3rd March
Open Day
4th March
Year 7 & 9 Boys
HPV Immunisation
6th March
Students leave for DESI
7th March
7-9th March
Bidgee Classic
(Fishing)
8th March
Riverina Swimming Carnival
10th March
Students return from DESI
13th March
Selective Schools test
14th March
Beach Carnival
P&C AGM 3pm
15th March
Gala Day
22-23rd March
Shooting @ Bowral
29th March
Yanco Rugby League K/O
1st April
Open Girls Soccer
4-6th April
Fishing Club to Blowering Dam
5-6th April
Albury ODE - Equine
7th April
CHS Swimming, Sydney
6-15th April
RAS Cattle
8-23rd April
RAS Equine
9-12th April
RAS Sheep

As you sow, so shall you reap

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 4th March, 2014
Private Mail Bag
YANCO Term 1, Week 6
NSW 2703
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School Prefect Body 2014: James Rapley, Zoe Dunn, Brittany Whiteley, Dustin Manwaring (Vice Captain), Melanie Guttler (School Captain), Steven Butler (School Captain), Lilly Serafin (Vice Captain), Lachlan Pellow, Grace Alexander and Joshua Beer.

Jack Turner
Overall Champion and Senior Champion Junior Judge and Second Place in Senior Handling – Sheep section at Canberra Show

Rebecca Ritchie – Reserve Champion Schools Parader and Kaitlyn McKay – Overall Champion Junior Judge at Royal Canberra Show 2014

Zach Liley
Champion Handler in the Junior section for sheep and First Place in the Merino Junior Judging – Canberra Show 2014
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

We are now half way through the first term and 2014 is shaping up to be a most exciting year for the school. The day our families all arrived was very warm but with the cooperation of all involved the day went very smoothly and all students were settled in by the early evening. The school commenced with 387 students with both Years 10 and 11 being the largest cohorts. We lost very few students over the vacation and this was most gratifying. In the older years the waiting lists remain with a number of students still trying to access Yanco.

At the end of 2013 both Mr Brooker and Mr Watt moved onto other schools. We thank them for their efforts over their time at Yanco and wish them all the best for the future. New staff include, Mrs Thurgood (moved into the HT Science position), Mrs Conley (HT Agriculture/TAS – who did commence late in 2013), Mrs Danielle Ingram (Student Support Teacher), Miss Taylor (PE) and Miss Wood (Science). The school welcomes these new staff.

In 2013 62 students completed the Higher School Certificate and overall the results were very pleasing and continue to improve on previous years. Yanco did not have the individual high flyers of the previous year but many more students entered University by the early entry scheme. Up to 40 students were offered university positions prior to their results being published. Our top student was Courtney Cheers and she deserves our congratulations on a fine effort. It interesting to note her ATAR would have given her access to nearly all university courses available. Her work ethic and commitment ensured her success and she has been a great role model for future years.

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Already this year the school has attended the school and zone swimming carnivals with great success. Our school carnival was in slightly cooler conditions and a little damp. A huge thank you to the many parents who attended our Carnival, to support their children. This always enhances the atmosphere and for the first time parents I am sure they enjoyed a very special evening. In all 13 records were broken by students. The house competition was very close with Mutch rounding up McCaughey in the final relay events which are worth double points. All houses were very competitive this year and the costumes, cheering and chants made for a great evening. Well done to all involved. At the zone carnival Yanco dominated and a large number of students will move onto the Riverina carnival next Friday. To win the zone carnival by over 300 points was massive. With parents support I hope all students will have the opportunity to compete at Riverina and be able to move onto the CHS State finals in Sydney later in the term.

A very large contingent of students attended the recent Royal Canberra Show in the sheep, steers and horse events. Great success was achieved in all areas and you will enjoy the read in this news. Special mention must go to the students who prepared and paraded the Clydesdales, winning Champion and Reserve Champion Female and Supreme Champion Clydesdale. Thanks to the many community people who have supported this initiative.

Later this term the school will exhibit sheep, cattle and horses at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. This will be the first time the school has exhibited our sheep at Sydney.

A very large number of students have qualified for various State finals and the school wishes them all the best in their endeavours. Below is a list of Yanco students who have qualified in State finals.

1. **Beef Cattle Paraders**  
   Logan Manwaring, Zoe Howe, Jessica Power, Kaitlyn McKay, Caitlyn Beer, Hayley Fairfull, Troy Kylstra, Laura Harris, Odette Mara

2. **Beef Cattle Judging**  
   Breanna Carr, Jack Moran-Turner, Brittany Whiteley, Natalie Grylls, Hayley Fairfull

3. **Meat Sheep Judging**  
   Laura Harris, Caitlyn Beer
4. **Grain Judging**  
Breanna Carr, Andrew Thorn

5. **Merino Fleece Judging**  
Rose Nevinson, Adele Ruigrok, Brittany Whiteley

6. **Dairy Cattle Judging**  
Hayley Fairfull

7. **Poultry and Waterfowl Judging**  
Breanna Carr

The various competitions commence on Friday 11th April and continue through to Wednesday 23rd April and most are in the school holidays.

