



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

Yanco Agricultural High School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 6 16th November, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Nov 20th
DESI Return
travel day

Nov 20th - 24th
Yr 10 Work
Experience

Nov 21st - 24th
Transition
Program

Dec 5th - 13th
Leadership
Camp

Nov 27th - 30th
HSC Geography
Field Trip

Nov 30th
Food and Fibre
day

Dec 7th - 13th
Year 9
Tasmania
Excursion

Dec 9th - 13th
Yr 7 Sydney
Excursion
Yr 8 Melbourne
Excursion.

Dec 14th
Speech Day.
Last day of
School 2017

Jan 30th 2018
Students return
to School

Jan 31st 2018
Day 1 Term 1

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW



Congratulations Dimitry Evans. Reserve Champion Parader - Melbourne Royal



Congratulations Hamish Maclure. Champion Junior Parader - Melbourne Royal

TERM 4 2017

DESI WEEKEND: November 16th – 20th

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK: Nov 20th – 24th

TRANSITION PROGRAM: Nov 21st – 24th

LEADERSHIP CAMP: Dec 5th – Dec 13th

HSC GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP: Nov 27th – 30th

FOOD AND FIBRE DAY: Nov 30th

YEAR 7 SYDNEY EXCURSION: Dec 9th – Dec 13th

YEAR 8 MELBOURNE EXCURSION: Dec 9th – Dec 13th

YEAR 9 TASMANIA EXCURSION: Dec 7th – Dec 13th

SPEECH DAY: Dec 14th.

Students Travel home afterwards



2018 DATE CLAIMERS

OPEN DAY: February 26th

BEACH CARNIVAL: March 16th

GALA DAY: March 17th

ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please call or email the front office with this information. All absentee information must come through our front office administration on 6951 1500 in order for your child's absence to be recorded correctly.

Office hours are from 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday. After 4pm the phone will be answered by Duty Staff.

When returning your child to school PLEASE remember to sign them back in at the front office during school hours (8am – 3pm) and at the Duty Room outside of school hours (before 8am and after 3pm) or they will be marked absent.

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.

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Term 4 2017

Designated Leave Weekend:

Students travel home Thursday 16th November

Students return Monday 20th November

Last Day Term 4: Thursday 14th December (After Speech Day).
Students travel home.

Parents must pick up students. No travel arrangements will be made.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to all the families who have responded to the school's recent survey. The school is in the process of doing the School Plan for 2018 - 2020 and your feedback and perspectives about the school are much appreciated. As the School Plan gets further underway the school may use a similar survey model to give everyone a chance for input as the plan progresses. One of the clearest responses from parents was why they send their children here, Agricultural aspects followed by School values. A sincere thanks to those 65 families who took the time to complete the survey.

The National Park have cleared along the fence line for the new exclusion fence to be put up along the Eastern boundary. Yenda Producers have ordered the fencing (over 2.2 kilometres) and it will be four weeks until delivery and hopefully will be erected before the end of the school year. A change to the fence alignment is still being organised but as it needs to be signed off by the Minister for Lands it was decided to fence along existing fence line due to the time for this process to happen. National Parks will contribute nearly \$9,000 toward the project with the school and P&C covering the remainder. Again thank you to the P&C for their work on getting this organised.

The council is well underway with connection to the town water supply and look to be on track for completing connection early in 2018. To ensure the school's supply for several days in case of a disruption we will utilise the schools existing water tower and have had it inspected by an underwater drone to check its condition. Work to be done on the tower is being investigated. Other works that the school have requested to be done have yet to start and I can appreciate your disappointment and frustration with this process (Tennis Courts, Irrigation System, Barbeque Area). The AMU can give me no further advice when or if these works will proceed.

The next P&C meeting will take place during the school's Transition Program on Wednesday the 22nd of November at 2pm. The meeting will be held in the school hall.

If you haven't already done so please check out on the school website the article about the schools use of Drones in Agriculture. Congratulations to Mr McVittie for a great program and interview.

