THE ANNUAL BEACH CARNIVAL MARCH PAST

Year 12 at their final Beach Carnival
BEACH CARNIVAL 2014
.....past and present.....
The end of this term sees the retirement of long term teacher, Mrs Alanna Rolfe. Mrs Rolfe has given over 20 years of her teaching life to Yanco and has ensured that the girls have been well cared for. Firstly she joined us as a casual, then Home Science teacher and for many years the Head Teacher Welfare Girls. Nearly all of her time has been spent supporting and caring for many of our students. Her contribution is enduring and we will miss her a great deal in the future months. We thank her for all the hard work and the contribution she has made to Yanco and wish her all the best in her retirement as she travels Australia with husband Peter. The students have already given her a very big send-off and the staff will recognise her contribution on May 10 at a special dinner.

Mrs Rolfe’s replacement has been selected for the Head Teacher Welfare position and will be announced at the beginning of next term. The 2013 Annual School Report has been completed and placed on the school’s website for your reading. This 50 page report is a summary of the activities of the school last year and has in depth information as to the progress of the school. This document is well worth reading. It contains many photos of our activities throughout 2013.

Interim reports have been collated and will be posted home to parents this week. They are progress reports and some will have requests for parents to speak with teaching staff. I will be expecting teachers to make contact with you early next term if the last column indicates the word ‘Yes’. These reports are not available on the Millennium portal so you will be unable to access them electronically. For those new parents in the school with older students you do have access to your child’s assessment marks as they are placed on Millennium by their teachers – students also have access to their own information. If parents are unclear about how to access this information please contact the school.

The second half of the term has been dominated by some major events and a great deal of sport for our students. Again Beach Carnival was a great success and very large contingent of families and Old Yancanions made the day very special. Many thanks to the staff in their efforts to ensure the success of the day with a special mention to Grant Coelli for his leadership and organisation skills which made the day run very smoothly. A lovely day was enjoyed by all. Once again the March Past was a spine tingling event and many tears were shed by those watching. The Old Yancanions have made special mention of being requested to ‘rank up’ with the present students and they are very positive about this opportunity. Congratulations to the House Captains and supportive Year 12 students who worked hard with the students in the lead up to Beach Carnival to ensure the march display was spectacular, which it was. Final results of the marching were Breakwell in first place, McCaughey in second, Gardiner in third and Mutch in fourth. Only four points separated the four houses after the results were collated. Great efforts for the day in all events with the tug-o-war showing the true grit of the students and some of the expressions on their faces during this event show the determination to be successful. Overall the carnival was won by McCaughey in, again, a very close result. The photos in this newsletter show all how special this event is.

That evening, after Beach Carnival, it was a pleasure to take our School Captains – Melanie, Lilly, Steven and Dustin to the annual Old Yanconians Dinner. Again a wonderful night where our students shone and enjoyed their time discussing the ‘old times’ and how different the school is today from the 1930’s and 1940’s.

Once again it was a pleasure to host many returning Old Yanconians over the two days. Reunions from 5 years to 65 years took place with many revisiting the school for the first time since they left. Our Year 12 students had great pleasure in showing them around and how the school looks these days. Their stories are great value and I am encouraging them to write down their memories so we can have them for
the future and if possible publish them in our newsletters as we commenced last year.

Gala Day on the Saturday was most successful with large numbers of families and visitors enjoying the sunshine and taking advantage of the many delights available. Again a highlight was the shearing competition with many students participating. The Johnston family are to be congratulated for their hard work to ensure this initiative is so successful. The parade of livestock – equine, both ridden and Clydesdales, cattle and sheep were spectacular and clearly demonstrated the high quality of skills our students possess in front of a very large crowd. The auction of goods allowed Jack Pippin to display his prowess in the auctioning game to raise significant funds for the P & C on the day. The Makiiti family, very generously, organised for a few days to be spent on Lord Howe Island as an auction item, generating over $2000 with Pam and Scott Williams being the successful bidders on the day. Thank you to both of these families for their support.

Open Day, early in March, was again very well patronised with about 55 families registering on the day and being enthusiastically shown around the school by our Year 9 students. All families were treated to a tour of our facilities, a presentation by our students and lunch in the dining room plus the opportunity to meet both staff and students. During the presentation students from Years 7 and 10 spoke, as well as the Prefect group. Musical items from the Drum Corp, Choir and soloists Lyndsey Mitchell and Jesse Davis entertained the visitors. Feedback from visitors was very positive with many prospective Year 7 students 2015 being amongst the group. Older students and their families were keen to know how soon their children could start at Yanco.

In the last week of term many students will be representing the school in two very high profile events in Sydney.

1. There are many students representing Yanco and the Riverina region in the CHS State Swimming Championships at Homebush.

These students are:

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By the time you receive this newsletter these titles will be run and won but this is an affine event and we eagerly await the results. All students were very excited to participate and we thank all the parents for taking the students to Sydney to contest these championships.

