

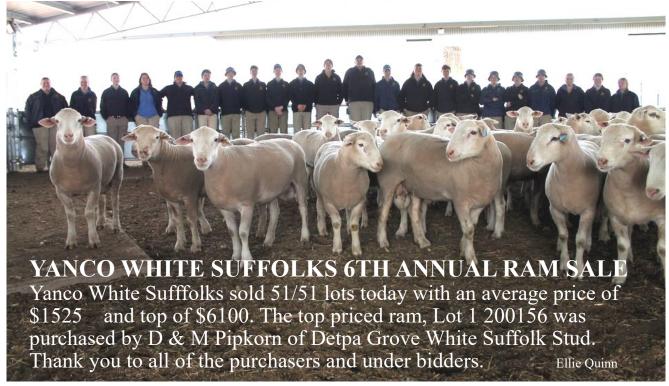
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YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 10, August/September 2021

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CALENDAR

September 17th
Last Day Term 3
October 5th
Travel Day Term 4
October 6th
Day One Term 4



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 Troldahl

Year 11 Stuart McVittie

Year 12 Grant Coelli

HEAD TEACHERS

MATHS Sally Cassilles

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)

MAINTENANCE REMINDER 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 fill in a Maintenance Request Form. These are available from the duty room and to be handed in to staff on duty at the time.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The second half of Term 3 has definitely been different for our school community with the entire student population doing remote learning and the majority of our staff working from home.

I would like to thank all of our school community who have supported each other and worked positively together to ensure that our students education continued and we maintained connections with each other. Everyone's patience and support whilst we have been navigating this changing environment we currently live in has been greatly appreciated and reinforced the importance of our Yanco family.

Staffing

Welcome to Miss Rich whose introduction to our school community has been mainly through zoom meetings. I am sure she looks forward to meeting our students next term in person.

Thank you to Mr Maher for his dedication and commitment to Yanco Agricultural High School during his time here. His positive approach and proactive support for students, staff and parents will be greatly missed at Yanco. Personally, I would like to thank Craig for his support during his years at Yanco and I will miss working with him as part of a leadership team. I wish him all the best for the future as he resumes life in Newcastle with his wife, and commences the next stage of his career at Newcastle High School. Our loss is definitely their gain.

Agriculture

Congratulations to Mrs Quinn and the Year 10 Animal Management class for another successful ram sale. 100% clearance of the rams on offer and an increase in the average and top sale prices indicate that the direction Mrs Quinn is taking the White Suffolk Stud is meeting the demands of the industry.

Construction

The rooves of the gym and library have been completed and currently cleaning and movement back into these areas is occurring. Walkway covers and the commencement of a shade structure over the basketball courts will hopefully commence during the school holidays.

Thank you to all the students, staff and families for their continued support and positive contributions to Yanco Agricultural High School this term.

Lisa O'Brien / Relieving Principal

Thank you Shirley



Shirley Worley commenced working at Yanco Agricultural High School in October 1987. During that time, she has fulfilled many roles from: dining staff, Catering Supervisor, duty staff, excursion supervisor, surrogate Mum and Grandmother to both staff, students and parents.

She has travelled with the school across the country from Tasmania, to Canberra, to the snow fields (a very special memory) and numerous other places. Her strong work ethic, try anything attitude, caring nature and no - nonsense approach have been greatly valued by all who have worked with her or been cared for by her over the past three decades.

Words cannot express the gap that her retirement will leave at Yanco Agricultural High School. We are sure that she would love to stay in touch with all the people she has met over the years and sit down for a cuppa and a game of cards. She will be greatly missed by the extended YAHS family and we wish her all the best for the future. Thank you Shirley.

A DEPUTY DEPARTS



CRAIG MAHER

Mr Maher joined the Yanco family at the commencement of Term 2, 2018. Along with his dog Belle, he brought along enthusiasm, energy, and a wealth of knowledge in Leadership and Teaching to YAHS.

