



*As you sow, so  
shall you reap*

# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 5, February 2021

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## CALENDAR 2021

### February 26th

DESI Travel Day

### March 1st

DESI Students Return  
to school

### March 2nd

Classes resume

### March 1st - 5th

Year 12

Work Placement

### March 8th

Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations

### March 12th

Beach Carnival (TBC)

### April 1st

Student Travel

Day End of Term 1

### April 18th

Students Travel Day

Return to School

### April 19th

Classes resume Term 2



*Twilight Swimming Carnival 2021*



## DESI RETURN MARCH 1st

**BUSES RETURN MONDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 1st**

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FROM 4 — 7PM.**

**ALL STUDENTS SIGN IN AT THE GYM**

**PLEASE BRING COVID CHECK IN FORM (SIGNED BY PARENT)**

## LEADERSHIP 2021

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

George Hatty , Kara Yelland

### VICE CAPTAINS:

Nicholas Gibson, Isabella Bergmann

### PREFECTS:

Archie Ray, Ryan Thomas

Dana Alexander, Zoe Wilson

### SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS

#### GARDINER

Captains: Eliza Kurrle  
Fred Herrmann

Vice Captains: Amber Langlands  
Harrison Whitehead

#### BREAKWELL

Captains: Sarah Manwaring  
Zac Manwaring

Vice Captains: Clare Ratcliffe  
Nicklas Manwaring

#### McCAUGHEY

Captains: Lauren Fitzgerald  
Tom Bartter

Vice Captains: Maddison Dowling  
Aiden Bensch

#### MUTCH

Captains: Abigail Carey  
Rory Walsh

Vice Captains: Grace McBride  
Kai Hammond


### YEAR ADVISORS 2021

Year 7	Melissa Mercuri
Year 8	Jess Richardson
Year 9	Catherine Gray
Year 10	Leah Troidahl
Year 11	Kelly Stockdale
	Stuart McVittie
Year 12	Grant Coeli

### 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	
<b><i>Recess</i></b>	<b><i>10:31 – 10:51</i></b>	
Period 3	10:51 – 11:49	
Period 4	11:49 – 12:47	
<b><i>Lunch</i></b>	<b><i>12:47 – 1:27</i></b>	
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 the parents, students and staff whose cooperation enabled a smooth start to 2021 school year. Although the Department of Education's Boarding schools' guidelines still places restrictions on many aspects of the school operation we have endeavoured to maintain many of the usual Term 1 activities.

The swimming carnival was a terrific night that saw great student attendance, participation and sportsmanship throughout the evening. Although parents were unable to attend, we hope all parents were able to enjoy the posted photos from the night. We will endeavour to provide similar coverage for both the beach carnival (12<sup>th</sup> March) and the 99<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the school (9<sup>th</sup> March).

Despite some homesickness and tears, numerous mice and crickets plus temperamental air conditioners, students are settling back into school and focusing on their academic studies. To assist this process Year 7 students completed the Lake Talbot camp with their prefects and both Year 8 & 9 have had evening activities with their Year Advisors. Year 11 have completed the 'All My Own Work' course which reinforces to them the need for all their work to be their own. They have also participated in the RYDA program this week as part of their mandatory Life Ready course. Year 11's should have finalised their subject choices by now so they can focus on their studies.

We now have a more consistent duty team during the week supervising the students. This will enable a greater rapport to be developed between the students and staff and increase consistency and maintain expectations.

The **Positive Behaviour for Learning** (PBL) program, which brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a **positive**, safe and supportive **learning** culture, has been extended into the residential time of the school. All duty staff have now been introduced to the program and their knowledge and skills will be extended throughout the year.

The school continues to focus on Mental Health and Relationships. Programs such as Love Bites (Term 1 – Year 9 & 11) and Youth Aware of Mental Health (Term 2 – Yrs 9 & 10) to help supplement internal programs.

