

As you sow, so shall you reap

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22 End of Term 3 Buses Depart

October 9 Day I Term 4

October 9 - 20 Yr 11 Work Placement Week

October 13 - 15 Leeton Show

October 20-22 Cootamundra Show

Cattle/Sheep October 30

Years 8/10 Exam Week

Nov 3 –5 Albury Show Cattle/Equine

November 6 Years 7/9 Exam Week

Nov 16 DESI Travel Day

Nov 20 DESI Return travel day

Nov 20 - 24 Yr 10 Work Experience

Yanco Agricultural High School

News letter

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2017 RAM SALE



Year 10 Animal Management Class helped conduct the second annual Yanco White Suffolk Ram Sale. Well done Year 10 students



Drum Corps attend the Condobolin Tattoo

TERM 4 2017

DAY ONE TERM 4: October 9th

YEAR 11 WORK PLACEMENTS: October 9th – 20th

LEETON SHOW: October 13th – 15th

COOTAMUNDRA SHOW: Cattle/Sheep, October $20^{th} - 22^{nd}$

YEARS 8/10 EXAM WEEK: October 30th YEARS 7/9 EXAM WEEK: November 6th

ALBURY SHOW: Cattle/Equine, November 3rd – 5th

DESI WEEKEND: November $16^{th} - 20^{th}$

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



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.

P & C EXECUTIVES

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Term 4 2017

Students return to school: Sunday, 8th Oct

Day 1 Term 4: Monday, 9th Oct

Designated Leave Weekend:

Students travel home Thursday 16th November Students return Monday 20th November

Last Day Term 4:

Students travel home Thursday 14th December (After Speech Day).

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

2018 DATE CLAIMERS

OPEN DAY: February 26th

BEACH CARNIVAL: March 16th

GALA DAY: March 17th



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The schools second annual RAM sale took place last week and was again a resounding success for the Agricultural Department and the school. Once again there was a 100% sale rate with the highest sale price of \$1800. This was an increase over last year as well as the average price going up to \$960. The sale was basically run with the able help of the Year 10 Agriculture Animal Management students who did a fantastic job on the day. Mrs Quinn needs to be acknowledged for her organisation of the day as does Mrs Wrightson and the Hospitality students for the luncheon. Thanks also to Elders who once again helped with the auctioning on the day.

As part of the changeover next term to the new financial system the school or rather Westpac will be installing an ATM on site. This machine will be like any normal ATM charge you for withdrawal of money if you do not have an account with that particular bank. If students have access to a Westpac or St George account there would be no fees attached for withdrawal of money.

I have mentioned briefly that the school is in the process of developing the next School Plan for 2018 – 2020. All parents and carers will shortly be sent an email with a link to complete a short ten question survey to help the school formulate its strategic directions for the next 3 years. This survey is anonymous and all feedback is welcomed, please take the time to send a response. The survey will also be put up on the school's website.

Year 12 students are in the final days of their thirteen years of schooling and we wish them all the best for their forthcoming examinations next term. To help with study the school has signed up for a trial online tutoring program called HSC Hub from an organisation called ATOMI. All students in Year 11 and 12 have access rights to revise any subjects that they have for their examinations. I advise all students to take advantage of this while they can over the school break and until the end of their examinations. If this trial proves successful the school will look at investing in the program next year for all Year 11 and 12 students. Best wishes to all Year 12 students for their coming Higher School Certificate Examinations.

Gary Hunt Principal

FINANCE UPDATE

All Fees should now be paid in full. Any outstanding balances will be considered arrears and collection process will commence.

Please ensure no future payments are deposited direct to our Bank Account as this account will be closed. (Any direct payments from any Government Institution will automatically transfer). We will have a transition period between 9th October and 26th October where we will be unable to accept any payments to any arrears or excursions.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

FAREWELL YEAR 12

As we go to print the 2017 Year 12 students are preparing for their Graduation. Girls are looking gorgeous and boys are looking handsome. They all return in Term 4 to sit their HSC exams which commence the week beginning October 16th. We would like to wish all Year 12 Students the very best in the coming HSC Examinations. Our thoughts, prayers and well wishes will be with every single one of them (and their parents).

