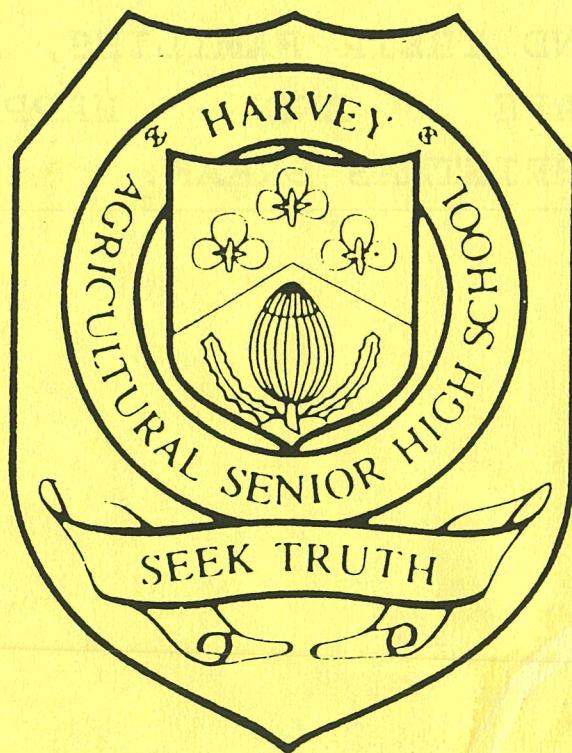


# AG WING NEWSLETTER



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THE PRINCIPAL AND  
STAFF WISH STUDENTS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES, A  
SAFE AND HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS BREAK.

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT REPORT

This will be the final newsletter for 1994. The newsletter is an important communication tool. I hope that the information contained is of use. If you have any feedback please contact me at school on (097) 291 302.

1994 has been an extremely dynamic year. I feel it appropriate to publicly thank all staff for the professionalism and support they have given me over the year. We bid George Wittorff farewell and hope he enjoys his new challenges at Bunbury. Welcome to Suzanne Saunders as the schools inaugural female Principal.

The last term has gone particularly quickly. A number of events and activities occurred.

### HIGH TEA - SPORTS AWARDS

International cricketer Bruce Yardley gave the students some excellent advice for when they left school. The advice was, "for things to happen it must be up to you to make them happen". He recalled several cricket events, and used his family in order to put this story across. It was an excellent address and hopefully will motivate all students to do bigger and better things.

The winners of the Sports awards are listed below:-

FOOTBALL (Triple Dead Heat)	- J White, A Birkbeck & D Fry
BASKETBALL	- J White
HOCKEY	- K Wetherell
VOLLEYBALL (Dead Heat)	- D Scott & S Eatts
SWIMMING	- W O'Hara
ATHLETICS	- K Delaporte
TENNIS	- A Ponsford
NETBALL	- L Hayes
CROSS COUNTRY	- K Delaporte
RIFLE SHOOTING	- G Craske
POOL	- G Beacham
TABLE TENNIS	- M Boyle

**SPORTSPERSON 1994** - A Birkbeck

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to Geof Stagbouer for being an excellent Master of Ceremonies.

### CUNDERDIN SPORTS CARNIVAL

Harvey Agricultural students are the inaugural winners of the Summer Carnival. Our students were organised by Rod Hounslow with Laura Akkari coaching the softball. A thank you to all staff that assisted including Ivy Bicknell.



**TOP TEAM:** The winning Harvey Agricultural students team.

## Agricultural students win

HARVEY Agricultural students won the inaugural summer sports carnival, held at Cunderdin during a recent weekend.

Teams participated in a number of sports including table tennis, badminton, 3-on-3 volleyball and softball.

On Sunday, schools undertook the Septathalon relay, which included a cycling leg of 8km, a 3km run, then 2x200m swims, another 2km run, a cross-country run of 1.5km and finally a 2.5km sprint, from the town to Cunderdin's college.

As well as being the inaugural champions, Harvey won the badminton section outright.

Ben McDonald (division 1) and Gordon Mullins (division 2) were champions, with Ben overall fairest and best.

In 3-on-3 volleyball, Harvey was placed second, with James Jeffery overall fairest and best.

