**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**30th April**
Students return

**2nd May**
Cross Country

**3rd – 5th May**
Fishing Club to Blowering

**7th - 10th May**
Yr 11 Mid-course Exams

**8th May**
Yr 12 Reports
Teacher cut-off

**11th – 12th May**
Shooting Group/Leeton Venturers/ Blue Waterholes

**13th – 15th May**
Yr 10 Mid-course Exams

**14th – 16th May**
NAPLAN Tests

**17th May**
AFL Swan Shield

**20th – 24th May**.
Yr 9 Mid-course Exams

**21st May**
School Photo Day

**24th May**
Zone Cross Country

**24th -25th May**
Fishing Club to Galore

**31st May-2nd June**
Limousin Youth Cattle Show

**31st May**
Zone Athletics @ Griffith

**31st May – 4th June**
NWEE – Cooma

**6th June**
Students leave for DESI

**11th June**
Students return from DESI

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**SUCCESS AT THE ROYAL SYDNEY SHOW - JUNIOR JUDGING STATE FINALS**

**Brittany Whiteley - Reserve Champion in Beef Cattle**

**Odette Mara - Champion in Fruit and Vegetables**

**Erin Goldsworthy - Champion in Sheep Meat Breeds**

**Royce Johnston - Reserve Champion in Merino Sheep**
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

With the first term coming to a close we can reflect back on what has been an outstanding time for the school. Both our staff and students look forward to a break in what has become a disjointed term near the end with Easter falling so early this year.

I would like to thank all parents for their considerable support in the funding issues of the school. This school is a very viable school and will continue to be so with the interest and student numbers. We remain at close to maximum in students with a very small number of new students commencing at the beginning of Term 2. It is most unlikely any further new students will have an opportunity to commence later in the year as we are having very few students electing to leave the school.

As Principal of Yanco it is my responsibility to put in place the Policy of the DEC and manage the allocated funds to ensure that this school fulfils the needs of our school community. I will continue to do this to the best of my and my team’s ability but I believe we offer a quality education to our students. My Director has requested that I plan toward 2014 of the DEC’s reduced funding model policy and at the moment I am thinking long and hard so that the school can meet the needs and aspirations of our school community.

I would like to acknowledge a number of our students who are having wonderful opportunities to excel in their chosen areas. Vanessa Patey and Ellen Shepherd have this week travelled to Hong Kong as part of the West of the Divide Wind Ensemble to participate in a music competition/festival. Both young ladies are exceptional clarinet exponents and this is a great opportunity to work with the best in the State. A big thank you to Miss North, who supports these students in their music ambitions. The school has also unearthed a considerable amount of singing talent and if you plan to attend Performance Night on June 27 then I am sure you will be very entertained by our students.

Recently John Duryea represented Australia at the Oceanic Games in Tahiti. Before he has had the chance to return to school, he has flown directly to Perth to compete in the National Clay Target Shooting Titles. He has been joined by the Barnes boys, Sam and Will, and Dane Doyle. All these students shoot out of the Hay Club and we wish them success in their endeavours at Perth.

There have been several major events over this term which has kept the school very busy and it has been great to see so many parents involved. Beach Carnival and Gala Day were both wonderful successes and after a one year absence due to the March floods in 2012 there was much excitement and anticipation from all. They were great days and highly successful. At beach carnival we go from the tenacity and unwillingness to give of the tug-a-war to the splendid traditional ceremony of the beach march which brings tingles and tears to many in the audience. The pride displayed by our students is a wonderful aspect of our school’s tradition which I hope never to see disappear. It was great to see the Old Yanconians standing beside their house with such great pride at the conclusion of this spectacular event.

On the night prior to Gala Day it was indeed a privilege to attend the Old Yanconians dinner and have with me Mr Benjamin, Miss O’Brien and the School Captains – Sabrina, Royce, Harriet and Murray. This year in addition John Duryea attended at the request of the Old Yanconians with Old Yanconians at the Dinner in the Members at Sydney Royal Show.
Yancoians and spoke about his trip to Wales last year. A special presentation was also made on the night from the 1951 starters group and this is now proudly displayed in the foyer of McCaughey House.

Again the Athletics carnival was very successful and ‘hats off’ to both students and staff who stood the day in very hot conditions and the participation and effort by students was never reduced. Well done to all involved.

The Royal Easter Show was again a great success for us and this year is was the Junior Judging results that really stood out. Having well over 30 students competing at various Junior Judging competitions was just outstanding. Other than the Beef Cattle Paraders, these competitions are for young people under 25 years this really emphasises the success. Championships to Erin Goldsworthy (Sheep – Meat Breeds) and Odette Mara (Fruit and Vegetables) and Reserve Champions to Royce Johnston (Merino Sheep) and Brittany Whiteley (Beef Cattle) were outstanding results and all students should be congratulated on both their participation and efforts. Thanks to both staff and parents who took the time to transport, supervise and work with these students to ensure their success at the highest level in the State. Now our winners go the National titles, interestingly being held in New Zealand in October.

Last weekend the school’s annual Junior Football carnival was held with 70 teams of boys and girls from 6 to 14 years competing in Rugby League and League Tag. A superb effort by our hostel and teaching staff, many students and parents to ensure the success of this wonderful event. Special acknowledgement goes to Warren Weir for his leadership and organisation to make this day so successful. To our students the success of the day would not be possible without you working in all areas – umpiring, ground managers, result coordination, canteens and food outlets and much more. The grounds were in splendid shape and much thanks to our garden and farm staff. The school looked a picture. There were many favourable comments on both the facilities and also how wonderful our students are with their efforts. Well done to all involved.

On Wednesday night our first grade Rugby League team were able to win the Sheldrick Shield for the fifth Year in succession. Congratulations to the team and coaches.