Good Luck Year 12 from Yanco Administration Staff

FAREWELL BRUCE HAMMOND

This newsletter we say a fond farewell to Mr Bruce Hammond, Business Manager for 19 years. Mr Hammond was also very involved in the P&C Association and always on hand to help out with Drum Corps excursions and Field Days. Bruce retired on September 8th and was sent on his way with wonderful morning tea and well wishes.

Mr Hammond has contributed to Yanco in so many ways, any question on the history of the school was always directed to him and if he didn't know the answer he had the means to find out. He also initiated Grandparents Day which has been a huge success with many grandparents writing in especially to thank him for organising the event.

We wish you a happy retirement Mr Hammond.

WILD WACKY WONDERFUL WOMEN

On Friday September 8th, forty five Wild Wacky Wonderful Women attended an inspiring workshop at McCaughev House. The facilitators, Sandra Martin and Natalie Shepard, donated their services as a result of the YAHS P & C entering a competition.

Over \$1600 was raised on the day, which was



due to the extraordinary amount of work and effort put into the day by Bronwyn Thomas, our 2018 Gala Day Coordinator. These funds generated now means the P&C is well on the way to purchasing a coffee machine.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their contribution to the success of the day with raffle & lucky door prizes:

Olli & Mac – Leeton, Wades Pharmacy – Leeton, Amcal Pharmacy – Leeton, Leeton Trophy Centre, Fisher & Farmer – Ganmain, Lanhams Jewellers – Leeton, Helena Beauty - Wagga Wagga, Modern Vintage Decor – Leeton, Antoinettes Showcase Jewellers – Leeton

We would also like to thank the YAHS kitchen and catering staff who provided a delicious morning tea and lunch. The soup was luscious and had the women going back for seconds.

Thank you to all who attended and supported our P & C fundraiser. Jen Hatty / Vice President YAHS P&C Association

POPPY PROGRESS REPORT

School Poppy Project update. Our school community has taken up the challenge of making red and purple poppies for a large wreath for the Centenary of Beer Sheba ceremony that will be held on Tuesday 31st October 2017 in Leeton. The charge of the 4th Australian Light Horse at Beer Sheba late in the afternoon of October 31st 1917 is remembered as the last great cavalry charge.

The school house families have taken up the challenge and the poppy tally is currently:

BREAKWELL 133 poppies

GARDINER 108 poppies

MCCAUGHEY 206 poppies

MUTCH 133 poppies

This is being updated as we go to print!!!!





Total to date: 580 beautiful poppies



There is still plenty of time to contribute to this project; last poppies need to be in by 23rd October 2017. The challenge is to produce as many poppy as possible, any extras will have a role on Remembrance Day. So take up the challenge, poppies are not difficult to make, just one warning: Once you start you won't stop at one.

Poppy patterns again

HOW TO CROCHET A PURPLE POPPY

Abbreviations

ch - chain sl st - slip stitch

 \mathbf{sc} – single crochet \mathbf{dc} – double crochet \mathbf{tr} - treble

In Black:

Ch 4, sl st into 1st ch to form loop, ch 2, 11 dc into loop, sl st into 2nd ch, fasten off, change to red or purple.

In Purple

Attach anywhere in the circle,

ch 2, dc into same, (2 dc into next) repeat to end, sl st into 2^{nd} ch.

ch 2, 2 dc into same (3dc into next) repeat to end, sl st into 2^{nd} ch.

Ch 2, dc into same (2dc into next) repeat to end, sl st into 2nd ch, fasten off and weave into ends.



EVEN EASIER GARTER STITCH POPPY

This very simple pattern gives a lovely fluted edge poppy which is firm and not too large.

You will need:

3.75 or 4 size needles,

Quantity of red or purple yarn. (8 ply works well). Black button for centre

Body of poppy

Cast on 70 Stitches.

