

HARVEY AGRICULTURAL CAMPUS

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TERM 3 & 4 PLANNER

22 JULY

School Resumes

3 AUGUST

School Ball

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1 SEPTEMBER

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2 - 6 SEPTEMBER

Shearing Course & Computer Course

6 SEPTEMBER

Farmers' Dinner

9 - 13 SEPTEMBER

Yr 12 Work Experience & Shearing

13 SEPTEMBER

School Development Day

20 SEPTEMBER

Yr 12 Semester 2 Exams commence

25 SEPTEMBER

RAS Farm Skills Competition - Perth

26 SEPTEMBER

Harvey Field Day

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Royal Show

14 OCTOBER

School resumes

16 - 17 OCTOBER

A.I. Course

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Harvey Show

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Yr 12 South West Excursion

30 OCTOBER

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31 OCTOBER

Yr 12 Outing

1 NOVEMBER

Graduation

8 NOVEMBER

School Development Day

8 - 10 NOVEMBER

Leave Weekend

22 NOVEMBER

Yr 11 Semester 2 Exams commence

22 - 24 NOVEMBER

Ag Colleges' Spring Sports Carnival at Denmark

27 - 29 NOVEMBER

Yr 11 First Aid Course at Pinjarra

2 DECEMBER

Yr 11 Station Tour commences

10 DECEMBER

Yr 11's return from Tour

11 DECEMBER

Yr 11 Presentations, Parent luncheon

A NEW APPROACH TO BULLYING

During the school's recent School Development Day staff attended several professional development workshops aimed at helping them to do their jobs better and hence improve student outcomes.

One aspect of school life which can cause students to lose concentration on their work and to feel generally unhappy about themselves and school life is the occurrence of bullying. This does not have to take physical forms but can be constant verbal harassment from others, taking or damaging of their property or just repeated menacing looks or gestures.

Sometimes the perpetrators of these actions do not realise the effect they are having on another person. A new approach to dealing with bullying, which some staff were trained in on our School Development Day is the "No Blame Approach to Bullying". The workshop was conducted by Ms Serena Dale, our School Psychologist, and it offers strategies for both victims and perpetrators to sort out problems with staff assistance.

Bullying is an issue in most schools. Research shows that a large number of students either report or feel they have been the victims of bullying at some stage in their school careers. Often people who have been the victims of bullying become bullies themselves because they find it hard to resolve issues or they adopt a revenge mentality and take out their frustrations on others perceived to be weaker than themselves. It is an issue residential schools have to be particularly aware of.

Harvey has had one serious case of bullying this year where residential status was terminated for the person concerned because the safety of other students was jeopardised. This is not an action the school likes to take, however, there are times when this has to be.

I would urge all parents and students to talk to someone at the school if they are feeling harassed or threatened in any way. This will give us the opportunity to sort things out by talking first, rather

than having to impose heavy sanctions which may not help either party in the long run. Don't leave it until the situation is too serious or dangerous to be solved easily.

Suzanne Saunders
Principal



JEFF'S PEN

We have come to the end of term 2, where already so much has been achieved. From the beginning of term 3, our Year 12's will have only 13 school weeks until their Graduation Day (Friday November 1). As you will see with the term 3 planner, students will be involved in a large range of activities including Work Experience (Year 12's only) Shearing and Computer Workshops, Farm Skills Competition, Farmers' Dinner and Field Day.

New Technology

New, state of the art computers (Pentium 100) have been purchased for Admin staff and students. Already Janelle, our School Officer is having much pleasure in familiarising herself with these very powerful machines. Frank Slee - take a bow! Through his expertise, the school has entered into a \$28 000 leasing contract for 14 computers which have been placed at the Town Campus and Ag Campus.

Anzac Day

Under the stewardship of Geof Stagbouer, Pat Rhodes & Ivy Bicknell, our students were trained to march in an orderly fashion. School Captain Russell Hansen (Leederville) laid a wreath along with numerous community and sporting groups. Students also attended the ANZAC Day Ceremony which received much public positive recognition, especially from the President of the RSL.

