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# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28th February, 2019 Term 1, Week 5

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 28th DESI Students travel home

March 4th DESI Students travel back to school

March 4th Riverina Swimming

March 8th Beach Carnival

March 9th GALA Day

March 22nd Year 11 Chemistry Exc.

March 26th - 29th Livestock Handling (PI)

March 29th SW Zone Open Boys and Girls Touch Gala Day -Griffith

April 5th YAHS Cross Country April 5th 360 ALLSTARS - Griffith

April 8th - 11th Sydney Royal Easter Show

**April12th** Last day Term 1. Students travel home.



2019 TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

# **ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION**

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

All absentee information must come through our front office administration on 6951 1500 or <u>yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au</u> 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 with out 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**

It has been a hectic start to the school year particularly when trying to work around the building work that is still progressing.

It is hoped the Year 10 girls in Mutch will move back in early next term after painting and recarpeting has been completed.

Breakwell is the next dorm to be done and again it will be refurbished before the students return to the dorm.

We have several new staff this year and Beach carnival next week would be a great way to introduce yourself to them.

Despite some concerns Beach carnival will be held at Middle Beach as normal next Friday the 8th of March.

Gala day will be on Saturday the 9th and the P&C team are well underway with preparations for the day. Gates will open at 9am for visitors and it should, as usual, be a great day for all the family.

The Friday night of Beach Carnival is also the old Yanconians' annual dinner so if possible try and get along to the Leeton Soldiers Club.

Numbers are down this year, largely due to the drought, so it was reassuring to see thirty family's turn up for open day.

The school will run a second Open Day later in the year but this was a positive result with several families taking enrolment packages for this year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next week at Beach and Gala Day.



#### **P & C COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

President:	Gus Whyte	Т
Vice President 1	Dean Morris	A
Vice President 2	Jacqui Herrmann	Г
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#### NEW STAFF 2019

This term we welcome:	
Andrew Ganderton	Science Dept
Daniela Ganderton	Learning Support
April Worland	TAS Dept
Nes Henderson	Maths Dept
Emily Caldwell	English Dept

# **STUDENTS DESI WEEKEND DETAILS**

Travel home: Return to school: Lessons begin: Thurs 28th February Monday 4th March Tuesday 5th March

End of Term 1: Buses depart Friday 12th April Buses return Sunday 28th April

### **CHANGE OF DETAILS**

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



SCHOOL BU

If you have not returned your 2019 Annual Forms for your child please return them after DESI. 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.

# **Rural Women's Network**

Did you know that NSW farmers can get up to half of their approved study costs back? Up to 50% of eligible costs for approved courses or activities are covered by the NSW Government as part of the drought relief package.

Visit Rural Assistance Authority for eligibility details and a list of approved courses: <u>https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/professional-development-program</u> or call 1800 678 593.



# **BEACH CARNIVAL AND GALA DAY LEAVE UPDATE**

#### **BEACH CARNIVAL MARCH 8th**

Beach Carnival is at Middle Beach. It will be signposted off Euroley Road.

Roll Call is at school at 7.30 then again at the Beach at 8am.

March Pass is at 12noon.

There is no BBQ as it is a National Park and fires are prohibited. Student lunches will be provided by the school dining room staff.

No dogs are to be brought to the beach as they are prohibited in National Parks.

As it is a normal school day, sign outs are not permitted until the conclusion of the carnival, around 3pm

#### LEAVE

All signing out for leave after the Beach Carnival will be completed at the school. There will be no weekly buses on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The expectation is that all students will be in residence Friday night to assist with Gala day the next day. It is anticipated that Gala Day will conclude approximately 2pm. It would be appreciated if all students remain at school until then.

All students going on leave this weekend, March 8 - 10th (including weeklies) will have to submit a leave sheet with accompanying permission note by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Leave will be granted from 2pm on Saturday

Overnight leave this weekend is ONLY with parents/ permanent caregivers. Students must be signed out in the Leave Register.