A number of other students have achieved various successes of late and below is a listing of the ones I am aware of.


2. Brittany Whiteley – one of 40 Heywire participants from all over Australia who were invited to Canberra to work on initiatives with our Federal Politicians on ideas for the future.


4. Cameron Read – Company Sergeant Major for the Cadets at the Kosciusko National Park at Long Plain where he was in charge of twenty, 14 to 16 year olds on exercises recently.

5. Sebastian Webb – selected in the 2014 Giants AFL Development Program

6. Lawson Stenhouse – Ranked in the top 10 nationally for his age in Rodeo, very successful in the National titles in Tamworth in January

7. Vy Owen – Singing the National Anthem at the Leeton Australia Day Service

8. Erika Quinn – Placed second in the Handlers competition at International Diary Week at Tatura with 50 competitors in the class. This is the largest diary show in the southern hemisphere and as a result was offered and led blue ribbon and champion heifers in the Open Show.

The following students have received Blue GEM scores at the end of Week 4 – Grace Alexander, Emily Crick, Jacqueline Ervin, Amy Miller, Teia Oliver and Lilly Serafin. This is a great start for the year and these students are congratulated on their efforts. All students are in Year 12.

The school has been fielding requests for staff to take students to appointments in places such as Wagga this year. I am afraid the school does not have the staff or resources to support such requests and I have instructed the medical staff to indicate this is not possible. Appointments in Leeton are fine and the school is very happy to support but other issues need to be resolved by parents and if not urgent this needs to be completed during holiday time. I request parents respect our decision on this matter.

By the time you receive this news Open Day will be past. The school is expecting a large number of families to attend and view many aspects of the school. The Selective Schools test will take place on March 16 and there are a large numbers of prospective Yanco students attempting this exam. I wish them all the best for their efforts. If you have a Year 6 student who wishes to attend Yanco in 2015 they must attempt this test to ensure consideration.

The Pratley Review into Agricultural Education and Training in NSW was released late last year and the NSW Government has supported all bar one of the final recommendations. Progress reports need to be completed by the mid-year and there are some areas the school, and the three other agricultural high schools in NSW, will need to report on. These areas include:

1. Encourage all students to study Agriculture and/or Primary Industries in the Senior School

2. Review their ‘mission statements’ to ensure that agricultural education is strongly identified as a designated educational outcome for students
3. Utilise the flexibility provided for staff appointments to appoint directly specialist agriculture teaching staff because of their pivotal role in the reputation and leadership responsibilities of the school.

4. An Agricultural High Schools Forum be established comprising the principals of agricultural high schools and officers of the NSW DEC. Issues should include:
   a. Professional Development needs
   b. Management of agricultural equipment
   c. Residential accommodation policies, management and staffing arrangements.

5. Agricultural high schools give consideration to establish and maintain, where they do not exist, an email-based alumni network for school promotion and reconnection with potential supporters.

Some of this is presently covered by Yanco but the mission statement is a component we will need to address and I will address this with the P. & C. at the next meeting about their ideas as a key stakeholder in this school.

The big event is about to be upon us and the students are working hard to ensure that Beach Carnival is its usual spectacular event. There is no other event like this in other schools and I look forward to all parents attending. The march past will take place at 12 noon sharp so be there and applaud our students on their efforts. The following day is Gala Day and this year the day looks to bigger and better thanks to the work of many families. Come along and support your school.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2014

School Captains: Steven Butler and Melanie Guttler
Vice Captains: Dustin Manwaring and Lilly Serafin

Year 12 Head Dormitory Prefects
From Left to right: Cameron Read, Madalene Haddrill, Emily Crick and Mitchell White.

DATE CHANGES:
- Photo Day is now on **Wednesday April 30**th.
- VET Work Placement Week
  **May 12**th – **16**th and **May 19**th – **23**rd.
- June DESI dates: **Depart June 4**th - **Return June 10**th.
DORM PREFECTS 2014

Breakwell Prefects
Front row: Liam McCallum, Sam Larsen, Darcy Booth, Will McLean, Matheson Lees and Mitchell Ryan

Mutch Prefects
Heidi Johnston, Courtney Stubberfield, Laura Seymour, Breanna Carr, Elly Pratt, Hayley Fairfull, Marnie Whytcross, Rose Nevinson, Natalia Henderson, Emily Belling and Sarah Oost.

Hindmarsh Prefects

Gardiner Prefects

Village Complex Prefects
Left – right: Isla Hughes (Hilton), Eliza Caldwell, Brittany Clark and Lillian Tomlinson (Hyatt), Georgia Howard (Hilton). Jessica Haddrill (Edis)
NEW STAFF FOR 2014

AMANDA CONLEY

To the Yanco Family, it gives me great pleasure to accept the job as Head Teacher Agriculture/TAS here at Yanco. I have worked for many years as the Senior Agriculture teacher at Mount Austin High School. I have achieved many successes with my students in the past both academically, socially and in the show ring. I hope to continue this success here at Yanco.