In all, it was a very successful venture into public relations. That afternoon students visited Bunbury for Ten Pin Bowling. As this was Pat Rhodes last official duty she shouted students to free entry. Thank you Pat!

School Council Matters

The group of staff and students have met fortnightly, to tackle a number of issues that are of concern to the school community.

Some of the achievements include:

- a) Refurbishing the pool table and purchase of balls & cues.
- b) Purchase of sporting equipment.
- c) Landscape gardening around the fish pond.
- d) Fitting out of Year 12 Common Room, including TV and aerial.
- e) Meeting and dinner at the Epicure Restaurant, Bunbury TAFE.
- f) Challenges Leadership Camp at the Ngullah Mia Mission, Wandering for 5 students, Miss Hueppauff, Mr Flaherty and Mr Whittock.

The group is looking forward to assisting with developing a policy for fundraising and establishing a series of scholarships to reward students for academic and practical excellence. We will let you know the outcome of the groups deliberation.

Friends Of The Agricultural Campus (FOTAC)

With the term 1 newsletter, I floated the concept of such a group. Its charter is to formulate an action plan to raise funds for student amenities (eg. airconditioning etc). Some parents including Lina Look and Julie Jones have indicated their interest in being on the committee. A number of parents also offered suggestions for fundraising, which will be discussed and implemented in accordance with the action plan. Obviously, if there are any more ideas, please let me know, by calling me at school on (097) 291 302.

Security

All students are provided with a combination lock at the start of the year. Unfortunately, many items of clothing and money have gone missing over a term because students have failed to properly secure their equipment and money. I request that parents re-affirm with their children the notion of security and direct that the combination locks be used on all occasions.

If students are coming to school with large amounts of money, items of expensive jewellery and clothes, they will need to be more sensitive about security. With money, it is possible to ask either the office staff or supervisors to safely keep it for a short time. The most practical solution is to only bring small amounts of money and jewellery on site and keep the expensive clothes and boots at home.

It is the students' responsibility for any losses of money and property. Good security is the only way to prevent loss of property. If students need to change combination locks, because the number is known by other students, see Janelle Willmott early next term.

Country Week

A band of eight students are representing the Agricultural Campus this year. Unfortunately football had to be cancelled because only 13 out of 21 places were filled. Hockey also missed out, due to the fact that our students were involved in the Autumn Sports Carnival and it was too late to submit names. Hopefully next year we will fill both these teams and participate at Country Week.

Congratulations to the following students who made the 1996 Country Week team.

Wayne Henderson (Yr 11)	Basketball
Justin Cash (Yr 12)	Basketball
Russell Hansen (Yr 12)	Basketball
Jodie Densham (Yr 11)	Netball
Sally Robertson (Yr 12)	Netball
Jodi Schreurs (Yr 12)	Netball

Stuart Saggars (Yr 12)
Kris Dawe (Yr 12)

Volleyball
Volleyball

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Work Experience

A large number of students have taken the opportunity to participate in Work Experience. Work Experience has proved very useful for students learning about the work environment, but more importantly for developing contacts which possibly may lead to a job at the end of Year 12.

M Metropolis (Farm)	J Roney (Mechanics)
J Clifton (Yatch Maker)	L Smith (Mechanics)
G Cox (Farm)	S Stirling (Farm)
B Fox (Butchering)	B Green (Farm)
G Bussell (Farm)	L Birch (Mechanics)
C Power (Farm)	P Elliott (Farm)
R Johnsen (Horticulture)	L Finn (Vineyard)
N Treasure (Mechanics)	V Knapton (Farm)
R Look (Mechanics)	C Norton (Farm)

Staff - New and Old

Some big changes have taken place throughout the term. We have seen Geof Stagbouer and Pat Rhodes leave for greener pastures. In comes Allen Isaac (full time) and Sue Nottle (0.4). Ivy Bicknell had her position changed from 0.4 to 0.8 FTE. There is a wealth of experience on the team and we look forward to a high level of continuity for our students.

David Webster and family will take 6 months long service leave, travelling around the top end of Australia, East Coast and returning to the West. Goodluck and we will see you back on board for the start of 1997.

