



TERM 2 WEEK 10 / JULY 2024

# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

### CALENDAR

**July 5:** Students travel home with parents.

**July 21:** Student return to school

**July 22:** Lessons commence for Term 3

**July 23-26:** Year 11 Ski Trip

**Aug 6:** School Photo day

**Aug 9:** Riverina Athletics

**Aug 12 - 21:** Trial HSC Exams

**Aug 22:** DESI Travel Day

**Aug 26:** Student return (4pm on)



**GIRLS RUGBY UNION  
DUNN CUP TRI-SERIES WINNING TEAM**



**Congratulations Brooke Buckley, Bellah Reilly and Zahli Ivanoff for representing YAHS and the Leeton Netball Association at the Netball NSW Senior State Titles over the June long weekend.**

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## The Worley Dormitory Welcome Day and Open House

We are very excited and happy to have our wonderful new female dormitory building opening at the start of next term.

Thank you to those who took part in the recent survey around the name for our new dormitory.



After this consultation process, and sign off by our Director, Executive Director and Deputy Secretary, I am proud to announce that the newly constructed dormitory facility built at Yanco Agricultural High School will be named, 'The Worley Dormitory.'

The new dormitory facility, constructed at YAHS, is a project funded by School Infrastructure NSW. It is part of an upgrade of the boarding facilities at the school to ensure they are fit for purpose for current and future students. The new permanent accommodation facilities will replace female boarding accommodation in temporary buildings at the school. The new facility will be a two-storey building with 86 beds.

'The Worley Dormitory' is named after former, long-serving YAHS staff member, Ms Shirley Worley. Ms Worley was the Catering Supervisor at YAHS for almost 30 years. She was the Residential Girls Advisor to the 25 students initially enrolled in 1993, living onsite in demountable accommodation alongside the girls until her retirement in 2021.

Ms Worley was responsible for the social activities and pastoral care of the students, including out-of-hours care and support. Her dedication and commitment to the school and students makes it a fitting legacy to name the new dormitory after her. Ms Worley lives in Leeton enjoying her retirement.

The new dormitory will be handed over to the school during the upcoming school holiday break, with an 'Open House' and 'Welcome Day' taking place on Monday July 22. An invitation to this event has been sent to all families and is also included as part of this newsletter. We would love as many of our Yanco family as possible to come and see our new build between 9am and 11am on that day, with a morning tea and guided tour occurring at 10am in the space. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by phoning the school.

For the remainder of this year, students in Years 7, 8 and 12 (and the Year 11 dormitory prefects for these year groups) will be residing in this dormitory. As I am sure you can appreciate, it is impossible for all of our girls to fit in this space and whilst our remaining students will be residing in Mason, for 2025, we will review the dorm allocations, based on numbers but also remaining mindful that we will do our best to share this new space around fairly between our girls. Thank you to our students and families for your understanding around this. Mason is still a refurbished space that is fit for purpose.

## Boys Dorms Refurbishment Update

It has been great to have our Year 8 and 10 boys living in their refurbished dormitories in Gardiner and Breakwell this term.

With all of the excitement around the new female dormitory, it is important to also recognise and celebrate the refurbishment works taking place for our boys to also ensure their accommodation is fit for purpose and feels like home.



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Boys Dorms Refurbishment Update (cont)

Next term, from week 3 onwards, the Year 7 boys and their Year 11 Dorm Prefects residing in Mutch, will be temporarily moved over to the pods while this dormitory is refurbished. The boys will be moving towards the end of week 2, and a removalist team will be assisting with this move. It is anticipated that the boys in this area will be in the pods for a 6 week period, before moving back to the refurbished Mutch.

After the HSC Exams conclude in early November and the Year 12 boys have left Yanco, Hindmarsh will be refurbished. Leaving these works until this time will ensure that the HSC preparation for our Year 12 boys is not disrupted. The Year 9 boys living in Hindmarsh in November will also be moved to the pods while Hindmarsh is renovated. By the time students return for 2025, it is anticipated that the refurbishment for Hindmarsh, will be complete.

## 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.

For the remainder of this year, we will continue to have a specific focus on working with students and their families to ensure that absence does not negatively impact on educational outcomes. Your support in working with the school to promote the importance of attendance at school, unless unwell or on other urgent leave, is very much appreciated.