2. This week also sees our livestock teams travel to Sydney to contest at the Royal Easter Show. We have two firsts to add to our already established teams beef cattle and equine teams. The sheep team will travel for the first time and for the first time in many years a Clydesdale team will also participate at Sydney. Over 60 students will participate in these livestock teams and the many Junior Judging finals spread across the show. I wish all students and staff best wishes and confidently know they will do their very best. I would like to acknowledge the good will of staff to undertake this event as much of the time is during their holiday time and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the many parents who will also travel to Sydney to support both the school and their youngsters in what can be a very exciting time.

In sport Yanco has also had much success.

1. The YAHS Rugby League was again an outstanding success. The school team of staff, students and parents was ably led by Warren Weir. With the new loudspeaker system in use for the first time all communication was clearly heard throughout the many ovals. The dulcet tones of Mark Dixon could be heard clearly penetrating the large crowd in attendance. Well done to all involved.

2. Sam Larsen and Jeremy Hillam have been selected to participate in the NSW CHS Lawn Bowls Singles and Pairs Championships.

3. Our Rugby League Open team had a win over St Francis last week in a convincing style but by going down to Leeton High School previously
there will no University Shield this year. In this last match the younger players were the highlight but congratulations to all players for their efforts.

4. The Girls League Tag team had their best run ever with a fine win over Leeton High School but went down narrowly to St. Francis on the bell last week. Congratulations to the girls for their efforts and fine results.

5. The Rugby Union 7’s have had great success with our years 7 & 8 and years 9 & 10 girls teams as well as our years 9 & 10 and Open boys teams making the Southern Inland finals being held in Canberra recently. These were great efforts and all should be congratulated. The years 7 & 8 girls were winners, years 9 & 10 girls were fourth and the years 9 & 10 boys were runners-up in a very tough and bruising series of games. The senior boys were to play their finals last Friday prior to a Brumbies game but were washed out and this game will be rescheduled early next term.

These are but a few of the highlights of the sport which has been played of late. Again thanks to our many coaches and helpers who give this opportunity to students.

It continues to concern me that many families are withdrawing their students from school for reasons other than acceptable ones. I have requested my teachers continue to teach to the very last day and if your children are telling you otherwise I would suggest you make a telephone call to the school so you can be reassured. I respect the right for parents to withdraw their children but be aware that it is my determination whether that time away from school is justified or not. I thank parents for submitting the requests for exemption which allows us to track students but please be aware they must be completed prior to the event and not afterwards. Senior students who do receive exemptions are not exempt from assessment tasks during that time unless there are extenuating circumstances – I would suggest parents and students closely follow the procedures sent home regarding assessment tasks. In the year to date some students have received zero for not following the procedures set out in the policy of the school. The suggested reasons to withdraw students could be as follows:

- Unavoidable dental or medical appointments
- Attending a recognised religious holiday
- Being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance.
- Being sick or having an infectious disease.

The DEC is now suggesting that students should not have holidays during school time so now will no longer be an automatic exemption as it has been in the past. I request that school time be school time as there is 12 weeks of the year where family holidays are available.

Due to several coronial inquests the DEC is watching closely all student attendance in NSW schools and if your child is not present at school and we are unaware of why they are absent, then expect a telephone call to ascertain the students whereabouts. Students need to be at school to reach their potential and it is disappointing to see students not being at school. Research clearly shows that an interrupted learning pattern is a large factor in the student’s learning not being as good as it could be.

The future funding of the school remains in discussions. The DEC have employed an independent analyst to investigate possible models for future funding by closely auditing the costs to run a school such as ours. He will be present at the school in the second week of next term and I have offered to the P&C an opportunity to speak with him on the Wednesday afternoon after lunch. We look forward to this opportunity with great enthusiasm.

To the western NSW families we will have a display at Broken Hill Agfair and Mr Sachs, Mrs
Thurgood and myself will travel out to represent the school with some younger students this time. We look forward to speaking with the School Of The Air parents on the Thursday afternoon and having a dinner with the current parents on the Friday night.

With the term coming to a close, we have had a very exciting and productive time but now it is time for a short breather and I hope all families and staff have a safe and relaxing break. I thank you for your efforts in Term 1 and look forward to your return in Term 2.

NEW P&C EXECUTIVES 2014

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Vice presidents     Monique Owen
                    Scott Hughes
Secretary           Genevieve Van Gemert
Treasurer           Brian Johnston

“OLD YANCONIANS” REUNION PHOTOS

65 Years

60 Years

50 Years

10 Years

20 Years
REFLECTIONS AND MEMORIES OVER FOUR DECADES

By Alanna Rolfe

My teaching career at Yanco Ag commenced at the beginning of Term 3, 1982. I attended the school as a casual teacher on many occasions in 1982 and 1983. The school was very different in those days, both physically and socially, to what it is today.

There were certainly less buildings then. There was no Dining Room building, the meals took place in bottom Mutch (the co-ed rec room and boys rooms). The space was very limited and the environment was more rough and ready than it is now. The maintenance shed, Mason, Villages, horse areas, Roberts building, TAS building and boat shed did not exist. There were a few demountable buildings, such as room 16 which sat next to the Gym. The younger years and their dorm prefects lived in top McCaughey and some staff lived in single rooms in bottom Hindmarsh. If you were to look at the rafters inside the roof of the McCaughey building, you would find the names of most of the boys that ever resided in McCaughey, along with a few old chairs and pieces of board (so they didn’t fall through the ceiling).

