



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

Yanco Agricultural High School

Newsletter

Term3, Week 6 24th August, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17

Travel Day

Desi Weekend

August 21

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August 22 - 23

Dubbo Wether
Challenge

August 25 - 26

Fishing Trip
Hillston

August 31

Dubbo

Allbreeds Show

September 4th

Grandparents
Day

September 6

Year 7

Vaccination

Dose 2

Sept 7 - 12

Elite White

Suffolk Show

Sept 13 - 21

Yr 11 Prelim

Examinations

September 14

Ram Sale

September 21

Year 12

Graduation

September 22

End of Term 3

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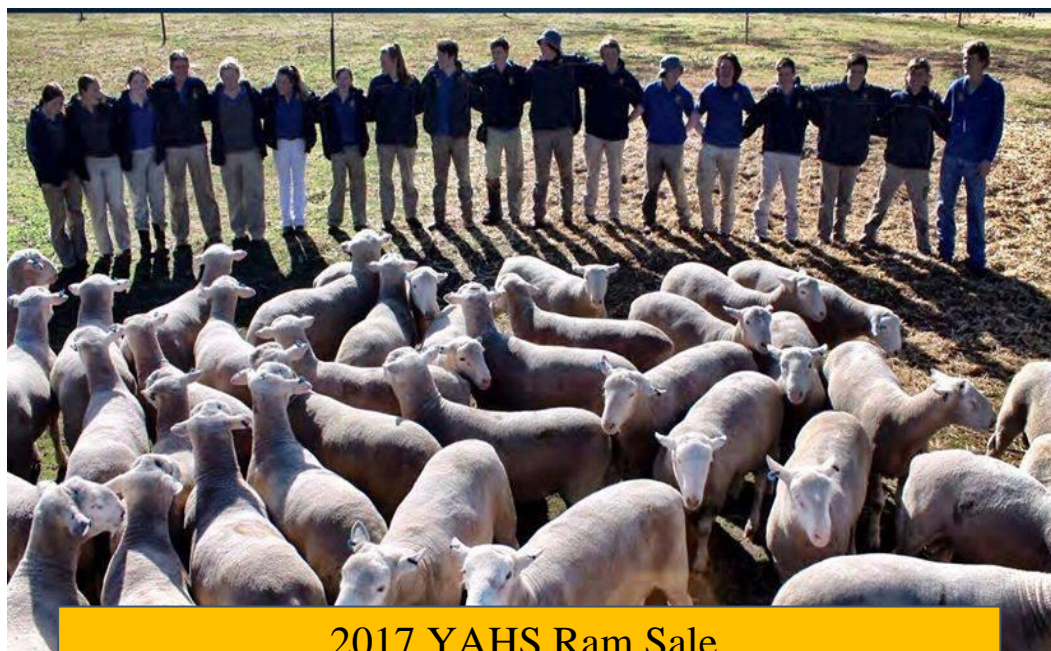
LEADERSHIP 2018

CONGRATULATIONS NEW PREFECT TEAM



2018 Prefect Team:

Max Gay, Hayley Dowling, Joel Jenkins, Chelsea Stephens, Bryce Johnston,
Ella Brooking, Jayden Pippin, Emma Cullen, Lindsay Brown, and Georgina Hughes.



2017 YAHS Ram Sale.

The Ram Sale Catalogue is now available and is accessible on our web page. If you would like one posted to you please contact Ellie Quinn at school on 02 6951 1500

TERM 3 2017

DESI WEEKEND: August 17th – 21st

DUBBO WETHER CHALLENGE: August 22nd – 23rd

FISHING TRIP: August 25th – 26th

DUBBO ALL BREEDS HEIFER SHOW: August 31st – September 3rd

GRANDPARENTS DAY: September 4th

YEAR 7 VACCINATION DOSE 2: September 6th

ELITE WHITE SUFFOLK SHOW: September 7th – 12th

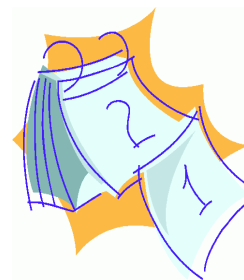
YEAR 11 PRELIM EXAMINATIONS BEGIN: September 13th

RAM SALE: September 14th

YEAR 12 GRADUATION: September 21st

END OF TERM 3: September 22nd

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW: School holidays



2018 DATE CLAIMERS

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 3 2017

Students return to school: Sunday 16th July

Day 1 Term 3: Monday 17th July

Designated Leave Weekend:

Students travel home Thursday 17th August

Students return Monday 21st August

Last Day Term 3:

Students travel home Friday 22nd September

Term 4 2017

Students return to school: Sunday, 8th October

Day 1 Term 4: Monday, 9th October

Designated Leave Weekend:

Students travel home Thursday 16th November

Students return Monday 20th November

Last Day Term 4:

Students travel home Thursday 14th December
(Speech Day). Parents must pick up students.