Prior to starting my teaching career, I worked in industry as a Viticulturist, here in Australia (South Australia and NSW) as well as in California. I have worked closely with industry leaders and bring with me a wealth of working knowledge and understanding in the grape and wine industry. I grew up west of here on a property in the Jerilderie shire where we predominantly grew Merino sheep and dry land cropping. I spent many hundreds of hours working on the farm working stock, in land forming equipment (contract) and working as a contract harvester. I hold tertiary qualifications in Ba. App. Sci. (Viticulture), Ba. App. Sci. (Animal Production) Grad. Dip (Education) and in my spare time I am working on my Masters of Environmental Management. I have a passion for study and agriculture and hope to pass these passions onto the fine students here at YAHS.

CAITLIN TAYLOR

Hi, my name is Caitlin Taylor I was originally from Sydney but I've bounced around between Bathurst for Uni at Charles Sturt University and Nyngan last year where I was the casual teacher for the school. I'm trained in PDHPE but currently retraining in Science focusing on Biology and Physics. I love my sport and really enjoy playing Touch Football, Netball and Futsal or indoor soccer. I really enjoy working at country schools and hope to become a permanent teacher at one soon.

TARNIKA WOOD

Hello everyone. I am Tarnika Wood. I was raised in the Riverina and have been to three others schools during my time a teacher, Hillston Central School, Cobar High School and Kooringal High. Each experience was unique and invaluable. I am coming up to my 5th week as a Science teacher at Yanco Agricultural High School and it has been an enjoyable experience. I have a Bachelor of Forensic Biotechnology from Charles Sturt University and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching from The University of Canberra. With my family full of teachers, it was almost a natural progression for me to become one as well, with my love for science and my thirst to share my passion with others. I look forward to my time at Yanco and providing the students with an enjoyable environment to learn.

MEGAN THURGOOD

In 2007 I was fresh out of University and lucky enough to be appointed to YAHS as a classroom teacher. During the past 7 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Science faculty as well as being part of the Yanco Family. I have been given some wonderful opportunities to work with students as a House Parent, Year Adviser, Middle School Coordinator and Student Adviser Girls. At the end of 2013 our well liked Science head teacher Shaun Brooker, decided to move on, and I was fortunate enough to be successful in my application for the job. I look forward to the opportunity to lead the Science faculty and continue working with the students, staff and parents at YAHS.
I grew up in Leeton and attended Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga where I gained my teaching degree. I began teaching in NSW and eventually moved to Victoria, where I taught for 10 years at both Geelong Grammar School and Wesley College, Melbourne. My family and I relocated back to Leeton in 2010, where I worked as a TAFE teacher and as a Learning Support Coordinator.

I am sports mad, love running and grew up playing every sport imaginable. I am passionate about helping students reach their full potential and have always enjoyed working within a boarding school environment, where a teacher’s role goes beyond the classroom and where great relationships thrive.

I look forward to working in my new role as a Learning and Support Teacher at Yanco Agricultural High School and can’t wait to embrace the opportunities that a unique school like Yanco has to offer.

TAS FACULTY UPDATE

During Term 1, the Year 11 and Year 12 Primary Industries students have had a wonderful opportunity to work with Wagga Wagga TAFE and achieve their units of Competencies in two and four wheel motorbike riding. The teachers at YAHS feel that it is a vital skill for students to have before heading into the workforce and are grateful to be able to team up with the TAFE to provide this course. We feel many students have gained more confidence and skills in ATV’s.

ATTENTION ALL VET PARENTS

There will be a meeting at the Leeton Soldiers Club for all VET students and their parents.

Wednesday 26th March - 7-8pm

This is an information session to ensure all students and parents have a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities as a parent of, or a student undertaking an Industry Curriculum Framework Vocational, Education and Training (VET) subject. Yanco VET students will be attending this meeting.

Guest Speakers will include:

Trevor Brand – VET Consultant, Griffith District.
Tania Speer – Work placement Service Provider, GetSet Inc.
Mark Dixon, VET Coordinator
LAKE TALBOT ADVENTURE – YR 7

Day 1

The day of Lake Talbot and excitement was in the air. We woke up at normal time, and had a shower and breakfast and brushed our teeth all the same. But after assembly, we went to the buses next to the hall. We took our swags and bags and loaded them onto the bus trailer. For the next forty minutes we had to wait.

The bus ride was very slow, and we couldn’t wait to get there. Once we got there everyone helped unpack the food, tents, bags and swags. The prefects who came with us set up the girls’ tent and the year 7 boys had to set up the boys’ tent, which took about an hour and a half.

Everyone then got their swimmers on and went to Lake Talbot water-park. Two slides were open: The Rampage, a slide where you go almost straight down, and the Worm, a squiggly slide that if done right, makes you go super-fast.