The deputy principal’s office was in the Old Class Block, along with a room for one office staff lady. The Ag staff shared the Science prep room with science. The current science staff room was a classroom. The area where the PE staff, Mr Hammond and the connected classroom is currently located, was all dormitory area. There were no alarms or bars on windows.

I remember coming to an Art Show in those early days. There were drinks and savouries served in an open area that is now divided into the co-ed rec room, Miss O’Brien’s office and the staff sign on room. The alcoholic drinks were served by the senior boys resplendent in black pants, white shirt and black bow tie. Risk assessments did not exist in those days!

The students were all boys, which made the school a rather different environment than what it is today. The duty teams ran with 3 staff. Much of the discipline was managed by the senior boys and use of the cane. I was given sport one day. The choices were rugby league or hockey. I had played hockey, so chose to take hockey. Three boys came to my sport and the rest of the school went to football. It was a lousy sport day trying to play a game of hockey with three boys. Football was certainly big in the school and our teams were known as the best in the area and the state for many years. There were about seven footy fields that went right up near the front gate.

My current stint at Yanco Ag started in 1993. I worked three days a week as a replacement for Marian Taylor. I was employed to help students struggling with literacy and numeracy. This was the first year of girls in the school.

The buildings were again very different. There were the three villages where all the girls lived. In 1993 the only girls were in Year 7 and Year 11. There were about 22 who started in that first year, compared to over 300 boys. I felt very sorry for those girls who blazed the trail for the future. The boys did not want them ‘wrecking their’ school, so the girls had a very difficult time. Only three of the girls who started in Year 7 went right through to complete Year 12. These three ladies spoke at their Graduation about the rough times they had in those early days. After three years all year groups had girls in them, so life settled down and the boys finally accepted the girls as class mates and Yanconians. The “old boys” took a few more years to accept the changes.

In 1993 there were about eight demountable classrooms where Gosper currently sits, two more on the southern side of the old class block, where the tree garden is, two more in front of the Hackey on the lawn and room 16 near the gym. Mason house, the Roberts block and the TAS block were all under construction.

In 1994 it was decided that there was a need to have some girls subjects, so I was employed to set up food, hospitality and textiles. Those early days went rather quickly as there were many hours spent setting up a new kitchen with equipment. The kitchen was also the textiles room, so space had to be made for sewing machines and an ironing board between the pots and pans. It was a neat kitchen with an open plan bay system. I was horrified when I first saw it, as it was not set up as built in bays like other schools at the time. I came to love the room as it gave endless possibilities in its arrangement,
which suited both Food Technology and Textiles. Programs had to be written for all classes, so every weekend and days off were spent writing 12 new programs. I was employed for three days a week at school and spent the other two days doing school work at home as well as raising 3 small children and updating my university degree. It was a busy life, but very rewarding. There were always plenty of extra jobs in the school, so Speech Day organisation was part of my lot for about eight years.

The current TAS/Ag staff room used to be the Design and Technology room. My staff room became T1, which was very small and located next to T2 (where the bistro now stands). There were three men (Tony Harpley, Peter McCormack - Industrial Arts and Damian Brookes - D&T) with me in that small staff area. We were well organised and loved being at the back of the school with a lot of new classrooms. We were a ‘gun’ team and had lots of fun as well as a few students that we would have liked to throttle. The Ag staff visited to use some of the rooms, but we were the group in charge of the TAS area. Slowly, but surely, the Ag staff made their presence felt, and finally, in about 1999, the TAS and Ag staff combined and moved into the current staff room. This was a good move, as the Ag staff were trying to work out of many different areas. Lab 4 was moved from near the Gosper site to its current position. The TAS staff thought it was good as a group of 4…. And then there were 8. It became twice as much fun as we were joined by Ian Alexander, Greg Fulljames, Lisa O’Brien and Neil Gill.

I set up many extra activities as part of my teaching load. I did the VET co-ordinators role for about 14 years, hospitality students to provide food and service at the Art Show event over three days, Devonshire Teas at Gala Day and the famous week long Hospitality Excursion to Melbourne. The Melbourne trip was a wonderful learning experience enabling the students to see work in the city and be hosted by old Yanconian, George Hetrel.

In the late nineties there was a push to have a Head Teacher Welfare, boys and another for girls. In late 1999 the job was advertised and I was encouraged to apply. I had never thought about upgrading to a higher position until that time, so I decided to give it a go. My family were almost full grown and didn’t need me as much to do the basic household jobs. In 2000 I commenced work as the first Head Teacher Welfare, girls. I had a great support network of female staff in the school, especially Shirley Worley and an excellent team mate in Greg Fulljames, Head Teacher Welfare, boys.