In table tennis, Harvey tied with Cunderdin for first place.

Harvey was placed third and fourth respectively in softball and the Septathalon.



**TOP PERFORMERS:** James Jefferies, left, fairest and best in volleyball and Ben McDonald fairest and best in badminton.

Our success included First place in Badminton (Division 1 & 2), Tie with Cunderdin in Table Tennis, Second place in 3 on 3 Volleyball, Third place in Softball and Fourth in the Septhalon.

Ben McDonald and James Jefferies were Fairest and Best in Badminton and Volleyball respectively.

It was an outstanding weekend and Harvey students are to take pride in their successes. We look forward to participating at the Winter Carnival (Narrogin) and the Summer Carnival next year.

#### CARNARVON EXCURSION

Nine staff and 24 students drove 3,200km from Harvey to Carnarvon recently. This was an outstanding trip with stop overs at Morawa, Kalbarri, Shark Bay and Carnarvon.

The group had an opportunity to view agriculture in the northern wheatbelt and the pastoral region. This included riding in a header and observing harvesting, looking over the Morawa Agricultural School farm, bush walking through the gorges at Kalbarri and visiting the Gascoyne Research Station and a mango plantation at Carnarvon. In all, a very interesting week, with most students well behaved. Students were also involved in fishing, swimming and relaxing.

#### PREFECTS

The Prefects James Jefferies, Nycole Gardiner, Darrell Scott, Andrew Ponsford, Shannon Osborne and Craig Warburton attended a 3 day leadership camp at Nanga Brook recently. The camp was organised to fine tune their skills of team building, managing conflict, negotiation, meeting procedure and interpersonal skills. Our Prefects have already been involved in useful discussions regarding fundraising opportunities in 1995. If parents have any ideas or projects that may earn the student body funds to subsidise student outings, please contact me.

#### GRADUATION

Many thanks to the individuals and business houses who donated money towards the Graduation day prizes. The response was most generous. Award winners and donors are listed on the attached sheet.

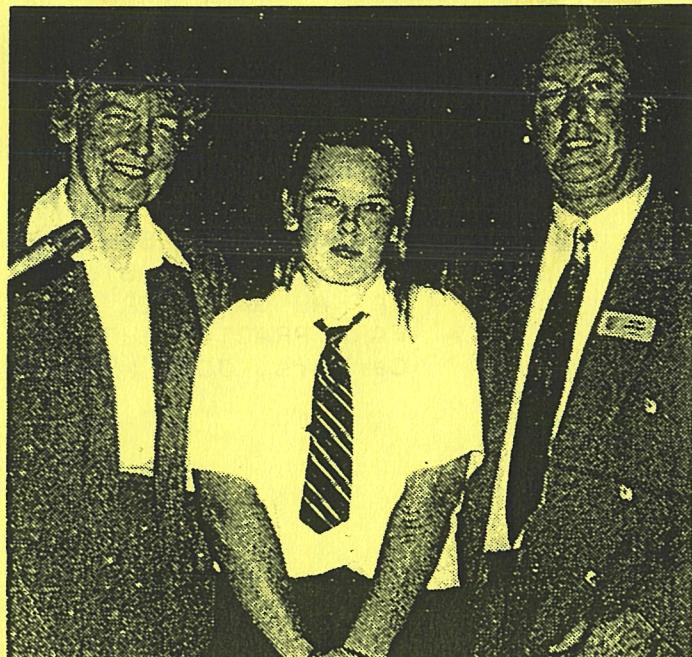
## New horticulture course at HAS

HARVEY Agricultural School will be offering a horticultural crops and pastures course for the first time in 1995.

It will be a vocationally-based subject, with an emphasis on practical skills enabling students to study relevant horticultural crops.

It will focus on viticulture (Red Globe grapes), vegetable and orchard production.

**AGRICULTURE DUX:** Jade Hilzinger, dux of agricultural wing, with Mrs June Craig A.M., and school principal George Wittorff.



