



*As you sow, so  
shall you reap*

# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

# Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2015  
Term4, Week 11

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## DATES TO NOTE FOR 2016

**ALL STUDENTS  
RETURN TO  
SCHOOL**  
January 28<sup>th</sup>

**LAKE TALBOT**  
February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**SWIMMING  
CARNIVAL**  
February 17<sup>th</sup>

**DESI LEAVE**  
February 18<sup>th</sup>

**DESI RETURN**  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**ZONE  
SWIMMING**  
February 24<sup>th</sup>

**OPEN DAY**  
February 29<sup>th</sup>

**BEACH  
CARNIVAL**  
March 4<sup>th</sup>

**GALA DAY**  
March 5<sup>th</sup>

**EASTER BREAK**  
**Travel Day**  
March 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Return Travel Day**  
March 28<sup>th</sup>

**END OF TERM 1**  
April 8<sup>th</sup>



**Yanconians of the Year 2015**  
**Darcy Booth and Breanna Carr**



# Merry Christmas





## CONGRATULATIONS



**SCHOOL CAPTAINS**      Deanna Johnston  
   Cambell McMaster

**VICE CAPTAINS**      Courtney Menzies  
   Mitchell Pippin

### SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016

**Breakwell**      Jakeb Curran  
   Bronte Doyle

**Gardiner**      Caleb Catena  
   Natalie Grylls

**McCaughey**      Michael Hoskinson  
   Brydie Mannion

**Mutch**      Ryan Forbes  
   Claudia Kuerschner

### PREFECT BODY

Matt Guttler, Liam James  
Nicole Fairley, Kaitlyn McKay, Hayley Smith.

## SPEECH DAY

Thank you to all those parents and students who attended our 2015 Annual Speech Day at the Roxy Theatre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Congratulations to all Special Prize, Sporting Prize, Academic Award and Scholarship recipients.

### DUX OF THE SCHOOL – Year 12

Breanna Carr  
Meg Potter

### 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE YEAR LEVEL

**Year 11**      Cambell McMaster  
**Year 10**      Alexandra West  
**Year 9**      Lindsay Brown  
**Year 8**      Emma Dixon  
**Year 7**      Ned Routley

### THE McCAUGHEY SCHOLARSHIPS

**Year 7**      Tully James  
**Year 8**      Bianca Smith  
**Year 9**      Lyndsey Mitchell  
**Year 10**      Zoe Cunial  
**Year 11**      Lara Mitchell

### THE DICK CONDON/MILTHORPE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Full Academic**      Claire Tagliapietra  
**Half Academic**      Ella Gruessing  
**Half Academic**      Ned Routley  
**Half Sporting**      Beau Routley

### THE AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Grace Armour

### SPORTING HOUSE EVENTS

<b>Athletics</b>	Mutch
<b>Swimming</b>	Gardiner
<b>Cross Country</b>	Breakwell
<b>Gate Run</b>	McCaughey
<b>Beach Carnival</b>	Mutch

**CHAMPION HOUSE**      McCaughey



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents, students and staff,

Congratulations on navigating a successful year under challenging circumstances and demonstrating resilience and courage throughout 2015. A number of staff changes will take place in 2016, with the appointment of Mr Paul Laing (Deputy Principal), Ms Rebecca Ormond (Head Teacher English /History), Mr Thomas Dengens (TAS), Mrs Samantha Irons (Science) and Mrs Alison Evans (Senior Administration Manager). The filling of these positions in a permanent capacity will ensure greater stability in 2016 creating greater assurance for parents and students.

We have a number of projects underway in 2016, including a greater focus on professional learning for our teaching staff in the aspects of quality teaching and learning aligned to the professional teaching standards, with a particular focus on ALARM (A Learning And Response Matrix), the Literacy Continuum and the provision of opportunities to work collegially with teachers from the Leeton Community of Schools ensuring our teachers have the opportunity to network with teachers from the local area.