The early days in the job were very exciting as we developed many new programs and systems. Greg was very easy to work with, as we seemed to be able to get our work done without overlapping our jobs and wasting time. There was no Deputy residential in those days, so we managed both welfare and discipline in the hostel time. Greg covered the mornings before school and I covered the afternoons.

We built and ran programs aimed at getting on together, health and hygiene, anti-bullying, anti-smoking, dorm prefect routines, RAP to name some. We built up a computer record of our work, so that it would be available to others. Our best inventions were our camps which the students loved then, and still love. We developed the Lake Talbot course for Year 7, a trip to Bendigo and Ballarat for
Year 8 (which later became the end of year camp to Melbourne), Camp Hudson for Year 9, Leadership camp in Jindabyne for Year 10 (which we later changed to an even better camp at school) and Year 12 fun night. Many of the programs have come and gone and many have been improved over the years.

One really good change that Greg and I initiated was the building of the Duty/Welfare area. The Duty room and Welfare office had been in about four different places in a short period of time. I designed the new area so that it would suit our needs and it was purpose built. It had a duty area, a welfare area, a computer space and student co-ed space. This is what you see today as your co-ed rec room and the duty/welfare rooms. We also had the door put in, so the Deputy Principal Residential could access the area with ease. Thanks go to Mr Colin McIntyre Brown for allocating the finances for this project.

Over the years we have had a huge array of good, naughty, homesick, fun loving and rascally kids to deal with. Sometimes it was easy work and some of the time decisions that had to be made were very difficult and often heart wrenching. Either way, the students called Yanco home for the term, just as many of the teachers did. It still amazes me the lack of fights that we have in a school where 385 students co-habit 24/7. In other schools where I have taught, there would be a minimum of two real fights a week in the playground.

As I sign off from 38 years of teaching and 54 years of being at school in one form or other, I would like to say thank you. Teaching has been exhilarating, fun, varied, hard work, exciting, crazy and the best career I could have possibly asked to do. I have been trying to work out how many students I would have taught over the years. I stopped trying, when it got to over 10,000. I hope I have helped to make a positive difference in many of those young lives and they learnt something that would help them to be a better person. I have loved my career, especially at Yanco. I know people keep saying that Yanco it is a special place, and it is. How many schools are there where you can walk to work in a country setting from the Murrumbidgee River, hear the cockies singing and see a student taking their steer for a walk? Yanco is wonderful.

Some of the Yanco changes that have been good are:

- Girls do not wear boxer shorts hanging out from under the uniform
- Girls winter dresses do not drag along the ground.
- No more early prep
- More school buses and a driver for most of the week
- Air conditioning in dormitories
- Smart boards and TV’s in classrooms
- The Corner Store for Year 12.
- An increased number of duty staff as student numbers increase
- Acubra hats for boys

Some things that haven’t changed:

- Committed and helpful staff
- Pizzas on Saturday nights
- Broken windows
- Bush areas
- The duty book
- Level cards
- Prep
- Stressed students at exam times
- Home runs. There was the one exception where we had a boy run away from home and come back to school. He arrived from Orange before his parents had missed him. Of course it was because he had a girlfriend here!
McCaughey is the school ball for senior students, parents and staff.

Year 11 & 12’s and families start getting organised.

Sort out early; accommodation, leave arrangements, hair appointments etc. for the weekend.

Leave this weekend for each student is only with their own parent/guardian. Temporary custody cannot be assigned for this weekend.

All senior students, including weekly boarders, will be required to submit a leave sheet for this weekend if they are not residing at school.

All senior students can attend the ball. There will be a bus to transport students both to and from the ball, so everyone can attend even if their parents/guardians do not attend.

**Leave for this weekend MUST be submitted by Tuesday 27th May 2014.**

Remember leave this weekend is **only** with parents/guardian.

**VISITORS**

All visitors to the school including parents **MUST** report to the duty staff on their arrival to the school.

Visitors **MUST** sign into the school and collect a Visitors sticker which **MUST** be worn whilst on school grounds.

Please **DO NOT go into any dormitory area** without a duty staff member.

This will save both you and students of this school embarrassment.

Remember it may be your child that is placed in an awkward situation by another parent or visitor entering their living area without permission.
**BEACH CARNIVAL**

On Friday the 14th of March the school held its annual Beach Carnival. As per usual maintenance and farm staff at Yanco had the beach in pristine condition. Students began the day with the short walk to the beach at 7.30am for an 8.30am start to the carnival.

Students competed in beach sprints, flag races, chariot races, swimming events, tug-o-war and the toughest event of the day, the iron person events. This year has seen the introduction of a new division in the Iron-person Event with Junior now comprised of years 7 and 8, Middle years 9 and 10 and Senior years 11 and 12. This has been done in order to maintain appropriate races sizes to ensure safety.

The winners of the Iron-person events were as follows;

- Junior Boys – Bill Alexander
- Junior Girls – Abbey McCloskey
- Middle Boys – Zac Saddler
- Middle Girls – Chloe Ward
- Senior Boys – Jock Ward
- Senior Girls – Meg Potter

The noon March Past was again the highlight of the Beach Carnival and remains a ‘must see’ for all YAHS parents. All students represented their house groups with honour and respect and truly did themselves proud.