As this term closes we look forward to the new term with great anticipation. The beginning of next term will be slightly delayed and students will return on Tuesday evening 30th April. The extra Staff Development Day will be used in the development of the resources and programs to incorporate the National Curriculum in English, Maths, Science and History in Years 7 to 10, commencing in 2014. All government schools in the State will have this opportunity and there is much excitement through the staff for this new concept.

The new website is working well and I would like to acknowledge the work of parent, Melanie Beer, who has placed much time and effort into ensuring we have a quality site. There are many positive comments and if you would like to see further additions your constructive comments are always welcome. This site is both for present families and prospective families and it is constantly being updated.

Early in the holidays you will receive the Interim Reports for Term 1. Although they are only an indication of progress at this point, if you have concerns please don’t hesitate to contact the Student Adviser or relevant Head Teacher to discuss any of these concerns.

One of the changes we have made this year is the encouragement to parents to use the exemption forms when students are absent from school other than sickness. If it is a known illness such as an operation or like then these forms can still be used. I would encourage you to continue to use these forms but be aware that if assessment tasks fall during these times the exemption does not give exemption from any assessment tasks and students need to continue to submit tasks on the date due if a hand in task. Email is a wonderful way to ensure these tasks are submitted on time and will also have a time and date attached. If the task is an in class task then it cannot be completed prior to the date so needs to be completed at a later date. This is the school policy. Please read carefully the documents and rules of assessment that the school publishes for Stage 5 and
6. Students need to maximise their results and knowing and following the School Policy is important for procedural fairness for all students.

With the holidays we are looking for a well-deserved break and I wish our school community an enjoyable and safe holiday.
We will return and do it again in Term 2.

A YEAR 8 STUDENT EXCELS IN EQUINE

Blake Paulston has done incredibly well riding for Yanco Agricultural High School over the last few weeks. The school acknowledges his great successes.

Recently at the State Interschool Championships, held in Sydney, Blake was the sole rider representing Yanco. There were over 2000 entries from 182 schools making this event the largest of its type in NSW.

At the Interschool Championships Blake performed exceptionally well placing 1st in his Rider, 1st in his hack, 1st in Pair of Riders, 2nd in Best Presented and went on to be awarded Champion Hack. He also achieved 4th place in bareback and 7th in C Grade Eventing.

At the Gundagai Show Blake achieved a 1st in his Boy Rider and went on to win Champion Rider and Champion Galloway of the show.

The Canberra Show has a huge field of horses and riders and Blake did extremely well in this field, achieving 7th Open Galloway, 4th Novice Galloway, 3rd Childs Galloway and 3rd Pony Club Rider.

These are big achievements in the equine world and Blake is to be congratulated on his efforts.

YR 7 TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY GROUP 1

This year the Year 7 groups have been doing a variety of topics in Tech Mandatory. Group 1 have been working on machines. Using Lego they have been building a large variety of machines that are used in everyday life. They have built the usual products such as cars and tractors, but have also made mix masters, dryers, bicycles, boom gates and bipeds. They have been discovering the use of the various types of gearing and the use of pulleys. In term 2 they will be moving onto using Lego with computer driven programming. The computer will enable them to make a process where they can get a series of machines and movements to occur in a sequence by pressing a button once.

The students have gained both skills and knowledge from the course – as well as having fun.
YEAR 9 CAMP HUDSON

On Tuesday March 5th Year 9 set off for a trip to Camp Hudson, which is about half an hour away from Tumut.

On the way we stopped at the Adelong Gold Mines and had lunch. There were big rocks and rapids there so, after everyone finished their sandwiches, we went rock climbing and tried to find gold. Unfortunately no one found any.

After a few of us fell in the water, we all piled back into the buses and drove the rest of the way to Camp Hudson. When we got to the camp, we sat down on the grass and listened to Mrs Rolfe as she explained all the rules. We were also told about our duties such as cooking and washing up. A few people groaned.

We were also warned that no one is to sleep outside because there were killer wombats. No one believed the story but it was a good joke for our period of time spent there.

We then went to our cabins. The boys were in one and the girls in another. It was a war to get the best bunk beds and rooms. If you were too late you were stuck with sleeping on the floor with everyone treading on you. Once everyone got set up, we were allowed to go and swim in the river. So almost everyone put on their swimmers, got a tube and life jacket and went tubing down the rapids. Although it was the majority of the year’s favourite part of the trip, it did have its consequences when at the end of the day you were scratched and bruised from the rocks. Someone did come up with a brilliant plan to minimize the amount of injuries by wearing your life jacket like a nappy though!

That night we had dinner and sat around the campfire that a couple of the boys had kindly made for us. When the sun had gone down all of us were called around to a big patch of grass. There was a projector and movie player in front of the cabin ready for the movies Mr Sachs had bought with him. We all went and got our blankets and pillows and snuggled up ready to watch a movie.

The next day, half the group got up at 6.15 am to go on a bus trip. They went to a lot of places including the Snowy Mountains Scheme and learned about the hydroelectric plant. The rest of us went to a lavender farm and learned about the fertiliser they make out of fish guts and worms and we also went to boggy creek where there was a man named Tim who showed us all about the life of a mountain cattlemaker in the olden days.

While that half was there, the rest stayed at camp and broke into groups for team building games. They were very enjoyable and certainly a memorable time. After lunch the group could just chill out. Most of us went tubing down the rapids again, this time going further upstream.

That night the teachers set up a hunt for us. We had to grab a torch and shine it around the paddock. There were light reflectors that had letters on it. Then you went around getting all the letters. Once you had all the letters it made up a word and the group had to figure it out. The word was leadership. This activity was another teamwork building game.

