DATES TO NOTE FOR 2016

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
January 28th

LAKE TALBOT
February 9th & 10th

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
February 17th

DESI LEAVE
February 18th

DESI RETURN
February 22nd

ZONE SWIMMING
February 24th

OPEN DAY
February 29th

BEACH CARNIVAL
March 4th

GALA DAY
March 5th

EASTER BREAK
Travel Day
March 24th
Return Travel Day
March 28th

END OF TERM 1
April 8th

Merry Christmas

Yanconians of the Year 2015
Darcy Booth and Breanna Carr
CONGRATULATIONS

SCHOOL CAPTAINS  
Deanna Johnston  
Cambell McMaster

VICE CAPTAINS  
Courtney Menzies  
Mitchell Pippin

SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016  
Breakwell  
Jakeb Curran  
Bronte Doyle

Gardiner  
Caleb Catena  
Natalie Grylls

McCaughey  
Michael Hoskinson  
Brydie Mannion

Mutch  
Ryan Forbes  
Claudia Kuerschner

PREFECT BODY  
Matt Guttler, Liam James  
Nicole Fairley, Kaitlyn McKay, Hayley Smith.

SPEECH DAY

Thank you to all those parents and students who attended our 2015 Annual Speech Day at the Roxy Theatre on Friday 11th December. Congratulations to all Special Prize, Sporting Prize, Academic Award and Scholarship recipients.

DUX OF THE SCHOOL – Year 12  
Breanna Carr  
Meg Potter

1st PLACE YEAR LEVEL  
Year 11  Cambell McMaster
Year 10  Alexandra West
Year 9  Lindsay Brown
Year 8  Emma Dixon
Year 7  Ned Routley

THE McCaUGHEY SCHOLARSHIPS  
Year 7  Tully James
Year 8  Bianca Smith
Year 9  Lyndsey Mitchell
Year 10  Zoe Cunial
Year 11  Lara Mitchell

THE DICK CONDON/MILTHORPE SCHOLARSHIPS  
Full Academic  Claire Tagliapietra
Half Academic  Ella Gruessing
Half Academic  Ned Routley
Half Sporting  Beau Routley

THE AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP  
Grace Armour

SPORTING HOUSE EVENTS  
Athletics  Mutch
Swimming  Gardiner
Cross Country  Breakwell
Gate Run  McCaughey
Beach Carnival  Mutch

CHAMPION HOUSE  McCaughey
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear parents, students and staff,

Congratulations on navigating a successful year under challenging circumstances and demonstrating resilience and courage throughout 2015. A number of staff changes will take place in 2016, with the appointment of Mr Paul Laing (Deputy Principal), Ms Rebecca Ormond (Head Teacher English /History), Mr Thomas Dengens (TAS), Mrs Samantha Irons (Science) and Mrs Alison Evans (Senior Administration Manager). The filling of these positions in a permanent capacity will ensure greater stability in 2016 creating greater assurance for parents and students.

We have a number of projects underway in 2016, including a greater focus on professional learning for our teaching staff in the aspects of quality teaching and learning aligned to the professional teaching standards, with a particular focus on ALARM (A Learning And Response Matrix), the Literacy Continuum and the provision of opportunities to work collegially with teachers from the Leeton Community of Schools ensuring our teachers have the opportunity to network with teachers from the local area.

I am exceptionally optimistic about the future of Yanco Agricultural High School and believe we are poised to again be a significant academic presence on the rural educational landscape. We will refine our existing curricular and extra-curricular programs to better meet the needs of our changing clientele and ever evolving society which expects students to be adaptable and capable of dealing with this evolution.

Personally I have enjoyed my last two terms here as the Relieving Principal at Yanco Agricultural High School and look forward to returning in Term 1, 2016, to lead staff in setting a course of significant improvement and the inevitable challenges this will bring.

I will take the opportunity to thank the students, parents, teachers, SASS, Executive, Hostel and outdoor staff for their support and dedication throughout 2015. I wish the entire Yanco family a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2016.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2016 (SRC)

RECENTLY ELECTED

Year 12  Molly Schlunke, Chelsea Pratt, Jemima Bargery, Stacey Gardiner
Year 11  Matthew Young, Annalise Potts, Reba Nicholson.
Year 10  Emma Cullen, Joel Jenkins, Hayley Dowling.
Year 9  Ryan Findlay, Emma Dixon, Jessie Armstrong
Year 8  Stanley Herrmann, Max Findlay Rhiannon Bolam

Congratulations to all these students who will represent their year levels in 2016.
NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MILLENNIUM MARCHING BAND

The Millennium Marching Band is a dynamic group, full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. The music is a mix of popular, traditional and new. Combined with fast paced drill that is reflective of the music, the Millennium Marching Band is more than straight lines and traditional marches. If you want to enjoy the thrill of performing live to thousands, and television audiences in the millions, then the Millennium Marching Band is for you!

Membership of the Millennium Marching Band is open to all students in Years 7-12 attending a government secondary or central school in New South Wales. Opportunities exist within the Band for instrumentalists, dancers, rhythmic gymnasts. There is a place for everyone with energy, commitment and a willingness to learn.

The Millennium Marching Band rehearses at Cumberland High School for one weekend a month (9:00am-3:30pm). We also have extra some performances throughout the year.