2014 Beach Carnival Total Points and overall result for the day:

- 548   Gardiner
- 570   Breakwell
- 591   Mutch
- 609   McCaughey

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in this truly unique Yanco tradition.

*Grant Coelli*
GALA DAY PHOTOS
GALA DAY PARADERS

On Gala Day a few selected people from the cattle team participated in the Gala Day parade. We held the event on the grassy area outside the Showstock arena and it was well attended by many of the parents and siblings of the cattle team. The weather was grey and wet but the cattle were well prepared and the team of paraders were all well presented.

The champion of the day was Logan Manwaring with Rebecca Ritchie winning Reserve champion. In the 7/8 placing it was Cooper Carter and Hugh Weber, Logan Manwaring and Odette Mara placed in the 9/10 heat. The first class of 11/12 heat winners were Rebecca Ritchie and Madeline Coomber and in the second 11/12 heat was Laura Harris and Jack Pippin. It was a great day and thankyou to our guest judge, Hannah Powe for her helpful judging on the day. We would like to thank The cattle shop, Kingslyvale Shorthorns and Blanco Ganado Brahmans for their sponsorship for this event.

7-10 RUGBY 7’S CANBERRA

Due to winning the most games in Wagga Wagga earlier in the term, year’s 7-8 girls and 9-10 boys and girls then travelled to Canberra for the next round of games. The teams were excited and nervous to play, knowing that we had to play some pretty good teams. We had arrived and put on our boots and socks and strapped ourselves up ready to play. The 7-8 started the day off with a loss but then fortunately won the next one which then gave us a draw with the other school. The next game was then the decider. Unfortunately a few girls had been injured and could not play in the last games but they made some great efforts! Lucky enough the 7-8 had won the final round and we collected our trophy and football. The ACT Brumby boys had come to watch the games and we got some photos with them and also some signed posters.

Unfortunately the 9-10 boys and girls weren’t as fortunate. The Girls won 2/4 well played games with 2 girls out on the bench due to injuries. They then went on to the final to play a very intense fast paced game but, by a split second, sadly beaten and
took home a fourth for the plate final shield. The boys played three excellent games. They drew one, won two and went on to the final. The boys played a wonderful game and represented the school with great pride and Yanconian spirit, as did all the students on the day, but sadly they were defeated 6-3. They all tried their hardest and made some ripper tries and tackles.

Well done to everyone who played, and a huge thank you Miss Weller and Mr Cross for organising the amazing day as we couldn’t have done it without you! Bring on the next game!

For the first time this year results were not kept and there were no banners to be won. Students were there to just have fun and enjoy the game. Over 50 teams were involved in Rugby League from 7 years to 14 years competitions and girls League Tag. A great day was had by all and a huge thank you to staff, parents and students who made the day possible. With the ovals being in the best condition possible all visiting teams and their supporters had a great day.
FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 9/10 Food Technology has been working on the topic “Food for Special Occasions”. Each student has made an ANZAC biscuits, butterfly cakes, cold rock ice-cream, a cake to decorate, made a fondant figurine and applied icing and decorations to the cake. They are also working on meal planning by making canapés which can be seen in the photos. Further planning will see them design and prepare picnic and make food for Easter.

SUNRICE EXCURSION

Year 12 Food Technology class have been working on Product Development and making a new product of their own. The new products they are working on are a stuffed chicken fillet with a cauliflower based filling, a dessert style spring roll with fruit and chocolate inside, a Faba bean flat bread with a cheese filling and spicy dip accompaniment, a new blueberry version of cherry ripe, a cheesecake dessert in a round pastry (a little like a sausage roll, but better), a new variety of meat pie with lasagne and macaroni fillings and a chocolate dessert with a coffee/ice-cream/biscuit filling.

It is difficult to come up with a new product that would be profitable and suitable for public sale. The class has done exceptionally well in their endeavours to make a good product.

The group were able to visit Sunrice to view the wet products section, where 90 second rice is made and packaged. They also learnt a lot about marketing, which will help them with the HSC and assessment work.

ACTIVITY GROUP: VENTURERS TERM 1

At the commencement of this year the Venturer unit completed a refresher course in kayaking skills and deep water recovery. This enabled the Venturers to assist in the canoe activity program that ran on consecutive Sunday mornings on the river with other students of the school and the school activities action team.

Currently members of the unit have commenced an Institute Training Course in Unit Management. This training can lead to a VET 2 certificate in Frontline Management when further units of Initiative Training and Leadership have been undertaken.

Recently some Venturers have just returned from a weekend trip away to the North Kosciusko National Park, identifying some future outdoor activities that can be run in this area in the near future.

Currently preparations are in hand to participate in the annual Dragon Skin Initiative hike and camp to be held in Newnes State Forest during the Easter holidays.
VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION - SYDNEY

On Monday the 25th of March, 17 elective art students from Years 9, 10 and 11 along with Mr McGrevy and Miss O’Brien set off on a three day excursion to Sydney. The aim of the excursion was to broaden our experience of the arts and build our relationship with our partner school; Macquarie Fields High School. During our time in Sydney we visited numerous arty places, including The Crisp Glass Galleries, Brett Whiteley Studios and the Biennale of Sydney.