#### **DINNER/DAY LEAVE**

Students may go out for dinner on Friday or Saturday night with other people provided they have the appropriate permission notes in and submit a leave sheet and must sign out in the Leave Register.

We ask that a leave sheet be completed and submitted for dinner/day leave this weekend due to the large numbers that usually go out. This enables us to more accurately cater meals for those who are left here as well as makes the signing out procedure more efficient. We ask also that all students are back in residence by **9.00pm** at night.



# **2019 SWIMMING REPORT**

#### **TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February we travelled into the Leeton pool to hold our annual YAHS swimming carnival. It was a huge success with plenty of students participating in a variety of events. It was great to see so many parents attend to cheer on their children with most parents wearing their house colours! It's always a great sight when the parent, teacher, house captain relay takes place and the excitement that surrounds the pool... especially when the teachers won!

A big thank you to the Leeton Pool for hosting the carnival, the staff for helping it run smoothly, the parents for their support and the students for showing true Yanco spirit!

CARNIVAL RESULTS				
	GARDINER	MUTCH	BREAKWELL	McCAUGHEY
Participation	124	118	103	85
Races	606	164	274	480
TOTAL	730	282	377	565

Mrs K Stockdale / PE Teacher



**Champion House - GARDINER** 



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# 2019 AGE CHAMPIONS











L. Toole

M. Chant

L. Saunders

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15 Y

16 Y

Open

J. Madden

C. Ross



H. Bunt



K. Yelland







M. Findlay



J. Bunt

Liam Toole Matthew Chant Joshua Madden Harry Bunt George Hatty Max Findlay

MALE

FEMALE

Libby Saunders **Charlie Ross** Kara Yelland Tully James Jessica Bunt



### **ZONE SWIMMING**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, we took 44 students over to Narrandera to compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Every student swam extremely well with fourteen students qualifying for the Riverina Carnival. As a school, YAHS finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall. A big congratulations to Liam Toole in Year 7 for being awarded 12 Yrs Boys Age Champion. Liam went in every race for the day and truly deserves this award.

# **SPORTING EVENTS @ YAHS TERM 1**

SPORT	WHEN	WHERE
YAHS Swimming Carnival	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Leeton Swimming Pool
CHS Open Boys/Girls Volleyball Trials	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Albury
CHS Open Boys Basketball Trials	19 <sup>th</sup> February	Wagga Wagga
Zone Swimming Carnival	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Narrandera
Riverina Swimming Carnival	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Leeton
CHS Open Girls Basketball Trials	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Wagga Wagga
CHS Open Girls Soccer Trials	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Wagga Wagga
CHS Open Boys R/ Union Trials	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Wagga Wagga
CHS Open Boys Soccer Trials	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Wagga Wagga
CHS Golf Championship	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Leeton
CHS Open Netball Trials	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Wagga Wagga
CHS Open Boys/Girls Hockey Trials	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Albury
CHS Open Boys Rugby League Trials	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Wagga Wagga
CHS Open Girls AFL Trials	11 <sup>th</sup> April	Wagga Wagga
CHS U15s Boys AFL Trials	12 <sup>th</sup> April	ТВА

If you are interested in attending any of these events in Term 1, please see Mrs Stockdale. **NOTE:** If there is a large group attending the trials, the school should be able to provide transport. If there are limited numbers, you will need to make your own transport arrangements.

**NOTE**: You must be of an elite standard in your chosen sport to attend trials (i.e. played at a representative level).

#### **NSW STATE ARCHERY TITLES**

Congratulations Nick Scarlett Year 9. Nick recently attended the archery NSW State titles and won the NSW State IFAA Junior Freestyle Unlimited Division. Nick now goes on to compete at Nationals held in Mildura over the Easter break.



## NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

Congratulations to Montanna Wilkinson on achieving the title of All round Junior Cowgirl at the National Finals Rodeo earlier on in the year. Montanna competed in the Under 18 Barrel Race and Under 18 Junior Breakaway. Well done and we hope to hear more of your accomplishments in the Rodeo arena.