## 1994 GRADUATION PRIZE WINNERS

MOST IMPROVED AWARD 1994, Donated by: John Bradshaw MLA,  
NATHAN GARDINER

ENGLISH AWARD 1994, Donated by: English Department, JADE HILZINGER

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AWARD 1994, Donated by: EG Green & Sons, JADE HILZINGER

CROPS & PASTURES AWARD 1994, Donated by: Harvey Agricultural Society, JADE HILZINGER

FARM ECONOMICS AWARD 1994, Donated by: WA Farmers Federation, JADE HILZINGER

FARM VEHICLES & MACHINES AWARD 1994, Donated by: B & D Buck Auto Electrics, DUANE TREASURE

METAL CONSTRUCTIONS AWARD 1994, Donated by: Harvey Farm Service, DANIEL FRY

FURNITURE WOODWORK AWARD 1994, Donated by: Wendy Fatin, SCOTT WELDON

MANUAL ARTS AWARD 1994, Donated by Mrs Barbara Miller, MARK TUCKER

RESIDENTIAL AWARD 1994, Donated by: Harvey Hotel, SHANE ROWLEY

CITIZENSHIP AWARD 1994, Donated by: Harvey Lions Club, JOSHUA WHITE

ROTARY 4-WAY TEST AWARD 1994, Donated by: Harvey Rotary Club, MATTHEW BOYLE

DUX 1994, Donated by: Advisory Councillors, JADE HILZINGER

DAIRY & BEEF AWARD 1994, Donated by: Herd Improvement Service, (Leon Giglia) GREG BEACHAM

HORTICULTURAL AWARD 1994, Donated by: QE Marine & Rural Supplies, (Charlie Micalizzi) GREG BEACHAM

SHEEP HUSBANDRY & SHEARING AWARD 1994, Donated by: Ron Niven Shearing Supplies, JOSH WHITE

PIGGERY AWARD 1994, Donated by: PKB Veterinary Services, (Anthony Fells) JADE HILZINGER

BUTCHERING AWARD 1994, Donated by: Master Butchers, (Les Moore) SCOTT WELDON

GENERAL FARM & FENCING AWARD 1994, Donated by: Boral Cyclone, (Joe McGree) VAUGHAN PRICE

WOOL CLASSING & APPRECIATION AWARD 1994, Donated by: Merv Harley & Co, JOSH WHITE

MOST CONSISTENT ON FARM 1994, Donated by: Roesners, JAMIE ISEPPY

MOST DILIGENT ON FARM 1994, Donated by: HASHS P & C Association, SALLY EATTS

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT (FARM) 1994, Donated by: Farm Staff, NATHAN GARDINER

FARM PRACTICE HONOURS AWARD 1994, Donated by: Charlie Carters, JOSH WHITE

## **EX-STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP**

Shannon Osborne and Adam Gregory were awarded \$200 scholarship each. The money goes towards defraying the cost of books. Congratulations to these students.

## **COMMENCEMENT DETAILS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS 1995**

Following a relaxing Christmas break we will see you WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1.2.95 between 4-5 pm. Year 12's will remain at the school for the first weekend to assist with the Year 11 orientation. On the weekend of 11-12th February Year 11 students will attend a camp at Merribrook.

Students will do the high ropes course, rock climbing and abseiling. Year 12's who would like to attend, it will be at the subsidised cost of \$40.00. Further information early next year.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

Best wishes

**JEFF WHITTOCK**  
**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

## **COMPUTERS IN 1995**

The computer facilities of the school are currently being upgraded by the purchase of:

- 1 MacIntosh LC575 with CD-ROM
- 1 IBM compatible 486 DX-66 with CD-ROM
- 2 x IBM compatible 486 DX-66
- 1 x Ink Jet printer

This will allow computers to be used in a variety of classroom applications by having a ratio of two students per computer in class activities. A selection of CR-ROM and disk based software will be purchased to allow the use of computers in agricultural management applications as well as for word processing and research. Students will be instructed in the use of computers to assist them in developing literacy skills, producing work of a higher standard and developing computer skills that will be applicable in future employment.

**FRANK SLEE & LAURA AKKARI**  
**TEACHERS**

# New principal creates a first

FOR the first time Harvey's Agricultural Senior High School is to have a female principal.