As Mr. Maher settled into life at Yanco Agricultural High School and his role as Deputy Principal, he also put his hand up to lead, monitor and support the PDHPE Faculty. What a task I am sure that has been for him.

Throughout the past three and a half years Mr Maher has shared his knowledge and experience to help staff and students grow individually and as a part of our Yanco Family. The PDHPE Faculty are forever grateful for his leadership, knowledge and experience especially linked to HSC Marking and supporting our students to strive for excellence and reach their potential. Although, Mr. Maher's presence will be dearly missed at Yanco Ag, we wish him all the best in his new role at Newcastle High School and his future endeavours.

FROM THE DEPUTY"S DESK

We can all agree Term 3 has ended in a manner that we should not have expected! Coming into Desi, we were all looking forward to the break and the chance to visit home or the homes of friends for a short stay - that was now five weeks ago. It is testament to the strength of the Yanco family that all students were made welcome and had a place to go where they could experience family life for a period of time. I am sure that I speak on behalf of those parents who were not able to have their children at home and thank all families for the way in which they opened their homes and their hearts at that time.

This is my final contribution to the school newsletter, as I will commence as Deputy Principal at Newcastle High School in Term 4. It has not been my want to be at the forefront, rather to support students and families so that each and every student has the opportunity to achieve to their potential. I am grateful to the school and the Yanco family for the opportunity to be a small part of such a great place. Whilst I am departing Yanco, I do not for one moment think or feel that Yanco will ever leave me. I will continue to advocate strongly for appropriate provision of quality education for students from rural and remote areas and feel honoured to have met and worked with staff, parents and most importantly students from the school. While I look forward to the next step in my career, it is tinged with a little sadness that it cannot be at YAHS. Please take care and be safe.

Craig Maher / Deputy Principal

NEW STAFF



BELLE RICH - English Faculty

Hi everyone! I'm Belle and I come from a little town on the NSW Mid North Coast called Port Macquarie. I grew up and went to school in Port Mac before moving down to Newcastle to study Education. I ended up staying in Newcastle for a bit longer than expected, working two jobs to fund my overseas adventures. I love to travel – my last European trip was with Drew, YAHs resident psychologist and we froze in the winter of 2020. I was late in coming this term because I was travelling the West coast and Top End with my best mate in a troopy. It was the trip of a lifetime. I'm really, really looking forward

to meeting everyone at YAHS and keen to start my next adventure in the country. Fingers crossed we will all be back on site next term!

WELLBEING

REFERRAL PROCESS FOR PARENTS

If your child is having issues at school and they contact you about it can you please follow the process set out below:

In the first instance contact the year advisor by phoning the school on 02 6951 1500:

If you have concerns outside of normal school hours please contact the school on the same number 02 6951 1500:

ask for either Jason Sachs or Tara Arnall to be contacted (if available).

THE YEAR ADVISORS ARE:

Year 7 Melissa Mercuri

Year 8 Jessica Richardson

Year 9 Catherine Gray

Year 10 Leah Troldahl

Year 11 Stuart McVittie

Year 12 Grant Coelli

The Year Advisor will discuss the issue with the relevant staff member in the school –

Head Teachers Welfare; Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) Student Support Officer (SSO); School Counsellor/School Psychologist (SC/SP); Deputy Principal or at a Wellbeing meeting which are held every Monday at school.

The Year Advisor will email the parent with their initial referral within two days.

The person who the issue has been referred to will respond to the parent(s) after they have investigated the situation. This discussion may occur via a phone call or email and will involve the possible resolution and any further contact or requirements from the students.

Student Support Officer – Alex Tobin – At school every day.

