



*As you sow, so  
shall you reap*

# Yanco Agricultural High School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 10. 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Dec 16

End of year  
travel day for  
all students.



### Jan 27

All Staff return  
to School

### Jan 29

All Students  
return to School

### Jan 30

First Day of the  
School Year

### Feb 3

Swimming  
Carnival

### Feb 27

Open Day

### March 2

DESI  
Travel Day

### March 6

DESI Return  
Travel Day

### March 10 - 12

Bidgee Classic

### March 17

Beach Carnival

### March 18

Gala Day

## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2017



**Captains: Aleksi McDermott and Alexandra West**

**Vice Captains: Simon Miller and Erin Whitfield**

**Prefects: Benjamin Davis, Sebastian Webb,**

**Olivia Carbone, Maddison Horrobin and Georgie Johnston.**

## SPEECH DAY

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Speech Day.  
Congratulations to the following Students:

Dux of the School	Cambell McMaster
First place Year 11	Alexandra West
First Place Year 10	Lindsay Brown
First place Year 9	Bianca Smith
First place Year 8	Tully James
First place Year 7	Ryan Thomas
Yanconian of the Year	Mitchell Pippin
Champion Sporting House	Gardiner



## 2017 TERM 1

All staff will return to school **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

All students return to school on **Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**

First day of school for ALL students is **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**



**UNIFORM CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

**OPEN DAY** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**DESI** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Return Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**BEACH CARNIVAL** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**GALA DAY** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March



Further information will follow in our next Newsletter.

### ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?

Where a student is absent from school, a note explaining the absence must be received by the school within **seven** school days. Where a note is not received the absence will be recorded as unjustified. This cannot legally be changed should a note be received after **seven** days. Absences both justified and unjustified are recorded on school reports.

### PAID ADVERTISEMENT

#### Western Canada Agriculture Tour

Organised by Jeromy Nolan Travel and Tours

ABN 21 087 187 347

**Depart Sydney 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**

**Return 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

- Day 1 Sydney-Calgary-Drumheller
- Day 2 Drumheller local vet practice, dinosaur trail and local farms
- Day 3 Canola and wheat farm; Hutterite community
- Day 4 Flexi coil factory at Saskatoon; then Edmonton
- Day 5 West Edmonton Mall (800 shops under one roof)
- Day 6 Jasper National Park and the Rocky Mountains
- Day 7 Jasper, Banff, Lake Louise, Icefields
- Day 8 Banff
- Day 9 Spruce Meadows International Show Jumping Centre, then Calgary
- Day 10 Calgary Stampede
- Day 11 Calgary Stampede, Return to Sydney (depart late evening Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and arrive Sydney early morning Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July)

**Cost \$7,385 pp (twin share) plus taxes**

For detailed itinerary and Expressions of Interest please contact:

Email: [contact@jeromynolantravel.com.au](mailto:contact@jeromynolantravel.com.au) or Mobile: 0417 697 296

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Transition Program for new students in 2017 went well and we are expecting nearly 80 new students into the school at the beginning of the year. Once we check who actually turns up for the beginning of the year we will look at further applications for 2017. The P&C dinner was well attended with just under 100 parents going along to find out a parents perspective of the school. The school and P&C received a lot of positive feedback and parents were particularly happy to discuss school issues with the school Prefects in an open forum.

The schools Equine Program is coming along well and the school is liaising with regional and state office to ensure the school exceeds all requirements for running the program at the school. At this stage the number of horses returning next year will be over 30. A calendar of proposed events will be sent out at the beginning of next year together with some training opportunities offered with external coaches. We look to increase our connections with the local pony clubs and show events. We extend a sincere thanks to Mr Boatwright for all his work in preparing and coordinating these programs.

One of the issues the school would like to fix is contact details for all Parents/Carers. Many times when we try to contact people numbers are out of date as is the exact person to talk too. At the beginning of next year could you please ensure contact details are accurate and even if there is a preference who the school should contact in the first instance, should the need arise. Many Thanks.

I would also like to announce our School Captains and Prefects for 2017. The Captains for 2017 are Alexandra West and Aleksi McDermott with the Vice Captains being Erin Whitfield and Simon Miller. I would also like to acknowledge the fine work done by our outgoing Captains and Prefects for the fine job they have done over the past year.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone on their return next year. Students return next year on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

*Regards*  
*Gary Hunt*



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## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MANAGER REPORT

Term 4 has been a very busy term for Administration with exams, student interviews, Transition Program for new students for 2017 and student reports.

The Year 7 - 10 Transition Program was held in November, providing our new students and parents a smooth transition into Yanco Agricultural High School for 2017.

Keeping family details up to date is a vital part of the administration of the school. If you have changed any of your contact details, including email address, could you please make sure you contact the front office administration ladies and let them know. This will ensure all correspondence will reach you.