A reminder to students that they can identify someone who is struggling or other issues through Stymie (<https://stymie.com.au/>). Parents please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns about your child or any other student. A home and community is not the buildings or physical resources it is the people. We need to look after ourselves and each other. We all need to strive to be the best version of ourselves and assist others to do so.

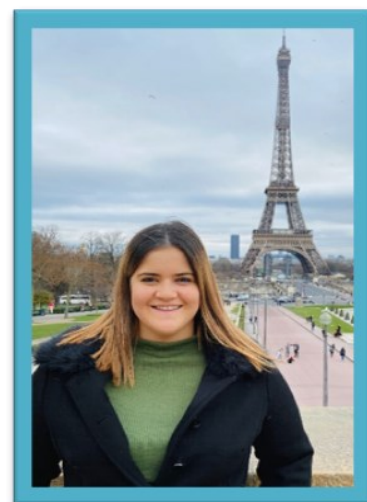
Please enjoy the designated leave weekend.

***Lisa O'Brien / Deputy Principal Residential***



## SCHOOL COUNSELLING TEAM 2021

My name is Drew Sinnett and I am beginning my second year at Yanco Agricultural High School. I feel very lucky to work at YAHS and to have gained this position last year. I work at YAHS three days a week and on the other two days I travel between 5 small schools in the region. I grew up in the small town of Rylstone and moved to Newcastle to attend university in 2015. I then attended the University of Wollongong, on Scholarship with the Department, to complete a Master of Professional Psychology (School Psychology) in 2019. Most recently, I finished my internship and gained General Registration as a Psychologist. I am looking forward to another year supporting the students here at YAHS.



Hi! My name is Erika Ellis and I am a School Counsellor/Provisional Psychologist. I work at YAHS 2 days per week and also service 3 other schools in the Leeton Community. I have been a School Counsellor for several years working in many different parts of the state. Technically this is my second year working with the staff and students at Yanco Agricultural High School as I started at the beginning of Term 4, 2020. In addition to being a School Counsellor, I am also an experienced teacher and have relieved as an Assistant Principal Learning and Support. I grew up in Griffith and moved back to the area about 4 years ago. I live with my two kids and our spoilt pets.



As School Psychologists/Counsellors we can perform a variety of tasks within the school however we do primarily focus on counselling and assessment. We work with the Learning and Support and Wellbeing Teams to provide assessments for individual students and to provide counselling sessions to support student social and emotional growth. Some of the areas for which we might talk to and work with students include difficulties with anxiety and worries, self-regulation and behaviour, social skills, learning difficulties, study skills and family and relationship concerns. We can also assist parents and teachers to support our students.

### Days of Service:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drew	Drew	Erika	Erika	Drew

### How to refer:

If you would like to refer your child to the School Counselling Team, please discuss this with your child's Year Advisor, the Head Teacher Welfare or call us directly via the main office. We also accept self-referrals directly from students.

**Drew Sinnett & Erika Ellis**

## TRANSPORT / LEAVE

### TERM 1 2021

Day 1 Term 1: Staff

Wednesday 27th January

**All students return Sunday 31st January, 2021**

Day 1 Term 1:

Students lessons commence:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Designated Leave Weekend:

Students travel home

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Students return

Monday 1st March

Last Day Term 1: Students travel home

Thursday 1st April

### COUNTRYLINK - DESI

A reminder for all parents that if your child is **NOT** going to be travelling on the buses for Designated Leave Weekends this year **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))**



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## TRANSPORT / LEAVE

### LEAVE CONDITIONS 2021 REMAIN THE SAME

#### 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.
- Hand in a completed and signed by parent COVID19 Site Access Screening Questions sheet on return from Designated Leave Weekends and holidays.

#### 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 or 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 2021

The front gates will be locked at all times over the weekends 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.

For the return of students on **Saturday and Sunday** afternoons 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.

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

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

## ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

### 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.

### 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 within 7 days of the absence.

**Phone: 02 69511500 / Email: [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 in order for your child's absence to be recorded correctly with the Department of Education.