No travel arrangements will be made

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 10 and 11 students from Gardiner Dormitory have now moved across to the temporary accommodation, "The Block". These boys take up two pods of the three available for accommodation and despite some early issues the boys are settling in well to their single rooms with ensuite. I would also like to thank the boys for their patience as final issues regarding hot water and air conditioning are resolved.

There are numerous projects on the boil which we hope will be finalised by the end of the year. I have met with National Parks regarding the fencing between the school and the State Forest area. That have agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding with the school to slightly alter the fence line so it will be straight and offer greater protection against invasion by kangaroos. The National Parks will also contribute to the cost of the fencing. Thanks again to the P&C for their work with this to get it up and running.

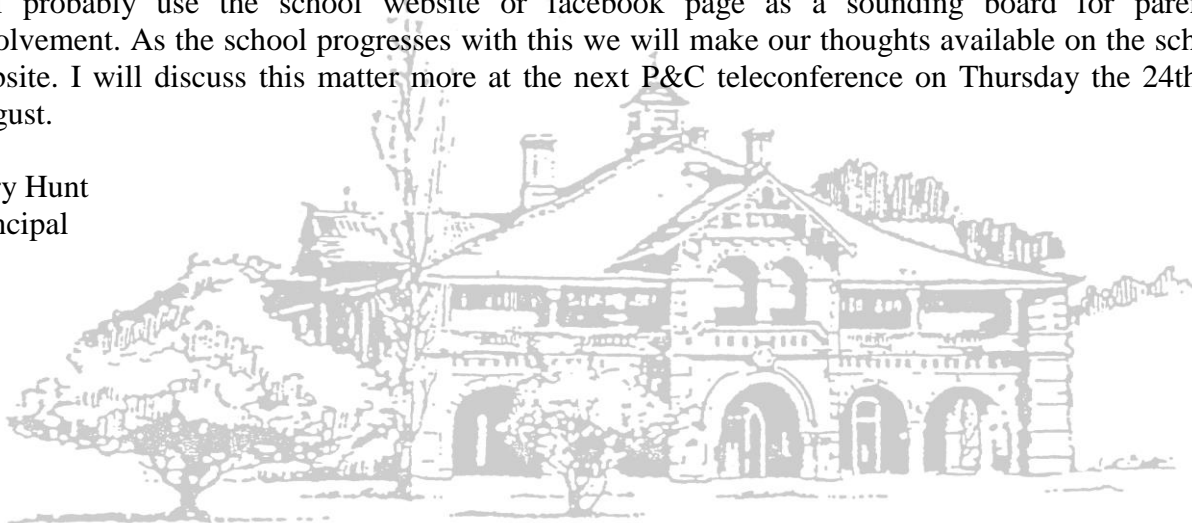
One of the areas at the front of McCaughey we are looking at upgrading is the barbecue facility near the pool. This structure was originally built by the Old Yanconian's Union in 1982, hence the need for an upgrade. We will enlarge the structure so that it will be able to cater for whole year groups undercover as well as being used as an outdoor classroom area. The Old Yanconian's Union have visited, discussed plans and have decided to donate \$25,000 towards its construction. This is a great outcome and fantastic for the school and students.

I have recently held a discussion with Leeton Shire Council engineers regarding the supply of town water to the school. The Education Department have funded the council to proceed with these works this year. After some discussion we have decided to retain the existing school water tower and utilise that to ensure pressure to the school facilities. The Council will help the school to get a report on the structural integrity of the tower before they begin, as well as getting it cleaned. In a worst case scenario, this would give the school 3 days of, carefully rationed, water in case of a breakdown with supply. The Council hopes to have this ready for the new school year, 2019.

Year 12 have completed their Trial HSC examinations and I hope that they all look carefully at their results in order to plan their study between now and the HSC Examinations in October. To help students with this, most faculties have organised extra tutorial times when they are available to help on an individual basis. The staff can only offer this extra opportunity for students therefore if students decide it is more important to go to a training session rather than receive personal assistance, the school cannot force them. All students will be given a copy of the tutorials available and a copy will be sent to all Year 12 parents. Parental support in this area would be much appreciated.

The school is in the process of initiating a new School Plan, 2018 - 2020. We hope to begin a consultation process with both parents and students this term. Due to the nature of our school we will probably use the school website or facebook page as a sounding board for parental involvement. As the school progresses with this we will make our thoughts available on the school website. I will discuss this matter more at the next P&C teleconference on Thursday the 24th of August.