On the last day at camp the groups swapped so the second group went out and the first group stayed. When the second group got back from a tiring day everyone was excited to see each other. For the last night we had a quiz. We all got in groups again and named our team. The questions were to do with the three days we had been at Camp Hudson. After every question was a challenge. These included; peeling the longest orange peel, eating a piece of Weetbix and whistling and probably the most favourite one was to do a Kookaburra noise. If you won the challenge the member of the group chose whether or not they got extra points for doing a
performance. Brayden from “The Pack” won that challenge and decided that he would like to do a performance. The whole group got up and did The Wiggles’ hot potato dance. At the end of the day “The Campbells” won and “The Pack” came second. It was a fun night and a perfect way to end the excursion.

The last morning was hectic. We got up at 7.30 am and packed up. Each person had their own area to clean. At last we all set off to get back to school. The weeklies went earlier to ensure that we got back before school ended.

It was a very fun camp and everyone enjoyed it. We would just like to give a big thanks to Mr Sachs, Mr Watt, Miss Giles and especially Mrs Rolfe for organising the camp and ensuring that it all ran smoothly.

Written by Erika Lucas and Brayden McMaster

OUR BIG WEEKND – BIDGEE CLASSIC

Our big weekend, following on from camp Hudson started when we had to set our tent up. We got all our gear off the trailers and were about to set up our tent when we realised we had forgot it. The girls (Chelsea Pratt, Monique Turner and Nicole Fairley) where pretty excited to sleep under the stars for once. Lucky it didn’t rain that weekend.

After we set up, a few of us headed down to the water to start of the fishing competition. Nobody caught a thing so we headed back to camp. That night they had raffles which we attended and unfortunately nobody won a raffle prize.

The next day we had to start our marshalling jobs. An early start for some of us, at 6.00am, to get ready to help out. It was a long day but we all tried to make it as much fun as we could with the few games we played with Peter, such as I spy and animal games.

Whilst half of us where marshalling the other half where either sleeping or fishing. Logan Manwaring caught a 62 centimetre Cod. Little did we know he would win one of the major junior prizes. Josh Leonard caught a Yellow Belly. Several other people also caught fish. We all marshalled several shifts and the committee was nice enough to give each one of us a fishing lure.

While we were waiting to leave, the fishing club decided to start a water fight which made our time at the Bidgee Classic even more enjoyable. We would like to thank Peter and Allen for looking after us as well as the parents who attended.

By Nicole Fairley & Chelsea Pratt

PEER SUPPORT

The Peer Support Program provides a fun and engaging environment for young people to address social issues. Modules are designed to equip young people with skills to deal proactively with life experiences. The Peer Support Program promotes wellbeing, which encourages positive relationships, connectedness and a sense of responsibility.

Three times a week at DEAR time during first term, groups of 8-10 year 7 students have met with two trained Peer Leader students from Year 10 and work through a range of activities that focus on firstly resilience and later in the term values. They have had four leaders over the term and they will be able to keep in contact with these Peer Leaders through informal times at school.

The groups are supervised by teachers that have trained in Peer Support. Through working on these activities in small groups, each student will enhance their resilience and continue to develop the skills needed to bounce back when things don’t work out the way they planned. In the resilience modules we deal with empathy, optimism, positive self-talk, perseverance, resilience, coping and then celebrating success. During the second half of the term students will discuss respect, responsibility, diversity, inclusion and integrity.

Mr Sachs and Mrs Rolfe.
2013 COW PAINTING COMPETITION

Appearing at this year’s recent Gala Day were the YAHS House Cows. The display of four creatively painted fibre-glass cows represented the teamwork and creativity of YAHS students over the past two months. Thirty four students from all houses across Years 7 to 10 participated in this year’s competition. Students worked collaboratively toward the theme ‘Flood, Fire and Drought’, also incorporating the iconic Australian poem My Country by Dorothea MacKellar.

While the core focus of the activity was creative collaboration the activity also served as a fundraising competition. With this in mind a healthy dose of house spirit and banter was always present during afternoon painting sessions. Over the 5 weeks of painting many YAHS students would peep into the art rooms, getting a look at their house cow and giving encouraging remarks to those in their house who were painting.

All four cows were completed for exhibition at this year’s Gala Day. The YAHS community were generous in their support of the cows, altogether raising over $500 in donations. Although all four cows could depend on the commitment of their house for support, Breakwell and Mutch attracted most attention, frequently receiving an extra coin in spite of house allegiance. At the end of close counting Mutch was declared winner of the event, followed by Breakwell, McCaughey and Gardiner respectively.

A big thank you to all those who participated in and supported this year’s Cow Painting Competition.

GIRLS SOCCER

On Thursday the 21st of March, our Yanco Girls Soccer Team travelled to Griffith to play in the Area Open Girls Tournament. With a last minute pull-out by the combined schools RAP team, the team was left with 2 games to play. The girls managed to keep the reigning champions, Wade High School, to a 1-0 score line going into half time. However in torrential rain, the score line blew out to 5-0 at the final whistle.

The second game saw two very evenly matched teams fighting it out. Our girls were able to show a lot of heart to come back from 3-1 down, to finish the match at a well-deserved 3-3 draw. This is already a fantastic improvement on last year’s results and could not have been possible without the amazing leadership qualities of captain Zoe Dunn and vice-captain Amy Miller, who both controlled the defence and midfield with expertise. Special mentions also to our keepers for the day Kristen Polemini and Karena Holland.

The team and goal scorers were April Worland, Mel Jenkins, Lucy Simmonds, Kristen Polemini, Amy Miller (1), Elizabeth Turner, Keira Sanderson, Adele Ruigrok, Gabby Holgate, Zoe Dunn (1), Rose Nevinson, Ellie Castle, Madison Gillett, Colleen Head, Karena Holland, Breanna Carr and Harriet Condon (1).