# **LEADERSHIP 2019**

School Captains:	Lachlan Hughes, Ireland Clancy
School Vice Captains:	Ryan Findlay, Sophie Ryan
Prefects:	Darcy Barr, Sam Thomas Audrey James, Bianca Smith

#### House Captains and Vice House Captains:

Breakwell:	Emma-Kate Nicholson, Jack Dickson
	Reba Curran, Jack Marcus
Gardiner:	Laura Burbury, Ryan Greig
	Jessica Bunt, Stanley Herrmann
McCaughey:	Brooke Toole, Cooper Carter
	Ella Bent, Harry Morris
Mutch:	Charlie Woods, Jacob Oxley
	Molly McBride, Lachlan West

Congratulations 2019 Leadership Team

# CAREERS

#### **UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG DISCOVERY DAY 2019**

On Thursday 7th February our Year 12 students made their way to the South Coast for the annual University of Wollongong Discovery Day. The students stayed in "on campus" accommodation before attending the Discovery Day on Friday. Every student had a personalised timetable for the day where they were able to experience and find out about what life as a University student really means. This included tours and information sessions regarding courses, accommodation, exchange, current students, scholarships and much more. The year 12 students even got a taste of the social life with a DJ playing at lunch time for them and the 650 other students attending that day. Thank you also to Kelly Stockdale for accompanying the group.

Nathan Cassilles / Careers Advisor



# YEAR 7 (2018) EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

**Day 1:** We started our Sydney adventure at 8am on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> December. The bus ride was long and many flat phones with only few portable chargers wasn't a great mix. We stopped at Yass for a toilet break then Goulburn for lunch. When we finally arrived in Sydney we went shopping at Paddy's Markets which were closed so we went to the shops upstairs. We then went to our motel YHA Sydney Central to get settled. We ended the day with a delicious buffet meal at the Emperors Garden Restaurant. We were all so full and ready for bed.



**Day 2:** We had breakfast at 7am at our accommodation before heading to the harbour bridge. We walked across and back over the bridge stopping halfway to climb the pylon lookout. We then walked down to The Rocks and had some free time. Many people went for the first ice cream store they saw. We saw some people pretending to be statues who moved when you gave them money. We then went to catch the ferry to Manly but some of us missed the boat. We had lunch and a play on Manly beach while we waited for the others to catch up then caught the bus to Long Reef Beach where we had a three hour surfing lesson. Some of us were good at surfing and could stand up. We returned to our accommodation before heading out to the Blackbird Café for dinner.

**Day 3:** We got up again early for breakfast before walking to the Centre Point Tower. The walk there was very busy as it was rush hour but everyone got there safely. The elevator moved fast and everyone's ears popped as we headed up. The view may have been a little scary and it felt like the building was swaying but we took some good photos. We were up there for about twenty minutes, then caught the bus to Luna Park. The slides at Coney Island were lots of fun. It was funny watching everyone's faces on the hair raiser! We had some ice cream and fresh fairy floss. We then went to the Aquarium and Madam Tussauds Museum. One group went to the wax museum and the other went to the Aquarium, then we swapped over. At Madam Tussauds we saw lots of celebrities and had lots of funny photos taken. A few of us managed to get lost in the Aquarium but luckily found our way out. We then walked to dinner which was at Hard Rock Café in Darling Harbour.



**Day 4:** We headed to Taronga Zoo where we got to see lots of different animals and learn about them. We did a work-shop in a room that looked like a desert and got to pat lizards and see a Bilby. We went to the Opera House where everything was so fancy. On our tour we were able to see a professional ballerina who was rehearsing for her show Cinderella. We then walked from Bronte Beach to Bondi Beach. Some of us tracked down the lifeguards and got a selfie with them. We had free time and were able to get our own dinner – what ever we wanted! Some of us had pizza then finished off with Ben and Jerry's ice cream which was so good. We just got on the bus before it started pouring rain and as we arrived at the observatory we had to run through the rain to the entrance. We couldn't see the telescopes because of the storm but did some other activities.