Gary Hunt
Principal



SPORT REPORT

Riverina Athletics

On Friday 28th July, thirty students travelled across to Albury to attend the Riverina Athletics Carnival. It was a successful day with several students qualifying for state:

- George Anthony- 17yrs Boys Javelin
- Tommi Booth- 14yrs Girls Javelin
- Jacob Brouwer- 16yrs Boys Long Jump
- Maddison Dowling- 12yrs Girls Discus
- Casey Morris- 17yrs Girls 100, 200 and 400m.
- Chloe Ward- 17yrs 800m
- YAHS 17yrs Girls Relay Team -
Molly McBride, Casey Morris, Reba Curran
and Emily Parker



Congratulations to all these students.

Kelly Seidel
PDHPE Teacher/Sports Coordinator

Netball @ Y.A.H.S.

Netball training is being offered at school every Wednesday afternoon at 3.45pm. My intention is to build the netball capacity amongst our students and to offer training to those who can't get to their own club trainings throughout the week. Currently our numbers at these trainings have not been enough and I would like to get more participants to start playing games and work on court dynamics. Students don't have to have a background in the sport, they can just come for a run. If you would like further information please contact me through the school.



Kelly Seidel
PDHPE Teacher/Sports Coordinator

YAHS Netball Grand Final

The Yanco Netball Team made it to the Grand Final in B Grade Saturday competition. The girls played some strong netball throughout the year. The Final was played against Leeton High School and Yanco lost 19 to 14 in a very close match. The girls showed great sportsmanship and always held their heads high.

Alison Evans / Coach

STATE Cross Country

Nicklas Manwaring and Angus Gregory competed at State Cross Country in Sydney on Friday 21st July. Both boys put in an amazing effort in the cold windy conditions. Well done to both on your efforts.

KROP 2017

KROP this year in Griffith was held on August 3rd – 4th. The performers involved were Loren Gregory, Thomas Kimpton, Emma Dixon, Kate Cattle and Eila Lelea. We were all extremely excited to perform with our new fluoro look and learn new dance moves. The days had exciting moments as well as emotional ones with it being Loren's last KROP performance as she is in Year 12. We also had a surprise visit from Miss North. We thank Mr Hammond for being amazing and driving the bus for us and Mr Rodrigues for teaching us as well as enjoying the new experiences KROP had to offer.

By Kate Cattle/Year 10 Student

WELL BEING REPORT

The Wellbeing team, consisting of Year Advisers (Mr Cassilles, Ms Weller, Mr Gifford, Mr Dickson, Ms Jolley and Ms Siedel) along with Girls Adviser Ms Troidahl and Ms Henderson have planned a range of learning opportunities to develop students' awareness of the factors that affect their mental health. This term, they will learn that mental health is a state of wellbeing in which the individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community. Or to put it more simply, mental health is our ability to respond to challenges.

Students will participate in activities that centre on the 'protective factors' that support or protect our sense of wellbeing such as healthy relationships, a connection to community, physical exercise, and a positive mindset. They will also reflect on the factors that put our mental health at risk. It is our aim that through these learning activities, students will be better equipped to cope with the day to day challenges they face now and in the future.

All girls from Year 7 to 10 travelled to Narrandera in Week 4 to hear guest speaker Sally Holden deliver an important message about the power of positivity and the importance of self-acceptance. Sally introduced the girls to the practice of guided meditation which served to provide a sense of perspective to the challenges they face in life.



In other news, the school is searching for the right type of companion dog to join the wellbeing team. Research suggests that the benefits of having a companion animal in school settings contributes to students' sense of wellbeing and is actually one of the 'protective factors' that support students' mental health. So if you know of a suitable dog, preferably a Labrador that is over the chewing stage but still young enough to take a run with students to the service gate, please contact Ms Henderson. She would love to welcome another member to the wellbeing team.

*Trish Henderson
Head Teacher/Welfare Girls*

BUSINESS SERVICES REPORT

New Trailers

The school has purchased three new trailers from MIA Trailers in Griffith - two “van” type trailers and one 12 x 6 trailer for transporting the school’s canoes. The new van trailers will replace two single axle trailers that have done hundreds of trips and have now been retired. The van trailers are used extensively to transport the drums, swags, food, suitcases and the many other items that are required when our students are on trips away. The day after we took delivery of the single axle trailer it went on its first “big” trip to Sydney with our Buckley Shield football team and all their gear.



The next job is to have the two van trailers sign written with school’s name and logo.

Bruce Hammond
Business/Services Manager

MY TRIP TO THE USA

On the 5th of July I went to America for the International Finals Youth Rodeo. This event was held in Shawnee, Oklahoma. At the rodeo I had two consecutive rides throughout the week. I could have had 3 rides if I made it to the finals but unfortunately I didn’t ride too well.

