



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 5, May 2021

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CALENDAR

May 21st

DESI Travel Day

May 24th

DESI Return Travel Day

May 25th

Classes resume
Year 7/9 Exams

June 3rd

Coonabarabran
Horse Expo

June 11th

Riverina Cross Country

June 13th - 16th

Dubbo Shorthorn

June 14th

Queens Birthday
Weekend

June 24th

Teacher/Parent Interviews
Performance Night
Commendation Assembly

June 25th

P/T Interviews cont..
McCaughey Ball



YAHS ANZAC Day Service 2021



LEADERSHIP 2021

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

George Hatty , Kara Yelland

VICE CAPTAINS:

Nicholas Gibson, Isabella Bergmann

PREFECTS:

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 Jessica Richardson

Year 9 Catherine Gray

Year 10 Leah Troidahl

Year 11 Stuart McVittie

Year 12 Grant Coelli

HEAD TEACHERS

MATHS Robbie Gifford

ENGLISH Rebecca Ormond

HSIE Ellie Quinn

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 now permitted on school grounds to sign their children out at the Front Office in McCaughey building as well as the Duty Room after school hours. Please call 6951 1500 on arrival.

Parents are not permitted to enter Residential areas.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the weather is starting to get colder the problem with mice may get worse. It is imperative that students do NOT leave any food scraps in their dormitory or surrounding area. We have a baiting program running in all areas and over the Desi break more traps will be set out and a thorough clean of all areas undertaken. To all parents who are dealing with mice in far greater numbers than here at school, we are thinking of you.

Plans for the new dormitory are progressing well and should go to treasury early next month. The school has had significant input and we are pleased with the plan that is being put forward, after a great deal of debate. Please check the school's website for a link to check the progress from the Department's point of view.

The school has been successful in a joint funding project with the Department to get the new Basketball Netball courts covered. This project will be around \$700,000 and due to its size will be erected first so as not to damage the Rebound Ace courts. An electronic scoreboard and lighting will be included in the project so the courts can be used by students at night. It will also provide a shade area for students in the summer months. The project will start next term with the courts going down in Term 4, ready for the school's centenary in 2022. Other outstanding works, the cattle shed and hothouse/green houses, should also be completed next term.

Zone Cross Country was held last week in Hillston. YAHS came second to Murrumbidgee High by 25 points. A fantastic result as Murrumbidgee has a student population of nearly 1500 students. Our school also recently came first at the Dubbo Prime Lamb Hook and Hoof competition winning the Champion Schools Pen of Lambs. Again, a great result especially as we beat Farrer High School. In a couple of weeks' time we head off to Coonabarabran for the North West Equestrian event. Best of luck to all those participants who generally do extremely well anyway.

At the first P&C meeting of the year I mentioned that the Department is phasing out all school developed courses in Stage 5, Years 9 and 10. For Yanco Agricultural High School that will mean we will be unable to run Animal Management, Drone Technology or Equine courses. All these courses are specific to Agricultural students and at Yanco would involve over 80 students who will be unable to do these subjects. The school is putting forward a paper to explain why these subjects should remain available to our students. We believe these subjects are vital within the Agricultural sector of our school.

Gary Hunt / Principal



ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

When your child is absent from school, for any reason, please call and/or email the front office with details of absence. When a reason is not supplied the absence will be recorded as Unjustified.

Phone: 02 69511500 /

Email: yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au

All absentee information is to be communicated through School Administration in order for your child's absences to be recorded correctly with the Department of Education. Absentee explanations need to be received within 7 Days otherwise unjustified absence will be noted and unable to be changed.



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 COVID restrictions.

P & C COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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 by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

School Levies (ie Transport, Technology), Subject Contributions, Excursions, and 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 .

WELLBEING



Hi, my name is Anne Egan and I am a Senior Psychologist, Education, based at Yanco Agricultural High School.

I manage a team of School Counsellor/Psychologists who service schools in Leeton, Yanco, Narrandera, Coolamon and West Wyalong (as well as surrounding schools).