Knit 8 rows garter stitch

Row 9 -11 knit 2 together across row

Finishing

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches. Sew edges together to form a round. Sew button to centre or if you want to be creative go right ahead.



DEBATING

On Thursday August 24th five students travelled to Leeton High School to participate in a "super debating day" for Years 7 and 8 against Leeton High School and Coolamon Central School as part of the Premier's Debating Challenge for 2017.

The five students were Kai Hammond, Dan James,
Alex Reschke, Victoria Oakes and Jason Kearines.
Unfortunately, the students lost both debates against tough opponents. The five students were commended on their abilities, how they worked well together as a team and their sportsmanship towards the other teams. It was a valuable dearning experience for the years and better towards.



towards the other teams. It was a valuable learning experience for the young debaters who represented Yanco Agricultural High School with pride. Well done to the students involved.

NEW EQUIPMENT

The school has purchased a new chemical storage container for the farm. The new chemical store will allow safer containment of the many chemicals used on the farm. Custom made shelving and a new concrete slab for washing down equipment and an additional splash wash will be added in the new future.





BUDDING YOUNG FILM PRODUCERS

Congratulations to Year 8 Student Vincent Edwards on his Yooftube film. He and his friend Thomas took out the best overall achievement award and cash prize with their film.



GROUP 20 RUGBY LEAGUE PRESENTATION 2017

Yanco Wamoon Players
Will Matheson
Highest Try Scorer for the 16's – Group 20

Will Barnes

Highest Try Scorer for the 18s – Group 20 3rd Runner-up Player of the Year 18s – Group 20

Well done boys.



THE CHARITY RAM

Last year the proceeds from the sale of the Charity Ram were given to Careflight, the Year 12's charity. This year the proceeds from the sale of the Charity Ram at the 2017 YAHS White Suffolk Ram Sale will be donated to the Black Dog Institute. The Black Dog Institute raises funds for research into mental illness and depression and some of the activities that raise funds are bike rides over long distances. In 2013, the ride was from Perth to Sydney and in 2015 it was from Adelaide to Darwin. In 2017 the ride will start in Perth and end in Broome. Each ride takes 7 days, and Andrew Hammond (YAHS 1991-1996) will be taking on his third ride in memory of 3 of his school mates who have lost their lives - 2 to suicide. For the 2013 and 2015 rides, the students and staff raised funds for



the Black Dog Institute and in 2017 the funds from the sale of the Charity Ram will be donated to the fight against the Black Dog.

Ellie Quinn | Sheep Coordinator

LAKE CARGELLIGO SHOW

On the second of September, Lachlan West, Lachlan Carney, Damian Cain, Ruben Hudson and Samuel Thomas along with Mr Collins travelled to Lake Cargelligo in the old cattle truck with four heifers and five steers. We were joined by Brett Johnson and Toby Bowron once we were there. First, we had a talk about how to junior judge cattle by esteemed cattleman Phil Hague. He



second. In the junior Judging Brett Johnson won the novice section and Lachlan Carney was selected to give an oral presentation stating his reason for placing the cattle in the particular order that he had chosen. Over all it was a great cattle show, which is organised by Kerry Johnston and her family and all animals and students returned to school safely. A special mention goes to Ruben Hudson who attended his

highlighted the components of an animal that were important traits to look for when visually assessing cattle. This was then followed by a novice parader's competition, with Brett Johnson winning and Toby Bowron coming second. After that, we had the intermediate paraders with Lachlan West winning and Connor Whitehurst placing



first cattle show ever and learnt a great deal from the outing.

By Lachlan West

VET IN SCHOOLS STUDENT OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Late last term, Simon Miller was selected and nominated to represent Yanco Agricultural High School in the NSW State Training Awards in the VET in Schools Student category. Simon had to submit a nomination form and was successful in obtaining a regional interview where he showcased to a panel the skills that he possesses and has acquired through undertaking his Certificate II in Agriculture course during his senior studies. Simon was selected as one of three finalists in the category and attended a formal presentation dinner in Wagga Wagga.