We got back to the caravan park at 5:30pm and played some games. We had dinner at 6:30pm, it was sausages and steak sandwiches.

After dinner the prefects came and practiced the War Cry with us. We then had to perform the war cry with the prefect that was helping us in front of Mr Finch and he judged the best group. After that, we put our joggers on and went for a 2 hour long bushwalk where we got ‘lost’ in front of an old spooky house. When we got back, we immediately got into our PJ’s and went to sleep.

Day 2

We woke up not long after the sun rose and began packing our swags and gear so we could have more time after it. We all worked well together. We then had breakfast. It was egg on toast. We then took down the tent. It was a lot easier taking it down that putting it up!

We then had a while at the caravan park and played games. After the games we had a competition to dress someone up in the theme of ‘Winter Olympics’. We used newspaper and other items we could find. Then we went into town and explored Narrandera. We had to fill in a sheet with some questions about the town.

We then headed back to camp and had some lunch. After that we went back to the pool for one last swim. We left the camp afterwards and headed home. It was a great 2 day camp.

By Lachlan Daniel and Cooper Carter

LAKE TALBOT REPORT

On Tuesday 11th of February the prefect body took a journey over to Lake Talbot in Narrandera to spend some quality time with the new intake of Year 7 students, their Year Advisor Mr Gifford and their Year 11 dormitory prefects. The evening started off with some backyard cricket whilst the Year 11 chefs prepared a barbeque dinner.

On completion of the evening meal it was the prefect’s pleasure to teach the group of students the school War Cry and some additional school history. To show the year 7’s a taste of our Yanco spirit we decided it would be a battle of the War Cry, each group of six year 7’s and their leading prefect screamed the War Cry to the judge, Mr Finch, and in Lachlan’s case clearly snuck him a few bribes to come away with the win.

The night came to a close with the Year 7’s forming a tunnel and screaming Mrs Rolfe and the prefects the War Cry goodbye. The few hours we spent with the Year 7’s were full of laughs, some original dance moves and some new friendships were definitely found. Thanks to the Year 7’s for making our stay so enjoyable and the prefect body hopes your time at Yanco continues to be full of bright aspirations.

The Prefect Body
SWIMMING RECORDS FOR YAHS 2014

BOYS
Cooper Carter  12yrs  50m Breastroke (1998)
Jock Ward     Senior 50m Backstroke (2000)
Zac Saddler   15yrs  50m Freestyle (1996)

GIRLS
Meg Potter    16yrs  200m Freestyle (2013)
Mel Guttler   Senior 200m Freestyle (2013) own
A. McCloskey 14yrs  50m Breastroke (2012)
Vy Owen      14yrs  50m Backstroke (1999)
Mel Guttler   Senior 50m Freestyle (2013) own
A. McCloskey 14yrs  50m Butterfly (2010)
Meg Potter    16yrs  50m Butterfly (2004)
Mel Guttler   Senior 50m Butterfly (2013) own
Meg Potter    16yrs  100m Freestyle (2004) 8secs
Mel Guttler   Senior 100m Freestyle (2013) own

RELAY
McCaughey House - Open Medley Relay
by nearly 30 seconds

BOYS Champions
Senior       Jock Ward
16 Years     Jesse Davis
            Blake Paulston - Equal
15 Years     Zac Saddler
14 Years     Beau Routley
13 Years     Jackson Doyle
12 Years     Cooper Carter

GIRLS Champions
Senior       Mel Guttler
16 Years     Meg Potter
15 Years     Chloe Ward
14 Years     Abbey McCloskey
13 Years     Sophie Ryan
12 Years     Kaitlin Dykes

PROGRESS SCORES FOR HOUSES
1st          Mutch            1138
2nd          McCaughey       1112
3rd          Breakwell       1056
4th          Gardiner        1005
ZONE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Yanco Ag has dived in head first into the school’s representative sporting calendar with a brilliant result at the recent Zone Swimming Championships held at Narranlra swimming complex. The day started off unseasonably cold with a chilly bite in the air and a fresh breeze adding to the goose flesh already brought on by the nervous anticipation from the Yanco team. Fifty four students represented the school in all ages and events and great success was had by all. By the end of the day the school had attained a whopping 715 points; almost 300 points clear of the next placed school. This massive victory was by far and above the largest margin any school has won the Zone Championships in recent times. Of the 12 Age Champions, Yanco was represented in 6 age groups:

- 12 years boys – Cooper Carter
- 17 years boys – Jock Ward
- 14 years girls – Abbey McCloskey
- 16 years girls – Meg Potter
- 17 years and over – Melanie Guttler
Along with these and other outstanding individual achievements, the school was commendably represented in the relay events with many students waiting all day to race with their team mates and do the school proud.

The Zone Championships are followed by the Regional Riverina Championships to be held at Leeton on Friday 14th of March. A large contingent of students from Yanco will be there flying theirs’ and the school’s flag high and we wish them the best of luck.

