

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 5, July/August 2022

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CALENDAR

August 19th

DESI Travel Home Day

August 22nd

DESI Return Travel Day

Aug 22nd - Aug 24th

Dubbo Merino Wether Challenge

September 1st

School Photo catch up

September 2nd

Performance Night 6:30 pm

September 3rd

YAHS Family Day

September 10th

Wagga Show

Condobolin Tattoo

September 12th-22nd

Year 11 End of Course Exams

September 20th

Gate Run

September 22nd

Year 12 Graduation

September 23rd

End of Term 3 travel Day

2023 STUDENT LEADERS



Back Row: Luca James, Darcey Cullen, Joshua Madden, Jake Turner Front Row: Emily Worsnop, Alice Caldow, Fynn Kenny, Brooke Smith



A reminder to all students that the wearing of masks is COMPULSORY on all SSTS and NSW Trainlink Services.

Students travelling on DESI buses must wear a mask at all times.

Leadership

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 Troldahl

Year 12 Kelly Stockdale

Stuart McVittie

HEAD TEACHERS

MATHS Sally Cassilles

ENGLISH Lauren Hodge (Rel)

HSIE Derusha Naidoo

SCIENCE Sue Langley

TAS Luke Collins

CAREERS Nathan Cassilles

BELL TIMES

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.

Principal's Report

We have had a busy, but positive first half of Term 3 at Yanco.

It has been great to have students out and about over the last few weeks engaging in a variety of activities. We have had a number of sporting teams represent YAHS with pride so far this term. A number of students have also represented our school at various sporting carnivals and other extra- curricular activities and I congratulate each of you for your representation and success.

Since commencing in my role as Principal, I have had the opportunity to speak to a number of families, but there is still a number of parents and carers that I have not had the opportunity to talk with as yet. Throughout the rest of this term, I will continue to make contact with Yanco families, with the aim being to speak personally with all parents and carers by the end of Term 3.

In the interim, please feel free to contact me through the school office or email if you have any questions or concerns or would just like to say hello. I will always take your call or will call you back in a timely manner if I am in a meeting or on another call.

Family Day and Performance Night

We are very excited about our upcoming Performance Night and Family Day. All families have been emailed invitations to these events already.

Our Performance Evening will take place on Friday 2 September at 6.30pm in the School Hall. All family members (including siblings and grandparents, just like our Family Day) are warmly invited to attend.

Our Family Day will be the following day, Saturday 3 September between 9am - 2pm. For catering purposes, it is important that RSVP's are received as soon as possible. Please send your RSVP to the following email address, indicating the numbers from your family attending, yancoagpandc.galaday.com by 22 August.

It will be great to have our parents back on site and to reconnect face to face as part of the Yanco family at these events.

Boarding Project Update

The design for our boarding facilities will be developed in consultation with a Project Reference Group (PRG) considering educational, operational and service delivery requirements. It was positive to be part of our second Project Reference Group recently.

A PRG includes representatives from the school community, including the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), Principal and the Director- Educational Leadership, as well as architects, planners and design professionals.

Over the next 4-6 weeks, the Department are expecting to lodge the Development Application, release the Main Works tender to market, undertake the second student workshop, lock in a date for demountable removals and finalise the schematic design. I will continue to keep our school community updated as work on our project progresses.

Term 3 Changes Update

As you would be aware, students in Years 7-10 students have moved to completing one and a half hours of preparation time each night, rather than two this term. Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) have remained the same. Junior students are using this half hour to engage in their Recreation Rooms, supervised by duty staff. Students are talking, playing cards / board games or watching TV during this half hour. If students prefer they may also go to the library for this half hour (particularly during busy assessment periods).

I recently met with the core duty staff team and the feedback around these changes was very positive for all year groups. Staff are reporting that the students are more settled at bed- time and are engaging positively during this time. We will continue to evaluate our practices around Prep and 'down time' and will keep students and families updated around any amendments as required.

I congratulate all students in Years 7-10 for engaging so positively in relation to this new routine.