Our special guest for Speech day this year is Mr Brett Fifield the Deputy Director General for the Department of Primary Industries and an Old Yanconian. In his speech this year he will talk about his journey to get to his current role and the expanding jobs in the Agriculture industry. A brief synopsis of his speech will be posted on the schools website shortly.

Congratulations to our new School Captains for 2018:

Captains: Georgina Hughes and Lindsay Brown
Vice Captains: Hayley Dowling and Joel Jenkins

A further reminder that students return to school on Tuesday the 30th of January next year with lessons starting Wednesday the 31st of January.

Gary Hunt
Principal



EQUINE NEWS

Sophie Stenner and Elliane Boulton competed at the **NSW Pony Club State CT Championships** on Saturday October 8th. Sophie was Reserve Champion and Elliane placed 5th. Both girls did extremely well.

Lucy Bramley competed at the **Berrigan Show** during the holidays winning the 75cm and 80cm Show Jumping and the first clear round out of 20 riders in the 1m Show Jumping. Her next competition was the Griffith Pony Club Show Jumping Qualifiers for Sydney Royal - she came first in the C Grade event and third in the A Grade. Just for those of you who aren't sure of the Pony Club grading heights - A grade is over 1m high. Lucy is jumping against riders much older than herself and she has every reason to be proud of her achievements.

Our Equine Students represent YAHS at the **Berry Inter-Schools Equestrian Competition** during the school holidays. Results were fantastic with Tully Byrnes coming first in the 1.05 Fault & Out Show Jumping.

Kiara Henderson jumped her heart out, competing in her first 60cm Show Jumping event. Georgia competed successfully in hacking events while placing in a range of sporting events including 1st in the Bend Bar & Flag. Brigid Dunn looked immaculate on her beautiful pony winning Reserve Champion Hack Rider Secondary – 1st Best presented Year 7.

It seems that our riders are just going from strength to strength in their equine endeavours, but what is most pleasing is the way in which they support one another and represent their school with such a strong sense of pride while competing.



Some of the results for students who competed at the **Interschool Equestrian**

Brigid Dunn

Reserve Champion Hack Rider Secondary
1st - Best presented year 7
4th - Bend Bar & Double Slalom
2nd - 1 Flag
3rd - Jumping 60cm
2nd - Hunter Challenge 60cm
1st - Interschool challenge non jumping

Georgia Nicholson

3rd - Snakes and Ladders & Double Slalom
4th - Western Bend
1st - Bend Bar & 1 Flag

Tully Byrnes

4th - Western Bend
4th - Scudahoe
1st - 1.05m jumping Fault and out

Trish Henderson / Head Teacher Welfare Relieving

LEETON SHOW - EQUINE

The students and teachers of YAHS had a fantastic day out at the **Leeton Show** recently. Ella Bent, Elliane Boulton, Sophie Stenner, Kelsie Bandy, Emily Peck, Hannah Dunn and Jess Kibble competed in various events on the Saturday and Sunday. Emily Peck's riding and presentation was immaculate, winning her Reserve Champion Hack. Jess Kibble was all smiles in the fun ring, giving Nikko greater exposure to a range of events.

It was the teachers who really scooped the pool with Farm Manager Bianca Brazier jumping extremely well (and it has to be said, her little daughter was, in our opinion, the cutest on the day), Ellie Quinn received Reserve Champion and Champion sashes and Ms Henderson managed to stay on through the Stockman's Challenge (which was a challenge!) But the biggest 'hat's off' goes to Leah Troidahl and her mother who had the small kiddies in the fun ring smiling from ear to ear all day. Their support for the show and their community was outstanding. A shout out to parent, Fiona Kibble who made sure teachers were supplied with enough coffee to get them through the day.