**Day 5:** Today was an early start for our trip home. We had a McDonalds breakfast before continuing on our way home. We did Secret Santa where we all received gifts from one another. Lots of chocolate and pens! The ride home was very long and we were all tired. We watched the movie Wonder. We arrived back to school around 5.45pm and said goodbye to our bus driver Dave. Sydney was a great excursion and we made some wonderful memories.

#### Stephanie Bramley and Ted Hatty / Year 7 (2018)

## YEAR 8 (2018) EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE







At the end of 2018 we left Yanco for our Year 8 Melbourne excursion. We had an excellent time taking in the sights of the CBD. We had a full itinerary for the four nights away. We visited the Melbourne Gaol learning about the many different prisoners who stayed there, including the infamous Ned Kelly. We went up high to Eureka Tower to watch the sunset over the CBD and then down low to look at what's underneath the water at the Melbourne Aquarium. We completed our Christmas shopping at the Queen Victoria Markets and learnt about fitness testing along with what the future holds for Earth in the Science Works Museum.

Year 8 had a great time at the Melbourne Zoo, completing a scavenger hunt to spot some of the creatures on show.

Our students tested their knowledge about the wool industry in the National Wool Museum, and were lucky enough to see a sheep being shorn using blades rather than the more common electric clippers.

We tested our surfing skills at Torquay where we learnt that a year in between lessons (from the Year 7 Sydney trip) is too long between waves! Although several talented students were not fazed by the lack of practice and showed off their coordination and balance.



Year 8 really enjoyed the tour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, especially the National Sports Museum where they learnt about the numerous sporting legends. We finished our trip at the Shrine of Remembrance where our students explored the daily life of an Australian soldier and nurse in the First World War by trying on some uniforms and reading about the hardships that they went through.

Overall, it was a very successful and worthwhile excursion. Our Year 8 students represented the school exceptionally well and were complimented on their behaviour and interest in the various venues we attended by many of the staff at these places.

A big thank you to Miss Weller and Mr McVittie for giving up their time to come away with us. Also thank you to our bus driver Ben from Allen's coaches. I look forward to the Tasmania Excursion at the end of 2019!

#### Kelly Stockdale / Year 8 Advisor 2018







# **YEAR 9 TASMANIA EXCURSION 2018**

Ahhhhh, the great Tassie, the downunder from Downunder, the part of Australia that is so understated. That's where Yanco Agricultural High School chooses to go for their year 9 excursion each year, so how lucky are we!?

The year 9 class of 2018 went to Tasmania in mid-December. The first day we left early from school and travelled to Melbourne, where we had dinner and boarded the Spirit of Tasmania, where we spent two or so hours exploring the decks until we left.

The next morning we woke up to find Tasmania in site, and soon docked in at Devonport, where we had breakfast and then kept going. This being the first full day of our excursion, we went first through the gorgeous countryside and a little historic town called Sheffield, with murals on various buildings. Our first big activity was Tasmazia and the village of Lower Crackpot. While the maze was as confusing as a duck with two right feet, we managed to get everyone out in the end. To end the activities we headed to a hazelnut farm, where we learnt about and tested their products. After that, we settled at the cabins in Port Arthur.



Next morning we woke up to native Pademelons, little wallaby-like creatures. Our bus took us to the historic Port Arthur jail, where we spent half the day mesmerized over the old ruins and stunning architecture. After that, we went towards the water on a wilderness cruise, where we saw seals lazing in the sun, and dolphins beside us, as well as large Albatross. We weaved in and out of little caves and got to see one of the highest light houses on an abandoned island, as well as large rock faces that were so tall it hurt your neck. That night, we went indoor rock climbing and crawled through the smallest tunnels ever, fun for us *and* the teachers.