BOARDING SCHOOLS EXPOS

YAHS will be represented at the Boarding Schools Expo’s at Deniliquen on Friday 3rd May and Saturday 4th May, at Dubbo on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May, and at Griffith on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June.
HARMONY DAY 2013
POSTER COMPETITION

Yanco Ag’s 9/10 Visual Arts class have celebrated and promoted this year’s Harmony Day (March 21st) through participation in a poster competition. Our students’ entries will be sent off to compete against other schools state wide. Albury High School won the Regional category last year and Yanco are keen to throw them some competition.

Harmony Day “is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.”

For more information on the day visit www.harmoniday.gov.au
On Wednesday 6th March Years 10, 11 and 12 participated in a number of seminars presented by Elevate Education. Elevate Education is Australia's largest provider of study skills seminars to high school students. Over the last 10 years their quest has been to unlock the secrets to the final years of high school: Why do the top students get the top marks? Having carried out an exhaustive process of benchmarking hundreds of past students, they have identified a number of areas where the practices of the top students differ compared to that of average or lowering performing students. It is their belief and experience that any student can improve their marks by tapping into, replicating and using these study skills and techniques.

A number of short and sharp 60 minute presentations were tailored to each Year Group and presented by a highly successful Year 12 graduate.

Details of the seminars:

Year 10: Study Sensei
• Dynamic reading - How to read a text and pull out the key points
• Note taking - How to get the ideas the students have extracted from their reading into an organised set of notes that will facilitate effective learning.
• Conceptual learning skills - How to break the information into its relevant parts as opposed to simply rote-learning the material.
• Independent learning - What independent learning means and how to get it done.
• Standing out on assessment - How to distinguish themselves from others.

Year 11: Time Management
• Study routine - How to develop a study routine that allows for socialising, sport and extra-curricular activities but ensures that students still find time to fit in their study.
• Working smart - How to identify the work that is going to get students the most marks across their final years and how to ensure that it gets done.
• Study groups - How to leverage their time across the year by using study groups.
• Procrastination - The most common reasons for procrastination and how to get around it.

Year 11: Memory Mnemonics
This seminar covered simple to use techniques and strategies that help students with their memorisation and recall of information. It also showed students how an effective study environment can affect their memory and how to eliminate distractions such as Facebook, music, TV and internet. A number of memory techniques were outlined to suit different learning styles:
• Revision
• Rote learning
• Recital
• Triggers
• How structure can assist with memory
• Mnemonics

Year 12: Student Elevation
• Belief - The role of belief as a means to propel them to their personal best in their final year. Conditioned beliefs and self-limitations.
• Goal setting - 4-step goal setting process to identify compelling reasons to drive them through their final year. Goals include career path, university and vocational study paths.
•Short term planning – How to break their goals into a series of achievable, short term benchmarks.

**Year 12: Ace Your Exams**
This seminar examined what students need to do in the lead up to exams in order to be properly prepared (perfect timing with Year 12 Half Yearly Exams coming up!).

•Effective preparation - 8 steps used by the state's top students to prepare for an exam.

•Fixing mistakes - How to identify exactly what they're doing wrong on mock exams and practice papers, and how to ensure these mistakes are not made in the exam room.

•Allocation of time - Step-by-step process to ensure preparation is completed in advance to prevent last minute cramming.

•Exam room techniques - Stress management, planning, time allocation and how to tailor a succinct, focused answer.

Feedback from students on the day was very positive! Our senior students were privileged to be able to participate in this additional educational program and we wish them all their best for their studies.

Miss Kearney

**DUTY ROOM / REGISTRARS OFFICE**

**Desi & End of Term Travel:**
Please note that under no circumstances can a change of destination be done after the cut-off date which is 4 weeks prior to the forward journey. This is a direction from Countrylink.

All cancellations done after our cut-off date must be done by phoning Countrylink direct on 132232. The School also needs to know when you are cancelling via email or fax. Please note that cancellations will be accepted up to 48 hours prior to travel.

Anyone who doesn’t cancel or doesn’t present to catch either one of the trips is counted as a “no show”. Students who have more than 3 “no shows” in a year, risk losing their Countrylink travel. If you fail to show for either your arrival or departure without cancelling you will be charged a $20 fee as per previously advised. Charges for Term 1 will show on Term 2 statement.

Please ensure your child picks up their travel ticket before they leave School. Countrylink have informed us that they will be doing random checks for tickets and if the child does not have the ticket, transport can be refused. It is also imperative that they pick up the ticket to confirm travel times etc as these can change from trip to trip.

**Weekend Leave:**
All weekend leave must be approved by Wednesday prior to the intended weekend. This means in order for your child to complete the necessary paperwork leave notes need to be in prior to Wednesday lunch. Leave applications received after this day maybe refused.

**School Fees:**
Term 2 fees will be done in the holidays. Anyone who has carried over a balance outstanding from Term 1, without arrangements, please pay immediately to ensure your child’s boarding position continues.
The 2013 annual Dragon Skin was attended by Venturer Scouts from Queensland, New South Wales, ACT, Victoria and Tasmania. Yanco attended this event with one team that consisted of: Team Leader; Mitchell Ryan, Medic; James Wade, Creative Arts consultant; Bailey Cox, Chief Navigator; Cameron Ingram and Captain Logic; Brendon Kingdom (NSW Lone Venturers).

We commenced our journey by being dropped off somewhere in the Belanglo State Forest south of Mittagong. Firstly we needed to locate our position on the map, work out our bearings and proceed to attempt as many of the 60 activity bases that had been set up around the forest.