**REGIONAL SWIM TEAM - 2014**

**Year 7**
- Cooper Carter
- Oswald Herrmann
- Zach Fairweather
- Sophie Ryan
- Anita Tagliepetria
- Bianca Smith
- Sophie Ryan

**Year 8**
- Abbey McCloskey
- Annie James
- Olivia Reid
- Beau Routley
- Jackson Doyle
- Tyler Brown

**Year 9**
- Gemma Fisher
- Reba Nicholson
- Chloe Ward
- Zoe Potter
- Aleksi McDermott

**Year 10**
- Justin Bolam

**Year 11**
- Jock Ward
- Meg Potter

**Year 12**
- Mel Guttler
- Demi King
ALBURY SHOW 2013

Friday the 1st November, we set off to Albury for our last show of the year. Here we had a jam packed day full of events. After washing and settling the animals, we proceeded to compete in the Junior Judging then we had the Paraders. We won ribbons in both these events.

This show was also a Parader’s qualifier for the state finals at Sydney Royal in 2014. Zoe Howe, Jessica Power, Kaitlyn McKay, and Laura Harris all made it through, to join the five others who qualified at Cootamundra show. Brenna Carr was awarded Champion Parader for the show.

We then proceeded to the Heifer classes where this saw our heifers getting numerous places and ribbons, with Ella receiving champion heifer of the show. We finished of the day with a presentation of awards to all the places getters for the day.

On Saturday we headed for home with our shorthorn heifers, after we entered our 4 animals into the hook and hoof section of the show, along with a steer for student Toby Commens. These animals were judged in the unled section, with Toby’s steer placing 2nd.

On the Tuesday we returned to Albury to attend the carcase viewing of our animals that were sent to the abattoirs with one of the animals receiving 3rd place. This was a very interesting as well as and worthwhile excursion as it allows us to see up close how the animals are judged and to get a good understanding of what is required for the market specs. Our animals provided us with a range of information with one being too fat and another not having the full coverage down the hind quarter.

We would like to thank all the staff and teachers that helped us prepare the animals and attend the shows.

By Zoe Howe (Cattle Captain)

ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW 2014 – CATTLE REPORT

On Wednesday the 19th, in the morning the Cattle Show Stock team set off for the Canberra Royal. Traveling in the truck were seven steers and shortly following behind were 18 students, Miss Weller and Mr Collins. We arrived in the big city at around lunch time and unloaded the steers and set up the beds. U14 paraders were on in that afternoon after a delay due to a massive down pour of rain. Unfortunately no places were given although all students did exceptionally well. We then put the steers to bed and went to bed ourselves.
The next day was a long day as we had the rest of paraders to compete in, all the steers to be judged in their classes, and the auction was to be held. As a team, all 18 students and very helpful teachers, we powered through the day, with Rebecca Ritchie winning 1st place in her paraders then winning Reserve Champion parader overall. Odette Mara also did well placing 2nd in the U16’s heat and 3rd overall. Brodie Heron, Kaitlyn McKay, Madeline Coombers, Brittany Clarke, and Laura Harris all received ribbons for their paraders as well.

Next was the steer class, our Yanco Blue, school bred Limousin steer won a 3rd in its live class. We then prepared all seven steers for the auction. Unfortunately the auction was tough with low prices, however our school bred Limousin steer sold for $2.36 per kg

On our last day, we were able to explore a little before we had to compete in Junior Judging. We judged three lots of cattle and Courtney Gleeson, Aaron Cain, Brodie Heron, Kaitlyn McKay, Madeline Coomber and Hayley Fairfull all had the opportunity to speak about one of the classes.

Madeline Coombers received a third, Hayley Fairful received a second, and Courtney Gleeson receiving a fifth place ribbon. Kaitlyn McKay won her age group, and then went on to win Grand Champion.

On behalf of the 18 students we would just like to say a huge thank you to Miss Weller and Mr Collins for making our Canberra trip possible, it wouldn’t be the same without you. We would also like to thank Hazeldene and Greenthorpe Galloways for their kind donation of the steers.

HENTY SHOW 2014 – CATTLE REPORT

On Saturday the 8th February, Yanco cattle team took a bus full of eager students to Henty show. It was an early rise of 5:30am, to depart the school by 6am. We arrived at Henty at 8am ready and raring to go, we unloaded the bus, checked out the competition and had breakfast.
Not long after breakfast we got ourselves organised to judge the beef cattle. We were very successful having 5 finalists to talk on the lovely yet hard to split Angus heifers. All of the students spoke well and we were then again successful taking Champion Judge and Reserve Champion judge, which was won by Brittany Whiteley and Natalie Grylls. This entitles the girls to a spot at the state finals to be held at Sydney Royal.

We then went to the Parader class where Brittany Whiteley and Cameron Saul borrowed animals to compete. Brittany was awarded a 5th place, in a very hotly contested competition.