Congratulations to all riders and volunteers. What wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Trish Henderson / Head Teacher Welfare Relieving

LEETON SHOW - AGRICULTURE

Year 7 Agriculture classes were very successful at the Leeton Show on the weekend with the students entering a large quantity of vegetables into the produce section show. The students received a number of first and second place prizes. The following is a list of the prizes that the students received:

- 1st for Collection of Weeds
- 1st for a Lettuce
- 1st for Spring Onions
- 1st for a bunch of Parsley
- 2nd for a Plate of Snow Peas
- 2nd for Spring Onions
- 2nd for any other Vegetable (Beetroot)
- 2nd for 6 Carrots
- 2nd for a bunch of Spinach
- 2nd for a dozen eggs

The produce was sown and cared for over the winter months by Mr McVittie's and Miss Weller's classes. Most of the vegetables have either been eaten by the students straight out of the garden or have been taken to the dining room to be shared with the entire school.

The students have decided to spend their prize money on icy-poles, which they will enjoy after the warm days in their gardens sowing and caring for their summer vegetables.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Tom Lucas played for the **African United Under 16's Rugby League** side in Sydney over the weekend of October 21/22, 2017, in **the Harmony 9's Round**. The boys played four games against Italy, Tonga, Samoa and the Harmony side, coming away with one win.

Tom's Grandma is from Kenya which made him eligible to play.

He came away with the best in the team award. Well done Tom.

SPEECH DAY 2017

Speech Day, **December 14th 2017**, will be held at the Roxy Theatre in Leeton starting at **10:00 am**. Students will assemble and be transported to the venue, however parents are welcome to pick up their children and take them to Speech Day themselves and then travel home from the conclusion of Speech Day at lunchtime (approximately).

End of year reports and "return to school" paperwork for 2018 will be available for pick up at the front office from 8am. If you are taking your children early please remember to sign them out at the front office before leaving.

Speech Day is a great opportunity to see your child recognised for achievement either academically or in the sporting arena throughout the year. For those students being recognised it is also important to have their peers there with them to applaud their success. Many families have long distances to travel home and we understand and appreciate the need to get on the road early, therefore we appreciate the time taken to attend Speech Day. We look forward to seeing many of you at Speech Day to help us celebrate the achievements of YAHS students.

YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING

Year 12, 2018, are giving you the opportunity to support your school house and our chosen charities. Students have put together a Polo shirt and a bucket hat in each of the four house groups. These 'one of a kind' house coloured shirts are available to family and friends of students of Yanco Ag. The money raised from the items available is used to support our New Year 12 students during the limited time they have left at Yanco, with a percentage of the funds donated to the Friends of Luro Foundation. So, remember to show that you care and help in financing the year 12's bid to raise money and assisting those who need it most.

An email will be sent out shortly with an application form on how to order these items. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all in your bucket hats and Polo Shirts.



MELBOURNE ROYAL CATTLE REPORT



Term three finished up with eleven students boarding the school bus to Melbourne, as others boarded their buses heading for home for holidays. Students headed off to attend the Melbourne Royal show to exhibit the thirteen head of cattle. The show was a great success for the school, which saw the school being awarded Most Successful School or College winning the Bott-Burston Trophy, winning the school at two tonne Paton feeder. The school walked away from their five days of showing with Champion Middle Weight Champion with a Steer donated by

the Fairley Family, this is the third year in a row the Fairley family have donated a steer that has won a championship at Melbourne Royal. Yanco also won Champion Heavy Domestic Steer with a Limousin donated by Margaret Pierce. The school saw eight of the thirteen animals be awarded places, with a Shorthorn Steer donated by Kingsley Vale Shorthorns being selected in the winning Borthwick Team.

The students themselves had a fantastic time, representing the school to the highest level being awarded the best maintain team of the show as well as their own success in the paraders competition. All students competed in the paraders competition with everyone being placed in their classes.



2018 Melbourne Royal Cattle Team



Hamish Maclure, Dimity Evans, Lachan West and Samuel Thomas all placed first. Harry Morris placed second. Toby Bowron and Arrabel Smith placed third. Connor Whitehurst and Keely Ryan placed fourth, Emily Peck placed fifth and Ella Brooking placed sixth. Hamish Maclure went on to win Champion Junior Parader with Dimity Evans winning Reserve Champion Parader.