We had a very early start on Monday, 5:30am be exact, with our bags packed and ready to go on the bus. Then we encountered a delay... our trailer short-circuited the lights on the bus. By eight o’clock the problem was finally solved thanks to our very helpful maintenance men. Having to change our original itinerary we made an unscheduled stop at the Crisp Galleries; a place filled with many unexpected wonders including Peter Crisp’s glasswork incorporating precious stones and gold. At the end of the day we few found ourselves at Bundilla Scout Camp. We unpacked our bags and settled in, enjoying a barbeque dinner before some much needed sleep.

Day two on the Sydney art excursion was exhausting with a 6am start. Brett Whiteley Studios was our first destination where we took part in a workshop; creating interesting 2D artworks inspired by Whiteley’s art. It was difficult keeping up with Miss O’Brien as we marched furiously to our next stop. Many socks were worn to the point of developing holes and blisters were inevitable. Even as exhausted as we were, we still made it in time to catch our ferry to Cockatoo Island for the Biennale of Sydney. There were many different types of artworks at Cockatoo Island. One work by two Danish artists presented a miniature village that showed the different characters of Danish people, humorously through buildings with faces. We think it’s fair to say that the interactive artworks were most people’s favourites. One artist used gym equipment attached to wires to cause different objects to move or spin. To finish our day in the city we had dinner at Blackbird café and had a special desert for Bailey’s birthday followed by a 30 minute ‘power-shop’ at Darling Harbour.

On our final day in Sydney we went to our partnership school, Macquarie Fields High. We gathered in their quad for assembly which consisted of 1100 students, quite a change to our small assembly. We were then paired with an art student who showed us around the school before morning tea. Afterwards we shared artworks with our buddies and talked about our new school partnership. From here we plan to develop a postcard exchange. Following lunch, we left and travelled back to school. After two stops at McDonald’s we eventually made it back by 8:45pm. Once we had dragged all our bags up dorms, we collapsed on our beds and fell into a deep sleep. We all had nightmares about Mr McGrevy’s bus driving skills.

The Elective Art classes would like to thank Mr McGrevy and Miss O’Brien for giving us the opportunity to travel to Sydney and experience the arts on offer.

Written by the Year 9/10 Visual Arts Class
**CHS TENNIS KNOCKOUT**

On Thursday the 20th of March, eight students travelled to Temora for the first round of the CHS Tennis Knockout. We took two teams over. The boy’s team consisted of Dylan Van Gemert, Sam Larsen, Matt Guttler and Simon Miller. The girl’s team consisted of Grace Skipworth, Natasha Greenshields, Melanie Guttler and Zoe Howe. It was an early start, but once the students got out on the courts for their warm up, they were fit and ready to go.

The boys played Temora first and put up a fight in the doubles matches. Dylan and Simon were teamed up and played a fantastic game against the Temora boys. With the combination of Dylan’s superb drop shots and Simon’s strong forehand they ensured they gained easy points. They managed to get up, winning by 2 sets. Unfortunately Matt and Sam were defeated and lost their match by 3 sets. In the singles matches all boys played extremely well but Temora proved to be too strong.

The girls were up against Griffith High in the first round and played exceptionally well. Mel and Natasha combined their fast paced skills to defeat their opponents by two sets. Grace and Zoe teamed up to defeat their opponents by five sets. The girls then proved to be too strong for their singles opponents and won their matches by at least four sets. Unfortunately the boys did not make it through to next round and didn’t have any more matches to play.

The girls were up against Temora in the second round who proved to be far too strong for the Yanco girls. With a few niggling injuries and forced errors throughout the matches, the girls were easily defeated.

A huge thank you goes out to the students for representing their school with pride and demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship throughout all their matches. Well done!!

*Miss Giles*

**CHS TOUCH FOOTBALL**

On Tuesday the 18th of March the open boys and open girls touch football teams travelled to Griffith to compete in CHS touch football.

The boys team was narrowly defeated in the opening game by Leeton High School but went on to win their remaining games against RAP and twice victors over Wade High School to finish the day joint victors with Leeton High School. Adam Twigg was best player for the boys side on the day, regularly managing to get his neck through the opponents defence.

Touch football was the winner on the day for the girls side as they failed to come away from the day with a victory.

The boys team progressed onto the Riverina finals in Wagga where they played two games winning one against Leeton HS however falling to Wagga HS in the knockout competition. Sam Barnes should be mentioned for his efforts on this day managing to be penalised at least once for every rule in touch football.
On Saturday the 22nd of March students, Laura Harris, Hayley Fairfull, Natasha Greenshields, Hugh Webber, Jack Turner, Zoe Howe, Rebeca Ritchie and Jennifer Le Compte were accompanied by Miss Weller to the Border Leicesters Stud, Wattle Park, at Temora to learn about meat sheep judging. Students were given some very helpful tips from Wattle Park owner, Jeff Sutton, for the upcoming Sydney Royal show for the junior judging meat sheep section where Laura Harris will be competing in the State finals.