The trip started with Dad, Jack Barnes and myself flying into Dallas, Texas. We were tired when we arrived, so found a motel and stayed the night. In the morning I travelled to Oklahoma City and did a bit of shopping before driving to Shawnee where the rodeo was held. The trip from Dallas to Oklahoma then to Shawnee was a little over four and a half hours drive.

The long drive was nothing compared to the fifteen hour plane trip.

After we finished all our rides in the rodeo we slowly travelled back to Dallas, doing bits of shopping here and there on the way back. On the last night we pulled up at the world’s biggest casino. We took the chance to have a look around and decided to stay the night. Early the next morning we drove back to Dallas and boarded our plane home to Sydney on the 17th July. It was a great experience.

Jock Neilsen/ Year 10 Student

CHESS REPORT

The YAHS First Grade Chess Team was victorious against St. Anne's Central School in Temora on Thursday August 10th. The boys were terrific ambassadors for the school and were humble in victory. In chess; win, lose or draw, after the game all of the pieces go in the same box.



Roboslav Giffordovic / Chess Grandmaster

DEBATING

On August 9th the Year 9 and 10 debating team, consisting of Emma Dixon, Audrey James, Tully James and Maeken Danen, travelled to Leeton High School to participate in the Riverina Regional Finals of the Premiers Debating Challenge. The girls participated in workshops on how to improve their skills in debating in the morning before participating in a debate against Koorringal High School on the topic of whether classes should be academically streamed. Unfortunately the team was defeated in an extremely close debate. Congratulations to the girls for making it to the Regional Finals, they should be extremely proud of the effort and skill they displayed on the day.

Hannah Jolley / Teacher

EQUINE REPORT

More Variety in Equine Activities.

Term 3 horse activities have provided opportunities for horses and riders to enjoy a broader variety of experiences.

The Narrandera Pony Club ODE and gymkhana were popular events where our younger band of competitors were among the awards across all riding, jumping and sporting classes.

Yanco team members performed creditably, taking back to school many well deserved ribbons, memories and tired horses. Again these performances demonstrated new skills and understanding of competition following recent experiences learnt at school classes and clinics prepared by Helen Byrnes and Clare Anderson.

On the next weekend our troupe headed for The Rock introductory endurance ride over 25kms, along wet and sometimes puggy stock routes under the watchful eye of YAHS teacher Ms Catherine Gray, mounted on a well-trained ASH mare. Among our troupe were a smattering of Arabs, Thoroughbreds and Stockhorses and the group were able to make comparisons of the abilities and preferences of each of the horses as they rode through the course.

Keen to use the experience and attributes of her Arabian gelding 'Azhley', Emily Peck was to the forefront of the group until the imminent arrival of steady rain encouraged each rider to take the shortest, fastest route home over the last 2kms. Each horse had plenty of energy in reserve and all readily responded to the urging of their riders.

Hannah Dunn was a major beneficiary of the ride as she taught her Thoroughbred 'Matt' that he didn't necessarily have to race any horse within eyesight but could trot and canter on a loose rein. Kiara Henderson certainly got value from her entry fee as 'Banjo' wanted to enjoy as much of the countryside as possible while maintaining contact with the YAHS group.

Ashleigh Turner and 'Princess' worked through the early awkward moments as the extremely competitive 100km riders cantered by. And then Princess accepted that the YAHS troupe was riding under instruction and to take things steadily.



In torrential rain each of the horses were vet-checked as sound at the conclusion of the ride and all four students and Ms Gray received a pair of ear-rings as a memoir of their efforts. Lyndsey Mitchell was helpful all day; assisting strap horses, feed riders along the route and importantly to pack and unpack the truck. Having read extensively about the sport, the riders were able to use the day to learn much more about how the event is conducted.

Of great interest has been the more regular offering of weekend rides around the farm, through forests and along stock routes in close proximity to the school. Both Ms Henderson and Ms Gray have been generous with their time in preparing the required red-tape and instrumental in providing the necessary levels of supervision. Underpinning these activities the school maintenance and farm staff are ensuring that infrastructure repairs and feed supplies are well in hand for us to care for the horses and riders at Yanco. For example;

- A more reliable and more easily managed overhead watering system has been installed in the Stud Stock Arena and appears to be handling the task well.
- Parts of the water distribution system have been repaired and upgraded.
- Pieces of potentially dangerous redundant steel have been removed from the stables.
- The feed room floor is being assessed for safety.

In essence the Equine group appear to have enjoyed their term of after-school activities and much has been accomplished.

Bob Boatwright/Equine Manager

Year 12 Graduation - September 21st. Leeton Soldiers Club. 6:00PM for a 6:30 PM start.
RSVP Date September 1st

Please note that the RSVP date for all tickets to be purchased is Friday 1st September.

Please contact the registrar's office to make payment. The ticketing process is a first in best dressed system and you can purchase as many tickets as you would like.

HSC Examination commence Monday October 16th 2017