ALBURY SHOW REPORT

On November 2nd the cattle team headed off to Albury for the last show of the season. Twelve students and eleven head of cattle were on deck for the show with six destined for the Hook and Hoof Competition. Upon arrival at the show students washed all the stock before settling them into their beds before competition that afternoon.



The afternoon consisted of the events for the students with Junior Judging and parading competition. Students were required to judge a group of four unled Murray Greys. Those students in the top of competition were then required to give their reasons for their placing. In the over 15 years section Lachlan West placed 2nd and in the Under 15 yrs Hamish Maclure placed 1st and was awarded Reserve Champion judge of the show. Well done Hamish.



In the paraders completion our students competed in two sections, those that were trying to qualify and those that had already. Dimity Evans and Keely Ryan were already through to Sydney 2018 and competed in the non-qualifier placing 1st in both of their heats. Yanco had 6 students into the final of the qualifying paraders to the state finals with five students making their way through Samuel Thomas, Lachlan West, Harry Morris, Brett Johnston and Ella Brooking. Keely Ryan went on to win Champion Parader of the show.

On Saturday it was the cattle's turn With Nagol Park Zeus Honour placing first in her class, Yanco Kelly and Yanco Mustang placing second. Unfortunately our steers didn't perform that well on the hoof. Tuesday saw a small number of the cattle team return to Albury to view the carcass on the hook with the Angus steer from Yamba placing 3rd with a score of 91 points.

COOTAMUNDRA SHOW REPORT

Friday 20th October saw the Sheep and Cattle teams head to Cootamundra Show with twenty two students, twelve head of cattle and twelve sheep. The team were out of the school before 6am to enable them time to get to Cootamundra to unload and set up the stock before competition start.

Friday consisted of students competing in a range of Junior Judging events, with students over that age of 15 being able to compete to try and qualify for the state finals in Sydney Royal next year. The students were very successful for the day with the following receiving awards.

Placing and Qualifiers for Sydney

Lachlan West	1st Grain and Fleece, 3rd in Merino Judging
Edward Weaver	2nd in Merino and Fruit and Vegetable judging
Lyndsay Brown	1st Merino Judging
Casey Morris	3rd Fleece Judging
Harry Morris	3rd Meat Breed Sheep
Cooper Carter	3rd Fruit and Vegetable Judging

In the Non-Qualifying section Yanco Ag High school students picked up a number of ribbons in their respective age division.

Merino Sheep Judging

Paige Brown - 1st. Tylar Rumble, Caitlin Kinsela and Tom Ray - 2nd. Amber Langland and Hamish Maclure - 3rd, Liam Owers 4th

Meat sheep Breed Judging

Paige Brown and Rory Walsh - 1st, Toby Bowron 2nd, Mitchell Whyte 3rd, Dimity Evans 4th, Liam Owers, Angus Gregory and Michael Colley - 5th.

Fruit and Vegetable Judging

Caitlin Kinsela and Toby Bowron - 1st, Angus Gregory and Amber Langlands – 2nd Liam Owers 3rd, Mitchell Whyte and Hamish Maclure - 4th, Dimity Evans - 5th

Fleece Judging

Rory Walsh - 1st. Brett Johnston - 3rd, Mitchel Whyte - 4th

Beef Cattle Judging

Hamish Maclure and Rory Walsh – 1st. Michael Colley and Dimity Evans - 2nd, Toby Bowron and Caitlin Kinsela - 5th.



COOTAMUNDRA TEAM 2018

On Saturday students had the opportunity to qualify for the State Finals for beef cattle paraders. Yanco had nine students reach the finals of the event with five qualifying through. Cooper Carter, Hamish Maclure, Dimity Evans, Keely Ryan and Sarah Manwaring for securing their spots for Sydney 2018. Students who were unsuccessful at Cootamundra are now able to try again at Albury Show. Cooper Carter was also award Reserve Champion parader for the show.



Yanco cattle were then on show with five of the six head being exhibited in the Stud section being bred by the school. Yanco MasterCard a Roan Shorthorn bull was awarded Reserve Champion shorthorn bull, and the new addition to the herd Nagol Park Zeus Honour receiving Reserve Champion Shorthorn heifer. In the interbreed section our cattle stood up well with the two bulls placing second in the pair of bulls section. A Yanco bred Limousin steer also went on to win Champion steer of the show.



