



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2, May/June, 2020

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CALENDAR

July 19th

Students Return to School

July 20th

Classes resume for Term 3

August 3rd - 7th

Education Week

August 10th - 18th

Trial HSC Exams

August 18th

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Years 7-10

August 19th

Year 12 Fun Night.
Parent/Teacher interviews
Years 11&12

August 20th

DESI Travel Day

August 24th

DESI Travel Day

August 25th

School Photos
Classes resume

August 26th

Book Week



PBL Bronze Award recipients:

P. Brown, S. Plane, C. Millington, D. Yerbury, S. Manwaring and
J. Turner. Absent: M. Findlay and C. Golder.



2020 Cross Country Age Champions

**PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU ARE RETURNING TO SCHOOL BY
CAR ON SUNDAY 19TH JULY, ARRIVAL TIME IS BETWEEN 4 -7PM.
AFTER THAT THE GATES WILL BE CLOSED.**

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

Thank you to all those parents who have been supportive of the school during this difficult time. The school is still operating under guidelines from the AHPPC and the NSW Education Department regarding Boarding Schools. There has been no change in these guidelines. Social distancing, limits on numbers in dorms and the dining room will continue for the start of next term.

Some local sport is getting up and running but Rugby League has been cancelled for the year. Mr Weir is working as usual with local clubs to see what will be happening and to get this information to students as soon as possible. Please ask your son or daughter to carefully read notices or see Mr Weir about what will be available.

Year 10 students are currently doing subject selections for next year and while we normally hold meetings with parents we are unable to do so this year. To ensure all parents have some idea what the different subjects on offer are, each area has made a short video on subjects offered for next year. These have been put on the school's website so parents can visit them over the holiday period. Parents were also able to attend a Zoom meeting with Mr Cassilles regarding subject selection, work experience and School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeships for Year 11 students.

Year 12 Higher School Certificate Trials examinations run from August 10th till 19th. All students should take these exams seriously to find out exactly what they do and don't know in each subject area. Proper use of Prep time, the homework centre and class time is vital for all students to achieve the best results they can. This has been a tumultuous year for all students but particularly Year 12 and we wish them all the best in the final months of their schooling.

Term 3 starts on Monday the 20th July. Buses will return students on Sunday the 19th July. If you are returning by private transport the school will be open from 4pm till 7pm on Sunday. After this time the gates will be closed.

Due to ongoing COVID19 restrictions students will have to go to the Gym for a temperature check and return signed paperwork saying they have been symptom free for the last 14 days. The school requests that students, as much as possible, stay away from large group gatherings, maintain safe distancing and **DO NOT** under any circumstances return to school if you are unwell.

In these last weeks of Term 2 there have been three school closures in NSW with one Boarding school sending all students home.

With the COVID-19 virus in mind the school has had to make numerous changes to the school calendar. Parent Teacher interviews have been put back till the week of the DESI break, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th of August. Following interviews parents would then take their children home for DESI weekend with students returning on Monday 24th of August. How these interviews will actually run will have to be determined when we know what, or if, any COVID-19 restrictions remain in place.

At the current time the school is still planning for end of year excursions. This is still six months away so we are hoping for the best that things change and they will be able to go ahead. We have to do this to maintain the school's bookings but will pull out and postpone them before it costs parents money in case they need to be cancelled.

Although yet to be confirmed Year 7 numbers for next year appears to be in the mid forties which is a significant improvement over the last couple of years. With the cancellation of the Boarding School Expos and various shows, the school is looking at alternative ways to promote our school for enrolments for Year 8 to 11 students in 2021.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing all students back at school on Day 1 Term 3.

Gary Hunt / Principal

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

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 .



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.

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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

All absentee information is to be communicated through School Administration on (02) 6951 1500 or 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 call the front office on 6951 1500 from the school Car Park and 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 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.



TRANSPORT REMINDER

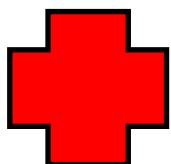
COUNTRYLINK - DESI / HOLIDAY BUSES

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

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.



**IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK PLEASE DO NOT
SEND THEM BACK TO SCHOOL.**

TERM 3

TERM 3 2020 DATES

Students return to school: Sunday 19th July 4pm

Day 1 Term 3: Monday 20th July

DESI Weekend:

Students travel home: Thursday 20th August

Student return travel day: Monday 24th August

Last Day Term 3:

Students travel home Friday 25th September



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

Sunday July 19th between 4 -7pm (Gates will be locked after this)

or

Monday 20th July between 7:30 – 8am

before being given permission to enter the school grounds.

TERM 3 LEAVE CONDITIONS

OVERNIGHT LEAVE

On return to school students must:

- Contact the school to confirm time of arrival 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 from June 29th).

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.

No student or visitors are to meet at the school gates or boundaries unless specific permission is given by the School Executive.

PBL - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a program that focuses on bringing together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning environment. At Yanco Agricultural High School, our PBL journey involves theory lessons that explicitly teach our expectations, which link to our core values of Pride, Respect and Responsibility. It also incorporates practical based lessons that allow students to work together to apply and practise the expectation in a range of activities in various settings across the school.

This term we have had the introduction of '*fast and frequent rewards*' also known as '*fast and furious*' to some students. These tokens are handed out to students when staff observe them doing something great that represents our values and expectations, reinforcing the positive behaviour being displayed. The students add their tokens to our barrel and every Monday morning five canteen vouchers are drawn out to recognise the positive behaviour of our students.

Term 2 also showcased our first group of students to achieve Bronze Level in our merit rewards system. The following students have been recognised for their hard work and efforts so far this year and have achieved a Bronze Award in our merit system for achieving 100 merits: Max Findlay, Sarah Manwaring, Charlotte Millington, Chelsea Golder, Spencer Plane, Jake Turner, Paige Brown and Dana Yerbury.

These students have earned a Pizza and Movie night, acknowledging their commitment to the school values. These students should be extremely proud of themselves.

Staff and students have acknowledged some excellent behaviour throughout this term and we look forward to recognising many more students for their positive behaviour.

Tara Arnall / Head Teacher Welfare Girls



NEW STAFF

NAOMI STOUT



Hello Yanconians, parents and carers. My name is Naomi Stout and I have been appointed to the position of Teacher Librarian.

I come to Yanco from Leeton High School where I began teaching Science (Biology & Chemistry) in 2003. As a means of diversifying my skills and qualifications I completed the Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship) degree in 2012 through Charles Sturt University. Following this I continued teaching Science at Leeton High, but I moved into the role of Teacher Librarian (acting) mid-2017.

My husband, Stuart, teaches Agriculture at Leeton High, and I have two sons, Hamish and Noah, aged 8 and 11.

It has been very quiet during the first two weeks of Term 2 in the Library, and I am very much looking forward to meeting students and helping them with their information and reading needs as they visit the library.

ENGLISH REPORT

YAHS wishes to congratulate the following Year 8 students for their success in the John O'Brien Bush Festival Writing Competition for 2020.

Oliver Dunn	1st Place for 'The Ant Hills of the Stock Route'
Josie Luckel	2nd Place for 'Too Long in the Bush'
Annabelle Smith	Highly Commended for 'Fire'
Connie Weekes	Highly Commended for 'Flames are Burning'.

Enjoy reading Oliver Dunn's winning entry below.

Mrs Rebecca Ormond / Head Teacher English

John O'Brien Writing Competition Winning Entry

The Ant Hills of the Stock Route!!

By Oliver Dunn

"Kshhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!" Slim cracks his whip again for the second time, as the cattle on the stock route stagger slowly along the worn dusty road.

Slim has walked these stock routes many times with his father as a young boy. He often thinks of the adventures he has had as a young boy whilst droving right alongside his father.

Today with his son by his side he is droving his own cattle along the familiar dusty stock routes, that don't seem to have changed.

In the far north, Slim senses a storm moving in, so he quietly bends to his knees to have a closer look at the large ant nest underfoot. This is how Slim's father taught him to determine if there was rain coming. If the ants appeared to be scurrying, it was going to be rain for sure, and sure enough, the ants were going wild!