Although unsuccessful in winning the title, Simon should be extremely proud of his efforts and achievements in this course. Given this is a national competition, it is worth noting that Simon had to complete a nomination form which included a section about his passion and enthusiasm for the VET pathway chosen.

Simon stated "Staying up to date with the latest trends in agriculture is imperative to ensure success within this sector. I believe I have an understanding of some of the main issues that affect agriculture within my region and am developing my skills as a future participant in this industry to combat them. Work Health and Safety, Animal Welfare and Traceability, Sustainable use of soil and

water, and Climate Change are all areas that concern producers in the Riverina region. By applying knowledge learnt as a part of my studies, work placement and employment opportunities I feel that I will be able to farm in a way that ensures compliance, improved efficiencies and environmental sustainability.

Following my work placements at Terra Ag Services and Grainlink NSW I was offered job opportunities from both employers. I chose to extend my work placement with Terra Ag in the Christmas holidays as I had a keen interest in the service that they offered to their clients, and I wish to pursue a career in Agronomy upon completion of my Certificate II in Agriculture course. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with both employers, and I cannot recommend utilising this time to network and scope out potential careers to my peers enough. Following this I received positive feedback from my employer, which gives further confidence to pursue a career in the Ag sector. I see the Certificate II in Agriculture as a stepping stone, which I hope to build on in my



future. Farming is a difficult way to make a living, but it is so much more.

I am passionate about sustainable forms of agriculture, and the huge agronomic advantages this nature of farming provides. I like zero till systems which help to regain organic matter, which increases the biomass in the soil, and its capacity to store moisture which has been the most limiting factor over the past 10 years. I believe by studying a nationally recognised qualification it will give me the edge when applying for work and it will demonstrate to prospective employers that I am a keen and capable learner. Additionally, I will have a head start with formalised training and qualifications and will be testament that I can finish something I have started".

Simon not only represented himself, and YAHS, but also Public Schools NSW Wagga Wagga who sponsored him throughout his journey. Congratulations Simon.

HARDEN HANDLERS CAMP

On Friday the 25th and over that weekend the cattle team took a small group of students to Harden to attend the Harden Handlers Camp. This camp is designed for participants of all ages to develop their skills in the beef industry especially in preparing and showing cattle.

On Friday students learnt the art of the importance of setting your beds up and settling animals in at the show. Participants got the opportunity to wash their animals, learning the best technique before having some team games to meet everyone.



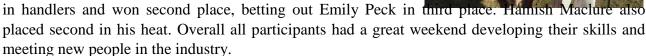
Saturday saw the participant become real hands on learning the art of parading both with and without their animals. The all-important halter change was addressed giving participants a keen learning curve. They also had the opportunity to learn about animal health, clipping an animal and what to look for before heading into some Junior Judging events. Participants here assessed steers and heifers as well as answering questions to ensuring that they were truly engaging in what to look for with the different animals.



Participant's skills of preparing and showing their animals came to the forefront on Sunday when they entered the handlers competition. Exhibiting their animals the overjudge was looking for the participant to have had good control of their animal, presented it to the judge and showed real awareness of their animal and what was happening in the ring. Yanco participants performed really well with the following results.

Michael Colley, Year 7, won his heat in the novice section, with Brett Johnston and Toby Bowron placing second in each of theirs

respectively. Michael went on to win Reserve Champion Novice parader. In the intermediate experience section, Agriculture Teacher Mr McVittie competed for the first time



Kim Weller | Cattle Showstock Coordinator | Teacher







INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY- TIMBER PRODUCTS AND FURNITURE TECHNOLOGIES

YEAR 12 MAJOR PROJECTS

From the beginning of Term 3, 2016, a total of eight Year 12 students have undertaken their Major Projects for their HSC course. Each student is responsible for the design and construction of his or her project. Every student undertakes research in designs, materials, construction techniques, and

finishes. They then use a combination of drafting techniques and prototypes before establishing a final design. Students document the progress and development of their project through the means of a design portfolio. This year included a range of projects, each with their own unique design. The major project and design portfolio make up for 60% of the students final mark for their HSC course. The remaining 40% is assessed by the end of course examination.