I am exceptionally optimistic about the future of Yanco Agricultural High School and believe we are poised to again be a significant academic presence on the rural educational landscape. We will refine our existing curricular and extra-curricular programs to better meet the needs of our changing clientele and ever evolving society which expects students to be adaptable and capable of dealing with this evolution.

Personally I have enjoyed my last two terms here as the Relieving Principal at Yanco Agricultural High School and look forward to returning in Term 1, 2016, to lead staff in setting a course of significant improvement and the inevitable challenges this will bring.

I will take the opportunity to thank the students, parents, teachers, SASS, Executive, Hostel and outdoor staff for their support and dedication throughout 2015. I wish the entire Yanco family a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2016.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2016 (SRC)

### RECENTLY ELECTED

<b>Year 12</b>	Molly Schlunke, Chelsea Pratt, Jemima Bargery, Stacey Gardiner
<b>Year 11</b>	Matthew Young, Annalise Potts, Reba Nicholson.
<b>Year 10</b>	Emma Cullen, Joel Jenkins, Hayley Dowling.
<b>Year 9</b>	Ryan Findlay, Emma Dixon, Jessie Armstrong
<b>Year 8</b>	Stanley Herrmann, Max Findlay Rhiannon Bolam



Congratulations to all these students who will represent their year levels in 2016.





## NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLENNIUM MARCHING BAND

The Millennium Marching Band is a dynamic group, full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. The music is a mix of popular, traditional and new. Combined with fast paced drill that is reflective of the music, the Millennium Marching Band is more than straight lines and traditional marches. If you want to enjoy the thrill of performing live to thousands, and television audiences in the millions, then the Millennium Marching Band is for you!

Membership of the Millennium Marching Band is open to all students in Years 7-12 attending a government secondary or central school in New South Wales. Opportunities exist within the Band for instrumentalists, dancers, rhythmic gymnasts. There is a place for everyone with energy, commitment and a willingness to learn.

The Millennium Marching Band rehearses at Cumberland High School for one weekend a month (9:00am-3:30pm). We also have extra some performances throughout the year.

Contact: [therese.doyle4@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:therese.doyle4@det.nsw.edu.au)

Once the online application has been received, applicants will be emailed audition information. Below is the website for the Millennium Marching Band on The Arts Unit website where you will find the application form.

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-ensembles/millennium-marching-band>

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## ADMINISTRATION

If your child will not be returning to Yanco Agricultural High School for the 2016 school year could you please notify the front office, by email or fax, as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Unfortunately there will not be a printed 2016 Calendar this year. A calendar will be available on the school website which will be constantly updated with upcoming events.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

Year 7 - 10 Semester 2 School Reports will be available on Millennium on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Many parents have already collected their children's reports from school, while the remainder have been mailed out this week along with any awards received at Speech Day.

## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

School fees for 2015 are overdue. We would appreciate any overdue fees to be paid on or before your return to school on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2016. Thank you.

## YEAR LEVEL EXCURSIONS

All year 7-9 students had a wonderful time on their excursions and returned safely.

In depth reports of all excursion activities, with pictures, will be in the Yanconian Magazine which will be available early 2016.



# ALBURY SHOW CATTLE REPORT

Albury Show 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October thirteen students woke up bright and early for Albury Show, the last show of the circuit. We arrived at the show grounds where we washed the 14 head of cattle and started setting up the beds. Firstly we had Junior Judging with Charlie Pout placing 1<sup>st</sup> in her age division (under 15) and Odette Mara placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 15 to 25yr section. Charlie went on to win Reserve Champion Junior Judge. We then went onto Paraders classes later that afternoon where Alisha Harrington placed 1<sup>st</sup> in her age group, Kylie Fairfull placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Renae Nash placed 5<sup>th</sup> and then in the 13 to 15 age division Damian Cain placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dimity Evans placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the qualifiers Cooper Carter and Brodie Heron both qualified and Charlie Pout was first reserve. Cooper Carter placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in qualifiers and then won Reserve Champion Parader.