Please also be advised that there is no provision for harvest leave as part of the Department's School Attendance Policy.

A special congratulations to the students were awarded 100% attendance awards for Semester 1 at our Commendation Assembly on Thursday. A wonderful achievement indeed!



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## **School Photos Update**

We have been recently advised that the company that took our school photographs, Academy Photography Australia, has gone into liquidation. This has meant that we have not received our photographs and it is unlikely we will receive these. Fortunately, no money has been exchanged between YAHS and Academy.

As a result, we have engaged Advanced Life Photography to take new school photographs for the whole school on Tuesday August 6.

We have ordered a package for each student for a cost of \$42.00 each. This cost will be billed to each family at the same time as school fees through School Bytes. Please note that each family will not be required to pay anything for the last school photos we have not received.

Your understanding and patience around this unavoidable change in plan is appreciated.

## **The McCaughey Ball and Happy Holidays**

For 2024, it is fantastic to see the P&C McCaughey Ball closely affiliated with the school with invited guests from the school being able to attend. Thank you to our amazing P&C and organising committee for all of their commitment and hard work to ensure Friday night's event runs smoothly. I am very proud of each Year 11 and 12 student and wish them a wonderful celebration with their family and peers. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all in your finery and dancing the night away.

School resumes at Yanco on Monday July 22. There is no staff development day as this professional learning will take place on our designated leave weekend, mid-term. Students are to return to Yanco from 4pm on Sunday July 21 or before school on Monday July 22.

I would like to wish all of our Yanco community a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school for Term 3 soon.

***Marni Milne / Principal***



## SPECIAL EVENTS



# School Tour Day

Date: Wednesday 24th July

Time: 9am & 11am

Address: 259 Euroley Road  
YANCO NSW 2703

RSVP with your preferred timeslot to - P: 02 6951 1500  
E: [yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au)



### YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Proudly welcomes the community to an

# Open House

of our new girls' dormitory - 'THE WORLEY DORMITORY'

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## MONDAY, 22 JULY, 2024

9am-11am Open House

10am Morning Tea & Guided Tour

 259 Euroley Road, Yanco

RSVP by 16 July  
for catering  
Phone 6951 1500



## SPORT / RUGBY UNION



### BOYS RUGBY UNION SUCCESS

Congratulations to the boys Year 9/10 Rugby Union side who won their age division of the Brumbies 7's competition on Tuesday June 18th. They will now progress to the next level in Canberra on August 6th. Our Year 7/8 boys team also performed well, coming third on the day.



### GIRLS RUGBY UNION SUCCESS

On Tuesday the Yanco Open Girls Rugby Union team attended the Brumbies 7's Gala day at Leeton ovals.

Our first game was a tough game against Murrumbidgee High School, which required the girls to put to practice their defense plan and opportunities to attack, resulting in a 12 all draw.

Later in the day, the girls played against Marian Catholic College, resulting in a strong win. The overall winner depended on the amount of points scored within the games which led the Yanco girls to victory.

The girls will now go forward to play at the next level in Canberra next term. Great teamwork, congratulations all! Lastly a big thank you to Miss Weller for training, preparing and supporting the Yanco opens girls team.

Olivia Nelson (Team Water and Publicity Officer)

# SPORT / RUGBY UNION



## GIRLS RUGBY UNION 'DUNN CUP' TRI-SERIES WINNERS

Congratulations to our girls Rugby Union team who, after defeating St Francis 29-0 on Wednesday June 29th and Leeton High School 32-5 on Wednesday June 19th in the first game, are the Tri-Series champions.

You are amazing girls and deserve this title after two big wins.

Well done to Allyrah Cashman who was awarded player of the series. Thank you to our coach, Kim Weller, for your skill and commitment. Whilst our boys went down this year, our young team is learning each game and we look forward to competing again in 2025.



The YAHS U15s Rugby Union Buchan Shield Riverina Final was played at YAHS on Wednesday July 3rd, with the home school victorious over Griffith Murrumbidgee High with a score of 36-2 and then 48-0 over local rivals Leeton High School. Congratulations boys and good luck in the next round!