All students in this class should be commended on their efforts this year and I wish them the very best of luck in their final examination.



Chris Worland / Industrial Arts















DUBBO SCHOOLS' WETHER CHALLENGE

Year 9 Animal Management students travelled to Dubbo for the Schools' Wether Challenge. All students were required to present their animals to the judges for wool and meat valuing.

The Highest ribbons received were to Yanco Ag Group 4 who were awarded the Highest Wool Value Champions and Yanco Ag Group 5 awarded Highest Wool Value Reserve Champions.

Yanco Ag Group 5 was awarded 3rd place overall when the wool and meat scores were combined together.



Other ribbons awarded to the school included:

Group 4 Kathleen Taylor, Thomas Lette and Elizabeth Tracey were awarded 2nd place in

class two for team of three wethers.

Group 5 Maeken Danen, Ryan Maynard and Molly McBride were awarded 5th place in class

two for a team of three wethers.

Group 1 Edward Weaver, Emily Peck and Lachlan West and were awarded a Highly

Commended for a team of three wethers

Group 2 Harry Morris, Kane Daunt and Lachlan Hamilton and were awarded a Highly

Commended for a team of three wethers.

The Wethers Handled by Lachlan Scott and Brianna Shipton were selected to the second round of

class two. Lachlan was awarded 2nd place for his wether.

All the students thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Schools Wether Challenge and learnt a lot more about the Merino breed and sheep judging outside of the classroom.

Stuart McVittie | Agricultural Teacher

GRANDPARENTS/SIGNIFICANT OTHERS DAY

On Monday 4th September, YAHS Year 7 students welcomed more than one hundred very special visitors to the school. The Year 7's students had sent hand written invitations to their grandparents and/or other significant people (in their lives) to join them for a day at the school. This exercise required the students to think carefully about who they would invite, find the postal address and to learn how to address envelopes.

The day started with very excited students organising name tags for their visitors and then accompanying their guests to the dining room for an official welcome. Year 7 students Sophie Dunn (Welcome to Country), Tylar Rumble and Connor Humphries officially welcomed everyone. All Year 7 students had been asked to prepare a welcoming speech and Tylar and Connor's names were drawn from a box and they did very well.

The Principal, Mr Hunt, and the School Captains also welcomed everyone and Mrs Carn gave a brief overview of the role of the Year Advisor.

This was followed by bus tours of the farm and walking tours of the school and dormitories. Everyone gathered for lunch in the dining room and a special "happy birthday" to Caitlin Kinsela (one of the year 7 girls) who was celebrating her 13th birthday.

At 2pm the Year 7' students presented some musical and dance items in the Hall. The three Year 7 classes had been practising some special items using a variety of musical instruments. Victoria Oakes played a guitar solo and Caitlin Kinsela, Maci Wilkinson, Sophie Dunn and Madelaine Woods performed a self-choreographed dance routine. The last item was the Senior Drum Corps who presented one of their signature pieces.

At the conclusion of the concert everyone gathered for a "whole group" photo in front of the McCaughey Mansion. Many thanks to staff and students who helped make the day a success. Overall an excellent day for our school community and especially the Year 7's and their special guests.

Bruce Hammond/Business Service

FEED BACK FROM GRANDPARENTS DAY

"Good morning

I would appreciate you passing this email to the gentleman who was the instigator of Grandparents Day at Yanco

My husband Kevin and I had the pleasure of spending today visiting the School and of spending the day with our grandson Connor (Humphries). Connor had a couple of tough terms dealing with homesickness and it is wonderful to see that he has now settled and is enjoying his time at Yanco.

Thank you for including the day into the calendar for Yanco Ag as we all miss our grandchildren and to see them happy in their school environment is reassuring. Connor is naturally shy and for him to stand in front of the gathering of people today and give his welcome speak - albeit very short - was huge for him. While the names were being pulled from the hat he was telling me that if his name was called he would "die". He of course didn't and it showed him that he was capable of so much more.