There will be a 2017 School Calendar available to parents in January. This will have dates that you need to know printed on it as well as photos from various activities this year.



The annual administration forms will either be given out at the end of the year with your child's report or mailed to you during the school holidays. Please fill in these forms and return them with your child on the first day of Term 1, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January , 2017.

From the administration staff we wish you a very safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

*Alison Evans*  
*School Administration Manger*



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## TRANSITION PROGRAM – VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 6 Transition students attended a Visual Arts workshop to get a taste of what art will be like next year. Together with Miss Seidel and Year 9 “buddy” students Makaylah Longford, Charlie Hurst, Ryan Forbes and Audrey James, we made abstracted portraits using coloured paper. The students were encouraged to use their imagination and creativity to create something truly original and unique. The results were extremely impressive and a great time was had by all



## YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION PROGRAM



## HSC ALPINE EXCURSION

On the 13<sup>th</sup> November the HSC Geography class travelled to Jindabyne to complete fieldwork in the Alpine region for the Ecosystems at Risk topic.

**Day 1** - Visit to Yarrangobilly Caves, which is commonly known as 'Australia's most beautiful limestone ecosystem'. The class was taken on an extended tour with an experienced guide. We learned about the biodiversity of the ecosystem and the risks involved with allowing people to explore the karst cave system.



**Day 2** - Our class was educated on the wildlife and native tree species in the area. We were taught about the history of the Snowy Mountains and viewed the different sections of the Ecosystem. The class travelled to Charlottes Pass, stopping along the way to experience and gain knowledge on the different subalpine levels. In the afternoon the class visited an old Yanconian, Nev Barass, who is a very successful man running his own riding school and adopting brumbies. After touring the sub alpine areas and meeting Nev Barass, Mr Darren Watt worked through our field work booklets to ensure our class will maintain the best marks possible.



**Day 3** - The class travelled to Thredbo to catch a chairlift up to Eagles Nest where we started our hike up the tallest mountain in Australia 'Mount Kosciuszko'. We observed the function of Ecosystems and how it adapts throughout the seasonal change.

A big thank you goes to Mr Hammond for his efforts in driving the bus and his knowledge and experience of the region.



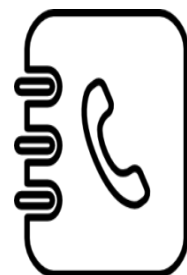
*Year 12 HSC Geography*

### 2016 YAHS P&C EXECUTIVE CONTACT DETAILS

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## COWS CREATE CAREERS EXCURSION



On Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Year 7, Miss Weller and Mrs Quinn attended the Cows Create Careers Presentation at Shepparton, Victoria. The presentation went for three hours and we all learnt about the dairy industry and how we are able to get involved.

After having morning tea at Tocumwal we soon arrived at the Cows Create Careers presentation. The presentation started with a warm welcome and some fun activities learning about the dairy industry. In the junior section we won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, we also won the junior division of the competition. First prize won a \$50 iTunes card and for winning the junior section we received \$500 for the school. People who were involved in the activities won a foam footy and a key ring. Afterwards the organisers held a lunch that included flavoured milk, sandwich and a chocolate/lolly.



After lunch we went to Kids Town Activity Centre. This was a play centre including swings, miniature train, mazes and lots more. I think everyone enjoyed themselves at the play centre. We stayed there for an hour and then we moved off to Galt Brothers Dairy.

At the Galt Brothers dairy they had a fifty space rotary system and had four hundred and fifty Holstein Frisians and Frisian X herd. At the dairy we had a sheet of questions we had to answer including the name of the farm, amount of

cows and how the operations run. On the farm they also make their own silage and hay to feed their stock.

As we crossed the border into NSW we stopped at Tocumwal to have dinner. This included chicken patties, lettuce, tomato and cheese. People who wanted seconds had to answer a question about dairy or the Galt Brothers Dairy. I was lucky enough to answer a question right so I got to have seconds, as there wasn't enough for everyone.

In conclusion I enjoyed the trip to Shepparton Victoria to the Cows Create Careers presentation, I learnt a lot! At the Galt Brother dairy I couldn't believe that they could milk 450 cows in 3 hours. What I would change if I had the chance, would be to take more chicken patties for dinner, but overall it was a great trip. Thank you Miss Weller and Mrs Quinn for this great experience, I wish I could go again next year.

*By Angus Gregory*



## THE FOOD AND FIBRE ENRICHMENT DAY

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, four primary schools from throughout the Leeton area participated in the Food and Fibre Enrichment Day at Yanco Agricultural High School. Eighty-Six children in Years 3 and 4 from Yanco, Whitton-Murrarni, Leeton and Parkview Public Schools arrived at Yanco Ag on Friday morning. The purpose of this day was to enrich the children's knowledge of the different Foods and Fibres produced, teaching them about the things they use every day and how it ties in with agriculture.