The main role of my position is to provide clinical supervision to my team. This entails keeping them informed of current information and practice in areas of mental health, psychological assessment and NSW

Department of Education wellbeing Initiatives as well as providing training and development to meet AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency) psychologist registration requirements. I have a counselling team with diverse experience and training needs and it is my job to support them to provide well evidenced and best practice psychological intervention and assessment for students from K -12.

I support twenty two schools providing advice and consultation on health and wellbeing; students with complex presentations; as well as filling school counsellor gaps in allocations and vacancies as needed.

I work closely with NSW Dept. Education School Services Team to provide and promote support and wellbeing services and programs to students and schools.

As you can imagine I am often on the road as I travel to support schools and my team. I am usually at Yanco Agricultural High School around three times a week and am happy to support the school in any way that I can, regularly involving myself in discussions re:- Welfare and counselling support needs. Between Drew, Erika and myself there is a Counsellor/Psychologist available at YAHS five days a week between 8.30am and 3.30pm. We are more than happy to be contacted and help with

WELLBEING AND COMMUNICATION

What should you do if you have a question or concern relating to your child?

If a parent and caregiver has a concern or question relating to their child they should contact relevant personnel and the personnel should provide **initial response within 48 hours**. Depending on the complexity of the concern the resolution time will vary.

For **questions relating to learning outcomes** this should start with the class teacher, followed by the faculty head teacher and year advisor.

For **questions relating to wellbeing** this should commence with the year adviser, followed by the Head Teachers Welfare and then the Deputy Principals.

If the concern or question is not resolved the concern should be raised with the school Principal on 02 69511500.

If concerns are still not resolved then contact can be made with the Director Educational Leadership office on 02 69373809.

Please refer to the contact list that was previously sent out to identify the most appropriate person to direct your request.

We hope this process assists with streamlining our communication with parents and caregivers.



TRANSPORT / LEAVE / CANTEEN

STUDENT COLLECTION AND RETURN

The school gates will be open until 9.00pm during term time.

Parents picking students up from the school or returning them to the school are asked to **call the school ahead of their arrival** so that the school is aware of when they are expected to be on the school grounds. This is especially important over weekends and outside of school hours through the week.

Parents will be able to park in the school carpark nearest the Gym and attend the Duty Room to pick up and return students to the school **outside of normal school hours**.

Student pick ups and drop offs **inside of school hours** may take place through the Front Office or from Matron's if the child is unwell.

Normal sign in and sign out procedures will apply. Leave forms will need to be completed and the leave register needs to be signed on departure and return of the student/s to school.

If the duty room is unattended then please push the buzzer near the window to get duty staff. A call prior to entering the school grounds will minimise the chance of the duty room being unattended.

If you are collecting your child or another student, then staff will direct the student to where you are. Please **do not wander through the school**. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Buses for weekly students will continue to operate as normal on Friday afternoons and Monday mornings

SIGN IN REQUIREMENTS

At the duty room/ front office/health centre **parents and caregivers will need to sign** in following the COVID -19 two-step sign in procedure including:

Sign in using the school sign-in sheet and check-in using the Service NSW COVID safe QR code on entry to the school grounds. If sign out/sign in is completed at the gym carpark then parents/caregivers/visitors do not need to sign in.

Parents and carers **are not** allowed to enter any Dormitory Buildings.

Parents and carers and visitors will always need to maintain 1.5 m physical distance from other people while on the school grounds. Parents and carers **must not attend the school** if unwell, even with the mildest symptoms. Students should not return to school if unwell.

END OF TERM TRAVEL TERM 2

Parents must pick up students at the end of Term 2 for travelling home.
There will be no travel arrangements made.

Students are to be collected by their parents at the completion of Teacher/Parent Interviews.
Information on Teacher/Parent interviews will be sent out as soon as possible.