## SPORT /AFL



### BOYS AFL SUCCESS

The YAHS U15's AFL team displayed a stellar performance at the AFL Gala Day held on May 29th. The team played three games, showcasing their talent, teamwork, and determination, ultimately emerging as champions of the day.

Game 1: Yanco vs. Narrandera

Game 2: Yanco vs. RAP

Final: Yanco vs. Narrandera

Qualifying for the final, Yanco once again faced Narrandera. YAHS replicated their earlier performance, maintaining high intensity and strategic discipline. The Yanco team demonstrated exceptional teamwork, with every player contributing to the convincing victory. This win secured their qualification for the next round of competition.

**Wyatt Cutting | PDHPE Teacher**

### GIRLS AFL UPDATE

On Wednesday June 29, the U15's Girls AFL team showcased their talent in the Swan Shield. In their opening clash against Narrandera High the girls played a tough battle, ultimately falling just short of victory. Jess Condon's stellar performance shone through as she notched a crucial goal, showcasing her scoring prowess and determination on the field.



Undeterred by their initial setback, the team delivered a standout performance in their second game against Leeton High.

As they entered their final match of the day against Narrandera High, the girls were determined to avenge their earlier loss but once again and fell short. However, Charli McCann continued to lead by example, adding another goal to her tally.

Overall, the gala day served as a showcase of Yanco's talent, determination, and teamwork. The girls should be extremely proud of their efforts across the day.

**Maggie Maguire | PDHPE Teacher (Practicum)**



# AGRICULTURE

## SCHOOL'S WETHER CHALLENGE WORKSHOPS DAY

Last Tuesday the Year 9 Animal Studies class travelled to Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, to participate in the School's Wether Challenge Workshop Day. The students participated in a variety of workshops that focused on the Merino industry.

These workshops included learning about EIDs and their importance in the sheep industry and how to conduct a worm egg test from Ben Watts. Wool harvesting from AWI shearing experts Grant and Jan also demonstrated the shearing process and how to throw and skirt a fleece.

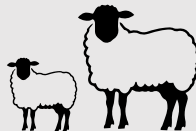
After the first two workshops, the students enjoyed morning tea and a chance to warm up in the sun before heading off on a Global Digital Farm tour hosted by CSU's Associate Professor Allister Clarke.

The tour highlighted the advancements in agricultural research and technology by showing students plant root and moisture use research in the Rhizolysimeter, walk-over weighing of livestock, farm-wide wifi networks, auto sheep handlers and drafters, drones, GPS cattle tags, and farm management software.

Lunch was a delicious BBQ cooked by Wagga Rotary. Following lunch, we went to a Young Judges Workshop with Angus Beveridge who gave the students some tips for grouping their sheep into teams for the Merino Challenge in August. The last activity was a nutrition workshop where the students learned about the nutritional requirements of sheep and how parasites can affect the health and production of livestock.

Thank you to CSU and Brooke Watts for organising such an interesting and informative day.

**Stuart McVittie**  
Animal Studies Teacher - Sheep





# AGRICULTURE

## HAY MERINO SHEEP SHOW 2024

On Saturday June 22nd, the Sheep Showstock team traveled to Hay with our Poll Merino Stud Sheep. The students were able to network with other Merino breeders and have some hands-on experience by leading out other studs merino rams and ewes onto the floor for judging.

When the YAHS team presented their Poll Merinos, we walked away with a 3rd Place ribbon for a pen of five ewes in the un-housed section, as well as a third place in the single un-housed ewe section.

Students also competed in the Merino Sheep Judging competition. Thomas Alcock (year 9) placed 1st and Angus Burton (Year 9) was runner-up in the under 15's section. Congratulations to both students.

At the end of the day, Steve Koehler from Radnor Merino Sheep Studs invited the students to discuss some of the secrets to judging sheep and wool. They learned a lot from Steve's presentation and are looking forward to using his advice in future competitions.

The students were amazing ambassadors for Yanco Agricultural High School, showing the school's values of Pride, Respect, and Responsibility. The general public and the show committee were extremely impressed with the way they presented their sheep and interacted with industry members on the day. Well done to all those involved.