Suzanne Saunders, who takes over from George Wittorff next February, has just spent four years at Karratha Senior High School as deputy principal.

Mrs Saunders was educated in Sydney. On completing her tertiary studies she decided to come to WA.

"I have never regretted the move even though my family ties were in New South Wales," she said.

Her first appointment was at John Forrest 22 years ago.

She met her husband, Val, in Perth.

The couple moved to Geraldton and then to Wickham.

Mrs Saunders had a two-year break for the birth of their son who is now 11.

By KEN UTTING

The couple returned to the Pilbara where Mrs Saunders gained her first deputy principal's appointment at Hedland.

Her husband is the Youth Education Officer at Karratha and is still seeking a position close to Harvey.

"We were looking at purchasing property in the South West so when the Harvey position became available I saw it as a lovely opportunity," Mrs Saunders said.

"Harvey really is a beautiful place."

The couple spent last Wednesday looking at the town and Mrs Saunders visited the agricultural wing of the school.

"The extensive agricultural

program here is most impressive," she said.

"We are interested in viticulture and horticulture but the agriculture side of the school will be new to me.

"I am fortunate in coming in on the heels of George Wittorff who has achieved so much in his six years here."

Mrs Saunders is also pleased because her brother arrived in Busselton from Sydney two years ago and is a town planner there.

She sees the move to Harvey as a long-term proposition.

"People we have met so far have been friendly and the students appear to be really nice," she said.

The couple have a common interest in wines and volleyball.

Mrs Saunders also enjoys reading and is a theatre lover.

Her husband has an interest in horses and has shares in two, as yet untried, gallopers.



**NEW PRINCIPAL:** Val and Suzanne Saunders visited the agricultural wing of the Harvey Senior High School recently to familiarise themselves with their new home.

## METAL CONSTRUCTIONS

Metal Constructions have acquired a Migomag Plasma 60 Plasma cutter capable of cutting mild steel up to 10mm thick -- a handy acquisition considering how neat the cuts are and the ease of use.

Students are busy completing their design projects. A feature of their project work has been the variety of work and the high standard of workmanship. Projects have ranged from trailers to wood turning lathes which have a capacity of 2100 mm bed length and a 300 mm centre height.

## FARM VEHICLES

A 9 m x 5.5 m concrete pad was laid on Tuesday 6th December, ready for the extensions to the Farm Vehicles and Machines Workshop.

The added space will facilitate machines, a welding bay and an office as well as increased bench area.

It is hoped that this will free up floor space around the hoist and tool store area.

The swamp buggy had mixed success at Darkan and would have done a lot better if the differential was locked and the engine had not sucked in water through the air intake which was on the roof. Will try again next year, hopefully with at least one more vehicle.

Seasons greetings

**BOB McMANUS & DAVID WEBSTER  
MANUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT**

## FARM REPORT

Another year has passed and how they seem to fly by quicker every year. It makes me realize how quickly they pass when ex-students, who it seems only left yesterday, return for a visit with children already attending school.

Another group of Year 12's departed at our Graduation Day on the 4th November, with some meritorious awards being given. It will be this years 11's turn next year. Among the awards were recognition of performances by both Year 11 & 12's at Junior Judging Competition held at Brunswick Expo, Wagin Woolorama and the Royal Show with the highlight being a Year 12, Greg Beacham, winning the WA Title and to represent WA in the East next year.

At the recommencement of school next year, all students will be urged to participate in all activities fully. After only two full weeks at school the Brunswick Cattle Expo will be on again, the dates 19th, 20th and 21st February. Yes, on the 19th, a Sunday, the Junior (U/25) Beef Cattle Judging Competition will be run, followed by the Junior (U/25) Dairy Cattle Judging on the 20th February. The following weekend is reserved for Ram Judging Schools, compulsory for Year 11's, optional for Year 12's. These Schools will supplement our instruction by participation at two or three Merino Studs. Wagin Woolorama is on March 10th and 11th and again compulsory attendance by Year 11's with suggested attendance by Year 12's. We again look forward to our students competing at the Beef and Dairy Judging, Merino and Poll Dorset Ram and Woolclassing Competitions both in team and individual competition.