CANTEEN NEWS

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\$10 BLAZER SALE

We have second hand school blazers for sale in the YAHS Canteen. Pockets and logos have been removed. Some of them have been dry cleaned and some have not. All are selling for \$10.

Joanne Punch / Canteen Manager

BEACH CARNIVAL



This year's Beach Carnival proved to be one of the more challenging events to run in recent memory. With the Covid protocols initially making School Beach the best venue for the carnival, staff and students were set up and ready for the day when the skies opened and made access to the school beach impossible. The carnival was then deferred to a later date, and with easing Covid restrictions, we were able to revert back to the usual venue, Middle Beach to host the carnival. The only viable date was Tuesday, 30th of March which unfortunately made parental visits more difficult than usual and slightly cooler weather, which did not temper the enthusiasm of students who threw themselves into all events with great vigour. It was great to see such strong community support throughout the day.

BEACH CARNIVAL RESULTS:

IRON PERSON:

Junior Girls	Trinity Cox
Junior Boys	Archie Gay
Intermediate Girls	Amelia Waters
Intermediate Boys	Lane Doyle
Senior Girls	Eliza Kurrle
Senior Boys	Thomas Hughes

MARCHING

Gardiner	22
Breakwell	22
McCaughey	21
Mutch	20

HOUSE POINTS

Mutch	520
Gardiner	466
Breakwell	378
McCaughey	340



AGRICULTURE REPORT



BLAZE AID ADELONG FENCING

In week 1 of Term 2, some of our Year 11 Certificate III in Agriculture boys headed to the Blazeaid Adelong Camp to assist local landholders rebuild farm fence infrastructure after the devastating bushfires. The boys were split into groups with other volunteers and travelled to various properties in the area to clear old fence lines and construct new ones. The boys met people from all walks of life, listened to their stories and gained some new tips and skills in the process. The majority of the volunteers were retired or semi retired and were happy to have some young lads in camp to do some of the leg work, as well as chatting with the boys. They camped at the showgrounds in Adelong and we wish to thank Blazeaid for hosting us for the week. I would also like to pass on my thanks to the boys who attended, for the effort they put in giving back to the community. They worked hard, were compassionate, performed well in a team environment and were an absolute pleasure to take away for the week.

Luke Collins / Head Teacher Agriculture





LIVESTOCK HANDLING COURSE

Year 11 Certificate III in Agriculture students have spent time recently honing their skills in all things livestock handling.

They have gained an understanding of the principles of good livestock handling and stockmanship methods and been able to refine and demonstrate their practical skills in the cattle yards.

Thanks to Steve and Clare for their expertise in this field, ensuring that the students gained a broader perspective on how farm handling can affect the whole supply chain.

Luke Collins | Head Teacher Ag



AGRICULTURE REPORT

SYDNEY ROYAL REPORT

This year, at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, the school decided they would not attend with any live-stock due to the Covid pandemic and all the uncertainties associated with it. Although as a school we did not take stock, a number of our students took the opportunity to compete at the Show in state final competitions they had qualified for in 2019.

In the Beef Cattle section Toby Bowron, Edward Maclure and Grace Burns represented the school in a number of events. All three students competed in the Paraders sections, with Toby and Grace borrowing animals to be able to compete. Even though they didn't place, all three presented themselves with professionalism and gained a valuable learning experience with the different stock.

A couple of days later Grace and Toby competed again in the Beef Cattle State Junior Judging section. This competition is one that requires you to be in the top two in the qualifying selection process to even make it to state. After assessing three different classes and a range of breeds the top competitors are chosen to give their opinion on one of the classes. Grace Burns was awarded Champion Judge on the day and now competes in the national finals at the Brisbane Royal in August.