Fully laden with our backpacks of provisions and camping needs for four days we commenced our journey through the forest. On Friday afternoon we managed to complete 6 activity bases covering a distance of 8 kilometres. This was followed by two (2) full days of navigating, hiking and camping and we managed to complete 30 more activities. The terrain was through a combination of Pine Tree plantations and State Forest eucalypts and mostly the walking was a mixture of undulating tracks and climbing some very steep ridges.

For the 2 ½ days of hiking we managed to complete 18 kilometres on Saturday and a further 17 kilometres on Sunday totalling a distance of 43 kilometres for the weekend.

The theme of the Dragon Skin this year was; “Into the Wild”. Each of the four overnight centres provided interesting day time and evening activities based on each of the four (4) themes; Alpine, Amazon, Desert, and Survival.

At the activity bases a large range these activities were undertaken that assessed our ability to plan, work as a team, display positive attitude, executing the tasks that were set and task completion. We averaged a score of 20 out of 25 for the activities attempted and these included: physical, creative, initiative, investigative thinking type challenges presented as a theme of fun.

On each night we were required to stay at a different Venturer Overnight Centre (VOC) that was established at 4 locations at opposite ends of the forest.

At these centres we camped for the night and a large range of evening activities were available to us prior to going to bed these included: Crate stacking, Movies, DJ tent, live band, “Michelin Man”, Sock Wrestling, Parallel Bungie Leap, Trampolining, Gaming and Circus activities, and Computer games, Inflatable boxing and Basketball, Air Brush tattoos, Greasy Pole climb, and a Surfing Simulator.

Over the weekend we enjoyed ourselves, made new friends wore ourselves out completely and were satisfied and excited that we achieved 8th Place out of the 166 teams that were able to be assessed over the weekend.
SHELDRICK SHIELD
ROUND 1 LEAGUE & LEAGUE TAG

The first round of the Dave Sheldrick tri-series resulted in Leeton High School and Yanco Agricultural High School sharing the spoils. While Leeton High recorded a 16-4 win in tag, YAHS turned in a big second half effort to cruise to a 28-4 league victory.

The tri-series is played each year between the three Leeton shire schools, playing for the Dave Sheldrick Shield (league) and Cup (tag). The league winner progresses to a regional level and potentially to the University Shield.

With mild conditions for most of the night, a perfect playing surface and strong contests, the only downside to the night was an injury in the rugby league encounter that required an ambulance to attend. YAHS player Darcy Booth suffered a suspected dislocated hip during a tackle, with the game held up for 20 minutes as an ambulance attended to treat the boy.

However, a dominant display in the tag kicked off the night with Leeton High showing it may have the skills to knock off four-time champion St Francis College.

While YAHS was out-played in the end, Yanco held their own in the scoreless first half to put them-selves in with a shot. That belief increased as YAHS was the first to score, through Kymberly Brain, just two minutes into the second stanza. However, that would be all as five minutes later LHS responded out wide after successive sets through Anna Poulsen. The final score for the League Tag was 16 – 4 to Leeton.

During the boys League match, both sides made plenty of errors, with dropped balls costing both sides in attack. While each team made breaks, the cover defence was exceptional, creating the errors or pulling down players on the burst. YAHS scored first off the back of a penalty, with Jesse McDonald converting his own try for a 6-0 lead. Shortly after Darcy Booth went down, giving the teams time to settle and regain focus.

From the restart, silly penalties and handling errors stifled the attack of both teams. On half-time, Kieran Fair scored and Jesse McDonald converted for a 12-0 break to YAHS. Leeton was pinned in its own half after the resumption, but the sides again sounded each other out.

In the eighth minute, Fair scored his second try and although the conversion was missed, five minutes later Steve Burrows also crossed for YAHS and Jesse McDonald was on target for a 22-0 lead.

Leeton High got its first points through a Corey Williams try in the 17th minute, before Jed Noonan sealed the deal for YAHS on the siren. Jesse McDonald ignored the increasingly blustery conditions as a storm front blew through to convert for a 28-4 win.

SIRU 10’s RUGBY CARNIVAL - WAGGA

On Tuesday the 5th of March 2013, the under 16’s Rugby Union football team travelled with Mr Collins to Wagga to participate in the annual SIRU 10’s carnival. The game is played with 10 minute
halves and three games for each team not including the finals.

We started off the day with a short warm up and talking about our game plan before taking to the field to play Sacred Heart from Cootamundra. The game started off well and we eventually won the match with tries going to Damian Johnston, Geoffrey Hillam (2), Ryan van Gemert (2), Darcy Booth and one conversion from Geoffrey Hillam. The ending score was 32 to nil.

The second game for the day was against TRAC 2. We warmed up for another game and were ready to take on our opponents. The game started but it wasn’t at the standard we would have liked and made lots of errors. We could have scored many more tries if we were playing our game but in the end we still won 15 to nil. Tries went to Ryan van Gemert, Cooper Thatcher and Damien Johnston.

The third game for the day was against a very strong Kildare Catholic College. We warmed up as usual and headed out to the field for the kick-off. We played a very good clean game for a while at the start but then Kildare kept breaking through our defence and scored three quick tries. That was the lowest scoring game they had played all day and we also managed to score one try against them from our halfback Darcy Booth. The ending score was 17 to 5.

The players who attended the carnival were; Sam Larsen, Damian Johnston, Thomas Smyth, Luke Horrobin, Lachlan Manwaring, Steve Burrows, Darcy Booth, Andrew Reid, Geoffrey Hillam, Ryan van Gemert, Hamish Bradford, Cooper Thatcher, Jack Pippin, Joshua Leonard-McLean, Andrew Haenig, Cameron Ingram, James Littlehales, Jeremy Hillam, Jack Semmler (water boy), and Sam Alexander (water boy).