Fourth day in Tasmania and we travelled to our next accommodation inwards to Hobart, then shopped ourselves silly at the Victorian Markets. Onwards we went towards Tahune Air Walk, walking through treetops and having an amazing view. After the air walk, we went on the swinging bridges, which knocked Miss Jolley off her feet quite literally. We then returned to our rooms and had a rest before participating in our last activity of the day; the Gaming Arcade.



The last day and we started off at the wildlife zoo, learning about cute animals and petting kangaroos. After, we made our way to the museum of Hobart and pondered over the lives of the early settlers. Then we went to the little historic town of Oatlands with an old windmill that is still used for making Oats today. We wandered around and saw Tasmania's oldest supreme court and where convicts were hung. We continued back up Tasmania and stopped at the Gorge Scenic Chairlift in Launceston, where we saw and envied those swimming in the pretty waters around us. We kept on travelling and stopped at famous Ashgrove cheese factory, where we saw and tasted all sorts of cheeses, yum. Right before we arrived back at the Spirit of Tasmania we had a nice dinner along the beach, and got to dip our feet in and play a bit. Finally, we were back on the boat and before we knew it we were back at school, exhausted but full of great memories.

#### Isabella Bergmann, Year 9 /2018

# **AGRICULTURE - CROOKWELL SHOW**













On Saturday, February 9th, four cattle students headed to Crookwell Show for the opportunity to try and qualify for the state final of paraders in Sydney. Students borrowed the animals and we are happy to report that Jake Turner and Sarah Manwaring have secured their places at Sydney Royal in the paraders section.

The school wishes to thank Kia Ora Limousin and Cloverlee Poll Herefords for allowing our students to work with their animals for the day. All students had wonderful feedback on their ability to work with the stock and how they presented themselves, congratulations to all.

Kim Weller/Agriculture Teacher

# HSIE/CAPA REPORT

This year has kicked off to a flying start and we would all like to welcome the new students that have joined us this year and those that are returning. Here is just some of the engaging teaching and learning happening in HSIE/CAPA.

#### YEAR 11 SNAPSHOT

Year 11 Business Studies are starting to take on the responsibility that comes with senior school. They have been delving straight into understanding the nature of business and all the many classifications of businesses within Australia, as well as all the influences that can affect the level of success achieved

### YEAR 8 ART SNAPSHOT

Year 8 are showing their creativity by drawing on the inspiration of the famous Stik Street Art. They are refining their techniques and understanding of complementary colours, while also learning the theory associated with Street Art.

### YEAR 7 MUSIC SNAPSHOT

Year 7 Music are working their way up to entertaining us all with their vast array of talents. They have begun to work on their understanding of percussion instruments and we have all enjoyed hearing their progress in the last five weeks.



# **TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT**

We have started the year off strong, with Year 7 and Year 11 having their first sessions focused on getting organised for the awesome year ahead. Year 7 had a great time trying to work out their own strategies to organise M&Ms and we found that having a plan has definitely helped. They also enjoyed decorating their bookmarks for their Student Planner that will serve as a reminder of the steps that they need to follow in order to rise to the challenge of entering High School.

Year 11 had a greater focus on long term planning to both eliminate stress and aid in staying on task. They now have great strategies for planning their year and navigating the few weeks a year that have a number of assessments due. Now that they know and have had time to get organised for the year, they have also worked through a method of drafting assessment tasks. This method is aimed at reducing stress and allowing for early assistance to come from all our expert teachers.

There has been so much dedication and interest demonstrated by students already and I wait to see all of the educational growth to come.

Derusha Naidoo| Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY?