Edward Maclure, along with his brother and past student Hamish decided last year that they were going to make 2021 their debut with the Limousin stud in Sydney and what a debut it was. The boys from Keajura Park Limousins headed to Sydney with two heifers and a bull, all bred by themselves from the ET program they had implemented years before. Show day was a massive day with not only the Limousin's being judged but the Paraders finals on as well. Hamish proved he still has his calm parading style and picked up Reserve Champion Parader, but it was in the Limousin ring where they were both really able to shine. Their heifers picked up 1st and 2nd in their class and went on to win both Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Limousin Heifer. Their bull Rocky also won his class which then saw the team pull together to take out the Sire's Progeny and Breeders group of the Limousin ring, a massive achievement.

A couple of days later Edward and Hamish were back in the ring with their winning animals in the interbreeds section. Keajura Park Rose was awarded Supreme Interbreed Heifer of the show. This achievement is one many strive for year after year and never succeed, just demonstrating how amazing their win was and also the quality of animals they have put together.

Congratulations Edward, Hamish and all the family on such a wonderful achievement.



Toby Bowron in the Paraders State Finals in Sydney



Maclure Family and their Interbreed Champion Heifer

Over in the Sheep section Grace Burns, along with Paige Brown, competed in the Meet Sheep State Junior Judging finals. After analysing the different classes the girls gave their opinion by speaking on the microphone to justify their reasons. This was a wonderful effort in itself and although they didn't place they should be proud of their state final achievement.



Lindsay and Paige Brown at the Meat Sheep State Finals

The Meat Sheep section also saw ex-students Hamish Maclure and Lindsay Brown compete in the same competition as it is open to the 25 years age group. Lindsay Brown walked away with 5th place and continues to demonstrate his knowledge and passion for the sheep industry.

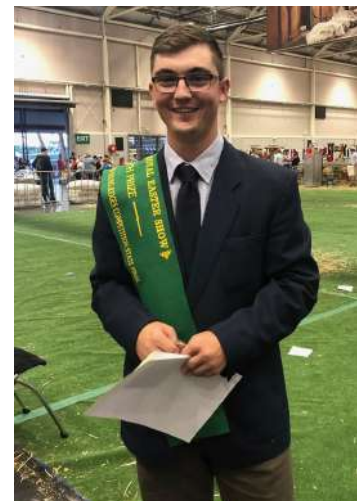
Grace and Hamish were very busy also competing in a range of other state junior judging finals from Wool Sheep, Grain and the Fruit and Vegetable section where Grace was selected to give justification on her placings and finished in the top 10.

Congratulations to all students, past and present, who competed at Sydney Royal. Yanco Agricultural High School was represented to the highest standard.

Kim Weller / Agriculture Teacher / Cattle Showstock Coordinator



Grace Burns winning state Beef Cattle finals



Lindsay Brown



SYDNEY ROYAL 2021: GRACE BURNS TAKES OUT RAS/ASC BEEF CATTLE YOUNG JUDGES

Grace competed and won the Zone 6 finals at the Nimmitabel Show in 2019, this then qualified her to compete at the Sydney Royal Easter Show for the state title.

This was Grace's first time ever to the Sydney Royal Easter Show. She had an amazing experience and won the State Title for Beef Cattle Young Judges. Grace also competed in Beef Cattle Paraders, which she enjoyed, as well as the Meat Sheep Young Judges competition, which she placed in the top 10. Grace also competed in the Fruit and Veg Young Judges competition, where she also made it to the top 10 and had to speak, all of which was such a great experience and a huge effort on Grace's part.

She was also fortunate enough to participate in the Grand Parade twice during the show, leading a Rose Hill Speckle Park heifer, called "Cheeky Pie". Grace will now compete for the National Title at the Royal Brisbane Show in August.

Congratulations Grace Burns

SPORT REPORT

CHS AFL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Joshua Hunt now holds a gold medal and state championship as part of the Riverina South West team who took out the competition at the CHS AFL Championships in Coffs Harbour. Riverina defeated Sydney North in the final minutes 69 to 32. Awesome effort Josh, we are all very proud of you.

Catherine Gray / PE Teacher



UNDER 15'S RUGBY LEAGUE

Harvey Gay has been selected in the Southern NSW Under 15's Rugby League side after representing Riverina against South Coast today. He now plays in Wollongong at the state trials in May. Well done and congratulations Harvey.