**Charlie Pout Reserve Champion Junior Judge and  
Cooper Carter Reserve Champion Parader**

The following Tuesday eleven of the junior members of the show team, returned to Albury to view the carcasses of our steers. This is the only opportunity the team has each year to enable us to see what we are producing. All students learnt a lot and gained a greater understanding of what we are trying to produce and the meat judging process. We were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with our steer in the Trade Vealer section, unfortunately we had a couple of steers that had a little too much fat on their ribs for their market specs which lost them too many points to place.

The team would like to thank Kingsley Vale Shorthorns, The Glen Angus Stud, The Fairley Family, The Manwaring Family, Woodpark Shorthorns and Le Martres Limousin for their donations of livestock to our program, without them we wouldn't be able to compete as we do.



**The 2015 Albury Show Cattle Team**

On the Saturday morning the heifer classes were held. Kingsley Vale Katinka placed first in her heifer class, Nero Holly placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Yanco Belinda placed 1<sup>st</sup>. The steers were then judged with the two shorthorn steers, Steve and Streaker, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were very fortunate to get this finished in time before the heavens opened and the rain poured down, making our packing a little wet.



**Cooper Carter and Brodie Heron - qualifiers for State  
Parader Finals Sydney 2016**



# 2016 SCHOOL TERMS AND DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKENDS

**All students return Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

## Term 1 2016

<b>Day 1 Term 1:</b>	Wednesday 27th January (Staff only)
<b>Designated Leave Changes Cut-off:</b>	Monday 8th February
<b>Designated Leave Weekend:</b>	
	Students travel home Thursday, 18th February
	Students return Monday, 22nd February
<b>Easter:</b>	Students travel home Thursday 24th March
	Students return Monday 28th March
<b>Last Day Term 1:</b>	Students travel home Friday, 8th April

## Term 2 2016

<b>Students return to school:</b>	Tuesday 26th April
<b>Day 1 Term 2:</b>	Wednesday, 27th April
<b>Designated Leave Changes Cut-Off:</b>	Monday 9th May
<b>Designated Leave Weekend:</b>	
	Students travel home Thursday, 26th May
	Students return Monday, 30th May
<b>Last Day Term 2:</b>	Students travel home Friday, 1st July - <b>Parents must pick up students to travel home. No travel arrangements will be made. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held over the Thursday and Friday.</b>

## Term 3 2016

<b>Students return to school:</b>	Sunday, 17th July
<b>Day 1 Term 3:</b>	Monday, 18th July
<b>Designated Leave Changes Cut-Off:</b>	Monday 1st August
<b>Designated Leave Weekend:</b>	
	Students travel home Thursday 18th August
	Students return Monday, 22nd August
<b>Last Day Term 3:</b>	Students travel home Friday, 23rd September

## Term 4 2016

<b>Students return to school:</b>	Sunday, 9th October
<b>Day 1 Term 4:</b>	Monday, 10th October
<b>Designated Changes Cut-Off:</b>	Monday 31st October
<b>Designated Leave Weekend:</b>	
	Students travel home Thursday 17th November
	Students return Sunday 20th November
<b>Year 10 Work Experience:</b>	21st November to 2nd December
	Students return Sunday 4th December
<b>Last Day Term 4:</b>	Students travel home Friday 16th December - <b>Parents must pick up students to travel home. No travel arrangements will be made. Presentation Day.</b>

# **PROGRAM FOR RETURN OF ALL STUDENTS 2016**

## **ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL**

**THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY**

10.00 a.m. Meetings for all new students and parents

10.15 a.m. Years 7 and 8 students and parents

10.35 a.m. Year 10 students and parents

10.55 a.m. Year 11 students and parents

11.15 a.m. All VET students

11.45 a.m. Year 9 students and parents

12.10 p.m. Year 12 students and parents

1.15 p.m. All students and parents involved in the Equine Program

2.00 p.m. P & C Meeting



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