The Mathematics faculty at YAHS would officially like to welcome Mr Wesley Henderson and Mr Andrew Ganderton to our ranks. Mr Henderson has arrived to us from Lithgow High School and will be teaching within the Mathematics faculty as well as the TAS/ Agriculture faculty. He has been a fantastic addition to our Mathematics crew, bringing new ideas and a positive outlook. Mr Ganderton is an experienced Mathematics and Science teacher who has taught both overseas and interstate as well as within NSW. He will be bringing a wealth of knowledge to both the Mathematics and Science faculties, particularly in the area of Physics. I will also take this opportunity to ensure you are all informed of the additional resources each student has available to them. These include:

**Free tutoring** by Nicolle Sachs in the Library from 4.30-5.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday

**Maths Online**, at a cost of \$20 if your child joins in Term 1, \$15 if your child joins in Term 2, \$10 your child joins in Term 3 and \$5 your child joins in Term 4.

Five **trained Maths teachers** willing to answer any questions during the breaks of the school day. We have an open door policy!

Our senior Mathematics Standard classes, in both Year 11 and Year 12, continue to be combined as we progress with the adopted team teaching model. This model has indeed made the class sizes larger than normal, however it does allows students to have access to two Maths trained teachers in any lesson. Initially there was some resistance to this change, however students have remained open-minded and have been utilising the benefits of this model. Upon surveying the current Year 11 students, 86% of students were satisfied with this approach to Mathematics when considering the benefits of access to two teachers. However, student responses did indicate that the increase in class size was of concern. We will take this feedback on board and make some changes over the coming weeks to refine this approach so that all students can continue to improve and grow within Mathematics.

The increase in whiteboard space within our Mathematics rooms continue to be a positive initiative with an increase in student engagement, collaboration and problem solving. Students are working together in groups to access higher order mathematical problems than they would ordinarily attempt, as students have the opportunity to learn from one another. The notion of any attempt at a problem being easily erasable has also been a motivator for students, as they give more difficult questions a go. As a faculty, we continue to build a culture of growth mindset where ALL students, no matter what their current level of understanding, know that they can always improve in Mathematics and any errors, made need to be considered learning opportunities.

We, as a faculty, are looking forward to the year ahead and providing each and every student with positive learning opportunities. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage either via phone or email, should you have any questions, concerns or feedback.

Sally Cassilles / Head Teacher Mathematics





# **FRIENDS OF LURO**

#### Students from St Francis and Yanco Ag and Rotary help our neighbour



All these boys and girls come from Sub District Luro, a group of small isolated villages in the mountains of Timor Leste (East Timor). Their names are Adina, Casilda, Isabel, Pascuela, Deonesia, Jose, Baltazar, Boni, Mateaus and Oldegar and they attend senior secondary schools in Fuiloro and Fatumaca in Timor Leste. Luro does not have a senior secondary school so students who succeed in the junior secondary need to move away from home for further education. For the students above, their education and accommodation is paid for by donations from students at Yanco Agricultural High School and St Francis Regional College. The Rotary Club of Leeton and Tony Roddy also support students in this group. Friends of Luro, a Leeton based charity group, organised for the students to be selected, registered and enrolled at the school. We transferred the donated funds to the schools. We can do this because we have developed secure contacts in Luro, Dili and the schools. Leeton Shire Council maintains a Friendship Agreement with Sub District Luro since 2004.

We also sponsor trades training in Trade Centers in Comoro and Fuiloro. Guided tours to Timor Leste and Luro are organized by Timor Trekking. You can find more information about our charity and the trekking tours by searching for Friends of Luro.

People who are interested in a friendship with our near neighbour, Timor Leste, can attend our meetings. For more information please ring Eric Hudson 0429046066. Mary McPhee, George Weston and Eric Hudson were elected to the executive of Friends of Luro at the last AGM.

#### **SURVIVING YEAR 12**

How much do you know about Surviving Year 12?

There are many strategies that students can implement to help them survive Year 12. Some are obvious and others are not. As a parent, it is also important to give your child support, not only emotionally, but also practically by keeping them well-nourished and encouraging physical activity. Check out the Surviving Year 12 topic at schooltv :

https://yancoag-h.schools.nsw.schooltv.me



# **PIANO & SINGING LESSONS**

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