Tara Arnall / Head Teacher



CHS RUGBY UNION RIVERINA REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations Nicholas Bishop and Joshua Madden playing for Riverina in Kiama, NSW.



UNDER 16's ACT/COUNTRY NSW CRICKET

Congratulations to Alice Caldwell, Year 10, who played for Under 16's ACT/Country NSW Cricket team. Alice played in Campbelltown recently against Metro NSW City versus Country. Alice was ranked 4th with her bowling. Well done Alice.

Lisa O'Brien / Relieving Principal



CHS TENNIS

Several students competed in a YAHS Tennis Tournament in Term 1 for a place to represent Yanco Agricultural High School in CHS Tennis. The top four students earning their spot were Jack Patterson, Thomas Hughes, Andrew Smith and Jed Trevethan. On Monday 03/05/21 YAHS played MRHS in the Opens Boys Tennis in Griffith. YAHS were defeated by 5 games by a very competitive MRHS team. Player of the day went to Jed Trevethan. All the boys should be really proud of their efforts and they are to be applauded for their sportsmanship on and off the court.

Catherine Gray / PE Teacher

SPORT REPORT

CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS 2021

12Yrs Boys Riley Paslow-Gibson
 13Yrs Boys Hamish Warhurst
 14Yrs Boys Mick Maher
 15Yrs Boys Lachie Purcival
 16Yrs Boys Henry Lacey
 17Yrs Boys Kai Hammond
 18Yrs Boys Rohan Lacey

12Yrs Girls Grace Palmer
 13Yrs Girls Charli Fowler
 14Yrs Girls Chelsea Golder
 15Yrs Girls Annabelle Smith
 16Yrs Girls Shikeea Brown
 17Yrs Girls Isabella Foster
 18Yrs Girls Zoe Wilson

HOUSE POINTS

GARDINER	111
MCCAUGHEY	141
BREAKWELL	161
MUTCH	78



ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS 2021

12Yrs Boys Riley Paslow-Gibson
 13Yrs Boys Roy Edwards
 14Yrs Boys Mitchell Turner
 15Yrs Boys Joshua Hunt
 16Yrs Boys Darcy Kelly
 16Yrs Boys Kai Hammond (2020)
 Senior Boys Jordan Greene

12Yrs Girls Grace Palmer
 13Yrs Girls Charli Fowler
 14Yrs Girls Charlotte Millington
 15Yrs Girls Connie Weekes
 16Yrs Girls Charli Cullen

Senior Girls Zoe Wilson

HOUSE POINTS

MCCAUGHEY	1432
MUTCH	1301
GARDINER	1046
BREAKWELL	872

RECORDS BROKEN

Breanna Twigg 16yrs Javelin
 12-13yrs Relay Girls
 16yrs Relay Girls

Old Record 19.59m
 Old Record 1:10.87
 Old Record 1:07.80

New Record 22.14m
 New Record 1:10.33 Gardiner
 New Record 1:07.74 Gardiner



SPORT REPORT

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday the 14th YAHS travelled to Hillston for Zone Cross Country. Yanco was represented by a strong cohort of 38 students. Yanco was narrowly defeated by 26 points to MRHS in taking out the carnival. This has been the closest any school has come to defeating MRHS in a long time and all the runners need to be really proud of their efforts. Rohan Lacey also needs a special mention winning his age division, beating his nearest opponent by several minutes. Several students have now qualified for the Riverina Carnival which will be held in Gundagai on the 11th June, they include:

Chelsea Golder - 2nd , Annabelle Smith - 4th, Shikeea Brown - 3rd, Brooke Smith - 5th, Isabella Foster - 2nd, Dana Alexander - 5th, Amber Langlands - 3rd, Caitlin Kinsela - 4th, Zoe Wilson - 3rd, Riley Paslow- Gibson - 3rd, Hamish Warhurst - 6th, Lachie Purcival - 4th, Henry Lacey - 2nd, Kai Hammond - 5th, Rohan Lacey - 1st, Harrison Whitehead - 5th, Damien Barker - 2nd, William Dixon - 6th, Mitchell Whyte - 4th, Zac Manwaring - 3rd.