"Come on boy!", Slim calls to Jack, "We better get these cattle yarded quick as an Emu, cause that storm is gonna be on our tails real soon!" Jack soon moves the cattle into the makeshift yards and starts moving the water truck towards the pine trees.

"CRACK!" Jack and Slim both stop in an instant and look across the gully towards the area they heard noise come from. Slim looks at Jack and says "The old blue gum has been struck and she's on fire!"

Slim opens the gates to let the cattle out again, as there is now a raging grass fire headed straight towards the yards. Jack quickly musters the cattle across the northern plains away from the fire as his dad jumps in the old water truck and heads around the boundary fence towards the side of the fire.

The fire moves very quickly across the gully and all Jack can now see, smell and feel is the smokey heat of the burning grass and trees.

It's not long until the cattle become scared and start to hustle and scatter into the scrub. Knowing this is not good, Jack panics and runs back to the horses tied to the yard fence. He has no choice other than to let the horses run free as well.

Slim has managed to make contact with neighbours, and they have arrived with water carts and dogs to help put the fire out and herd the lost cattle.

Jack quickly drops to his knees, as his father has passed down his bush skills to him, and looks closely at the ant nest. He knows that rain is on its way right now as the ants are scurrying faster.

The bright orange flames soon start turning to black smoke as the rain starts to fall. The horses have followed the water truck upon being released, so this brings much hope to both Jack and Slim that the cattle will return soon too. However this is not the case.

Jack makes his way, on horseback, to the ridge peak that his father had pointed out to him on their last droving journey, as he knows he will be able to see over the scrub land from there.

Jack soon sees that lightening has also struck a stump behind his father and another fire looks to be chasing his dad from behind. Slim is not aware of this fire and it closes in around him quickly. Jack does not hesitate as he turns his horse around and gallops towards the fire.

Slim is surrounded by fire and smoke. Jack rides down the ridge and through the southern end of the fire to get to his after tin the water ruck. He grabs his dad out of the door and throws him over the horses back. "Hold on Dad!" yells Jack, "Once we get back through the gully we will be right!"

The rain tumbles down herder and soon both fires are put to rest. Jack, Slim and the neighbours are relieved to find the cattle have already returned to the homestead

Jack and his Dad now often say to each other, when there is a fire, all you can hope for is a busy ants nest!!

Oliver Dunn / Year 8

YAHS GALA DAY 2021, 2022



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

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 REPORT

YANCO WHITE SUFFOLK STUD UPDATE

Since the return of students after Desi, preparation for upcoming lambing of stud ewes has been in full swing! Year 12 Primary Industries students were involved with pregnancy scanning in May and have been busily re-fencing the lambing paddocks in preparation for the start of lambing from the artificial insemination program in week one of term three. Ewes are lambed down in containment paddocks, within sire groups in order to avoid pedigree confusion and then drifted into a large paddock together within several days of lambing.

Year 11 Primary Industries students from Mrs Quinn, Mr Collins and Miss Weller's classes, as well as Mrs Quinn's Year 10 Animal Management class have been responsible for implementing the pre-lambing animal health treatments for the pregnant ewes, vaccinating them against clostridial diseases, bacterial arthritis and campylobacter, drenching and side paint branding for easy identification during lambing. All ewes have now been DNA tested to improve the accuracy of their breeding values, as well as to ensure pedigree accuracy.



YAHS also conducted a crutching school with twelve Year 10 students, trained by Australian Wool Innovation trainers. These students crutched all ewes and ewe lambs and will be involved in the shearing school in December.

In preparation for the ram sale, Year 10 Animal Management students have been practicing their sale roles, as well as performing extensive data collection on the sale rams. They have collected visual scores for structure and weights for LAMBPLAN, which will contribute to the Australian Sheep breeding values in the catalogue. Rams were shorn by two Year 12 students, Jack Petrucci and Duncan Muir, as well as ex-student Bryce Johnston last week. Year 11 Primary Industries students are taking DNA samples of all sale rams this week.