Student Attendance

The Department's School Attendance Policy is very clear in stating that all students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided.

The Department of Education requires schools to follow up student absences and to support students who have an attendance rate below 90%.

This may mean that Year Advisors or other wellbeing staff may contact families to support student attendance. Whilst we understand that students cannot be at school while sick, we are keen to work with families to ensure that students are at school and learning unless unwell or on other urgent leave.

Your support and understanding around this wellbeing initiative, is very much appreciated.

Year 12 Trial HSC Exams

Year 12 have completed their second week of Trial Exams this week. Practical projects for a number of subjects with a practical component have also been submitted. Congratulations to all Year 12 students on the manner in which they have approached this important assessment time.

Student Leaders 2023

Our Prefect body has been announced for 2023. We congratulate the following Year 11 students as our new student leaders. Alice Caldow, Darcey Cullen, Luca James, Fynn Kenny, Joshua Madden, Brooke Smith, Jake Turner and Emily Worsnop. School Captains will be selected from this group after an application process.

Student Support Officer

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Melissa Brooker will commence as our SSO (Youth Worker) soon following a recent merit selection process.

Melissa has been working at Headspace in Wagga Wagga prior to moving to Yanco. She has also had extensive experience in the Community Health field before her time at Headspace.

Rapid Antigen Testing - Return from Designated Leave

All students have been provided with a box of RAT kits to take home prior to leaving for Desi this weekend. It would be greatly appreciated if all students could test on the morning before returning to Yanco (before boarding the buses) to minimise the risk of students returning with COVID.

Kind Regards,

Marni Milne Principal



Welfare/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 Troldahl

Year 12 Stuart McVittie / Kelly Stockdale

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 – Melissa Brooker.

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

Learning and Support Teacher – Robyn Locke.

Head Teachers Welfare

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

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



P and C Executive 2022

President Dean Morris deanmorris700@bigpond.com

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2nd Vice President Carmen Walsh carmen.walsh@wf.catholic.edu.au

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Treasurer Brad Weekes yancoagpandc.treasurer@gmail.com

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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.

It is important for the Principal to be contacted so that concerns can be resolved at the school level wherever possible. The Principal can then provide details around contacting the Director, Educational Leadership if the concern remains unresolved, if required.

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



SCHOOL TERMS AND DESI LEAVE WEEKENDS

TERM 3 2022

Students return to school: Sunday 17th July

Day 1 Term 3 lessons commence: Monday 18th July

Designated Leave Weekend:

Last day Term 1:

Students travel home Friday 19th August
Students return travel Monday 22nd August
Students Travel home Friday 23rd September

TERM 4 2022

Students return to school:Sunday 9th OctoberDay 1 Term 4 lessons commence:Monday 10th OctoberDESI 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.

COUNTRYLINK - DESI

A reminder for all parents that if your child is **NOT** going to be travelling on the buses for Designated Leave Weekends **PLEASE CANCEL** your child's travel by contacting Gai Stockton in the Registrar's Office by email **before the DESI travel date.**

This is an absolute necessity and courtesy for Countrylink.

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









IF YOUR CHILD IS LATE TO SCHOOL ON A MONDAY MORNING PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE TO AVID BEING MARKED ABSENT FOR THE DAY.



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



Agriculture

Shorthorn Spring Fling Results

Last week Yanco Shorthorns participated in our first Shorthorn Spring Fling Bull Sale which was held in Tamworth at the Tamworth Regional Livestock Exchange - TRLX. We offered two bulls, who sold to average \$8,500.

We were also fortunate in securing Ronelle Park Trojon Shorthorns Trojon Round n Proud who will commence stud duties over our heifers as soon as he arrives here at Yanco.

Thanks to the students who attended for their hard work and efforts in ensuring the bulls were presented to the highest of standard.