In the sheep section Lindsay Brown spent the day being associate judge in the Merino win, this came about after his win the day before in the junior Judging. This invaluable opportunity allowed Lindsay to further develop his knowledge and skills before heading to Sydney next year. Yanco White Suffolk stud did very well on the day taking out Champion Ewe and Ram along with Champion Ram Lamb and Ewe Lamb.



Fleece junior judging winners Casey Morris (third) Lachlan West (first). Lachlan will compete in Sydney.

Some 80 young people participated in Friday's junior judging at the **Cootamundra Show**.

Junior judging is considered a great outlet for young people to get involved in agricultural shows and perhaps even a start in a future career in the agricultural industry.

Junior judging works by comparing the judgements of the young people against an industry professional to see how close they are. Yanco was represented by Casey Morris and Lachlan West.

COWS CREATE CAREERS RECOUNT

On Thursday November 2nd Year 7 and staff, including Miss Weller, Mr McVittie, Miss Robinson and the bus driver Col, went on an excursion to Shepparton to attend the 'Cows Create Careers Presentation.'

We left the school Thursday morning at 7:00 am after an early breakfast. Students were dressed in their formal walking outs to represent their school well, as they did. At about 9:30am the school group stopped in Tocumwal for some morning tea.

When we reached Shepparton RSL, we went inside for the presentation. When it started, the people running the program introduced themselves and started some activities involving students from the crowd. Yanco won three out of four of these activities and students and staff were very proud.

After lunch, the people who were running the program talked about the roles in the dairy industry and how common the jobs are. They provided us with ideas of what the students might want to do when they are older and how easy it is to become a part of the dairy industry.

Then the presentation began where the schools were rewarded for their efforts. Our school won the overall school award for the Northern Victorian Region along with \$500 to go towards Yanco's dairy calf program. Yanco also won the funniest photo with the team of year 7 boys including James, Hamish, Michel and Jacob. The Year 7 boys also came second in the moo-tube video in the junior's category with a team of Fred, Albert, Nick and Tom. This was a job well done to YAHS and was great to see how well the Year group went.



The Dairy Devils – second place Moo-Tube video



The Bulleyes – Funniest photo winners

After the presentation we all went to the nearby park to change out of their walking outs and into their travel dress to go to a rotary system. We stayed at the park for about two hours playing games and relaxing before heading off to the Galt Family Dairy to see a rotary in action. Once there we were greeted by Darren who worked at the dairy. The students were given a piece of paper with questions to be answered while Darren was giving them information on the program. The group learnt how the system worked. Fifty cows could fit onto the Rotary, which then slowly spins around while the cows stand on the platform getting fed and milked at the same time. The cow would exit when it had been milked, then another cow was let on. As soon as the cow was let onto the platform, cups were put on and the cow was monitored. Darren gave interesting information about



The Rotary at the Galt Family Dairy

the rotary and the dairy industry. All students enjoyed the dairy experience, with some students feeling how the suction cups worked. On the homeward bound trip, students enjoyed a quiet hamburger on the bank of the Murray River.

After the rotary we were back on the bus heading to Tocumwal, where we enjoyed a quite dinner on the river bank, arriving back at school at 9:30pm.

In conclusion, this 'Cows Create Careers' program was a very good experience for the children and teachers. They represented the school well and had a great time while learning about dairy farms and industries. YAHS is looking forward to attending this program in the coming years as it is a very good opportunity for the group of Year 7 students and staff to learn about dairy and hopefully becoming part of the industry when they are older.

Abbey Horneman Year 7



Finding out how the suction caps work



PREFECT SYDNEY TRIP REPORT

At the beginning of week three this term the 2018 prefect body travelled to Sydney, where we undertook various activities over the three day trip. On the first night we were visited by Troy Sachs, a former Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Gold medallist, who spoke about his journey and taught us various things about leadership.