AGRICULTURE REPORT

The Ram Sale is still going ahead! (see attachment to this Newsletter). Whilst we do not know what may occur with COVID -19 restrictions by September, we will be running simultaneously with online auction platform, AuctionsPlus, therefore if buyers cannot or do not wish to attend, they are still able to bid on rams. We expect to have approximately 50 high-performance White Suffolk Rams on offer on the 23rd of September, with photography and videography of all sale lots available. If you have any queries about the Ram Sale, please contact Mrs Quinn at school on **(02) 6951 1500**.

Ellie Quinn / Agriculture Teacher



Congratulations to Mr Luke Collins again on the successful Shorthorn Bull Sale recently. Also congratulations to Lachlan West Yr12 and Toby Bowron Year 11 on their representation of the School at the Shorthorn Bull Sale this year conducted on the internet for the first time. They are both great ambassadors for our school as is shown by the letter below received by the Principal recently. Well done boys.

*The Principal
Yanco Agricultural High School, Yanco*

Dear Sir,

I am writing with some words of praise for your staff and students, specifically Mr Luke Collins and your year 12 students Lachlan and Toby, whose surnames I do not know.

Our contact with your school was recent and as a result of purchasing a Shorthorn Bull at the internet auctions conducted a fortnight ago. The quality of the bull is first rate and it is our second purchase from the school. A widely recognised judge of the breed, Peter Falls, selected him for us.

We collected the bull post sale and were greeted when we arrived at the school by the above two mentioned students. Their cordial manners, enthusiasm and helpfulness reflect very creditably on them, their family backgrounds and most importantly on the school. Clearly they are very happy there and thriving. They enjoy a very positive and proper relationship with Luke Collins.

The high school itself could not fail to impress us with it's extensive and first rate facilities and when these are complemented by a high quality teacher and students, we are confident that the future of agriculture is in safe hands.

*Yours Faithfully
Matthew Passmore
Passmore Family*

ART REPORT

In Visual Art the students have been working on some great artwork tasks, due to home-learning and Covid-19 they have not gotten everything they started completed however here is a small showcase of what has been happening in the Art Rooms at Yanco Agricultural High School.

The Year 7 students worked on Zentangles. This task involved the use of water colour backgrounds and then they applied images with structured lines and patterns over the top.