Whilst on the subject of weekends, I wish to remind all Year 12's and their parents of the importance of fulfilling their weekend stock obligation. Students should only request swaps through a parents letter when it is absolutely necessary. With the first term usually the hottest term of the year, I remind students to include wide brim hats in their luggage when they return.

The first term will also see the arrival of our new Principal, Suzanne Saunders. We welcome her and wish our departing Principal George Wittorff, after 6 years at HASHS, all the best at Newton Moore.

The Farm staff wish to congratulate all the Prefects Elect and we feel that they as a group, show a good constructive attitude with good leadership qualities and we look forward to 1995 as being a very successful year.

Also congratulations to all who successfully competed at the recent Cunderdin Carnival weekend.

The Farm staff one and all, wish all students and their families a Happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and look forward to the 11's returning as Year 12's in 1995.

**P EGERTON GREEN  
AND ALL THE FARM STAFF**

# Diversity ensures student success

HARVEY Agricultural Senior High School's agricultural wing has a wide range of agricultural activities.

Its diversity is one of the reasons for the success of students finding employment when they leave the school.

The farm runs a dairy herd of about 35 Stud holstein freisian milkers. Full production records in conjunction with computer controlled supplementary feeding are maintained. All females are artificially inseminated.

The beef herd consists of 40 breeders. Hereford cross friesian cows are artificially inseminated to either Limousin, Simmental, Hereford or Angus. Some beasts are finished in a lot feeder.

The pig breeding herd consists of eight sows. Progeny are used for rations with surplus sold.

The school has flocks of merino, romney and romney cross merino of about 850. The ewes are mated to merino, poll dorset and romney rams. The various breeds are compared in wool and prime lamb production and also provide the students with

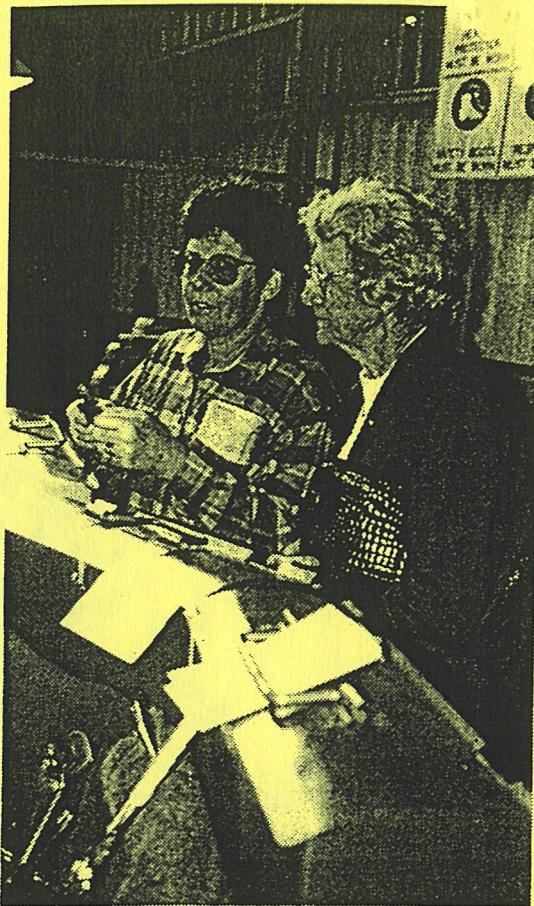
shearing and wool classing experience.

In its viticulture section, the school has 350 vines which are fully enclosed in bird netting. Some vines are enclosed in plastic tunnel housing to promote earlier ripening. Students are taught all aspects of vine management including pruning, budding and grafting of the high quality table grapes which include flame seedless and red globe. These facilities are also used for courses in viticulture conducted by TAFE.

Various citrus varieties are maintained in the school's orchard under the sod culture principle. Mandarin varieties include Imperial, Ellendale and Kara. Orange varieties are mainly the Lanes Late Navels and Valencia.

Students are involved in the slaughter of pigs, sheep and cattle. The butcher's shop is producing a variety of cuts of meat. Students also learn how to produce bacon, ham, sausages and corned meats.

A poultry unit contains altona CB egg layers and altona highline tints which are reared from day old chicks.