Not long after the Parader classes we had a lovely lunch kindly cooked by Mr Collins. We then went on the fleece and grain judging competition which was also a qualifier for the state. We had a number of students compete in the fleece junior judging, with Brittany Whiteley securing a place in the state final in Sydney. In the Grain Junior Judging winners were, 4th Hugh Weber, 2nd Hayley Fairfull, 3rd place in the State qualifiers was Andrew Thorn and 1st Place to Jack Moran- Turner.

Overall Yanco Agricultural High School had a very successful day and qualified a number of students through to the State final in Sydney, which will be held in April at the Royal Easter Show. We wish all students the very best.

LAWN BOWLS

On Thursday the 27th, the lawn bowls team who consisted of skipper Sam Larsen, lead Jeremy Hillam, 2nd Kaleb Quinn and Jock McPherson as a reserve, travelled to Ardlethan with the coach Miss Weller. It was a great morning for lawn bowls sun was shining with a nice calm slight breeze. The boys got off to a flying start, with Jeremy leading well and placing pressure on the opposition early to make their shots. By the end of the 12th end the boys were winning 4 to 26.

The boys continued to hold form with shot of the day being made by the skipper, where he guided the bowl through a tight gap to stop right on the jack and win the shot. In the end the boys came out on top with a 6 to 37 win. The quote of the day was from Kaleb Quinn “the wind caught that one” when there was only a very faint breeze, when a bowl may have gone a little of course. Overall the boys played extremely well and will take on Griffith in the next round.

By Jock McPherson
SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2013

On the 27th of November, the Y.A.H.S. Drum Corps packed up and left for Sydney. We travelled to Gundagai where we stopped for morning tea and a quick break. While we were there we found a cute cat that we called Drumstick. After about an hour we were back on the road again. Our next stop was at Yass where we ate lunch and had a go on the swirly slide. After lunch we were back on the bus and driving the last few hours to Sydney. We arrived at our accommodation in Sydney around 4:30pm where we unpacked our things, made our beds and just relaxed for the afternoon before dinner. We then spent the rest of the evening practising our drum tunes.

On Thursday we got up early and travelled to Stewart House where we performed for a group of kids who loved the drums. They gave us a guided tour of the school and the boarding facilities. They offered for us to have some morning tea so we accepted. To get to the dining room we had to walk up a lot of steps but the view from the top was amazing. They gave us a filling morning tea of lamingtons and cakes. We then had some free time to shop and have a picture with Santa. We were then planning to walk the harbour bridge and drove over the bridge seven times trying to find a place to park. We were driving for about 2½ hours. We drove through all the tunnels in Sydney. Most of us fell asleep while driving around. It came time to go practice at the Entertainment Centre so we travelled back across the Sydney Harbour Bridge towards the Entertainment Centre where we could not find a park. So we drove back to our accommodation where the school prefects cooked us a special dinner. Everyone had to dress up because the dinner was in a formal setting.

On Friday morning we were up at 7:00am for breakfast. We then travelled to Miranda North Public School where we performed for them and had a drum workshop with their drum ensemble and their tutor. When we finished we had morning tea with Allan Chatto (Drum Tutor) and the principal Mr Andrew Hewitt. It was then time to travel to the Entertainment Centre. Then we were back on the bus and on our way to the city centre. We arrived at the Entertainment Centre and unpacked the bus. Mr Hammond then had to find a parking spot so we all waited outside and watched the Millennium Marching Band rehearse. Then one of the staff at the centre showed us to our tent where we left our drums. We walked to Paddy’s Market where we spent a bit of time wandering around. We then walked back to the centre and prepared to play. We performed outside and marched through the crowd. When we finished we put our drums away and went inside to watch the performance. It was a great experience for us to perform in front of so many people and then get to watch Schools Spectacular.
2015 OVERSEAS TRIP – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

In 2005 members of the school community participated in a trip to Gallipoli for the 90th anniversary of the ANZAC landing and some students laid wreaths at the commemorative service at Lone Pine. In 2009 another group went to Gallipoli and then visited Paris and sites on the Western Front in France and Belgium where we left floral tributes at many of the headstones of Australian soldiers who had made the ultimate sacrifice.

In 2013, 65 members of the school community went on a memorable and exciting trip to USA and Canada. This trip focused on agriculture in North America.

Each of these trips has left lifelong memories with those who participated.

During 2015, Australia will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli and we are organizing a trip in the 2015 July holidays that will culminate in a tour of famous sites on the Gallipoli Peninsula and our own special private Dawn Service at Anzac Cove.

Bishop Burton College (equine training grounds for 2012 Olympics) at Hull. We will cross the English Channel to Belgium and France. In these two countries we will visit sites important to Australia's involvement in The Western Front. Among these sites will be the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, Villiers Bretonneau, Hill 60, Polygon Wood and the underground tunnels that were critical in the war effort.

In keeping with the school's agriculture focus, we also look at agricultural enterprises in these countries.