School Psychologist – Drew Sinnet – at school Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Learning and Support Teacher - Daniela Ganderton

Head Teachers Welfare

Tara Arnall – <u>tara.murray8@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

Jason Sachs – <u>jason.sachs@det.nsw.edu.au</u>



WELLBEING

A sudden lockdown announcement after going on DESI weekend threw out a new challenge to help keep young minds healthy. It's so pleasing to report that even in lockdown and many miles from the school grounds of Yanco, students displayed their amazing school spirit, courage, and resilience over the past few weeks. Wellbeing Wednesday's has been a big hit with many of the students, joining their year group online to catch up, share stories, smiles and play some hotly contested games of Kahoot! Year 11 Year Advisor Mr McVittie showed his Jaime Oliver skills running a live gourmet pancake cooking session online which saw students all cooking (and eating of course) together from near and far.

We ran a mini competition for students to submit a photo or video to show some of the 'Tech Free' ways they are taking Brain-Breaks during lockdown. We were overwhelmed by the variety of entries; everything from dancing, farm work, skits, pottery and of course lots of animal therapy. We also put out a mini 'Nutbush' challenge with students and staff showing us fun and creative ways to do the famous dance. People really went all out from dancing on trucks to even dancing in animal onesies.

As we slowly find our way back to normality, we need to continue to take the time to look after

ourselves and look out for others. It's important to recognise positives to keep the momentum moving forward. If any families are needing support for students, please don't hesitate to contact the school. There are also lots of great tips and support that families have reported to be very helpful at REACHOUT.COM (https://au.reachout.com)

Together we will get through.

Alex Tobin / Student Support Officer











MULLETS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The school has a team page on the Black Dog Institute's Mullets for Mental Health.

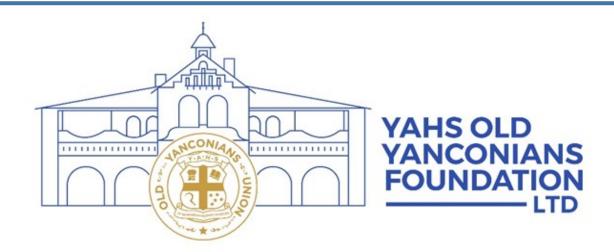
So far we have several students raising money for the Black Dog Institute to continue their work in assisting individuals and groups in promoting positive mental health.



If you can join up and then promote the fundraising page below that would be great. We have set a target of \$750 dollars for the school.

https://www.teamblackdog.org.au/fundraisers/YancoAg





YAHS Old Yanconians' Foundation survey.

The Old Yanconians' Union Inc. is establishing a charitable foundation to raise funds for educational initiatives at Yanco Ag. It is keen to hear from key stakeholders and the wider school community as to how school needs can be best served. We invite you to complete the following brief survey. Please return your response before the start of Term 4. Thank you for your participation.

The survey will be emailed to all students and parents over the next few days. Please complete this as soon as possible and definitely before the end of the holidays.

If you know of someone that is no longer at the school but has a link to the school – please feel free to pass the link on so they can also inform the Old Yanconians of their thoughts.

YAHS Old Yanconians' Foundation Working Group

P.D.H.P.E

Remote Learning for PDHPE

Year 7 is continuing to look at the topic Food For Thought whilst working from home this Term. Students have been working hard on creating posters that represent the Healthy Eating Guidelines, focusing on the recommended daily intake of each food group for Teenagers. In the coming weeks, students will move on to looking at food labels and analysing the ingredients in a variety of foods that they may be eating regularly at home or that are in the cupboard. This will allow students to develop their ability to understand and identify what is in the food they eat and the putritional



and identify what is in the food they eat and the nutritional value of these foods, allowing them to make positive food choices.

Year 8 have been exploring the topic 'Power in Relationships' in PDHPE this term. This topic covers a range of skills and discussion points when it comes to all the different types of relationships we have throughout our lives. They have discussed the importance of communication, explored conflict resolution skills, delved into how technology has changed the way we begin and maintain relationships, investigated domestic violence statistics in Australia, explored the concepts of power and respect in relationships, as well as learnt the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships. In practical lessons Year 8 have been focusing on learning the rules, skills and tactics of Gaelic Football. Our fun and friendly 'Girls vs Boys' Gaelic Football matches have been a highlight of our PE lessons this term.

