



*As you sow, so  
shall you reap*

# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March/April, 2019 Term 1, Week 11

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 28th

Students travel back to school

### April 29th

Classes commence

### April 30th

School ANZAC Ceremony  
School Photo Day

### May 3rd - 5th

Pooncarie Field Day

### May 10th

Athletics Carnival.

### May 14th, 15th, 16th

NAPLAN

### May 17th - 18th

Dubbo Schools Expo

### May 21st

SW Zone Cross Country

### May 23rd - 26th

Dubbo Show - Sheep

### May 27th - June 7th

Year 11 VET  
Work Placements

### May 30th - June 5th

Coonabarabran - Equine

### June 7th

DESI Travel Day home



**CONGRATULATIONS MUTCH**  
Overall House Points and March Pass winners



## **ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION**

**If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please call and/or email the front office with this information.**

**[yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au)**

All absentee information is to be communicated through the front office administration on (02) 6951 1500 or [yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au) in order for your child's absence to be recorded correctly.

Weekend leave is to be in and signed by Wednesday each week. Duty staff are better able to check student numbers when these simple rules are followed.

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 without explanation.**

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 Leave**. This cannot legally be changed should a note be received after **seven** days. Absences both justified and unjustified are recorded on school reports.

## **NOTICE TO PARENTS UPDATING DETAILS**

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. Parents can also reach agreement about issues such as contact in a parenting plan.

If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders or plan that could impact on your child's education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education.

This means the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately in writing and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained. These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children's learning and support and related issues.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to the P&C for their running of Gala day and the upgraded barbecues, new marquee and improved front area. The P&C will put out the final run down of the day.

Work continues around the school which at the moment does seem to be never ending. Many of this work, however are long overdue, I thank you for your patience in dealing with the ongoing moves and access issues. The tiling around McCaughey should be completed by the middle of the year. Mutch and Breakwell are in the process of being upgraded with new carpet, paint, blinds and furnishings. This work will hopefully be completed by mid year and all students will be back in their proper dormitories. The next big plan will be a commitment by the department to complete the school with the building of a new girls dormitory rather than the current 25 plus year old, second hand village buildings.

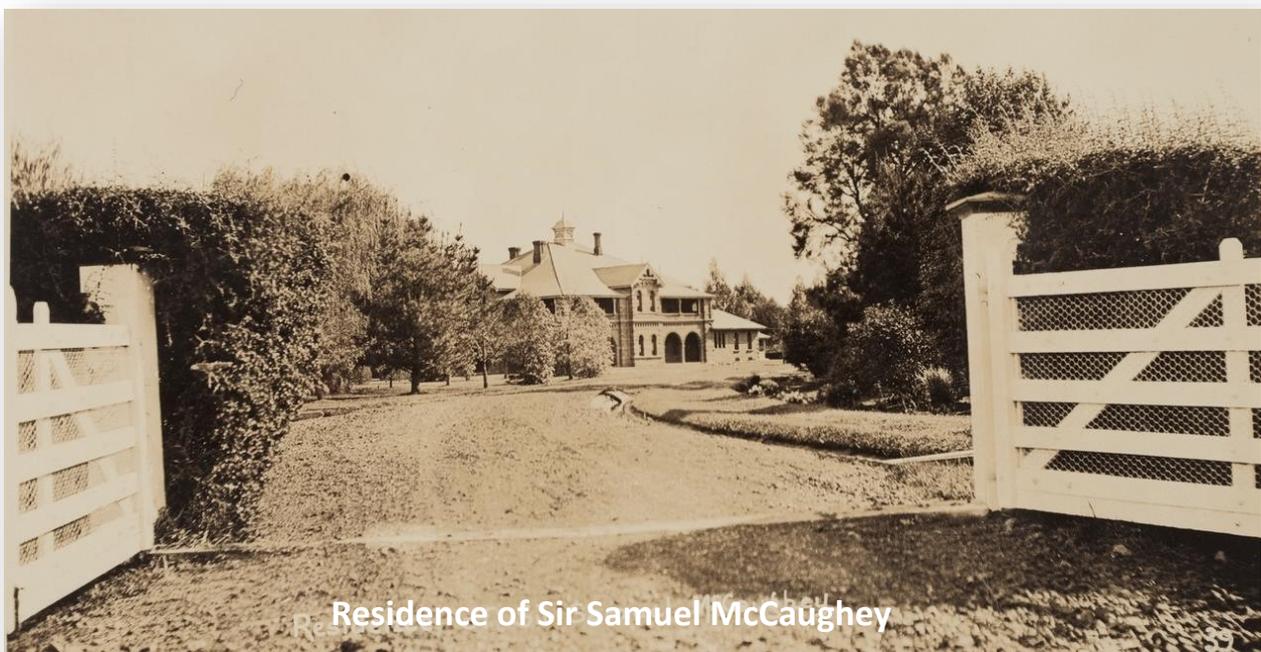
Other planned work for the year include, the finishing of the exclusion fencing, installation of solar powered bore pumps, new roads due to damage caused by trucks during current works, replacement of furniture in dormitories and improving water access to all areas of the schools property.

