



*As you sow, so
shall you reap*

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 6, February/March 2022

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CALENDAR

March 4

DESI Travel Day

March 7

DESI Travel Day

March 8

Riverina Swimming
Carnival

March 14

Open Girls Cricket

March 15 - 17

Lake Talbot Year 7

March 18

Beach Carnival

March 25

Yrs 7 & 10 Immunisations

April 1 - 8

Sydney Royal Show

April 4 - 8

VET Work Placement

April 8

End of Term 1. Students
travel home.

April 26

Students return school

April 27

DAY 1 TERM 2

YAH\$ Twilight Swimming Carnival



**NEW DATE FOR
BEACH CARNIVAL
MARCH 18th 2022**

LEADERSHIP 2021

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Edward Stevenson, Paige Brown

VICE CAPTAINS:

Thomas Hughes, Maddison Dowling

PREFECTS:

Thomas North

Cleo McLaughlin, Ella Gibson

SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS

MUTCH

Captains: Alice Caldow
Darcy Kelly

Vice Captains: Abbie Horneman
Damien Barker

GARDINER

Captains: Maggie Cavanagh,
Harvey Gay

Vice Captains: Caitlin Kinsela
Andrew Smith

McCAUGHEY

Captains: Brooke Smith
Jake Turner

Vice Captains: Fynn Kenny
Darcey Cullen

BREAKWELL

Captains: Jacinta Watson
Joshua Madden

Vice Captains: Jasmin Payne
Cody Grady

YEAR ADVISORS 2021

Year 7 Nathan Casilles

Year 8 Melissa Mercuri

Year 9 Terry Babic

Year 10 Catherine Gray

Year 11 Leah Troidahl

Year 12 Kelly Stockdale

Stuart McVittie

HEAD TEACHERS

MATHS Sally Cassilles

ENGLISH Melissa Mercuri (Rel)

HSIE Derusha Naidoo

SCIENCE Sue Langley

TAS Luke Collins

CAREERS Nathan Cassilles

BELL TIMES 2020

Assembly 8:30 - 8:39

Period 1 8:39 - 9:35

Period 2 9:35 - 10:31

Recess ***10:31 – 10:51***

Period 3 10:51 – 11:47

Period 4 11:47 – 12:43

Lunch ***12:43 – 1:23***

Period 5 1:23 – 2:19

Period 6 2:19 – 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.

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 Nathan Cassilles

Year 8 Melissa Mercuri

Year 9 Terry Babic

Year 10 Catherine Gray

Year 11 Leah Troidahl

Year 12 Stuart McVittie / Kelly Stockdale

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 – Currently unfilled vacancy.

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

Learning and Support Teacher – Currently unfilled vacancy – email Year Advisor

Head Teachers Welfare

Tara Arnall – tara.murray8@det.nsw.edu.au

Jason Sachs – jason.sachs@det.nsw.edu.au



2022 SCHOOL TERMS AND DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKENDS

All students return Monday 31st January, 2022

TERM 1 2022

Day 1 Term1: Staff return	Friday 28th January
Day 1 Term 1	All students return Monday 31st January
Students lessons commence:	Tuesday 1st February
Designated Leave Weekend:	
Students travel home	Friday 4th March
Students return travel	Monday 7th March
Last day Term 1: Students Travel home	Friday 8th April

TERM 2 2022

Students return to school:	Tuesday 26th April
Day 1 Term 2 lessons commence:	Wednesday 27th April
Designated Leave Weekend:	
Students travel home	Friday 27th May
Students return travel	Monday 30th May
Last day Term 1: Students Travel home	Friday 1st July

Parents must pick up Students after Parent/Teacher interviews (held over Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July.) No Travel arrangements will be made.

TERM 3 2022

Students return to school:	Sunday 17th July
Day 1 Term 3 lessons commence:	Monday 18th July
Designated Leave Weekend:	
Students travel home	Friday 19th August
Students return travel	Monday 22nd August
Last day Term 1: Students Travel home	Friday 23rd September

TERM 4 2022

Students return to school:	Sunday 9th October
Day 1 Term 4 lessons commence:	Monday 10th October
DESI Leave Weekend: Students travel home:	Friday 18th November
Students return travel:	Monday 21st November
Last day Term 1:	Friday 16th December

Parents must pick up children to travel home at the conclusion of Speech Day on Friday December 16th. No travel arrangements will be made.

Please keep an eye on your emails and Facebook during holidays for up to date 'Return to School 2022' procedures!

P and C Executive 2022

President	Dean Morris	deanmorris700@bigpond.com
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Secretary	Jen Hatty	yancoagpandc.secretary@gmail.com
Treasurer	Brad Weekes	yancoagpandc.treasurer@gmail.com

House Coordinators

Breakwell (Yellow)	Jo Logan	jologan008@gmail.com
	Fran McLaughlin	fran@fmrural.com.au
Gardiner (Green)	Tina Curry	lukina@ozemail.com.au
	Carol Smith	cazsmith1244@gmail.com
McCaughey (Red)	Karen Luckel	karenluckel@hotmail.com
Mutch (White)	Jodie Weekes	jellywares@bigpond.com

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.

