



*As you sow, so  
shall you reap*

# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 5, November, 2020

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## CALENDAR TERM 4

### November 12th

DESI Travel Day

### November 16th

DESI Return Travel Day

Staff Development Day

### November 16th - 20th

Yr 10 Work Experience

Yr 9 Exams

### November 18th - 20th

Transition Program

### Nov 23rd - 27th

Yrs 7/8 Exams

### Nov 30th - Dec 4th

Yr 10 Australian

Business Week

### December 7 - 15th

Yr 10 Leadership

### December 15th

Speech Night 6-8pm

Students only

### December 16th

Students travel home



## END OF TERM TRAVEL

A reminder for all parents that

**ALL students must be collected by parents at the end of Term 4.  
There will be no buses.**

**The last day of Term 4 is Wednesday 16th December.**

**Speech night will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday Night  
15/12/2020 from 6pm - 8pm.**

## LEADERSHIP 2020

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Lachlan West, Sarah Elward

### VICE CAPTAINS:

Harry Morris, Hannah Dunn

### PREFECTS:

Max Findlay, Jock Yelland

Dimity Evans, Jessica Bunt

### SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS

#### GARDINER

Captains: Tilly Collins  
Stanley Herrmann

Vice Captains: Nicholas Gibson  
Eliza Kurrle

#### BREAKWELL

Captains: Reba Curran  
Jack Marcus

Vice Captains: Zac Manwaring  
Georgia Stimson

#### McCAUGHEY

Captains: Ella Bent  
Duncan Muir

Vice Captains: Toby Bowron  
Kara Yelland

#### MUTCH

Captains: Molly McBride  
Ned Routley

Vice Captains: Grace McBride  
Rory Walsh

### YEAR ADVISORS 2020

Year 7 Jason Sachs  
Tara Arnall

Year 8 Catherine Gray

Year 8 Leah Troidahl

Year 10 Kelly Stockdale

Year 11 Grant Coelli

Year 12 Mark Dixon

### HEAD TEACHERS

MATHS Sally Cassilles

ENGLISH Rebecca Ormond

HSIE Derusha Naidoo

SCIENCE Sue Langley

TAS Luke Collins

CAREERS Nathan Cassilles

### BELL TIMES 2020

Assembly 8:25 – 8:35

Period 1 8:35 – 9:33

Period 2 9:33 – 10:31

**Recess 10:31 – 10:51**

Period 3 10:51 – 11:49

Period 4 11:49 – 12:47

**Lunch 12:47 – 1:27**

Period 5 1:27 – 2:25

Period 6 2:25 – 3:23 (Fri 3:15)



**Visitors and Parents are NOT permitted past the main car park area and must call the front office on 6951 1500 before entering the school grounds.**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last Year 12 students finished their examinations on Monday and we wish all of them good luck with whatever they are moving onto next year. Considering all the obstacles placed in their way from COVID throughout the year I am confident they have shown themselves to the best of their abilities during the examinations. Even when the bomb threat interrupted their Biology examination they responded with calm and maturity. As we have come to expect, several HSC supervisors approached me to say what excellent behaviour all students showed during the stress of the examinations. Congratulations to all and thanks to those parents who have made contact to thank the school for looking after their kids over the years.

The planning for the replacement of the girl's village dormitories is underway and consultants have been visiting the school to see the site and condition of existing buildings. Please see the school's website for a link to infrastructure NSW to see the proposed timeline and what point at which we are currently.

To meet current COVID restrictions most of the normal end of year activities have had to be revised. This includes Transition programs for new students. A transition program for Year 7 students will commence next week from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Meetings with parents cannot occur on site and we have hired the Roxy theatre for the time to go through a revised program with the parents.

Due to COVID we are as yet unable to organise a Transition Program for Year 8 - 11 students for next year, (app 36 kids), but have been in weekly contact with parents via email and I have personally discussed the situation with all of them.

For all accurate information about what's going on around the school please contact the school directly, check the schools Facebook page or the school's website.

Speech day at the moment looks like being held at the school with the event being live streamed for parents similar to the Year 12 dinner. Further information to come.



Introducing our 2021 Captains and Vice Captains: L to R: Nicholas Gibson; Vice Captain, George Hatty; Captain, Kara Yelland; Captain, Isabella Bergmann; Vice Captain



Hannah Dunn and Sarah Elward of Year 12 receiving their Leadership Awards for their work on getting the new girls dormitory approved. Congratulations and well done.

## TRANSPORT / LEAVE

### TERM 4 DESI 2020 DATES

#### DESI Weekend:

Students travel home: Thursday 12th November

Student return travel day: Monday 16th November

#### Last Day Term 4:

Students travel home : Wednesday 16th December



### COUNTRYLINK - DESI / HOLIDAY BUSES

A reminder for all parents that if your child is **NOT** going to be travelling on the buses for Designated Leave Weekends or End of Term Holidays **PLEASE** cancel your child's travel by contacting Gai Stockton in the Registrars Office by email :

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

Change of location, also by email, to be received **10 - 14 days prior** to travel.

Countrylink offer a free service but a charge may apply due to failure of notification of cancellation, as Bus Drivers are arriving at stops and waiting when there are no students to collect.