Unfortunately we didn’t make the finals to play a fourth game because we were one try short in the second game but overall everyone had a great day.

Y.A.H.S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013
On Wednesday 27th March, the school’s Athletics Carnival was held. The day started off well with the House captains organising their houses for the March Past. It was great to see that all the marching practice had paid off, as the students marched very well. The participation for the day was excellent, with many students jumping, throwing and running for their house. We saw quite a few records broken throughout the day. These included:

15yr Girls 200m – Emily Parker with a time of 28.78
15yr Girls Discus – Marnie Whytcross with a distance of 29.76m
Senior Girls Discus – Sabrina Finch with a distance of 25.25m
15yr Girls Javelin – Chantelle Gorman with a distance of 26.15m
Senior Girls Javelin – April Harvey with a distance of 23.9m
13yr Girls Long Jump – Brianna McAuliffe with a distance of 4.07m

Congratulations to all those students and thank you to all the staff that helped out on the day! It wouldn’t have been a success without your enthusiasm and support. A large number of students will be travelling to Griffith in Week 5 next term for the Zone Athletics carnival. Good luck to you all.

The 2013 Athletics Age Champions

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Overall House Points

1st Mutch – 1319, 2nd Breakwell – 1053, 3rd Gardiner – 1044, 4th McCaughey - 862
YANCO AGRICULTURAL KNOCKOUT

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Winners 7 Years: YENDA
Runner up 7 Years: LEETON 2

Winners 8 Years: BLACK/WHITES
Runners up 8 Years: LEETON 1

Winners 9 Years: WARATAHS
Runners up 9 Years: YENDA

Winner 10 Years: WARATAHS
Runner up 10 Years: YENDA

Winners 11 Years: LEETON
Runners up 11 Years: WARATAHS

Winners 12 Years: WARATAHS
Runners up 12 Years: LEETON

Winners 13 Years: LEETON 1
Runners up 13 Years: YENDA

Winners 14 Years: LEETON
Runners up 14 Years: HAY/CDP

JUNIOR LEAGUE TAG

Mini League Tag

Winners Division 1: CDP
Runners up Division 1: YENDA

Winners Division 2: WARATAHS
Runners up Division 2: BLACK/WHITE

Mod League Tag

Winners Division 1: LEETON 1
Runners up Division 1: YENDA 1

Winners Division 2: LEETON 2
Runners up Division 2: HAY/WHITE

International League Tag

Winners Division 1: YAHS
Runners up Division 1: YENDA 1

Winners Division 2: BLACK/WHITES
Runners up Division 2: LEETON 2

The little kids
Winning School League Tag team
Under 13's team which included some Leeton boys to have the numbers complete
Girls team - instruction from the Coach
MCCAUGHEY STATUE UNVEILING

The speech made by Michael Pheils at the unveiling of the Statue of Sir Samuel McCaughey at McCaughey Park on 6th April 2013. Michael is the great, great nephew of Sam McCaughey and lives outside Bathurst.

“Your Excellency, Members of Parliament, Mayor and Councillors.

I would like to thank on behalf of the members of the McCaughey family, the organisers of this memorial to a great man.

Sam McCaughey was born at Tullyneuh, near Ballymena, County Antrim, Northern Ireland on July 1st 1835. The eldest son of Francis and Eliza McCaughey, his mother’s maiden name was Wilson. Francis McCaughey was a farmer and a merchant specialising in Flax and Linen. He exported the linen all over the world, particularly to Europe and the USA.

Four of his mother’s six brothers had migrated to Australia in the 1840’s and had successfully taken up land in the Wimmera district of Victoria. It was them that young Sam joined when he was 22 having worked for his father in his business. He arrived in Australia in 1856, landed in Melbourne and, to save money and have a good look around, walked to Horsham where his Uncles had property. He started work as a station hand but soon progressed to an overseer and then to management.

In 1860 he was backed by his relations and he bought a third share in Coonong at Urana, which was then only running cattle. He soon bought his partners out and improved the water by constructing a cutting from the Murrumbidgee into the Yanco Creek, thus improving the flow in the Colombo and Billabong Creeks. He also built a dam at Coonong. He then commenced running sheep.

He soon purchased Singorimba and Goolgumbla and was running all three properties together and by 1872 he had 137,000 acres. In 1871 he visited his now widowed mother and in 1874 he brought out his brother David to help in managing his properties.

In 1881 he purchased Coree and then Dunlop and Toorale on the Darling from his uncle Sam Wilson, some 2,500,000 acres. He later said he had to mortgage himself to the hilt to pay for them, but he got lucky and had three good years of rainfall all in excess of 20 inches, which set him on his way. It was on Toorale that he built a number of levee banks and dams on the Warrego and Paroo Rivers, which had the effect of flood irrigating thousands of acres. On this country he ran thousands of sheep. In one year alone he shore 500,000 sheep. He also sank a number or artesian bores which helped his carrying capacity. I think he might turn in his grave if he knew what has now happened to Toorale and its banks and Dams. On Dunlop in 1888 he introduced mechanical shearing for the first time.
All this time at Coonong he had been busy breeding rams for all his properties and had experimented with various types of Merinos he imported some Vermonts form America but after they fared badly during a drought he got rid of them and went back to Peppin strain. He sold Coree to his brother David.

He owned 12 stations in NSW and 3 in Queensland in all about 3,250,000 acres and running over a million sheep. I noticed just recently a photograph in the Bourke Shire Chambers of 20,000 one line one mark wethers crossing the river at Bourke on the way for sale. ‘Property of S. McCaughey’ was the inscription underneath.

He had a great flair for mechanical things and in his workshops he built various machines for farm work including the “tumbling tommy scoop” which he patented.