**Stuart McVittie**  
Agriculture Teacher





# AGRICULTURE



## SHORTHORN NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE, DUBBO.

Yanco had a successful time at the Shorthorn National Show and Sale.

The five bulls were led out by Dominic Edwards, Lucy Barnes, Mikayla Hambrook, Beatrice Davies and Darby McClaren.

Lot 60- Yanco Thunderstruck T31 placed 3rd in class 7

Lot 44- Yanco Tatum T12 placed 3rd in class 9.

Yanco Shorthorns placed 2nd in the highly contested breeders group of three bulls.



We are happy to have sold to a top of \$12000 in a tough sale.

Thank you to the students who gave up their DESI weekend to showcase our stud shorthorn program to fellow cattle enthusiasts.

Michelle Fairall | Agriculture Teacher





# AGRICULTURE



## YEAR 9 BEE EXCURSION

On Wednesday 29th of June, a group of Year 9 Ag students headed over to Darlington Point to participate in an excursion organised by When Bee Foundation in conjunction with OFI Kerubury Orchard. Students met with managers of the orchard for a brief induction before meeting the CEO of When Bee Foundation, Fiona Chambers. Fiona, along with her staff, spoke to the students about bees and their role as pollinators in relation to food security.

Students looked at different crops that need bees for survival and what the world would look like if we didn't have bees. They then went on an orchard tour and learnt from the agronomist and manager what it takes to be a bee-friendly farmer. The Bee Friendly Farming program, run by the When Bee Foundation, focuses on preserving and protecting pollinator populations and helping farmers to incorporate affordable, science-based guidelines that help bees, into their farming practice.

The students visited the area of the almond orchard set up for the bees, the nature strips incorporated into the farm for the native pollinators and saw a tree shaker in action, before returning inside to do some taste testing of the honey. While tasting the honey several OFI employees spoke to students about their career journeys, with many of them starting their paths outside of Australia in various Agricultural fields. Hopefully, Year 9 can return later in the year to see the bees in action and learn more about the littlest livestock and the major role they play in our Agricultural Industries.





## DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKENDS

### NOTICE FROM NSW TRAINLINK FOR DESI/HOLIDAYS

**Important notice** – In reference to the students requesting transport outside of the scheme (i.e. to locations other than their home) - this transport is a 'request' and we cannot guarantee transport on the SSTS coach services.

We therefore request that all students requesting transport outside of the scheme understand that at times we are unable to accommodate.



## SCHOOL TERMS AND DESI WEEKENDS

### TERM 3 / 2024

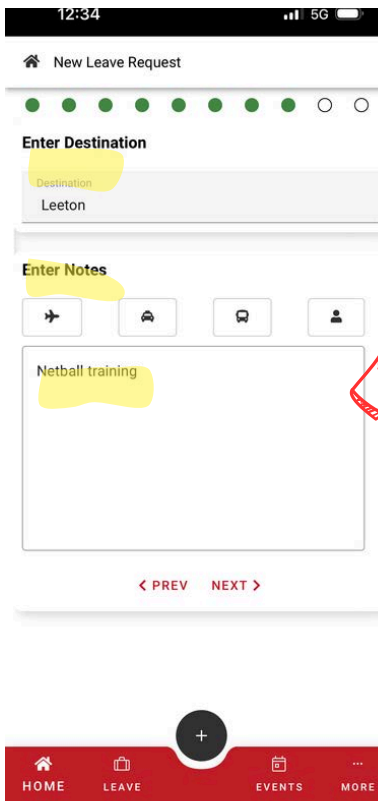
Students return to school:	Sunday 21st July (after 4pm)
Day 1 lessons commence:	Monday 22 July
<b>DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKEND:</b>	
Students travel home:	Thursday 22 August (morning)
Students return:	Monday 26 August (after 4pm)
<b>LAST DAY TERM 3</b>	
Students travel home:	Friday September 27 (morning)

### TERM 4 / 2024

Students return to school:	Sunday 13 October (after 4pm)
Day 1 lessons commence:	Monday 14 October
<b>DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKEND</b>	
Students travel home:	Friday 15 November (morning)
Students return:	Monday 18 November (after 4pm)
<b>LAST DAY TERM 4</b>	
Students travel home:	Wednesday 18 December (Speech Day)

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# REACH APP



*Help!!*

## When entering a leave in Reach.....

To avoid an “Unjustified” **All Day(A)** rollmarking in your child’s absence history in Sentral, please remember to include a reason for your leave in the **Enter Notes** section in Reach after the “**Destination**” as in the photo opposite.