Luke Collins | Head Teacher Agriculture





Photos of flood waters in our bush and creek areas



Sport Report





Training Day

Game Day

Netball

On Wednesday August 10th, the U15's Girls Netball team had their Gala Day in Wagga. The girls got up nice and early to get to Wagga for a 9:30am game only to find out their opposition had pulled out. As disappointing as this was, the team still played exceptionally well and went on to dominate the majority of their pool. Their last match against Billabong High was a nailbiter with YAHs fighting till the last minute and only going down by two goals. Their percentage took them through to the semi finals against a very strong Albury High. Overall, our girls placed fourth and are to be congratulated on the way they represented our school at this event, displaying all of our school's values.

A big shoutout to Charley Edwards who came along and umpired both our games as well as the semi and grand final, and also to Skye Edwards who was both our cheerleader and official scorer for the day.

Belle Rich / English Teacher



K. Taylor, R. Parslow-Gibson, L. Purcival, J. Neeves, C. Fowler, R. Degnan, P. Fattore, M. Dowling



Rosie Degnan

Rivering Athletics

Well done to the students that represented YAHS at Riverina Athletics last Friday.

All students represented the school to a high standard and should be commended on their efforts. A special mention to Rosie Degnan who has qualified for state, winning the 400m. Well done Rosie.

Catherine Gray / PDHPE Teacher

Sport Report....(cont)

Year 7/8 Boys Rugby 7s Finals Gala Day

After a successful Gala Day in Leeton in June, the boys qualified to progress to the finals to be held in Canberra. On Wednesday 3rd of August the Year 7/8 Boys set off, with an early start, for

Canberra to participate in the 7s Rugby Finals.

Under the guidance of Year 11 students Max Yelland and Harvey Gay, Mr Weir and Mrs Arnall, the boys jumped off the bus at Canberra, very eager to play, although nervous about the teams they were competing against.

They kicked started their matches, taking on Carrol College. The boys got an early try and with this their momentum kept growing, taking the game out 19 points to 10.

After a short 15 minute break, the boys were back on for their second game. Game two was against Radford College, with the boys once again stepping up to take the win 19 points to 12.

After our first two games, the boys had a two hour break before their next game. Not ideal in the cold miserable conditions, but with a short walk to grab food and a warm place to hang out the boys

were soon ready to take the field again.

Game three saw our boys up against Mary MacKillop College. The boys once again taking the field and scoring some early points to put them in a nice position to take out the game, with the final score of 29 points to 12.

Game four was our final round game for the day against The Riverina Anglican College (TRAC). The boys played well in this game but unfortunately went down by one try to TRAC.



Our final game for the day was the Grand Final match against our game one opponents Carrol College. Twelve minutes has never seemed so long, with the 4am start, starting to take its toll on the boys. All players fought hard in the final match of their day, unfortunately going down to Carrol College fourteen points to five.

The boys should be congratulated on not only their efforts on the field but also the way in which they represented our school both on and off the field. A massive achievement and effort by all of the students involved. Well Done!

Tara Arnall / Head Teacher Welfare





Year 11 Ski Trip

Year 11 started Term 3 with a trip to Perisher snow fields. After two years of cancelled excursions both students and teachers were excited to finally go on an excursion as a year group. We left Monday morning stopping at Wagga for some last minute ski gear and then Yass for lunch, before arriving at our hotel in Berridale. After dinner everyone was fitted for their ski clothes and skis or boards. Luckily this was inside in the warm while snow started to fall outside.

On Tuesday morning we headed up to the ski fields. For many this was the first time seeing snow, let alone skiing or snowboarding. The first lesson was entertaining with a few stacks and lack of steering, however, by lunchtime everyone was a lot less frustrated and a little more confident. The students showed a lot of determination and resilience continuously getting back up and having another go even when they were tired and bruised.

Over the next few days everyone got a lot more confident taking on more slopes and only occasionally getting lost. It was great to see all students enjoying themselves and supporting each other to get down the harder slopes together. Thank you to Mr Cassilles for organising everything and Mr Collins and Miss Rich for coming on the trip as well.



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. Country Link 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 or email the front office with the appropriate leave form attached. Please put your child's full name and year group on your email as well as paperwork and send to: yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au in order for your child's absence to be recorded correctly.