In 1900 he bought North Yanco, this was his last major property purchase and it was here that he had his greatest ideas for irrigation. It was always his life’s ambition to build and irrigate this country. He had made his money and now he was going to spend some of it. He was now over 60 years of age when he embarked on this scheme. He built a magnificent homestead and moved from Coonong to North Yanco.

In 1899 he was appointed to the NSW Upper House. In 1905 he was knighted by the King in London and on this trip he also visited Louis Pasteur, the great French Chemist, to see if he had a cure for his rabbit problem. When telling Pasteur of the amount of land involved, Pasteur exclaimed “It is bigger than France!”

He was not only a very wealthy man he was a Philanthropist. I have a copy of his bequest that I can show anyone that is interested. (There is a copy of this in the school library – it makes very interesting reading.)

Sam died in 1919 on July 25th and is buried in Narrandera, aged 82.

I would now like to quote another great Australian, Sir Robert Menzies, when he was writing a forward for Patricia McCaughey’s book on Sir Sam.

“Foreword”

This ought to be a fascinating book, for it is written about a great man and is written by a gracious woman.

There are conflicting, or at least alternative, views of history. There was a time when all the emphasis was on Kings and Wars. There was another time when the emphasis was on great men – ‘Heroes and Hero-worship’. Today the emphasis is on social development; the conditions, the aspirations, the character of the people as a whole. The danger of today’s philosophy, which is otherwise so humanly sound, is to be found in a tendency to distrust or fear great men, as if suddenly Churchill might turn out to be a Hitler. It is an unjustified fear, in the sense that democracy should always keep its faith that it can encourage greatness without creating tyranny. That is why I like the stories of great men in the modern world. They are not something undemocratic, unless we believe that democracy aims at a dead level of secured mediocrity. They are, on the contrary, the proof and justification of democracy. In Australia, no man was a great man by privilege; his greatness must have come from courage and effort and self-reliance.
In our own life-times we have seen a social evolution. High taxes, the vast spread of social services, the new status of labour, have combined to produce a society in which the extremes of both wealth and poverty are tending to disappear. But it would be a misfortune if we came to regard the acquisition of wealth as something intrinsically evil, or to look back upon some of its past possessors as selfish exploiters. Envy of riches is a mean thing; admiration of them is puerile. I feel neither envy nor malice in the contemplation of sudden riches of a gambler or a speculator. But when a man becomes rich by creating a new industry or pioneering a great productive rural industry, his wealth is a great social contribution.

Samuel McCaughey was a great Australian builder. His deeds and outlook live in the splendid tradition of his family. He was of the old school in his energy and drive. He was of the new school in his passion for the encouragement of research and education. It is therefore a privilege to commend this notable record to what I hope will be a wide and proud Australian audience.

R G MENZIES

The McCaughey name lives on with this park and statue and also with the McCaughey Institute, Jerilderie which is centred on the old Coree homestead and does much research and breeding of rice. The institute was named after Michael McCaughey, my uncle, who was killed in action at Slaggy Ridge, in New Guinea WW11. Michael was a great nephew of Sam, David McCaughey’s Grandson.

SYDNEY ROYAL – CATTLE

The cattle team for the 2013 Sydney Royal Easter show had a most successful and exhilarating time this year with many obstacles such as sleep deprivation to overcome.

After the biggest weekend on the Yanco calendar, whilst the rest of the school slept and recovered after the beach carnival and gala day, the Y.A.H.S cattle showstock team consisting of fourteen students, nine steers and two extremely dedicated teachers, awoke bright and early to set the wheels in motion for the Sydney Show. We finally rolled through the gates many hours after leaving, excitement levels hit boiling point, as the show was finally underway and we were eager to start the week.

Over the next three days we cared for and settled the steers into the Sydney show life, preparing them for the long days of competition ahead. As well as this we began setting up and perfecting the displays that showcased both what Y.A.H.S has to offer and the trial and tribulations of Yanconian families in recent hard times including flood, fire and drought. It was decided, by the students, that we would use the popular poem “My Country” to depict the hardships and good times had in Australia. Many students worked tirelessly to complete this display on time and without the help of Miss Weller, Mrs Hamilton and the other staff, many of our goals could not have been reached.

Over the course of the week the many judges and stewards of the steer shed worked tirelessly to judge what is called the Stan Hill trophy which is one of the many perpetual trophies of the beef cattle section. The competition involves selecting three representative steers from each breed and judging their ability as a group in the carcass section. This year Yanco was fortunate enough to have Bazooka selected in the Hereford Stan Hill team and Shrek was reserve for the same team, both of these steers were donated by the Green family of Yarrandabbie Hereford stud. The Galloway steer, donated by
Monreith Galloways also being selected in the Galloway team.

On Wednesday we began our first day of real competition with the steers as we had our two trade steers enter the ring for the first time coming out with Shindig, a Limousin X Murray Grey steer born and bred at Yanco receiving 5th place in his class. Zumba, a Shorthorn X Poll Hereford steer donated by the Schuller family of Outback Shorthorns unfortunately missed out on a place in the final line up. These steers were then loaded onto the trucks and sent to the abattoir to be judged on their muscling and carcass traits. On the very same day we had Natalie Grylls represent the school in the school paraders competition. Nat, using our representative steer Zimzam, a purebred Murray Grey steer narrowly missed out on a place but did an excellent job in a strong class of young paraders.

Thursday was the first day the gates opened and thousands of general public flooded through. We all rose bright and early to see to our team, of now seven steers, were fit and ready for the ring. They were superbly presented in their classes and we were all quite pleased with the results in their live classes. Simba an apricot Limo steer bred by the school was awarded a Highly Commended in the Middle weight section, whilst our Grey school steer was placed 5th in the school Middle weight section.