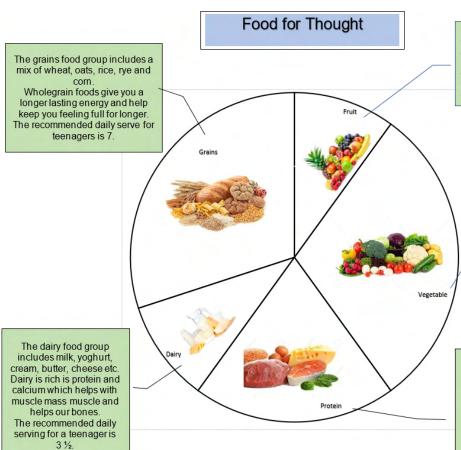
Year 9 have been investigating the topic 'Healthy habits, healthy communities' throughout this term. This topic covers a wide range of focus areas including the determinates of health, societal health and beauty expectations, peer pressure, mental health and mental illness, and an exploration into the diversity of Australia and Australian sport. Students have participated in scenarios, case studies and are currently in the midst of completing their final assessment task to wrap up this topic. In this task they are required to create a presentation investigating 5 different athletes from different cultural backgrounds. They need to create athlete profiles and discuss how each of these athletes have made a positive impact on intolerance and inclusivity in their sport and wider community.



Year 10 have been focussing on Road Safety whilst learning from home this term. As you would be aware this is such a relevant topic for your child as they are about to get their learners licence or have



already received it. Your child has spent time looking at statistics in regards to road crashes, distractions, drink and drug driving and the ripple effect that occurs from crashes on our roads. This will give them the knowledge to make informed decisions when it comes to choosing behaviours on the road whilst driving as well as the responsibilities that comes with being a passenger. Please take some time to talk with your child about what they have learnt and try to reinforce the strategies they are now equipped with to minimise the risk of being in a road crash.

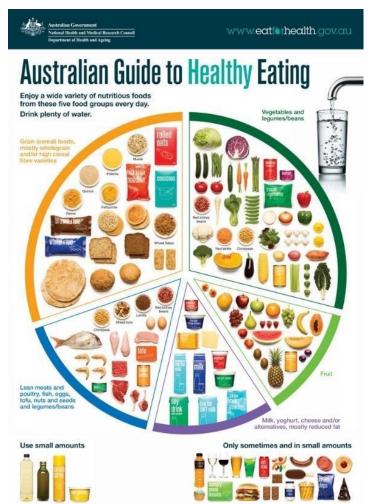


The fruit food group includes any fresh, canned, frozen or dehydrated fruits. Most fruits are high in fibre and water and full of vitamins and minerals. The recommended daily serving for a teenager is 2.

The vegetables food group includes Legumes and Beans.
These foods are low in fat and high in nutrients which give you energy and help you prevent disease later in life.
The recommended serving for a teenager per day 5 1/2.