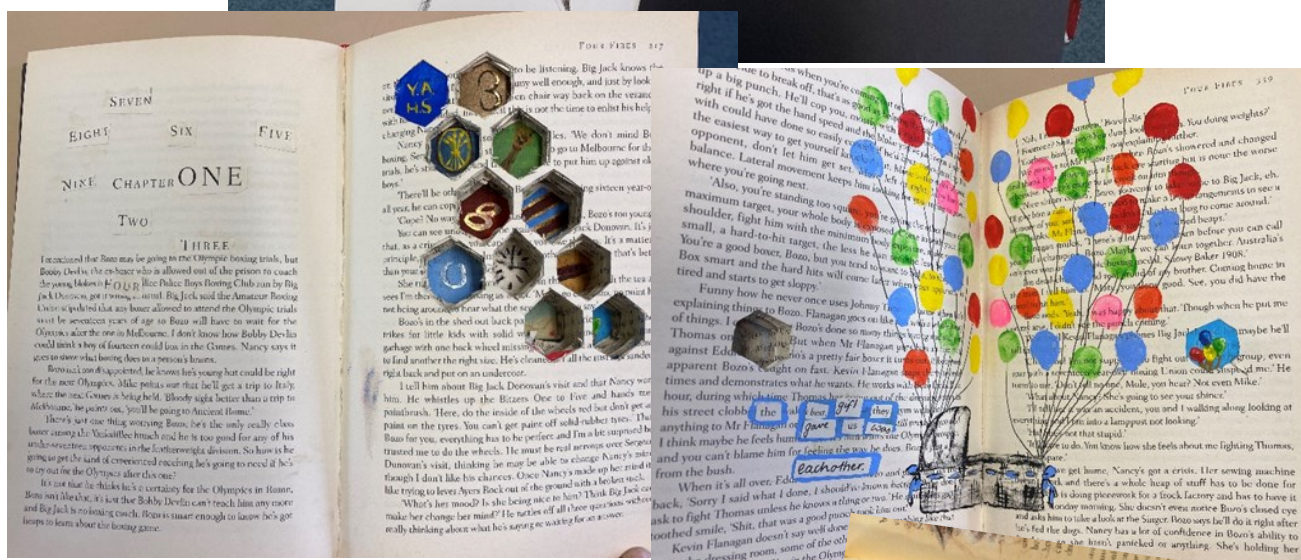


Year 8 worked on Landscapes and Fauvism (this style of art is famous for its radical use of unnatural colours that assists in creating strong and unified artworks). Due to home-learning the students have not completed a full artwork this term but learnt a lot about both Australian Landscape artists as well as famous Fauvist Artists.

The Stage 5 students worked on both Still Life as well as Portraiture. Their portraiture involved the drawing of an 'older' family member or famous person which they then transferred into a print with the use of the lino-cut process.



Our Stage 6 student Zoe Wilson has been working on drawings around the Human Figure as well as an Art and Memory Task. In her Art and Memory Task she has been focusing on an 'Altered Book' which is a mixed media artwork that changes a book from its original form into a different form.



It has been a challenging term for our students however in the words of the Art Gallery of New South Wales "Absence makes the ART grow fonder".

Terry Babic / Art Teacher

SPORT REPORT

Term 2 has been a bit slow on the out of school activities front, but the “in school” sport has kept the students busy! We have had Tara Arnall doing multiple boot camps, compulsory sport every afternoon for different year groups and on weekends.

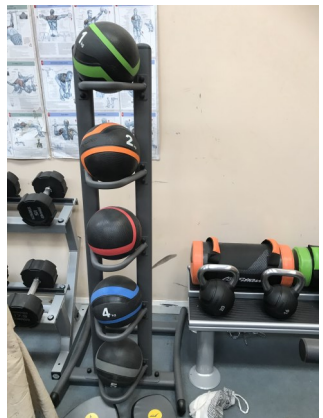
The school has also purchased some new Gym equipment from Life Fitness. We have purchased the latest Life Fitness Cardio equipment and Hammer Strength weight machines which arrived earlier this term and the students have been using this daily. We are also in the process of extending the current cardio shed near the gym and adding an awning to the front of this to provide students with a sheltered workout area to access outside of school hours for all age groups. The shed will have Treadmills, Stepper/Power mill, Cross Trainers, Ski Ergs, Rowers, Bikes, Medicine Balls, Stretch Bands, Mats, Speedballs, Boxing Bag and other equipment that will make Yanco the envy of any school or gym! The weights equipment area will be allocated in the school main gym and made accessible at 6am Mon-Fri and 10am on Weekends.

We have also been running a touch football competition in the afternoons between Senior and Junior year groups with the final being played on Wednesday afternoon and the winning teams having a Pizza night on Thursday Night. The school also has 25 Mountain Bikes, that were purchased late last year, and these have been a massive hit in the after school hours.

A big thank you must also go out to the Head Teachers, Welfare, Jason Sachs and Tara Arnall who have been putting on a Bon Fire every Friday night for different year groups.

In other sporting news this week has seen a few local sporting groups start back up with training runs under the COVID policy guidelines. Quite a few sports will not be played this year but again things are changing daily. We will keep organising activities at the school to keep your child busy in the afterhours.

Warren Weir / Out of School Sports Co-ordinator



FIRE NIGHT YEAR 12



FIRE NIGHT YEAR 10



CROSS COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 2020 CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS

Year 12	Max Findlay Kelsey Bandy Tully James
Year 11	Rohan Lacey
Year 10	Kai Hammond Amber Langlands
Year 9	Joshua Madden Alice Caldwell Jake Turner
Year 8	Anabelle Smith Riley Philpot
Year 7	Charlotte Millington Chelsea Golder Maddison Eade