SOCCER - GIRLS OPEN

YAHS travelled to Griffith to vs MRHS in the 2nd Round of the CHS knockout. The girls faced a very strong MRHS team which put Yanco immediately on the backfoot. However very solid defence and Kara in goals keep them scoreless until the last minutes of the first half. The second half saw the girls determined to get ahead, which resulted in a goal from Amber Langlands. Continued pressure from MRHS resulted in another 2 late goals with the end result 3-1 to MRHS. Well done to all the girls.



Catherine Gray / PE Teacher

SPORT REPORT

AFL GIRLS GALA DAY REPORT

On Tuesday May 11th, twenty one girls travelled to Griffith to compete in the annual AFL Gala Day. They played two games on the day. In what was their first ever game of Australian Rules Football, the girls came up against a strong St Francis College team. As the game progressed, the skills and understanding of how the game was played improved. Unfortunately, they were no match for the experienced St Francis side and were defeated at the final siren. In our next match, our Yanco girls came up against a strong Murrumbidgee High School team. The girls, held strong against them in a very evenly matched physical game, where the ball did not stray far from the middle. Again, at the final siren the result did not go the girls way.

Congratulations to all the girls for playing their best on the day. Thanks also to Thomas Hughes and Zac Manwaring for running water as well as Mr McVittie and Ms Gray for taking their time to take the girls across to Griffith.

Paige Brown / Year 11



AFL BOYS GALA DAY REPORT

The Boys won their first game against Marion Catholic College and went down narrowly to St Francis Regional College in their second game. It was great to see so many of the Yanco boys who play AFL come together and play some very high quality football. Special thanks to Archie Ray for coaching the boys and Mr McVitte for coaching the girls. Looking forward to seeing them both go one better next year.



DEBATING

PREMIERS CHALLENGE YEAR 12

On Wednesday April 28th, Year 12 debating team had their 2nd debate in the Premier's Debating Challenge.

The team:

1st Speaker: Grace McBride
2nd Speaker: Sarah Manwaring
3rd Speaker: William Dixon
Team Adviser: Paddi Kenny
Chairperson: Lauren Fitzgerald

Our students won the coin toss, and chose to be the negative side for the topic: 'Political advertising should be banned from Social Media.'

Our team won their second debate in a row, with some very convincing arguments and excellent rebuttals. We are now gearing up for Round 3.

Year 11 who are competing in Round 2 of their debates tomorrow.

Melissa Mercuri | English Teacher



PREMIERS CHALLENGE YEAR 11

On Thursday, April 29th, Year 11 had their turn in Round 2 of The Premier's Debating Challenge.

The team:

1st Speaker: Caitlin Kinsela
2nd Speaker: Amber Langlands
3rd Speaker: Kai Hammond
Team Adviser: Claire Elward
Chairperson: Paige Brown

The topic was '**We should ban alcohol and gambling corporations from sponsoring sport**'. Unfortunately, this was a really hard topic to debate as the negative team, and we didn't get the win, however, we did gain some wonderful feedback that we will be able to use moving into the third round. Everyone debated really well and we are excited to see what topic the next round has to offer.

Melissa Mercuri | English Teacher

REMINDERS

2021 Premier's Reading Challenge


YAHS students in Years 7-10 have been invited to take part in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge.

This year students in Year 10 are also able to participate in the challenge due to the disruption that COVID caused to students in 2020.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The 2021 Challenge dates are as follows:

Challenge opens – Monday March 1st, 2021.

Challenge closes – Friday August 20th, 2021.




NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:
Challenge opens Monday March 1
Challenge closes for student entries Friday August 20
Artwork by Dr Bronwyn Bancroft

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



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).