The next day we went to The National Young Leaders Conference, where we were spoken to by Gladys Berejiklian, John Coutis, Adam Goodes and Andrew Scipione. We learnt about each speaker's values and views on life and leadership. Each speaker was amazing and each student took home many great lessons from the Conference. That night we went to a rock climbing centre, where we endured various activities in order to improve cooperation and teamwork values. We were quick to conquer the walls, but even quicker to build teamwork skills to help one another finish the tasks.



The following day we visited James Ruse Agricultural High School where we met members of their prefect body and were taken on a tour of the school, then supplied with a lovely morning tea, after which our prefects presented a slide show of Yanco Agricultural High school, to which the James Ruse students were astounded to what our school was like. After James Ruse we then went to Careflight, where we learnt what the charity really does and why we support that particular charity. We were shown around the training

centre and shown a functional Careflight Helicopter up close. Overall the trip was a huge success and each and every student involved benefited from the trip.

By Jayden Phippen

YAHS LEADERSHIP TEAM, 2018

School Captains: Georgina Hughes and Lindsay Brown.

Vice Captains: Hayley Dowling and Joel Jenkins.

Prefects: Max Gay, Bryce Johnston, Jayden Pippin, Chelsea Stevens and Ella Brooking.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PROGRAM LAUNCH

On Friday the 15th of October, a group of twelve kids, as well as Miss Gray and Mrs Henderson went down to middle beach to launch the YAHS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program. When we arrived at middle beach we were welcomed to country by Wiradjuri man Elijah Ingram and met local Wiradjuri Elders. While the food was being prepared Alan showed us how he was able to find the witchetty grubs that were being prepared for us to eat and what trees they are normally found in. He explained that the taste of the witchetty grub changed depending on the type of tree in which it was found.

A football and Frisbee were thrown around to entertain the group while the food was cooking. Lunch consisted of kangaroo rissoles, witchetty grubs and scrambled emu eggs. It was a lunch in which everyone enjoyed trying out new foods. Desert soon followed with chocolate and vanilla ice-cream served with wattle seed cheesecake. Fully satisfied, everyone gathered around in a circle to learn of the traditional Aboriginal tools and equipment.

The Yidaki (more commonly known as the Digeridoo) was shown to the group, the elders told stories of how the yidaki was only made for ceremonies as after it was left to the land again. Other implements such as the stone axe was passed around for the group. For the remainder of the time at middle beach the group asked the elders and others questions in which everyone was interested in finding out about.



Back at the school the group were given the history of the stolen generations by Mrs Johnston who told us about her story and how it affected her life, from racist comments to showing pride in her history. During the talk the group was shown a documentary about the history of the stolen generations and how it had a terrible effect on Aboriginal culture. Everyone listened intently to the documentary as we learned the truth about our history in the little time that was provided. Luckily thanks to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program at YAHS we are now able to continue and grow our knowledge of our history and background.

COOTAMUNDRA GIRLS HOME ABORIGINAL EXCURSION

On the 25th of October 13 of our ATSI students accompanied by Miss Gray and Mrs Henderson, excitedly left the school for an excursion to the Cootamundra Girls Home. Upon arrival, we met local Wiradjuri Elders and shared the experience with ATSI students from Wagga Wagga High School.



An introduction was made by Aunty Isabel Reid as she spoke about her story at the Cootamundra Girls Home, being taken away from her parents at the age of seven along with her brother and sister.

Unfortunately Aunty Isabel and her sister were separated from their brother Jack and

were never able to reunite with him or their parents, who they later discovered had passed away. Throughout the talk she explained the mistreatment the Aboriginal girls had been subjected to during their time at the home, from being locked away for hours to days at a time in either the morgue or the box room. The girls were beaten and treated horribly if they ran away and were found by the police, disobeyed or fought back.

Girls around the age of seven to about nine were given the job of looking after the young boys who were only babies. Most of the young boys did not have names so the girls named them before they were taken away to another home, this time full of boys. Throughout the talk many questions were asked, particularly by Josh and Nick who were curious about the stolen generation and the history behind it.