### DESI RETURN

**All students must report to the School Gym on arrival back at school for temperature check and paperwork at the following times:**

**MONDAY NOV 16TH BETWEEN 4 - 7PM**

**(GATES WILL BE LOCKED AFTER THIS) OR**

**TUESDAY NOV 17TH BETWEEN 7:30 – 8AM**

**before being given permission to enter the school grounds.**



### YAHS GALA DAY 2021, 2022

If you are planning ahead for Gala Day in 2021 and 2022,  
The dates are:

**Saturday 13 March 2021, Saturday 12 March 2022**



Please note that the Centenary of Yanco Agricultural High School is Wednesday 9th March 2022, and will be celebrated during that week so please book ahead for your accommodation as it will be a very special event and accommodation will definitely need to be booked in advance.





## AGRICULTURE



Last term, three of YAHS Cattle Team students were fortunate enough to take part in a Virtual Junior Judging competition organised by St Pauls College Walla Walla. Hamish Maclure and Maddy Telford competed in the over 15 years section and Jake Turner in the under 15's division.

Both sections of competition had 150 competitors who were required to appraise four head of cattle and give an

oral presentation. The over 15's judged Limousin Bulls and the Under 15's, Limousin Heifers all presented by LeMartres Limousin Stud.

Each competitor received points for their placement of the animals, along with their opinions and were critiqued by an over judge. Glen Trout appraised the under 15's and Grame Hopf made the over 15 decision. We are pleased to announce Jake Turner placed 10th in the under 15 section and Hamish Maclure was awarded 1st place in the over 15 division. Hamish has won the opportunity to judge at a country show next year. The airfare for anywhere in Australia will be donated. This is a fantastic opportunity for a young judge and is made possible by Grame Hopf. Many Thanks to Emma Finemore for all her organisation and LeMartres Limousin, Glen Trout and Grame Hopf for the time they have given to provide our students with such a great opportunity.



*Hamish Maclure, Year 10,*

*Kim Weller | Agricultural Teacher*

### YEAR 9 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Over the past 8 weeks the Year 9 Animal Management class have been learning about wool as part of their studies. Today they completed their wool judging assessment in which they had to evaluate four fleeces and rank them in order of the best to the worst. Over the next few days they will be recording an oral presentation explaining the reasons for the placings of each fleece. Many thanks to Mr Shady of 'Illoura' who provided the fleeces for this assessment.

*Stuart McVittie / Animal Management Teacher*



### YEAR 8 AGRICULTURE

Earlier in Term 4 the Year 8 Agriculture classes had some time in their vegetable gardens. They spent the morning picking snow peas, beetroot, carrots, and lettuce. They washed the produce and packed it into bags to be distributed to the staff. However, much of the harvest was consumed before it even made it to the washing and packaging area.

*Stuart McVittie / Agricultural Teacher*



## TERM 4 LEAVE CONDITIONS

### OVERNIGHT LEAVE



On return to school students must:

- Contact the school to confirm time of arrival at the car park for easy readmission to school.
- Have a temperature check on arrival (at the Gym).
- Hand in a completed and signed COVID19 Site Access Screening Questions sheet (updated version August 17th).

### GOING ON LEAVE/ RETURNING

Please contact the school to confirm time of arrival where you will be met in the carpark for easier signing in and out of school. This must occur at all times even if just leaving for a few hours for an appointment.

### CURRENT CONDITIONS

School gates will be locked Friday afternoons and reopened Monday mornings.

**NB.** Visitors and Parents are NOT permitted past the main car park area and must call the front office on 6951 1500 before entering the school grounds.

Students and visitors are NOT permitted to meet at the school gates or boundaries unless specific permission is given by the School Executive.



## WEEKEND LEAVE TERM 4

The front gates will be locked at all times over the weekend to ensure visitors cannot randomly enter the school grounds. This is AHPPC and Departmental Policy with current COVID-19 guidelines to reduce interactions between people from varying locations.

There has been a great deal of disruption caused by students returning at various times during the afternoon on Saturday and Sunday, therefore we have now set times for the return of students on **Saturday and Sunday** afternoon.

There will be a duty staff member at the front gates on the hour from **1pm, - 6pm**. These will be the only times students will be able to re-enter the school on Saturdays and Sundays. Duty staff will remain at the gate for approximately 10 minutes each hour.

Please do not call the school for the gates to be opened at other times. The staff are supervising students and other arrangements are made during these times.

Please remember to have all COVID forms completed so that only the temperature needs to be written on the form. This relates to all returning students.

**Monday** morning there will be staff ready from **8am** to receive students back from weekend leave.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

## ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

### Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have an online payment portal linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted

#### What expenses can be paid online?

- School Levies (ie Transport, Technology)
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Other - any other school related payment

#### How to pay online?

Log onto our School site at:

[www.yancoag-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yancoag-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

We also recommend you provide your child with a key card which will enable them to access money through the school ATM. This will help them when attending any excursions and having access to a small amount of cash.

The Registrar's office no longer provides cash for students .



## **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 School 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 of 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 call the front office on 6951 1500 from the car park on week days and the front gate on weekends during allocated times. A staff member will meet you there to sign them back in. This will be until further notice.**

Where a student is absent from school, a note/phone call explaining the absence must be received by the school within **seven** school days. Where a note/phone call is not received justifying the absence it 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.

**SPEECH NIGHT 15/12/2020**  
**WILL BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL**  
**FROM 6PM - 8PM**  
**(STUDENTS ONLY)**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

**IF YOU ARE RETURNING TO SCHOOL  
BY CAR ON **MONDAY NOV 16TH** ,  
ARRIVAL TIME IS BETWEEN **4 - 7PM.**  
AFTER THAT THE GATES WILL BE CLOSED.**



**P & C COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**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.