Everyone learnt something and had a great day visiting Wattle Park Border Leicesters and we wish to thank Jeff for all his time and effort in assisting our students.

BRUCE – ROCDELL 12001

At Royal Canberra Show we came across Rocdell stud and there was a ram that stood out because he had good structure and lots of muscling and so we asked Mrs Quinn and Mrs Conley if we could ask Mr Picker, the Rocdell stud owner, some questions about him and how much he reckoned he would sell him for. He told us he was by a Tattykeel Ram who won Junior Champion at Sydney Royal Show in 2008, and the grandson of a Langley Heights ram that sold for $40,000. He told us he would be willing to sell him for $2500.

The next day when Mr Finch came to see how Yanco was going, we asked him if we could buy him so he went and had a look at him and after talking to Mrs Quinn and Mrs Conley for a while he said we could get him as long as he could fit in the trailer! Luckily, Mr Conley was there to put our gear and feeders in the back of his ute as the ram took up a lot of space in our trailer as he was a lot bigger! We named him Bruce.

By Max Booth

HOOF TRIMMING WORKSHOP

This workshop was held on Sunday 16th March at the Show Stock Centre and involved Montana Hawkins, Erika Quinn, Lauren Sealey and Charlotte Horan as well as five other adults. They worked with Andrew Bowe (the Barefoot Blacksmith) investigating the structure and functioning of the horses’ foot.

The workshop involved some theory and then practical exercises, firstly working on a cadaver foot, and then on the participants own horses. All participants learnt a great deal and their horses will benefit from this.
**TREE BOMBING**

One of the Year 8 groups has been looking at the idea of tree bombing. This is a practice where unknown persons knit a structure to place around a tree.

The Year 8 group shown in the picture have been very busy learning how to knit, crochet; do macramé along with making pom poms and doing some French and finger knitting. They have chosen a tree that they would like to decorate and are in the process of making enough cover for it. The group are not very silent about their work and will be making a jumper for the tree which has their name on it. They are working very well and have produced some really interesting samples to date. The next process is to see if we can make the interesting shapes fit together ready to sew onto our tree. When you are next at the school, you may need to visit the TAS area to find our tree.

**TAIKO DRUMS**

On Wednesday 3rd of April, Year 7 attended a Taiko drumming lesson with Japanese drummer Kiyomi Calwell. During this session we used three types of Japanese drums; Okii meaning big, chisia meaning small and bin drums. To start off with we got into two groups and then did a stretch for a warm up. Sensei Kiyomi taught us different types of drum patterns then using everything we were taught we performed one big ensemble towards the end.

"The drumming was great and using the different types of drums was even better. I had a great time and hope to do it again!" - Lachlan Hughes

"It was fun. The drumming was hard but it got easier as we went through and practised it a few times. I hope we get to do it again sometime in the future." - Lachlan Daniel

Report written by Lachlan Daniel and Lachlan Hughes
WOODPARK MERINO WETHERS

This year, Yanco Agricultural High School’s Animal Management class will be competing in the annual Rabobank Dubbo National Merino Sheep Show and Sale School Wether Challenge, in August. We have been donated 12 wethers by Stephen and Carol Huggins from Woodpark Merino and Poll Merino stud for the challenge.

Students are divided into groups and assigned a team of 3 wethers. They are responsible for caring for these wethers, including providing them with feed and water, shedding them at night and during inclement weather, keeping their pens and areas clean, halter breaking them, preparing them for presentation and documenting all husbandry operations in a Management Diary, including treatments and costs. They were machine shorn in February and had to have been in our care by the start of April.

In August, we will travel to Dubbo to the National Merino Show and Sale, where our wethers are judged on their projected meat and wool value over five years, then shorn and fleece tested. They are also scanned for eye muscle and fat depth. Prizes are awarded for:

- Projection class—team with the highest estimated earning capability over a five year period from both meat and wool
- Wool—team with the highest commercial value
- Meat—team with the highest commercial value
- Overall Champion Team—in addition to points awarded above, also taking into consideration the presentation of sheep, presentation and dress of students and the quality of Management Diary.

We would like to thank Carol and Stephen Huggins from Woodpark Merino and Poll Merino stud for their generous donation of these high-quality wethers, and Graeme Wells from One Oak Merino Stud for inspecting and tagging them on behalf of the NSW Merino Stud Breeder’s Association.
2015 OVERSEAS TRIP
ENGLAND, FRANCE, TURKEY, GALLIPOLI

So far, we have 40 members of the school community (7 staff, 15 parents and 18 students) who have posted an Expression of Interest in this trip and detailed planning is continuing.

This is not a “school excursion” in the normal sense and the trip is open to parents, staff and students. Students who are travelling without their parents will be “adopted” for the duration of the trip by staff members who are going.

Shortly, we will be publicising the due dates for payments, personal and passport details etc. Passports need to be valid for at least 6 months after our trip – so January 2016 is the minimum expiry date.