Contact: therese.doyle4@det.nsw.edu.au

Once the online application has been received, applicants will be emailed audition information. Below is the website for the Millennium Marching Band on The Arts Unit website where you will find the application form.


SCHOOL CALENDAR

Unfortunately there will not be a printed 2016 Calendar this year. A calendar will be available on the school website which will be constantly updated with upcoming events.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Year 7 - 10 Semester 2 School Reports will be available on Millennium on Thursday 17th December. Many parents have already collected their children’s reports from school, while the remainder have been mailed out this week along with any awards received at Speech Day.

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

School fees for 2015 are overdue. We would appreciate any overdue fees to be paid on or before your return to school on January 28th 2016. Thank you.

YEAR LEVEL EXCURSIONS

All year 7-9 students had a wonderful time on their excursions and returned safely.

In depth reports of all excursion activities, with pictures, will be in the Yanconian Magazine which will be available early 2016.

ADMINISTRATION

If your child will not be returning to Yanco Agricultural High School for the 2016 school year could you please notify the front office, by email or fax, as soon as possible. Thank you.

EMAIL: yancoag-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au
FAX: (02) 6955 7297
ALBURY SHOW CATTLE REPORT
Albury Show 30th and 31st October 2015

On Friday 30th October thirteen students woke up bright and early for Albury Show, the last show of the circuit. We arrived at the show grounds where we washed the 14 head of cattle and started setting up the beds. Firstly we had Junior Judging with Charlie Pout placing 1st in her age division (under 15) and Odette Mara placing 2nd in the 15 to 25yr section. Charlie went on to win Reserve Champion Junior Judge. We then went onto Paraders classes that afternoon where Alisha Harrington placed 1st in her age group, Kylie Fairfull placed 4th and Renae Nash placed 5th and then in the 13 to 15 age division Damian Cain placed 2nd and Dimity Evans placed 3rd. In the qualifiers Cooper Carter and Brodie Heron both qualified and Charlie Pout was first reserve. Cooper Carter placed 2nd in qualifiers and then won Reserve Champion Parader.

On the Saturday morning the heifer classes were held. Kingsley Vale Katinka placed first in her heifer class, Nero Holly placed 3rd and Yanco Belinda placed 1st. The steers were then judged with the two shorthorn steers, Steve and Streaker, placing 2nd and 3rd. We were very fortunate to get this finished in time before the heavens opened and the rain poured down, making our packing a little wet.

The following Tuesday eleven of the junior members of the show team, returned to Albury to view the carcases of our steers. This is the only opportunity the team has each year to enable us to see what we are producing. All students learnt a lot and gained a greater understanding of what we are trying to produce and the meat judging process. We were placed 3rd with our steer in the Trade Vealer section, unfortunately we had a couple of steers that had a little too much fat on their ribs for their market specs which lost them too many points to place.

The team would like to thank Kingsley Vale Shorthorns, The Glen Angus Stud, The Fairley Family, The Manwaring Family, Woodpark Shorthorns and Le Martres Limousin for their donations of livestock to our program, without them we wouldn’t be able to compete as we do.
2016 SCHOOL TERMS AND DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKENDS

All students return Thursday 28th January, 2016

**Term 1 2016**

Day 1 Term 1: Wednesday 27th January (Staff only)
Designated Leave Changes Cut-off: Monday 8th February
Designated Leave Weekend:
- Students travel home Thursday, 18th February
- Students return Monday, 22nd February
Easter:
- Students travel home Thursday 24th March
- Students return Monday 28th March
Last Day Term 1: Students travel home Friday, 8th April

**Term 2 2016**

Students return to school: Tuesday 26th April
Day 1 Term 2: Wednesday, 27th April
Designated Leave Changes Cut-Off: Monday 9th May
Designated Leave Weekend:
- Students travel home Thursday, 26th May
- Students return Monday, 30th May
Last Day Term 2: Students travel home Friday, 1st July - **Parents must pick up students to travel home. No travel arrangements will be made. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held over the Thursday and Friday.**

**Term 3 2016**

Students return to school: Sunday, 17th July
Day 1 Term 3: Monday, 18th July
Designated Leave Changes Cut-Off: Monday 1st August
Designated Leave Weekend:
- Students travel home Thursday 18th August
- Students return Monday, 22nd August
Last Day Term 3: Students travel home Friday, 23rd September

**Term 4 2016**

Students return to school: Sunday, 9th October
Day 1 Term 4: Monday, 10th October
Designated Changes Cut-Off: Monday 31st October
Designated Leave Weekend:
- Students travel home Thursday 17th November
- Students return Sunday 20th November
Year 10 Work Experience:
- Students return 21st November to 2nd December
  (Parents responsibility)
- Students return Sunday 4th December
Last Day Term 4: Students travel home Friday 16th December - **Parents must pick up students to travel home. No travel arrangements will be made. Presentation Day.**
PROGRAM FOR RETURN OF ALL STUDENTS 2016

ALL MEETINGS IN THE HALL

THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY

10.00 a.m. Meetings for all new students and parents
10.15 a.m. Years 7 and 8 students and parents
10.35 a.m. Year 10 students and parents
10.55 a.m. Year 11 students and parents
11.15 a.m. All VET students
11.45 a.m. Year 9 students and parents
12.10 p.m. Year 12 students and parents

1.15 p.m. All students and parents involved in the Equine Program

2.00 p.m. P & C Meeting