This has been an extremely unsettled term and I wish to acknowledge that many families are undergoing difficult times. These circumstances do affect your children naturally and the school has offered extra counselling services and support where we can. The school only has a school counsellor appointed 2 days a week which we consider woefully inadequate and I am working with the Principals of both Hurlstone and Farrer to try to get this changed. Any support you could offer in this regard would be appreciated. The school has granted leave to several students who have been caught up in recent circumstances or have had deaths in their families. Any concerns for your child at the school will be addressed as soon as the school is made aware.

I wish everyone a safe and well-earned rest from the term.

Sincerest regards

Gary Hunt



Residence of Sir Samuel McCaughey

## TERM 2, 2019

Sunday April 28th : Buses return  
Monday April 29th: Classes commence  
Tuesday April 30th: School ANZAC Day Ceremony  
School Photo Day

*Full school uniform required*

*Have a safe and happy holiday*



## ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Tuesday April 30th

Full school uniform



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday April 30th

Full school uniform



## CHANGE OF DETAILS

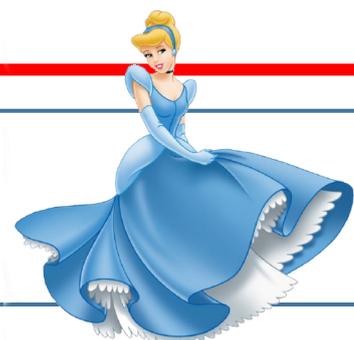
If your **contact details have changed** please contact the Front Office, by email, with your new details.



If you have not returned your **2019 Annual Forms** for your child please return as soon as possible. This paperwork is vital for keeping your child's details updated for excursions and sporting events as well as medical conditions and emergency contact details. If you did not receive them at the end of last year please contact the front office and we will send you a set. Thank you for your attention to this.

## 2019 McCaughey Ball

Sat June 15th, M.I.A. Club, Leeton



## BEACH CARNIVAL PHOTOS



MCCAUGHEY - 2ND PLACE



BREAKWELL - 3RD PLACE



GARDINER - 4TH PLACE



## SPORT REPORT

### RIVERINA SWIMMING

Congratulations to Liam Toole and Michael Maher, both in Year 7, for qualifying for State in swimming. Liam's event is 100m Backstroke and Michael's is 100m Breaststroke. Well done boys.

Also congratulations to our senior boys medley relay team and senior boys freestyle relay team. Both gaining second place at Riverina Swimming on Monday and qualifying for NSW CHS State Championships. Congratulations again to the boys and all of our other competitors.



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### BASKETBALL

On Wednesday March 13th, eleven students travelled to Leeton to participate in the Open Boys Basketball Gala Day. The boys were up against some tough competition and unfortunately lost their first two matches against Leeton High School and marginally to Narrandera High School. The last game was against RAP and the boys came away with the victory in a nail-biting finish.