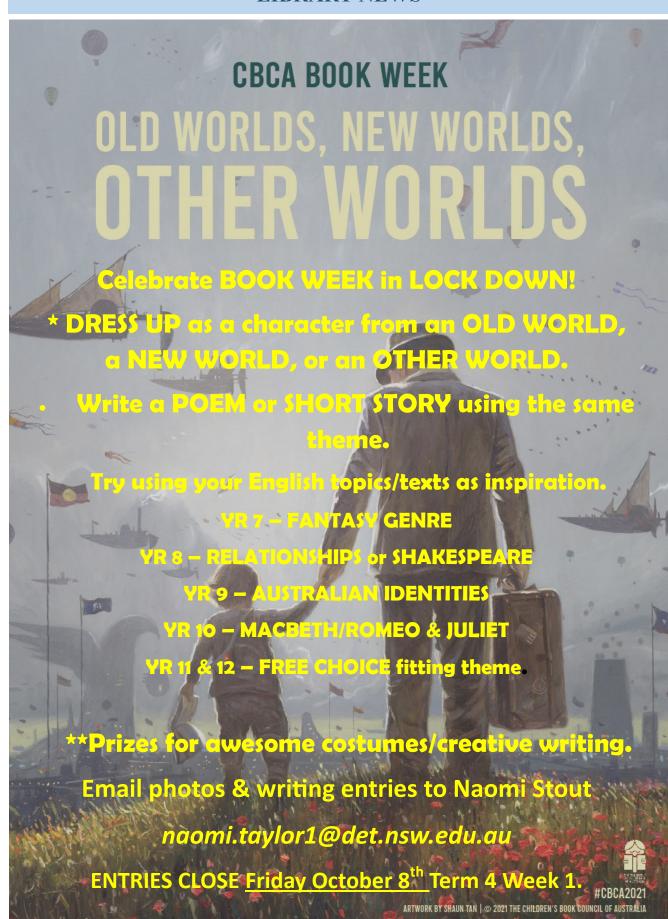
The protein group includes, lean meats, poultry, fish and seafoods, eggs, nuts and seeds. These foods are high in protein, iron, zinc and B12, which helps the body repair itself.

The recommended daily serving size for a teenager is 2 ½.



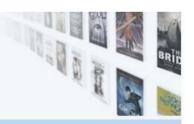








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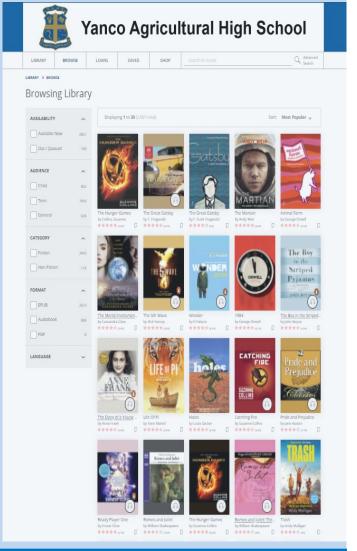


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YAHS students & staff are now able to access ePlatform, a secure library -lending platform that hosts & facilitates the lending of eBook & audio-book titles.

The benefits of ePlatform:

- * Supports reading for pleasure access to leading titles in a format that suits the individual.
- * Integration with the Accelerated Reader literacy program.
- * Supports the Premier's Reading Challenge.
- * Supports learning with audio & dyslexia settings, provides access to English curriculum texts, & non-fiction titles for research.
- * Is fully integrated with the school library catalogue, Oliver Library.



Access ePlatform today & start reading!

https://yancoaghs.eplatform.co

USERNAME: (your) NSW Det username

PASSWORD: (your) NSW Det password

DICKO HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!

Yanco Agricultural High School farewells Dicko, he's been here since 2003 and has definitely left his mark on both students and staff. The loud cries of "Dicko!!" when he enters his classes will be sorely missed by all in the Old Class Block. Mr Dixon has been an integral part of the furniture, both in the English & History Faculty, as well as on the Morning Duty Team.

Teacher interviews with Mr. Dixon

What made you come to YAHS A change

What were your first impressions of YAHS It's size

What is the weirdest thing about Yanco? Marching

Describe the dining room in three words



Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
What is your favorite
Yanco expression?
Time for a ???
What makes Yanco kids
so unique?
The fact that they are all

boarders (living together) they form a special bond.

What is the worst pick up line you've heard?

Do you believe in love at first sight or do you want me to walk past again.

Describe yourself in three words Hungry

Partly bald Soooo fit

Dicko's jobs at YAHS

Year Adviser





Farewell Dick

Relieving Head Teacher on and off

Chief announcer at all carnivals (it's the safest job for him, or so we thought)

Vet & NESA/BOSTES administrator

Singer of random songs in the staffroom.