It does not have to be a long explanation, just brief and to the point so that their leave can be coded correctly in Sentral and avoid Unjustified leave.

Some examples as follows:

- Appointment - Dental or other
- Medical Appointment/ Illness or injury
- Family Event (Wedding, Funeral etc)
- Sport (training, game time)
- Holidays (family holiday)
- Sick Leave

*Thank you*

# LEAVE UPDATE

*Important*

## EXTENDED LEAVE APPLICATION Going on leave for 5 days or more?

If you are intending to have your child absent from school for 5 days or more, PLEASE fill in an application for Extended Leave before you put your leave into REACH. Make sure you put in the reason for the leave. This is a Department requirement.

The leave will then be approved by the Principal and a Certificate of Leave issued to you, the parent/carer. Click on this [link](#) to access the document, or go to our school Website and find it under Forms/Downloads/Permissions.

When you receive your Certificate of Leave please attach this to your leave application in Reach which will then be approved.

*Thank you*

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# REMINDERS

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Monday Morning Return to School Sign in

Students arriving back to school on a Monday morning **MUST** have their name ticked off on the **REACH** App by a **DUTY STAFF** member in the **DINING ROOM**. Whether on a bus or being dropped off by a parent. If you do not do this you are still “on Leave” and likely to be marked absent.

Parents...Please help us by encouraging your child to make sure they have been signed in on a Monday morning as they arrive at school.

At any other time signing in/out will be in the **FRONT OFFICE** during school hours and the **DUTY ROOM** after school hours (after 3:20pm)



*Have you checked your Pencil case?*

Over the holiday break take time to check that you have:

- Blue/black pens
- Lead pencils
- Glue stick
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Highlighters
- Coloured pencils



### Uniform Shop/Canteen hours of operation



#### UNIFORM SHOP

Monday	9:30 am - 3:15 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am - 3:15 pm
Wednesday	10:15 am - 3:15 pm
Thursday	10:30 am - 3:15 pm
Friday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm

#### CANTEEN

3.20 pm - 4.00 pm
<b>CLOSED</b>
3.20 pm - 3.45 pm
3.20 pm - 4.00 pm
<b>CLOSED</b>



# SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ROLES



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

**CAPTAINS:** SAMUEL BOOTH, JOSIE LUCKEL

**VICE CAPTAINS:** CONNIE WEEKES, MILLIE HYAM

**PREFECT:** LIAM TOOLE

## YEAR ADVISORS 2024

**YEAR 7** SHAUN BROOKER, HELEN MALLAMACE

**YEAR 8** BELLE RICH

**YEAR 9** NATHAN CASSILLES

**YEAR 10** MELISSA MERCURI

**YEAR 11** TERRY BABIC

**YEAR 12** CATHERINE GRAY

**HEAD TEACHER GIRLS WELFARE** - CATHERINE GRAY

**HEAD TEACHER BOYS WELFARE** - JASON SACHS

## SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS 2024

### MUTCH

**CAPTAINS:** REUBEN CAHILL, BROOKE BUCKLEY

**VICE:** RILEY PHILPOTT, MATILIDA GREENE

### MCCAUGHEY

**CAPTAINS:** MITCHELL TURNER, CHARLOTTE MILLINGTON

**VICE:** JACK LUCAS, CHELSEA GOLDR

### BREAKWELL

**CAPTAINS:** DOMINIC EDWARDS, ABBEY PATERSON

**VICE:** ANGUS WOODHEAD, SOPHIE TAYLOR

### GARDINER

**CAPTAINS:** NAISH OLIVER, CLAIRE TELFORD

**VICE:** LACHLAN VEARING, TAYA KENNEDY



## 2024 P & C:

RODNEY WALSH - PRESIDENT. JEN HATTY VICE - PRESIDENT,

SARAH ANDERSON - TREASURER

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