A wonderful day out with a great bunch of students who represented YAHS with pride and showed outstanding sportsmanship the entire day.

MVP of the day was Darcy Barr - a huge effort from our big man under the ring scoring 26 points for the day, followed closely by Joshua Elworthy on 25 points. All boys played extremely well, gave their best at all times and had plenty of fun.

*Lauren Valenta / Coach.*



## CRICKET FINAL

Congratulations to our cricket team on winning the finals on Friday night 15th March. They chased down 144 runs in 28 overs to become C Grade Champions. Zac Manwaring was voted 'Man of the Match' with 2 wickets and 66 runs not out, hitting the winning runs. Well done boys.

*Jason Sachs | Head Teacher Welfare*



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## OPEN GIRLS CRICKET

The Open Girls Cricket team went to Narrandera on Friday 15th March to play in the first round of the Marie Cornish Cup. The girls' first game was against Murrumbidgee Regional High School. Captain Alice Caldwell won the toss and sent the opposition in to bat. After a few run outs and Alice Caldwell taking three wickets and Breanna Twigg taking two wickets, Murrumbidgee batted out their twenty over for a total of 78 runs. In reply YAHS lost opener Kara Yelland early, however first drop batswoman Zoe Matthews came in to save the innings. She smashed forty six runs which included three 6s and four 4s. YAHS chased down the total in nine overs.

This then meant that the girls were to face Narrandera High School in the final game of the day to be able to go in to the next round of the competition. Again YAHS won the toss and elected to bowl. The effort from the girls was much more accurate than the previous game as they had a better understanding of the rules and the way the game flowed. Breanna Twigg was the star bowler of the game taking five wickets for the match. She was on a hat trick at one stage, but narrowly missed it



by going for a run and then taking the wicket on the very next ball. Narrandera High were all out for forty six runs. Despite losing a few wickets, the girls shared the runs around and YAHS again managed to chase down the runs with ten overs to spare.

Thank you to Mr Wilkinson, who came to watch the game, and also became the YAHS official scorer.

*Stuart McVittie | Cricket Coach*

## BUCHAN SHIELD

The Buchan Shield rugby union team took on Murrumbidgee High School on Monday, April 1st, in Round 1 of the CHS Knockout. Although size was not in our favour the boys displayed aspects of control and composure as well as exhibiting some quality teamwork throughout the game. The boys were narrowly defeated, however they should all be congratulated on the effort, consistency and school pride.

*Tara Arnall | Head Teacher welfare*



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## YEAR 7 SPORT

Year 7 are fishing for sport this semester. Two weeks in we have seen several fish being caught. We have a running tally and a prize will be awarded for the most fish caught. So far the results are as follows:

Harry Edwards 1  
Darby Amor 1  
Libby Saunders 1  
Miss Gray 1



## RIVERINA HOCKEY TRIALS

Kara Yelland, Year 10, attended the Riverina Hockey trials in Albury on Thursday April 4th. She had a great day and was successful in making the CHS Opens Riverina Hockey Team for 2019. Congratulations Kara.



## **OPEN BOYS SOCCER**

Yanco took on Narrandera last week in the Open Boys Soccer. The boys put in a great effort narrowly going down in the last thirty seconds 2-1. The boys dominated the eighty minutes of football with endless shots on goal. Credit to the Narrandera goal keeper who did a great job stopping our goals. A great shot by Joshua Elworthy was the only one to find the back of the net. It was a great effort by all boys with 'man of the match' going to Nicholas Bennett.

*Catherine Gray | Teacher*



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## **OPEN GIRLS FOOTBALL**

The Open Girls Football team took on Murrumbidgee High School on Tuesday in Round 2 of the Riverina Knockout competition and came away with a very courageous win in extra time, through goals from Audrey James and Breanna Twigg. Player of the Match went to goal keeper Kara Yelland, for making some amazing saves and for her tireless leadership from the back. Congratulations girls, not only for the win, but for playing with heart!