Students MUST SIGN OUT IN THE LEAVE REGISTER when leaving school grounds by private vehicle and SIGN IN on their return.

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**. 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



Reminders



CANTEEN NEWS \$10 BLAZER SALE

Second hand school blazers for sale in the YAHS Canteen. Pockets and logos have been removed so they look like a very smart ordinary blazer. Handy to have a navy blue blazer!!! Some of them have been dry cleaned and some have not.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS

Our canteen second hand unform stocks are getting low. If anyone has any unused uniforms they would like to donate please contact Jo Punch through the school phone number: 02 6951 1500 or deliver them in person to the school. A huge thank you to those who have already donated.



Message from the Laundry

We currently have an increased supply of unlabelled clothes in our Lost Property. Please encourage your children to come and check if they are missing any items of clothing. LOST PROPERTY

We ask that you ensure all clothing is labelled clearly before bringing them to School.

Janelle Kefford | Laundry Supervisor

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.



Reminders

SIGN IN / SIGN OUT / SIGN IN / SIGN OUT

When returning your child to school PLEASE remember to have them sign back in at the front office during school hours (8am – 3pm) and at the Duty Room outside of school hours (before 8am and after 3pm). It is important for your child to sign out when leaving and sign in on return. As all absences are recorded on school reports this can help avoid incorrect roll marking, which will show on you're your child school report.

Remember: SIGN OUT/SIGN IN



SHOES

MUST BE SOLID, LEATHER, WITH COVERED INSTEPS LACE UP SHOES OR ELAS-TIC 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).



Beach Carnival - 17th March 2023

Gala Day - 18th March 2023
Family Day - September 3rd





Dear Year 10 Parent or Carer

The Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 10 students will be held between **Monday 29 August** and **Friday 9 September 2022**. The test takes approximately 75 minutes. The **VALID Science 10** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 10 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasksthat are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 5 outcomes and essential content in the NSW *Science Years 7–10 Syllabus (2018)*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes, and values aboutscience.

VALID Science 10 contains audio, so each student needs to bring suitable **headphones** or earbuds that connect to a device. Schools will indicate if students need their own device.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 4, 2022. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personalised electronic report describing the knowledge and skills demonstrated by your child in the test will be available from their school. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test across NSW.

The principal of your child's school can provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

Paul Wood

Executive Director, Educational Standards

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills



education.nsw.gov.au

Days missed = years lost



A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



education.nsw.gov.au

YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

PERFORMANCE NIGHT 2022 ART EXHIBITION

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND



6:30PM START

School Hall

Featuring artworks and musical performances by YAHS students from 7-12

\$5 ENTRY/\$2 CONCESSION

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS CATERED FOR BY OUR HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

259 EUROLEY ROAD
EMAIL: YANCOAG-H.SCHOOL@DET.NSW.EDU.AU
PHONE: (02) 6951 1500

Current YAHS students, families and staff are invited to the

Yanco Agricultural High School



Family Day



9am—2pm, Saturday 3 September 2022

Fun, food and friends on the front lawn.

Byo chair or picnic rug.

At your own pace:

- Student-guided tour
- Displays of student work
- Watch video highlights from 2022
- Drum Corps performance
- Capture a memory in the photo booth
- Purchase centenary merchandise, including school-grown olive oil.
- Buy raffle tickets. Cash only. Prizes include sides of school-grown lamb, centenary merchandise, accommodation voucher.

Scheduled activities:

9.30am Little Farmers Challenge

10am Family Team Farmer Challenge

11am Raffle draw #1

1130am House vs House Farmer Challenge

P&C barbecue

12pm Official ceremony - YAHS centenary

Raffle draw #2

1pm Trophy presentation

Raffle draw #3

Try a tasty treat

P&C BBQ (vegetarian and GF options available) - gold coin donation

Cold drinks

Food trucks - coffee, donuts, icecream, tato tornado (some vendors may take cash only)

or pack a picnic lunch

RSVP: yancoagpandc.galaday@gmail.com by 22 August 2022

YAHS is an alcohol and smoke-free zone.