After Aunt Isabel's introduction to the life of the Cootamundra Girls Home, everyone introduced themselves by saying their names and where they came from, before a tour of the Home began. Aunty Isabel explained what every room was used for when the home was in operation. She explained that the girls would sneak out after lights out and sit outside the morgue or the box room and comfort the ones who were made to stay the night there.

Lunch followed Aunty Isabel's tour as everyone joined to sit at the tables and make small talk about the places they planned on seeing while exploring by themselves or with a friend. With the opportunity to explore all of the group enjoyed looking at all the different places around the home including the spot in which the morgue once was, the cow shed, the box room and many more. Unfortunately the time at the Girl's Home came to a close all too soon, as both the Wagga High and Yanco Ag students had to return to school.

I'm glad to say that everyone enjoyed the day out learning about their culture and were happy to return with new found knowledge.

Rhiannon Bolam



WREATH PRESENTATION

Over the last two terms poppies have been crocheted, knitted and made as part of the School's Doubleday Shield sporting house competition. The completed wreath, recognising the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba, was presented to the School.

The Battle of Beersheba occurred on the 31st October 1917. The final phase of the battle included the famous mounted charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade. The attack on the strategically important town of Beersheba was launched at dawn and by late afternoon British forces had made little headway. At dusk, the Australian horsemen of the 4th Light Horse Brigade charged, using their bayonets as swords to break through the Turkish defences and seize the town. The capture of Beersheba enabled British forces to break the Ottoman line and advance into Palestine.

The main wreath was presented by the House Captains to the Leeton RSL club for their ceremony on the 31st October.

Extra poppies will be made into additional horse garlands and into a wreath for the school to use on ANZAC day. A big thank you to all students, staff and family members who have contributed to this project. A total of 848 beautiful poppies were donated for the cause.

The final count: Gardiner - 168, Mutch – 170, Breakwell - 181, McCaughey - 329.

Congratulations McCaughey and thank you Liz McGregor for starting this challenge and encouraging us all to create these beautiful poppies.



Miss Poppy was also presented and we will be seeing more of Miss Poppy as she travels the world attending memorial Ceremonies for fallen soldiers. If you look closely you can even see her little back pack all ready to go.



COMMENDATION ASSEMBLY TERM 3

Year 7: Albert Booth; Mackenzie Brouwer; James Caldow; Samantha Corti; Maddison Dowling; Cameron Ferguson; Jacob Gore; Kai Hammond; Frederick Herrmann; Connor Humphries; Dan James; Caitlin Kinsela; Hamish Maclure; Mia Muldoon; Victoria Oakes; Alex Reschke; Tylar Rumble; Sophie Stenner; Edward Stevenson.

Year 8: Toby Bowron; Vincent Edwards; Lauren Fitzgerald; Angus Gregory; Harry Hart; Rose Hogan; John Holz; Jason Kearines; Eliza Kurrle; Rohan Lacey; Lucy MacMaster; Sarah Manwaring; Zachary Manwaring; Grace McBride; Daniel Morris; William Price; Ryan Thomas.

Year 9: Nicholas Bennett; Ruby Bergmeier; Rhiannon Bolam; Megan Castle; Tilly Collins; Jett Crouch; Maeken Danen; Hannah Dunn; Ella Frank; Georgia Greig; Stanley Herrmann; Jack Hughes; Tully James; Jessica Kibble; Elia Lelea; Thomas Lette; Lani Mara; Ryan Maynard; Molly McBride; Harry Morris; Matthew Senes; Elizabeth Tracey; Daniel Trembath; Jock Yelland.

Year 10: Jessie Armstrong; Isabella Baker; Darcy Barr; Katherine Butt; Natalie Byrnes; Damian Cain; Will Carbone; Kate Cattle; Lachlan Daniel; Jack Dickson; Emma Dixon; Betty Dolan; Ryan Findlay; Ryan Greig; Ella Gruessing; Sean Holgate; ; Lachlan Hughes; Charlie Hurst; Grace Hutt; Hamish Jenkins; Georgina Russ; Sophie Ryan; Bianca Smith; Oliver Stubberfield; Connor Whitehurst.