In Istanbul, we will take a cruise on the Bosporus and visit many of the famous buildings and markets, before heading to the Gallipoli Peninsula for our visit to the World War I battlefields.

The tour will depart from Sydney on Saturday 27th June 2015 and return to Sydney on Saturday 11th July 2015. The estimated cost is $6550 per person (plus taxes) twin share. Payments will be through a series of progressive payments. There will also be the potential for participants to extend their trip.

Expressions of interest are now being called for and this is NOT a commitment. It will give us an idea of potential numbers. You can get more details and record your Expression of Interest by sending your names to me at bruce.e.hammond@det.nsw.edu.au or by contacting me on 69511 500.

Bruce Hammond
THE TREE IN THE LAKE

On the morning of Saturday 24th January a huge gum tree fell into the lake. Fortunately the root system did little damage to the road and it was necessary to get an excavator in to drag the tree out and move it to the other side of the road.

UN-NAMED CLOTHING

On the students’ first day the Laundry staff put on a display of unnamed clothing from 2013 in the Co-Ed Rec Room. Some items were claimed but many still remain and these will be on sale by the P & C on Gala Day. After that, anything left will be given to charity.

But so far this year we have many unnamed items already. PLEASE make sure all items of your child’s clothing have the sew on labels. This will make the job of the Laundry staff easier and stop arguments about who owns what….

Unnamed clothes from 2013

2014 unnamed boys clothes

2014 unnamed casuals

2014 unnamed linen

2014 unnamed towels

2014 unnamed casuals
On Thursday 20th February, the Yanco Agricultural High School Sheep Showstock Team travelled to the Canberra Royal Show for four days. We took twenty students and twelve of our sheep: six ewes and six rams. The students were involved in preparing, exhibiting and caring for three sheep studs, our own McCaughey White Suffolks, the Conley’s Gottarock South Suffolks, and Amuttum Poll Dorsets. They also competed in the Meat Sheep Junior Judging, judging White Suffolks and Corriedales, Merino Junior Judging and Handling competitions against a field of approximately one hundred and fifty other students.

The sheep were judged in the Open classes against other studs on Friday, where we placed generally well against quality sheep. In the School’s Interbreed Competition on Saturday morning, we placed first in several classes, and our July-drop ram, 13066, won the Reserve Champion Interbreed Ram, against a very competitive Texel ram from Braidwood.

We had some major success in the Junior Meat Sheep and Merino Judging, and the Handling competitions. In the 16 years and over class of the Meat Sheep Junior Judging, Jack Turner placed first, Will McLean placed fourth and Colleen Head placed eighth, against a field of fifty other competitors. In the 14-15 years class, Molly Cornish placed third, Max Booth placed fourth and Stacey Gardiner placed sixth against a field of seventy other competitors. In the 13 years and under class, Lindsay Brown placed equal third against twenty other competitors. Jack Turner was also awarded the Gooramma Trophy as the overall Champion Meat Sheep Junior Judge, with Rose Nevinson placing fifth and Will McLean placing fourth overall.

In the Merino Junior Judging, Zac Liley placed first and Rose Nevinson placed third in the Open Competition against a field of thirty students ranging in age from 12 years to 21 years, sponsored by Royalla Merino Stud.

In the Junior Handlers competition, sponsored by Retallack Border Leicester Stud, Jack Turner placed second and Will McLean placed tenth in the senior 16 years and over class, against a field of fifty strong competitors. The judges commented on the difficulty in placing the top twelve students due to
their exceptional skills. In the Junior Handlers 14-15 years age group, Zac Liley placed first, Connor Ricciarelli placed fifth and Charles Hogan placed sixth. In the 13 years and under age group, Jack Ray placed fourth against thirty other competitors.

Zac Liley placed first and Rose Nevinson placed third in the Open Merino Junior Judging, sponsored by Royalla Merino Stud against a field of thirty students ranging from 14-21 years of age.

Overall, it was a very successful show both for the students and the sheep and they should be proud of their achievements.

HENTY SHOW – SHEEP SHOWSTOCK

On Saturday 8th February, the school travelled to Henty show. We had a great time, as we had two sheep studs to take care of; the studs were our own McCaughey White Suffolk stud and Gottarock South Suffolk Stud which is owned by our Agricultural teacher Mrs Conley.

We did very well on the day as we had people participate in all events possible, including fleece, beef cattle and grain judging. Our McCaughey White Suffolks did very well, winning many ribbons, and our young ram 13066 won the Interbreed Champion Ram. We also had great results with Mrs Conley’s sheep, the South Suffolk stud Gottarock, which was very successful taking out most of the competition with her sheep in their breed group, and winning the Reserve Champion Ewe. We got to keep the blue, red and white ribbons that the sheep had won.

In the Junior Judging, Jack Turner came 1st in the Grain Judging. He was up against twenty four people so he did an excellent job. This qualified him for the State Final in Grain Junior Judging at Sydney Royal Show. Aidan Raeck and Brittany Whiteley came 2nd in the Fleece Judging, which qualified Brittany for the State Finals in Sydney as well. Jacob Skinner won the Junior Mr Henty competition.