**EQUIPPED:** Estelle Mullins and Stella Manning check out the farm's tool shed.

## 500 at field day

A CROWD of more than 500 attended the Harvey Agricultural Senior High School's agricultural wing annual field day recently.

Opening the event, Education Department operations director Peter Frizzell said it was an exciting time for agriculture with signs indicating improvements were on the way.

He commended the agricultu-

ral program at the HASHS.

"Its priorities are excellent," he said.

"It is valued by students, the community and the industry and serves as a model for other schools and colleges.

"The strength of Harvey is the environment offered to students.

"It is the best mix you can get."

Mr Frizzell said the Harvey agricultural wing encouraged educational activities and practical work with an excellent lifestyle.

"I am very impressed with what I have seen here today," he said.

"Both the students and staff deserve congratulating.

"What can be done in this

school is only restricted by the finances available.

"Your expansion in the fields of dairying, horticulture and viticulture is matched by innovation."

Mr Frizzell cited the "mandarins for Surabaya" as an example of the school's innovative approach.

He said it was great to see such a large turn out and such a cross-section of interest in the event.

"Student graduates have a challenging period to look forward to," he said.

"You will be employed as the school has an outstanding record of employment for its graduates — 100 per cent I believe."

Mr Frizzell concluded by acknowledging the contribution of HASHS principal, George Wittorff, who leaves Harvey at the end of this year.

"He has been a staunch advocate for agricultural education for many years.

"He now has some new challenges ahead in a new role."

During the morning visitors saw the classroom activities and the workshops.

After the opening they were treated to lunch before inspecting the farm and seeing demonstrations of farm activities.



**EXHIBITOR:** Matthew Boyle discusses the woodwork exhibition with his parents Marilyn and Barry Boyle, Greenbushes.



**WELL DONE:** Harvey Show president Geoff Maughan, left, presents the winner's cheque to agricultural training officer Rod Trigwell.

## School's awards success

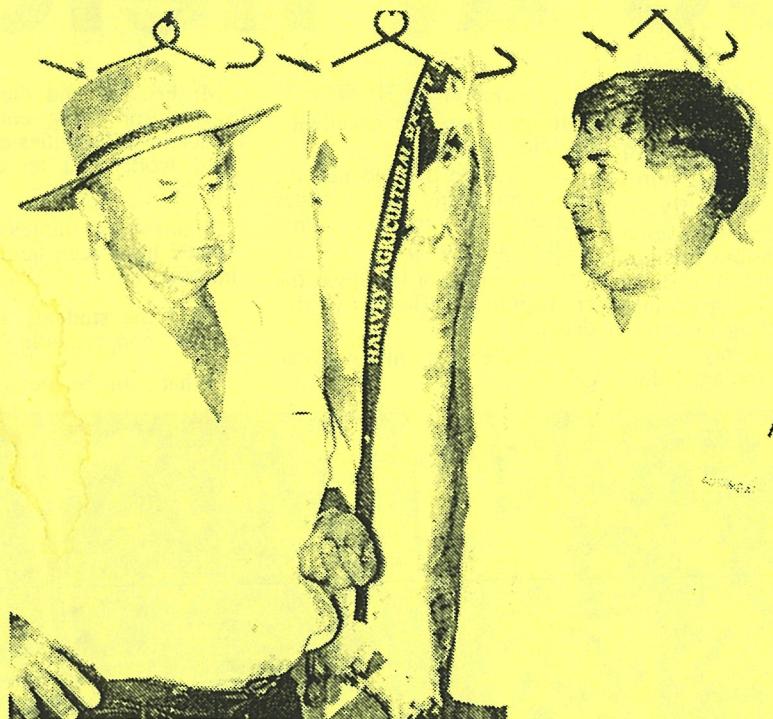
THE sheep carcass competition at the Harvey Show and the Harvey Senior High School's agricultural wing have a long association.

Judging is conducted at the school's abattoir.

The school usually figures in the awards and this year was no exception.

It took out first and second placings in the pair of carcass section.

Local producer Len Knight won the best carcass award.



**BEST CARCASS:** Len Knight and judge Ron Goldspring (Ausmeat) with the winning carcass.