Year 11: Ella Brooking; Lindsay Brown; Tyler Brown; Lachlan Carney; Ellie Castle; George Clarke; Sebastian Clarke; Max Gay; Max Hatty; Kiara Henderson; Jock Hudson; Georgina Hughes; Joel Jenkins; Bryce Johnston; William Matheson; Abbey McCloskey; Lyndsey Mitchell; Casey Morris; Sunny Oxley; Jayden Pippin; Sophie Smith; ; Chelsea Stephens; Ashley Strachan; Zoe Thomas; Keira Whitehead; Jasmine Whitehurst.

Year 12: Olivia Carbone; Mitchel Cattle; Jessie Cutcliffe; Grace Daunt; Benjamin Davis; Gemma Fisher; Loren Gregory; Mia Groves; Charles Hogan; Jaocb Holgate; Luke Howard; Abbie Hurst; ; James Kearines; Hannah Kolve; Aleks Mc Dermott; Jaimee McQuellin; James Morrow; Reba Nicholson; Emily Parker; Zoe Potter; Connor Ricciarelli; Angus Smyth; Isabelle Steiner; Kelsie-Rose Thatcher; Chloe Ward; Alexandra West; Matthew Young.

Volunteering in the Leeton Community

Year 7: Maddison Dowling, Sofie Dunn. **Year 9:** Jessica Kibble.

School Service – Vietnam Veterans Service

Year 9: Will Carey. **Year 10:** Jack Dickson

School Service - Exam Support

Year 7: Mackenzie Brouwer, Maddison Dowling, Fred Herrmann, Dan James, Caitlin Kinsela, Alex Reschke, Edward Stevenson, Logan Wright.

Year 8: Isabelle Bergmann, Vincent Edwards, Lauren Fitzgerald, Angus Gregory, George Hatty, Rose Hogan, Stevie Hurst, Jason Kearines, Rohan Lacey, Sarah Manwaring, Zachary Manwaring, Grace McBride, Archie Ray, Ryan Thomas, Rory Walsh.

Year 9: Rhiannon Bolam, Erin Brown, Joshua Elworthy, Dimity Evans, Max Findlay, Stanley Herrmann, Tully James, Ned Routley.

Year 10: Ryan Findlay, Bianca Smith, Meg Walton, Lachlan Daniel, Oswald Herrmann.

Year 11: Lindsay Brown, Tyler Brown, Abbey Curran, Sunny Oxley.



2018 SCHOOL TERMS AND DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKENDS

All students return Tuesday 30th January, 2018

Term 1 2018

Day 1 Term 1: Staff

Monday 29th January

All students return Tuesday 30th January, 2018

Day 1 Term 1:

Students Lessons commence

Wednesday 31st January

Designated Leave Weekend:

Students travel home

Thursday, 1st March

Students return

Monday, 5th March

Designated Leave Weekend: Easter

Students travel home

Thursday 29th March

Students return

Monday, 2nd April

Last Day Term 1: Students travel home

Friday, 13th April

Term 2 2018

Students return to school:

Sunday 29th April

Day 1 Term 2:

Monday 30th April

Designated Leave Long Weekend:

Students travel home

Friday 8th June

Students return

Monday 11th June

Last Day Term 2: Students travel home

Friday, 6th July

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 2018

Students return to school:

Sunday, 22nd July

Day 1 Term 3:

Monday, 23rd July

Designated Leave Weekend:

Students travel home

Thursday 23rd August

Students return

Monday, 27th August

Last Day Term 3: Students travel home

Friday, 28th September

Term 4 2018

Students return to school:

Sunday, 14th October

Day 1 Term 4:

Monday, 15th October

Designated Leave Weekend:

Students travel home

Thursday 15th November

Students return

Monday 19th November

Last Day Term 4: Students travel home

Wednesday 19th December

Parents must pick up students to travel home.

No travel arrangements will be made.