Comic relief in the Old Class Block

The nemesis of Hindmarsh

Poultry Stock coordinator

Sayer of inappropriate things

The master of disappearing when he's needed most

The only person who could stir Miss O'Brien—and get away with it!

The most supportive individual for students and staff—he always looked after people



TRAVEL/TRANSPORT/LEAVE

DEADLINES - Need to be met so that transport can be organised. Please do NOT assume that it will be all right or that the school can sort it out for you at the last moment. Mrs Stockton in the Travel office is a miracle worker, but even she cannot move the mountain. CountryLink determines the dates for any changes so please do not shoot the messenger.

As a rough rule of thumb, aim to have your child's travel arrangement organised at least three weeks prior to holidays or designated leave weekends. (So if your child wishes to visit or host someone make sure they have organised things before then).

Most of our travel days coincide with those of other schools. Consequently it is not just YAHS students that CountryLink has to ensure get to their destination.

It may only be one change on your part but each change can mean several changes that need to be made here at school. Then multiply that by twenty people and you may have some idea of the logistics of getting every student safely to the right spot.

ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

If your child is going to be absent from school for a length of time for any reason please call and/or email the front office with this information so we can send the appropriate leave forms and paperwork.

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** of each week. Duty staff are better able to check student numbers when these simple rules are followed.

DURING THE WEEK

All students (weekly and full time) who are going to be absent during the week MUST submit a leave sheet with written permission from parents attached. Please contact and discuss your child's absence with the school as soon as possible before their absence.

Office hours are from 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday. After 4pm the phone will be answered by Duty Staff.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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. Remember, attendance matters.

COMMUNICATION

Moving, changing address, changing phone numbers, etc? Don't forget to inform the school! Email changes to: yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au



Not sure what to do? Or have a question to ask? Call us in the Front Office and if we can't answer your question we will find someone who can. (02) 6951 1500



OTHER NEWS



YEAR 9 WOOD RAFFLE

Congratulations to Justina Ceccato from Leeton on being the lucky winner of the trailer load of firewood. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 9 students for their consistent effort raising money for their end of year Tasmanian excursion, Shane and Nat for all their help on Sunday's, and to everyone who has supported the students in raising money through either purchasing a ticket, a load of wood, or a Bunnings snag. We really appreciate the support.

Catherine Gray / Year 9 Advisor

YEAR 11 WORK PLACEMENT TERM 4IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Y11 VET Work Placement that was to occur in Term 4, 2021 has been postponed to Term 1 2022, due to the current impact on businesses from Covid-19. Please ensure that your student contacts their work placement employer to advise them of this change.

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.

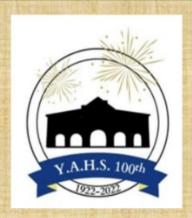
If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately in writing and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained. These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your childrens' learning and support and related issues.

P & C COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: Andrew Brewer andrew.brewer@elancoah.com
Vice President: Geoff Longmire info@longmireagco.com.au
Vice President: Angus Whyte wyndham3@bigpond.com

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Treasurer: Melissa Clancy yancoagpandc.treasurer@gmail.com

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL CENTENARY EVENT



SAVE THE DATE

YAHS P & C ASSOCIATION
GALA DAY
FOR THE SCHOOL'S CENTENARY

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2022





WE REALLY HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US AT THE 74TH YAHS GALA DAY.

For all GALA DAY 2022 enquiries please call our Gala Day Co-ordinators Melissa Clancy and Kellylee Dunn.

Melissa – yancoagpandc.treasurer@gmail.com;

Kellylee – dunnpetekell@yahoo.com.au

REMINDERS



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).

CANTEEN NEWS

\$10 BLAZER SALE

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.





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. COVID pending of course.