On Friday we were somewhat dismayed as we had no animals to tend but we soldiered on and prepared stud heifers for the state paraders competition, after having to skilfully source them from stud breeders and as we had no steers to parade. We achieved excellent results too, in the parading we had Zoe Howe 3rd, Toby Commens 4th, Odette Mara 5th, Troy Kylstra 6th and Jessica Power 7th all in their respective age classes, Keiley O’Brien and Inez Mara narrowly missed out on a final position but all in all it was a success and a wonderful achievement to make it to the state finals and we were all so pleased with the results of the day.

Monday, with only three school representatives remaining in the beef section we sat through the shows steer and school presentations with much success, we came 3rd in the herdsman competition in the schools section. The steers received many commendable awards with 5 of our 9 Steers being awarded medals for having quality carcasses. One silver medal went to our trade steer Shindig who also placed 5th out of more than 50 steers. Four Bronze medals were won, two to a limo and grey steer bred by the school, one to the Hereford steer and one to the Galloway steer, Monreith Gulliver who was kindly donated by Monreith Galloways who also received a 3rd in his virtual taste test and highest point scoring Galloway steer with a score of 82.4 winning the Galloways Australia Eve Cullen perpetual trophy which was presented to his breeder Mr Jason Vials at the presentation.

Over all the Sydney Royal Easter Show again proved successful for the students and the cattle as we all had a great time and enjoyed the experience that was gained. Many thanks from the whole team to the donators of our steers, the farm staff for the care of the steers over the holiday period and special thanks to Miss Weller and Mr Collins for their amazing commitment to the cattle team for without them none of this could have been possible, all in all a wonderful week.

Brittany Whiteley
OPEN DAY AND SCHOOL PROMOTION

Open Day was held early in March and there were a large number of families who visited the school. Our year 9 Student Ambassadors did a great job answering questions and supplying information about the school. We ran out of Year 9’s so some Year 12’s offered to give a hand and their help was greatly appreciated.

The Hall was full for the special presentations at 11am, and many visitors commented about the knowledge and information presented by the students who “manned” the sheep, cattle and equine displays.

Overall, a very positive day for the school.
The first day was very good with Jessica and Courtney both competing in the hack class. Jessica came out with a sixth ribbon. Jessica also placed fourth in the state junior judging finals. The second day was also another successful day with Jessica coming second in her working stock horse class. Courtney also rode very well. That night, the cattle show stock team and the horse team went to dinner with some of the old Yanconians. We had a great time and heard lots of interesting stories. We learned what they used to do when they were at school. None of us could believe that they used to sleep on the veranda of McCaughey. We all had a great time at dinner and would like to thank them for coming and sharing their stories with us.
The third day of competing was an early start. Courtney and Jessica both competed in the junior station horse. Courtney and Jess both did really well. Next was the time trial. Jessica was the only one who competed in this and ended up coming out with a fourth.

That night there was a stock horse presentation. This is where they award the overall place getters. Jessica came fourth. On Sunday morning we left for school.

On Tuesday Sheridan Hammet and Blake Paulston returned to the show to compete in the hacking. Sheridan went well winning her class and then getting best led APSB riding pony gelding exhibit in the lead. She also won her ridden class and then went on to be reserve champion in the ridden. She also got 3rd in her turnout! Blake also rode well on his Galloway.

We all had a wonderful time and would like to thank Paul Bandy and Vicki Bradford for all their help and time that made this trip possible, and thank you to Mr Finch for his support of the equestrian team.

By Jess, Courtney and Sheri

SYDNEY ROYAL JUNIOR JUDGING REPORT

This year’s Sydney Royal Easter Show copped a beating from the students of Y.A.H.S as 11 students hit the many rings of the show all itching to represent themselves in the state finals of 2013. Yanco was represented overall in eight state judging competitions with a number of students competing in more than one event.

In the sheep pavilion, Meat sheep junior judging proved prosperous for Erin Goldsworthy claiming State Champion and is representing the state at an international level in New Zealand later this year. Also competing and proving successful was Zoe Howe who received 4th place, Jane Goldsworthy came in 5th with Jessica Power putting in a solid effort but unfortunately not receiving a position in the final line up. Royce Johnstone received reserve champion in Merino junior judging with Rowan Horne representing strongly but unfortunately missing out on a place. The fleece judging proved unsuccessful but we still represented strongly with Andrew Thorn and Keiley O’Brien.
Over in the flower and garden pavilion we had many representatives in both Grain judging and Fruit and Vegetable with Keiley O’Brien receiving a 5th and Brittany Whiteley, Zoe Howe and Damian Johnstone representing well but narrowly missing out. In the Fruit and Vegetable judging both Odette Mara and Keiley O’Brien received a place in the top three with Odette receiving state champion and Keiley securing 3rd.

The Beef Cattle junior judging proved to be the challenge of the show being hotly contested by almost 30 competitors from all over the state. Out of the three representatives, one proved successful with Brittany Whiteley receiving reserve champion. Jessica Power and Breanna Carr also competed well in this competition but not quite making it into the final line up. Breanna did have some success in the Poultry shed making it to the final round of the poultry junior judging competition, which was a mammoth effort after approximately five hours of judging!

In the equine arena Jessica Affleck, Courtney Stubberfield and Sheridan Hammet competed in the Australian Stock Horse State final with Jessica being placed a very creditable fourth place.

Yanco students proved themselves worthy in the show ring at Sydney Royal this year. I would personally like to congratulate my fellow students on their efforts and also thank all of the parents and staff that made the effort to help out and supervise us at the several events this year. With a special thanks to Miss Weller and Mr Collins for the effort that they put in to ensure that all of us made it to our competitions and for a wonderful time at the 2013 Sydney Royal Easter Show.