*Sally Cassilles | Head Teacher Mathematics*



## OPEN GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

On Monday April 1st, the Opens League Tag team took part in the South West Open Girls League Tag Championships in Leeton. In their pool games they had a win over Leeton High and West Wyalong before going down to Murrumbidgee Regional High School. This placed them second in their pool so they played off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place against Hay Memorial High School when they narrowly went down by a conversion. The girls have trained hard and this was evident on the day with some awesome tries scored and solid defence. Their positive attitude is to be commended and it was great to see the group being so supportive and encouraging to one another throughout the whole day. Congratulations girls!



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

During winter last year, students from Yanco Agricultural High School began raising funds to support drought relief charities across the state. Students, kindly assisted by the Booth family who volunteered their time and equipment, chopped and split several tonne of redwood for firewood. This was sold and raffled off to the local community with a great return. One trailer-load of firewood, valued at \$200, was donated to the Yanco Lions Club who then channeled the funds into the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners, who were delivering feed and domestic supplies to Central Queensland at the time. Another load was donated to the Barellan Country Women's Association who used it as a raffle prize, which raised \$268.70 for those suffering the effects of the drought in the Barellan area. Mrs Quinn and the Ag Faculty kindly donated one ram from the school's annual Ram Sale. This ram raised \$700 towards the SRC's total of \$2,747, including the funds donated to the Lions Club, and the CWA. On the 11th of March 2019, the remaining \$2,277.10 was donated to Buy a Bale concluding the work of the 2018 Student Representative Council. Now the task falls to the SRC of 2019 to carry on supporting those are who suffering in these difficult times of Drought.



**Jack Dickson | SRC Chairman**

## ENGLISH REPORT

### JOHN O'BRIEN BUSH FESTIVAL WRITING COMPETITION

All students from Year 7 entered the John O'Brien Bush Festival writing competition. They crafted a narrative of less than 1000 words which had to have a focus on the bush. The students enjoyed spending time in class writing these stories and learning the various aspects of narrative writing. Three students received awards in the Lower Secondary Short Story category:

Connie Weekes	First Prize
Penny Ray	Second Prize
Annabelle Smith	Highly Commended

Congratulations to everyone who participated.

*Rebecca Ormond | Head Teacher English*



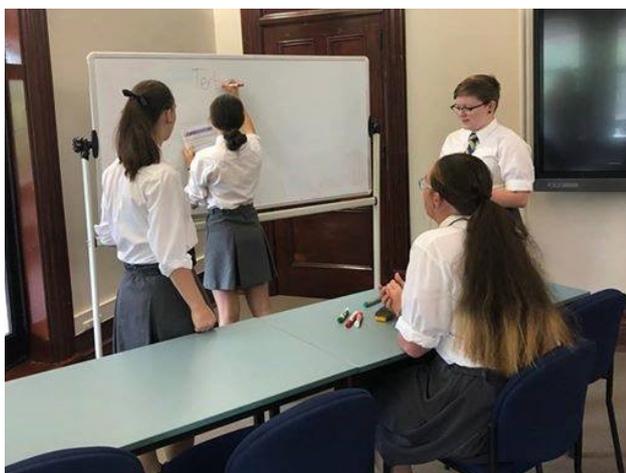
## DEBATING

### SENIOR DEBATING

On Friday, 29th March, four of our Year 11 students participated in the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 11&12.

The four students; Ella Davis, Joanne Hartwell, Tully James and Erin Brown were victorious in the debate against Murrumburrah High School. A huge congratulations to this team and we look forward to round two!