We have had a large number of new students join the team and have learned so much in such a short time, so by the end of the day we had succeeded what we had planned to do and we were all excited to tell the news when we got back. We couldn’t have done it without the great support that we had, so thankyou Mrs Quinn and Mrs Conley for supervising, teaching us, helping us get organised and getting our sheep to a high standard.

By Jacob Skinner, Year 7
On Monday February 17th, at 5 am, the school equestrian team left for Canberra Royal with three Clydesdales and five other horses. We travelled all morning and arrived at the Canberra Show Ground around 12:00 noon. We unloaded the horses as soon as we got there and set up camp, as we were staying the whole week. That afternoon we took the Clydesdales out for a walk so they could have a look at all the unfamiliar sites.

The next day we took them out for walks while we watched the show ground fill with more and more trucks and floats. On Wednesday we started to work the Clydesdales in the harness. On Thursday we hooked the Clydesdales up to one of the sulkies and took them for a drive around the grounds. Many horses when they saw this strangely large horse and a sulky being pulled behind shied and tried to bolt and get away from this strange and new thing they had never seen before. It was interesting watching other horses getting used to the Clydesdale as much as it was interesting trying to manoeuvre the horse with the sulky around the grounds. Friday we did much the same. We took them for walks and started to long rein them as well as driving them in the sulkies. Saturday we washed them ready for their classes on the Sunday. We spent about 4 hours in the wash bay just making their socks really white and the rest of their body dirt free. Sunday was a 6:30 start. We woke up, feed and cleaned horses, feed ourselves and then prepared the Clydesdales for their events. Manes were plaited, tails were but into pretty buns, ribbons were tied and there was endless brushing. Bronte Doyle, Erika Quinn, Jessica Power and myself were the handlers of the trio of Clydesdales. We, too, fancied ourselves up to suit the era of the Clydesdale. The first event was at 9 am and Bronte and her Clydesdale Fergus were ready to go. They placed first for their led class. The next event Erika and her horse Lillie place First and Tess and I placed second. Erika and Lillie also placed champion and supreme champion out of the whole show for their led classes, while Tess and I managed to pick up the reserve. Next was the long reins. All the horses worked well, however Fergus had his moments here and there. Tess placed Second, Lillie third and Fergus placed fourth. The horse that did place first was a very nice young gelding who thoroughly deserved his placing. After these events we took the horses back to the camp site and fixed up their
manes and tails and gave them a bit of a rest before Tess and Fergus were yoked up to the wagons. Jessica, accompanied by Alison, drove Tess in her event and was doing really well until the little accident which caused them to leave the class early. Erika, who was accompanied by Paul, was driving Fergus in his event and did well. Straight after these events the camp was packed up and we headed straight for home. We left the grounds at about 6pm and arrived back at school at about 11:40pm. The late arrival was caused by the two or three stops we had along the way, one being for dinner and the other to fix a flat tyre. Once back at school we unloaded and put all the horses away and went up dorms.

Written by Meagan Lette

**CANBERRA REPORT**

**STOCK HORSES AND JUMPING**

On the 17th February the Equine team went to Canberra Royal. The riders were Jessica Afflick, Sheri Hammet, Courtney Stubberfield, Matt Harland and Blake Paulston.

There were many good results throughout the week of the show including Sheri Hammet showing Lilly to get 2nd led riding pony, 3rd ridden riding pony, 3rd led, saddle pony and a 5th led Arabian derivative. Paul’s stock horse won his led Ansa and placed second in the led stock horse. Sheridan led Pippa to place 5th in the led Ansa. Blake Paulston did well in the Australian Stock horse section to place first in the junior working under 17.

In the junior judging, Sheri Hammet managed to get a second against competitors. Courtney Stubberfield, and Matt Harland had good show jumping rounds both days and Jessica Afflick had some good workouts with Bobby. The week went well with many results for big fields of competition.

We would all like to thank Paul for taking us to Canberra for the week and Mr Finch for his support with the Equestrian team.
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Boys and body image:
AUDIO: Rachel Friend talks with paediatrician Associate Professor Michael Kohn about the issue of body image and how it impacts on young men in particular.

Girls and body image:
AUDIO: Rachel Friend talks with the Butterfly Foundations Education Manager, Danni Rowlands about body image issues affecting young girls. Research shows young people feel under more pressure than ever to look a certain way.

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BEACH CARNIVAL
As it is against the rules of National Parks to bring domestic animals into a National Park, we would ask families attending Beach Carnival not bring their dogs to the beach.

Thank you

CATHOLIC DEBUTANTE BALL
The Catholic Debutante Ball will be held on Friday 6th June, 2014 at the Leeton Soldiers Club.
A meeting will be held at Madonna Place on Thursday 13th March, 2014 at 7.30 pm for interested debutantes and their parents.