Head Teachers Welfare

Tara Arnall – tara.murray8@det.nsw.edu.au

Jason Sachs – jason.sachs@det.nsw.edu.au



YAHS Twilight Swimming Carnival

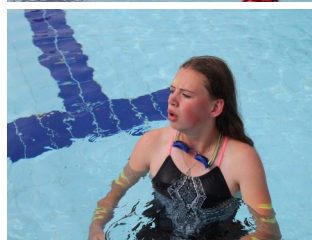


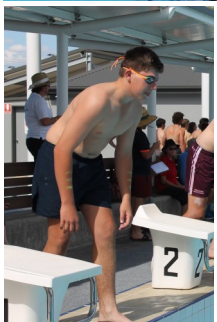
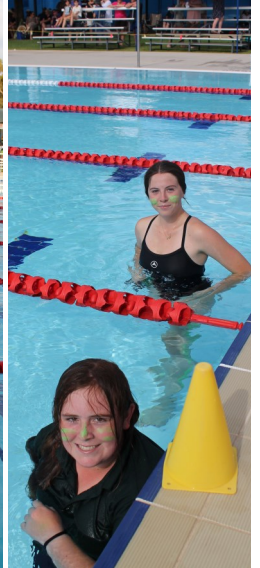
AGE CHAMPIONS

12Yrs Boys	Clem Harris
12Yrs Girls	Adeline Plane
13Yrs Boys	Ceejay Twigg
13Yrs Girls	Jessica Golder
14Yrs Boys	Hamish Warhurst
14Yrs Girls	Pia Fattore
15Yrs Boys	Mitchell Turner
15Yrs Girls	Alana Jones
16Yrs Boys	Jed Trevethan
	Harvey Gay
16Yrs Girls	Charley Edwards
17Yrs Boys	Thomas Hughes
17Yrs Girls	Rosie Degnan

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st Place – McCaughey 2108
- 2nd Place – Gardiner 2043
- 3rd Place – Breakwell 1655
- 4th Place – Mutch 1559





South West Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday the 23rd February saw a team of 35 YAHS students attend the Zone Swimming Carnival in Leeton. The students showed great determination in their races resulting YAHS to finish the day in 4th position. We have several students qualify for Riverina for individual events including Lane Doyle, Taya Kennedy, Harvey Gay, and Thomas Hughes and three relay teams consisting of Hamish Stout, Luke Anderson, Nicholas Sheen, Ceejay Twigg, Lachlan Purcival, Harvey Gay, Max Hunter, Lachlan Vearing, Lane Doyle, Thomas Hughes, Max Yelland and Joshua Madden. Congratulations to everyone who participated and good luck to those competing at Riverina in Leeton on Tuesday 8th March.



Year 7 History

In Year 7 History we are Investigating the Ancient Past. Here we have the class acting as archaeologists and excavating some chocolate chip cookies! Can confirm there were no cookies left following the excavation.



Belle Rich / English ,History Teacher



Year 7 Welcome



Yr 7 have been welcomed by the entire school community with open arms (Covid Smart of course). They are settling in well and have been busy learning school procedures as well as having their first classes and meeting their new teachers.

I hope all YR 7 Parents and Carers have been settling in just as well with out their children at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school at any stage if you have any questions or concerns.



Nathan Cassilles
Year 7 Year Adviser



Year 8 Science

The 8.1 Science class have been learning about biotic and abiotic factors that affect organisms in ecosystems. After completing an experiment that compared the effect of buoyancy on aquatic and terrestrial organisms, the students had some fun wetting each other, and Mrs Stout with their water-filled balloons.

The students also looked at the pH of various soil and water samples from around the school. They learnt how the pH can affect the availability of nutrients in soil, and the chemistry of aquatic ecosystems.



Naomi Stout | Science teacher



New Staff Members

TRACEY JACOBSON



Hello, my name is Tracey Jacobson, I am the Relieving Senior Psychologist Education for Term 1. My links to YAHS go back 25 years to 1996/1997 when I first began teaching in the HSIE Department. I have many fond memories of this time and we even chose to have our wedding photos taken out the front of McCaughey and near the bush when we were married in 1999. Former Head Teacher English Bill Barwick was our marriage celebrant.

From YAHS I went on to become a School Counsellor/Psychologist in the Young district and have been back in this area, living in Narrandera for the past 18 years based at Narrandera High School. I am enjoying being back at YAHS and the opportunity to relieve as Senior Psychologist Education, even though it is only for a short time.

BLAKE WISEMANTEL



Hello my name is Blake Wisemantel, I am the relieving Music Teacher at Yanco this year. This is my 4th year of teaching, and I'm already thoroughly enjoying seeing the emerging musical talents of Yanco. I have been a musician for over a decade now, so getting to pass that hands-on experience on to my students feels very rewarding. I have been thoroughly enjoying being a part of the YAHS community so far and thank staff and students for making me feel so welcome in my first term.

2022 Premier's Reading Challenge

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

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 2022 Challenge dates are as follows:

Challenge opens – Monday Feb 28th, 2022.

Challenge closes – Friday August 19th, 2022.



Naomi Stout / Teacher Librarian



NSW Department of Education

2022 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Stephen Michael King

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Key dates for students in K-10:
Challenge opens Monday 28 February
Challenge closes for student entries Friday 19 August



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 week-ends. (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 the appropriate leave form attached. Please put your child's full name and year group on all paperwork and send to: yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au . All absentee information is to be communicated through School Administration on 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 the Front Office and if we can't answer your question we will find someone who can. (02) 6951 1500



REMINDERS

Have you checked
your pencil case?

Over the break, take
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).

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.



Beach Carnival

18th March 2022