Once the kids were bussed into Yanco Ag, they attended an introduction at the Showstock Centre where they were assigned to their groups. The children were split into two teams (yellow and blue) and were then cycled through 6 stations. Each station represented a different topic or idea based on food or fibre. The activities were designed, prepared and run by Year 10 students over the last two weeks.

After the introduction, students from Year 9 led the students to one of the six stations around the school. A break for recess followed the first station, before the kids attended another two stations prior to the lunch break.

A lunch of steak and sausages was supplied by Riverina Beef and Yanco Ag at the front of McCaughey mansion, where the children were able to play on the lawn. After the lunch another three stations were waiting for the students to visit, ending with the official farewell.

Each group would focus on a specific agricultural industry such as: Grains, Livestock or Horticulture. The kids taking part in these activities had hands on experiences with each enterprise during the session by doing things such as juicing oranges or planting their own sunflower plants. One of the activities the kids seemed to enjoy would have been the Meat and Dairy cattle where they learnt about the difference between beef and dairy and the role each of them play in contributing to Australia's Agricultural Industry. Grain was another enterprise showcased throughout the day that taught children about different varieties such as wheat and corn. The students were able to make their own popcorn and learn about what products these grains can make.

My station was called 'Tag you're it!' and it focused on the tagging of cows and the purpose of the ear tag. The children were then able to make their own ear tag, as well as interact with the calves. The children who attended the 'Tag you're it' station appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves; they made great efforts to comfort the cows and really applied themselves in creating the ear tags. Each station was roughly thirty minutes long, and was easily filled with an enjoyable time spent with the kids.

Overall the day was a huge success for Yanco as all the groups thoroughly enjoyed each session and learnt a lot about Agriculture and the role it plays in maintaining Australia's economy. The students and teachers said they would look forward to attending again next.

*By Sebastian Clarke and Tyler Brown*



# Food and Fibre Enrichment Day Photos





## SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Emma Dixon (Year 9) and Montana Hawkins (Year 12) represented YAHS with the Riverina Central Choir at the Schools Spectacular, held at Sydney Olympic Park in November.

The Schools Spectacular is an outstanding showcase of the talent in NSW public schools. In terms of sheer size, scale and scope, the Schools Spectacular is unequalled in the world with a 2700-strong choir, 2300 diverse dancers, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, a world-class stage band and a huge number of outstanding solo performers. It is an amazing production to be involved in, and we congratulate these two girls for representing the school.



**Emma Dixon attending  
Schools Spectacular**

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## FISHING CLUB REORT

Tuross Heads Annual Fishing Club Trip has returned with glowing reviews. Staff, students and visitors to the caravan park welcomed the enthusiasm and appreciated the pride which the YAHS Fishing Club displayed.

The event started with a day of travel on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, two and a half days of fishing and then finished with our return on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> November. The gods of the sea had blessed us with an array of both stunning and sizeable fish, from a whopping 85cm Flathead to the spectacular 9.5cm Taylor (Mr Cross's).



Tuross Heads Trip is the last event of our calendar which also includes our annual award ceremony. This year's award recipients were as follows:

LARGEST MURRAY COD	Samuel Thomas (82cm)
LARGEST GOLDEN PERCH	Ben Davis (50cm)
MOST TAYLOR CAUGHT	Max Hatty
FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR	George Hatty
CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR	Mitchel Cattle



Massive thank you to all the parents, carers, hosts, volunteers, drivers and sponsors throughout the year. In particular Mr Alan Briggs and Mr Peter Fraser for all the help and support throughout the year as well as Mr Roy Bandy and Mr Joey Spidaro for driving and supervising this great event. This would not be achievable without the time and generosity of these men.

*Mr Mitchell Cross*



## CRICKET REPORT



Angus has been playing A grade since the start of the 2017 Cricket season. He recently made the Riverina zone U16 side to compete for the Bradman cup in Newcastle in January 2017. He also qualified for The Riverina U14 side two years ago. This team then competed for the Kookaburra cup in Newcastle and then went on to make the combined Western/Riverina side that competed for the U14 State challenge in Dubbo. Well done Angus.

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## LEETON SWIMMING CLUB

Two Year 7 students from Yanco Agricultural High School, Tahnee Purdie and Caleb Owers had a great day of racing at the Leeton Swimming Meet on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Tahnee received a bronze medal for her 50m backstroke and Caleb received two bronze medals, one for 50m freestyle and the other was for the 50m breaststroke. Well done Tahnee and Caleb.



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## LIGHT UP LEETON

Parents and students combined for this P&C Fundraiser held at the annual Light Up Leeton Christmas concert in Mountford Park. Everyone was busy, some cooking, some serving and some eating. Thank you to all who made it possible.