June 30th will be cut off time for expressions of interest as plane flights have to be booked in September, so if you are considering this trip please let us know as soon as possible.

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.

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

EXEMPTION FORMS

Completing an exemption form for your child ensures the absences are not permanently recorded as unjustified days absent. Applications must be made in writing and done WELL before the dates required as the Exemption is for planned absences, not last minute. Exemption CANNOT be granted after the absence has occurred. Reasons for exemption can include:

- Exceptional domestic circumstances, including but not limited to participation in family holidays during school term, subject to being satisfied that this is in the best educational interest of the child.
- Other exceptional circumstances, such as the health of the student, where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate.
- Employment in the entertainment industry or participation in elite sporting events for short periods of time (one or two days, and at short notice)

2014 NEW STUDENTS

Please ensure that all new students who wish to claim the PVC (Private Vehicle Conveyance) for 2014 have received their letter from Department of Transport acknowledging their application. This paperwork is what we would have filled in at orientation day and submitted on your behalf. If you have not received your letter as yet please contact the Travel Office.

PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons are available after school Monday to Friday in Leeton. Details are as follows:

Joy Young
24 Belah Street
LEETON
Phone: 0431 258 170
COMMENDATION AWARDS TERM 1

YEAR 7
James AKED, Jessie ARMSTRONG, Angus BOULTON, Damian CAIN, William CARBONE, Cooper CARTER, Kate CATTLE, Emma DIXON, Betty DOLAN, Lachlan HENDERSON, Oswald HERRMANN, Lachlan HUGHES, Audrey JAMES, Tashi JANSEN, Brook-Lyn JOHNSTON, Thomas LUCAS, Sophie RYAN, Olivia SEYMOUR, Bianca SMITH, Anita TAGLIAPIETRA, Connor WHITEHURST, Montanna WILKINSON

YEAR 8
Jessie ALCORN, William ALEXANDER, Amber BEVAN, Mehak Navjeevan BHANGU, Sarah BLAKE, Sebastian CLARKE, Abbey CURRAN, Brad DAUNT, Hayley DOWLING, Max HATTY, Laandi HOLLAND, Grace HUGHES, Joel JENKINS, Bryce JOHNSTON, Emma KUERSCHNER, Zachary LILEY, Lachlan LINDER-RYAN, Sunny OXLEY, Amy PELLOW, Olivia REID, Heather ROBINSON, Cameron SAUL, Zoe THOMAS, Brianna WHITE

YEAR 9
Nathan ARNOLD, Reid BURLEY, Charlotte BUTT, Olivia CARBONE, Zoe CUNIAL, Loren GREGORY, Abbie HURST, James KEARINES, Hannah KOLVE, Cooper LAWSON, Aleks MCDERMOTT, Reba NICHOLSON, Zoe POTTER, Connor RICCIARELLI, Lauren SEALEY, Matthew SEYMOUR, Jack SIMMONDS, Angus SMYTH, Brooke STREAT, Gillian THOMPSON, Alexandra WEST

YEAR 10
Olivia ALEXANDER, Sharalee BLAIR, Justin BOLAM, Kimberley BUTLER, Aaron CAIN, Lucie CAREY, Patricia CROMACK, Zoe CUMMING, Jesse DAVIS, Nicole FAIRLEY, Olivia GAY, Natasha GREENSHIELDS, Matt GUTTLER, Alisha HARRINGTON, Michael HOSKINSON, Deanna JOHNSTON, Claudia KUERSCHNER, Odette MARA, Clay MCKENZIE, Cambell MCMASTER, Sally MCNIFF, Hayley SMITH, Claire TAGLIAPIETRA, Hannah WILLIAMS

YEAR 11
Jane ARNDT, Andrew BARR, Harry BEAL, Emily BELLING, Skye BENSLEY, Jasmine BOYLAND, Steven BURROWS, Breanna CARR, Brittany CLARK, Bailey COX, Emma GALE, Natalia HENDERSON, Geoffrey HILLAM, Georgia HOWARD, Cameron INGRAM, Heidi JOHNSTON, Matheson LEES, James LITTLEHALES, Will MCLEAN, Nathan MORRIS, Sarah OOST, Meg POTTER, Elly PRATT, Erika QUINN, Aidan RAECK, Tiarne SMITH, Marnie WHYTCROSS

YEAR 12
Grace ALEXANDER, Samuel BARNES, Joshua BEER, Edward BOOTH, Steven BUTLER, Amelia BUTT, George CALMAN, Harry CAREY, Jacqueline ERVIN, Beatrice FALCONER, Madalene HADDRILL, Zoe HOWE, Hayley MILFRED, Amy MILLER, Jack MORANTURNER, Teia OLIVER, Cameron READ, Tori ROMANELLI, Adam SAUL, Tom SCHLUNKE, Lilly SERAFIN, Ellen SHEPHERD, Ellen STEVENS, Jack WEBSTER, Mitchell WHITE, Chelsea WHYTCROSS, Carl WILLIAMS, Rick WORLAND