, which is worth \$500, and an AI kit for an individual establishing their own stud; this will be a great assistance for Logan with his shorthorn stud, Malleevale Shorthorns, which he established last year.



The Yanco team was very successful in winning a new clipping shoot worth around \$1000 dollars. This was kindly donated by The Powe Family for a team/individual showing enthusiasm, interest and dedication towards the beef industry. Team member Alisha Harrington was also recognised for her ability and was awarded the Most Potential Breeder sponsored by The Land newspaper.

By Hugh Weber



BENDIGO ELITE WHITE SUFFOLK SHOW AND SALE



Students from the Year 9 Animal Management class (Sheep and Wool) spent four days at the Bendigo Elite White Suffolk Show and Sale. They participated in preparing and handling the School's White Suffolks, networking with other breeders and Junior Judging and Handling, in which they were very successful. As part of their class work, they were required to shortlist their top three Rams that met our breeding objectives and could be possibly used in our annual Artificial Insemination program in 2016, along with several other high performance sires and sires specially selected for meat eating quality. Two rams were selected last year from the show which were used in this year's AI program with some fabulous progeny on the ground now, that will be available in our inaugural on-farm ram sale in 2016. We also purchased an elite ewe from Glengarry White Suffolk Stud in the sale, to be part of an Embryo Transfer program in 2016.

Ellie Quinn – Agriculture Teacher



CHAMPION RIDER – GRACE DAUNT



At the end of the second week in September Grace Daunt of Year 10 travelled to Canberra to compete in the Macquarie Bank Hack Championships.

This competition attracts the very best horses and hack riders in the state.

Champions from each Open Event and rider classes, have an automatic qualifier for Grand Nationals 2016.

Grace was Champion Rider in the 15yrs and under 17yrs, on her horse Karmarthen By-Chance (Cecil) for 2015, at Macquarie Bank Hack Championships, which means she is now eligible to ride in the 2016 Grand Nationals.

Grace was also Champion last year at the same event, so this win is very special to her. She has worked very hard with her new horse and we are all very pleased with her effort and results.

Congratulation Grace, a wonderful effort and result.