We wish you well and we hope that you enjoy your retirement as much as we do ours. I imagine that you will miss Yanco and I know that Connor for one will be sorry to see you go.

Regards

Kevin and Colleen Flynn"



TERM 2 COMMENDATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR 12

Olivia Carbone; Mitchel Cattle; Jessie Cutcliffe; Benjamin Davis; Kylie Fairfull; Gemma Fisher; Loren Gregory; Mia Groves; Charles Hogan; Jacob Holgate; Maddison Horrobin; Abbie Hurst; James Kearines; Hannah Kolve; Kathy Mara; Jaimee McQuellin; James Morrow; Renae Nash; Reba Nicholson; Emily Parker; Zoe Potter; Connor Ricciarelli; Isabelle Steiner; Kelsie-Rose Thatcher; Kyla Walmsley; Chloe Ward; Alexandra West; Erin Whitfield; Matthew Young.

YEAR 11

George Anthony; Alyssia Berkefeld; Jarod Brain; Ella Brooking; Lindsay Brown; Kristy Byrne; Lachlan Carney; Hayley Dowling; Jackson Doyle; Max Gay; Max Hatty; Kiara Henderson; Georgina Hughes; Lucy Hunter; Joel Jenkins; Bryce Johnston; Thomas Kimpton; Lachlan MacMaster; Lyndsey Mitchell; Casey Morris; Chloe Nielsen; Sunny Oxley; Amy Pellow; Jayden Pippin; Keely Ryan; Chelsea Stephens; Zoe Thomas; Jasmine Whitehurst; Cabrini Worley.

YEAR 10

Jessie Armstrong; Natalie Byrnes; Damian Cain; Kate Cattle; Lachlan Daniel; Emma Dixon; Jack Dickson; Betty Dolan; Kaitlyn Dykes; Ryan Findlay; Joshua Forbes; Justine Gribble; Ella Gruessing; Angus Henderson; Sean Holgate; Michael Holz; Lachlan Hughes; Charlie Hurst; Audrey James; Brook-Lyn Johnston; Patrick Kelly; Lily Laws; Emma-Kate Nicholson; Georgina Russ; Sophie Ryan; Bianca Smith; Oliver Stubberfield; Montanna Wilkinson.

YEAR 9

Kelsey Bandy; Nicholas Bennett; Rhiannon Bolam; Elliane Boulton; Erin Brown; William Carey; Reba Curran; Maeken Danen; Hannah Dunn; Ella Bent; Joshua Elworthy; Dimity Evans; Georgia Greig; Stanley Herrmann; Paul Hudson; Tully James; Jessica Kibble; Elia Lelea; Lani Mara; Jack Marcus; Ryan Maynard; Harry Morris; Emily Peck; Ned Routley; Brodie Semmler; Brianna Shipton; Elizabeth Tracey; Daniel Trembath; William White; Jock Yelland.

YEAR 8

Aiden Bensch; Isabella Bergmann; Abigail Carey; William Dixon; Vincent Edwards; Lauren Fitzgerald; George Hatty; John Holz; Stevie Hurst; Rohan Lacey; Kodi Longford; Lucy MacMaster; Sarah Manwaring; Grace McBride; Daniel Morris; Liam Owers; William Price; Tahnee Purdie; Archie Ray; Aaron Read; Ryan Thomas; Jesse Weekes.

YEAR 7

Lucy Bramley; Mackenzie Brouwer; Paige Brown; James Caldow; Brigid Dunn; Sofie Dunn; Jacob Gore; Claire Gribble; Sarah Gribble; Kai Hammond; Frederick Herrmann; Abby Horneman; Dan James; Stewart Jarvis; Caitlin Kinsela; Amber Langlands; Hamish Maclure; Nicklas Manwaring; Starr McKenzie; Marlee McPhellamy; Mia Muldoon; Alex Reschke; Tylar Rumble; Edward Stevenson; Logan Wright.