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## GETSET YOUTH FRONTIERS PROGRAM

Year 9 students Jack Dickson, Tully Byrnes and Brook-Lyn Johnston, with their mentors for the GetSet Youth Frontiers Program. These students spoke with community members, local Councillors, parents and teachers about the projects they have undertaken during the year. The projects aimed to promote student well-being at YAHS, as well as form relationships between the school and greater community. Emma Dixon was also involved in the program, however, due to prior commitments with Schools Spectacular, could not be part of the showcase. Congratulations to you all.





## YEAR 7 EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

The Year 7 2016 excursion to Sydney has been a success again. The last five days have been jam packed with fun and educational activities, including a trip to Paddy's Market, an awesome walk across and up one of the pylons of the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge, a ferry ride to Manly, surfing at Long Reef, a walk to Sydney Tower Observation Deck, some fun at Luna Park, experiencing sea life up close at the Aquarium, meeting famous people (well their waxy selves) at Madame Tussaud's museum, dinner at the classic Hard Rock Café, an Astronomy Night Tour at the Sydney Observatory, a walk around and wildlife workshop at Taronga Zoo, a tour of the incredible Sydney Opera House and finally a swim at the Bondi Icebergs and game of beach footy before dinner at Bondi Beach.



I am sure if you ask the Year 7 students how the excursion was, they will first comment on the kilometres walked every day, however, that will shortly be followed by how much fun they have had and the adventures they have shared with their friends. I have enjoyed my time with the students and fellow teachers on this trip and we would all like to say a massive THANKYOU to our absolutely fantastic bus driver, Dave from Allen's Bus Service.



On a final note, we would like to wish everyone a great Christmas break and a safe return in 2017.

*Miss Millard, Mrs Cassilles/ Year 7 Student Advisors  
Mr Collins and Miss Tomita.*

## YEAR 8 EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE

The Year 8 Students have had an awesome few days learning how to surf and spending some time at the National Sports Museum at the MCG. To finish off they learnt some of the history of the Shrine of Remembrance and its importance to Melbourne.

The students also visited the Melbourne Zoo, Science-works and the National Wool Museum in Geelong and The Melbourne Gaol.

*Martin Dickens  
Year 8  
Student Adviser*





## YEAR 9 EXCURSION TO TASMANIA



Year 9 left Yanco on the morning of Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> and headed for Tasmania. During our trip to Tasmania we were treated to the most stunning weather!

On Friday, we went to 41 Degrees South Salmon and Ginseng Farm and Hazelbrae Hazelnut Farm. We enjoyed the delights on offer at Salamanca Markets in Hobart then travelled to the Huon Valley for the Tahune Airwalk and Swinging Bridge Walk.



We also visited the Port Arthur Historic Site and went on a three hour eco cruise from Port Arthur to Eaglehawk Neck. On our last day the group tried their hand at rock climbing and enjoyed a relaxing chair lift ride across Cataract Gorge on our last day in Tasmania.

*Robbie Gifford / Year 9 Student Adviser*

More Information on Excursions in the next Newsletter





# 2017 SCHOOL TERMS AND DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKENDS

**All students return Sunday, 29th January, 2017**

## Term 1 2017

<b>Day 1 Term 1: Staff</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Day 1 Term 1: Students</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Designated Leave Weekend:</b>	
Students travel home	Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Students return	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Last Day Term 1:</b>	Students travel home Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April

## Term 2 2017

<b>Students return to school:</b>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Day 1 Term 2:</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Designated Leave Weekend:</b>	
Students travel home	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Students return	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Designated Leave Long Weekend:</b>	
Students travel home	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Students return	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Last Day Term 2:</b>	Students travel home Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June
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.	

## Term 3 2017

<b>Students return to school:</b>	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Day 1 Term 3:</b>	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Designated Leave Weekend:</b>	
Students travel home	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August
Students return	Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August
<b>Last Day Term 3:</b>	Students travel home Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September

## Term 4 2017

<b>Students return to school:</b>	Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Day 1 Term 4:</b>	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Designated Leave Weekend:</b>	
Students travel home	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Students return	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Last Day Term 4:</b>	Students travel home Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Parents must pick up students to travel home.	
No travel arrangements will be made.	

# **PROGRAM FOR RETURN OF ALL STUDENTS 2017**

## **ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Meetings for all new students and parents</b>
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 students and Parents</b>
<b>10:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Year 10 students and parents</b>
<b>10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>Year 11 students and parents</b>
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>All vet students</b>
<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Year 9 students and parents</b>
<b>12:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Year 12 students and parents</b>
<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>P&amp;C meeting</b>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>All students and parents involved in the Equine Program</b>

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**To all our YAHS families,  
We wish you a**



**We also wish you a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all return safely for the 2017 school year.**