## IMPORTANT ATM INFORMATION



Please check your child's ATM card to make sure it is not damaged.

Damaged cards are going through the ATM machine and causing damage to the card reader, thus preventing other students from using the machine.

If your child's card is damaged, even in the slightest way, please order a replacement card. This will enable all students to enjoy the convenience of an ATM on the school grounds.

### MAINTENANCE

All students have been reminded that if there is any furniture or equipment missing, damaged or not in working order in their dormitory they are required to put in a Maintenance Request Form. These are available from the duty room.

## SPORT REPORT

### YAHS TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL February 11th

A fantastic day was had at our school swimming carnival this year. The sun was out, water was glistening and everyone was dressed in their house colours. The stars aligned for a fantastic evening in the pool. Congratulations to all competitors who swam on the day.

Technically off record approximately 40 new records were set by some very talented swimmers over the 33m short course. Students who placed in the top two from our carnival in every event, have been selected to represent our school at the zone swimming carnival to be held in Leeton.

Congratulations to the following age champions:



### AGE CHAMPIONS (not in order)

12Yrs Boys Luke Anderson, 12Yrs Girls Grace Palmer, 13Yrs Boys Hamish Warhurst

13Yrs Girls Riley Cattle, 14Yrs Boys Archie Gay, 14Yrs Girls Amelia Waters

15Yrs Boys Harvey Gay, 15Yrs Girls Libby Saunders

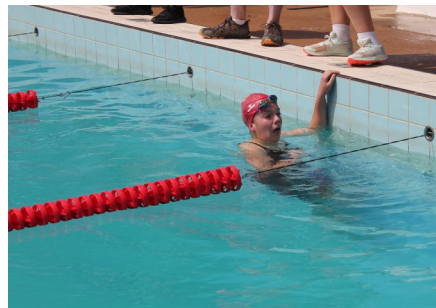
16Yrs Boys Lane Doyle, 16Yrs Girls Alice Walsh

17Yrs Boys Thomas Hughes, 17Yrs Girls Claire Gribble and Ruby-Belle Stingemore

### HOUSE POINT PLACINGS AND TOTALS

1st. Gardiner 2390    2nd McCaughey 1949    3rd Breakwell 1959    4th Mutch 1316





## **ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL February 18th**

YAHs attended the Zone Swimming Carnival held at the new Leeton Aquatic Centre. The carnival displayed many impressive individual performances, high levels of encouragement from our students as well as a great community spirit amongst the schools. The level of participation in the pool and land events was very good. Our students embraced the day and all who attended are to be commended for the way they represented themselves and our school.

Well done to all swimmers who have progressed to the next level which is Riverina. They include Lane Doyle 16yrs 50 Freestyle and relay, Nicholas Sheen 12yrs Breaststroke, Grace Palmer 12yrs 50m Freestyle, Thomas Hughes 100 breaststroke and Relay, George Hatty 100 Backstroke and Relay, Thomas Bartter Relay.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for your support at the swimming carnival that highlights the wonderful community we have at Yanco.

*Catherine Gray / PE Teacher*

## Year 7 LAKE TALBOT EXCURSION

On Monday 8th February Ms Mercuri, Mrs Arnall, Mr Sachs, the Year 7s and eight Year 11 Dorm Prefects packed the trailers and headed off for Lake Talbot. After setting up the tents and organising the food we got into the camp.

Games, activities, swimming, slides, a super long night bushwalk, a walk into and around Narrandera and a dress up competition formed the next two days. A special visit from the School Prefects to teach the Year 7s the war cry was another highlight, with McCaughey apparently learning and yelling the best. About three quarters of the people present were not in agreement with this - but you can't win everything.

A huge thanks to the Year 11 Dorm Prefects for working together and looking after the Year 7s. Thank you to the staff for their efforts as well.

Well done to Year 7 for their behaviour and willingness to get in and be involved..

*Jason Sachs / Head Teacher Welfare*



## CONGRATULATIONS OLLIE DUNN Year 9

Ollie Dunn Year 9 recently received an award at the Trundle Australia Day Ceremony.