*Lauren Valenta / Debating Coach.*



## CAREERS REPORT



### **BIG DAY IN - CAREERS DAY AT CSU WAGGA WAGGA**

On Wednesday March 13th, seventeen Year 9 and 10 students attended a IT Careers Conference held at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. The students heard from industry leaders and pioneers in technology and engineering. Presenters included Adobe, Defence Force Engineers, Westpac, Wisetech Global, PWC, BuzzyTV, 26fifty and more. One of our students was even fortunate enough to win a \$900 Adobe creative cloud subscription.

The students left the day with a better understanding of IT and what opportunities and options they have available to them when they leave school. With technology playing a major role in most careers and industries we need to make sure our students are aware of the impact Technology can have on their future pathways.

### **CSU VISIT**

On Monday April 18th the Charles Sturt University future student adviser and two current university students presented to Year 12. They covered a number of things such as scholarships, accommodation, entry pathways, open days and much more. With only two and a half terms left it is time for Year 12 to start planning their transition from school to work. There is an open day (explore day)



in the first week of the holidays for those students interested in Vet or Animal Science. It is highly recommended for those interested in either course to attend one of those days. You can find out more at <https://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/social/events/explore-day>

*Nathan Cassilles | Careers Adviser*

## NEW STAFF



### ANDREW GANDERTON

Hello to the community of YAHS. My name is Andrew Ganderton and here, at YAHS, I teach Physics, Mathematics and Science. I first began teaching at Lake Cargelligo 21 years ago and have also taught in several other rural schools. I particularly enjoy living and working in small communities although, I did spend twelve years living in Europe (Switzerland and Germany) teaching in International Schools.

I have a wife Daniela, with whom I worked with for the past eleven years, and two young sons Johannes and Julius. I enjoy the challenge that golf provides and work hard at keeping fit, mostly by running and plyometric exercises. I am looking forward to a great year and would like to thank the school community for making my family and I feel welcome and valued.



### DANIELA GANDERTON

My name is Daniela Ganderton and I am teaching Y7 German, Y7 Literacy and Y9 English this year. My main role, however, is Learning and Support. I am truly passionate about inclusive education and enjoy working with the students, parents and staff here at Yanco Ag.

I moved to Australia in 2007 and began my teaching career, before moving back to Germany from 2011 until 2015 to spend time with my family and to teach at an International School. I have two sons, who spend most afternoons here at school and I am always amazed by how welcoming our Yanco Ag students are - it is great to be part of such an amazing school community



### EMILY CALDWELL

Hello parents, carers and students, my name is Emily Caldwell and I am teaching English here at Yanco this year.

I grew up on a property in the Bega Valley, before moving to Wagga where I completed a K-12 teaching degree at Charles Sturt University.

I am really enjoying my time at Yanco thus far and look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year.



### APRIL WORLAND

Hello, my name is April Worland and I'm not only a new teacher but an ex-student and a recipient of the Yanconian of the Year award (2013). It's strange to be back and not have to call teachers by their last name and sitting at the teachers table in the dining room makes me nervous I'll get in trouble. My specialities are based in Industrial Technologies area and being back and teaching at Yanco has been a great pleasure.

## SCHOOLTV.ME

This month's edition of SchoolTV is on **'Grief & Loss'**. It is a great edition for parents with children across all year levels. Please see the attached flyer with this terms Newsletter and follow the link.

### 'Grief & Loss'

Grief is like a fingerprint, it's unique to everyone, and so is the way you process it. However, the inability to accept loss, causes a great deal of psychological pain to many people."

*Dr Michael Carr-Gregg*



## IPTAAS

IPTAAS (Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme) is a NSW Government scheme providing financial assistance towards travel and accommodation costs when a patient needs to travel long distances for treatment that is not available locally. Follow the link for more info. <http://www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/services/iptaas> It's a NSW Government scheme providing financial assistance towards travel and accommodation costs when a patient needs to travel long distances for treatment that is not available locally. Follow the link for more info.

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## PIANO & SINGING LESSONS



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MCCAUGHEY**  
**BALL**  
**Saturday**  
**15th June, 2019**  
**MIA Club,**  
**Leeton**