The award is the "Trundle Sports Award Overall Winner 2020". Ollie has been involved with the Trundle Juniors and Seniors Cricket Teams since he was 8 years old and was recognised for this at the Australia Day Ceremony this year.



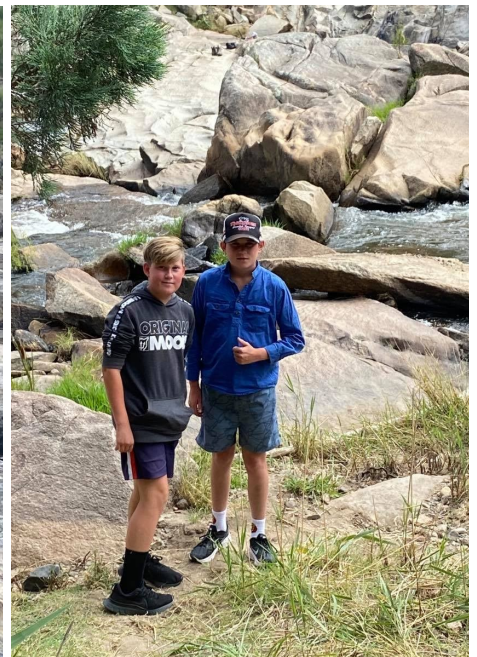
The award takes into the consideration not only the excellent ability to play the sport, but the way in which the player conducts themselves on and off the field. Ollie was announced to be a "True Australian team mate" with all the characteristics that go with this award, as well as being congratulated and acknowledged for his continued support of the Club as he has coached the younger teams.

*Congratulations Ollie.*

## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

On Sunday February 22nd a group of students travelled to Adelong for the day. A great day was spent at the Adelong Falls.

*Shelley Lang / Duty Staff Member*



## HOUSEKEEPING

### LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property pile in the Laundry is growing rapidly and daily!! To prevent your child's clothes from ending up on this [pile please take a little time over DESI to check the labels on their clothing and belongings that will return to school with them. Stitch on labels with your



Have you checked  
your pencil case?

Over Desi, take the  
time to check that you  
have:

- . Blue/black pens
- . Red pens
- . Lead pencils
- . Scissors
- . Glue Stick
- . Eraser
- . Sharpener
- . Coloured Pencils
- . Highlighters



### SHOES

MUST BE SOLID, LEATHER,  
WITH COVERED INSTEPS

LACE UP SHOES OR ELASTIC  
SIDED BOOTS

**This is an occupational health  
and safety issue.**

At YAHS many subjects required  
solid, leather shoes with a well  
covered instep. Please ensure that  
your child has the correct footwear.



### SHEETS

Your child requires TWO sets of  
sheets.


(If your child does not use a top  
sheet then they will require TWO  
doona covers to enable one to get  
washed each week).

All students have been given a hard copy of the below consent form. Please ensure this form is completed, signed and returned after DESI if you wish to utilise this service

*Tara Arnall / Head Teacher Welfare*


# School Dental Initiative

No out of pocket Dental



## DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 4 Children In Australia  
Have Untreated Tooth Decay



1  
FILL IN  
FORM

The dental health van is visiting our school to help find dental decay early!  
Fill and return this form to school.

2  
THE  
VISIT

We will provide a full examination and two small diagnostic x-rays, remineralisation of teeth and fissure seals if required.  
(If your child is not Medicare eligible we will do a FREE exam and tooth strengthening remineralisation)

3  
FILLINGS

If your child needs fillings, you'll be contacted.  
If you give consent, we can do further treatment.  
We will also provide a written treatment plan.

## Our Kids - Our School - Our Future

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## YAHS GALA DAY 2022

If you are planning ahead for Gala Day 2022,  
**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. Unfortunately we have had to cancel Gala Day 2021 due to continued COVIS restrictions.



## CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on  
[careers@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:careers@jossgroup.com.au)



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