Bob McManus is returning after a 6 month break. Kevin Hindmarsh will take over David Webster's Metal Construction and Wood Work class. Bob will again take Farm Vehicles. Welcome Bob to Harvey.

JEFF WHITTOCK
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Hello everyone. Well it has been a very eventful and busy second term. Firstly we marched on Anzac Day with the local folk, we were very proud of our students who behaved very well and have been invited back in future years. Well done!

April also had us wishing Mrs Rhodes all the very best in her retirement. The new studio will see some great creations from now on I am sure. Mrs Rhodes was farewelled at lunch time on April 26th when Bernadette Pearson and Stuart Saggars made presentations. Pat responded with some very good advice and encouragement to our students.

May 11th saw our first ever fete come into being and it was more successful than we dared to hope. We had almost every thing on sale you could think of including cakes, second hand gear, preserves, vegetables, manure, plants, sausage sizzle, vintage car rides, raffles and fun for free. The PA was a great asset and kept all informed. Net profit was \$940.00 for the student amenity fund. The pool table has been recovered and that took care of \$350.00, so already the benefits are coming through to our students. Thank you parents, staff and students for your help, donations and support. It was a great day and is to be an annual event the Saturday before Mothers Day. It can only get bigger and better.

In May we also said farewell to Mr Stagbouer who resigned and is now working with Brambles at Cataby. He, his wife and son now live in the city and we wish them all the very best of luck in the next chapter of their lives. I will miss my "games" with little Brent on weekends. A goodbye to Mr Stagbouer was held at lunch time on 30th of May when Geof was presented with a gift by Stuart Saggars & Bernie Pearson.

All during this term, of course, Country Week has been a top priority and training has been constant for the few students going. We wish Russell Hansen, Justin Cash, Stuart Saggars, Kris Dawe,

SCHOOL FETE

Sally Robertson, Jodi Schreurs, Wayne Henderson and Jodie Densham best of luck for the week. Remember you can only do your best, that is all we ask.

During the same week several of our other students will be going on work experience and we hope they gain valuable knowledge and have an enjoyable time as well.

The balance of students on Campus will benefit by "staying in" and spending time catching up on study and I am sure we will arrange a few "extras" in the "fun" department as well.

During this term we have had a couple of shopping trips to Mandurah, taking "Aggie Packs" and returning on Saturday afternoon in time for "stock". Of course most Saturday mornings we take a bus to Bunbury so the students always have an opportunity for an outing each weekend.

We also had several beach excursions this term which are normally not on, as it is too cold. However because of the "Indian Summer" it was great to be able to see students go surfing, swimming and having fun by the sea.

A quiz night was organised by Miss Hueppauff and Mr Stagbouer and a very enjoyable time it was. Team names being Brainy Bunch, Awesome Foursome, Uniks, Peas in a Pod and the winners Big Girls Bungarras.

Welcome to new staff members Mr Allen Isaac (full time) and Mrs Sue Nottle who works every second weekend at the girls house.

In closing we would like to wish everyone a great holiday and look forward to all our students coming back for term 3.

IVY BICKNELL
RESIDENTIAL SUPERVISOR

FETE 11TH MAY 1996

What a great event and we could not have requested a more beautiful day.

The donations were really marvellous and we cannot express just how grateful we are to you all.

The grand total after expenses of \$58.00 was \$940.00, a great effort for the first ever effort. We do plan for it to be an annual event on the Saturday before Mothers Day in future.

Mr Egerton-Green bringing his vintage car was a real novelty and much appreciated by us all. I have invited a repeat in 1997.

The Dutch Auction was another novelty and we thank Mr Webster for donating the lovely mirror. It created a lot of spirited bidding and was a lot of fun - \$52.00 was raised.

Mr Whittock and his sausage sizzle was a great idea and was enjoyed by most of us. This made \$126.00.

The Mothers Day raffle raised \$95.00 - the floral arrangements were donated by Linda our Gardiner and raised \$58.00.

Thank you parents, staff and students for everything you did.

IVY BICKNELL
CO-ORDINATOR

TERM 3 - RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

July 27-28	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- morning Bunbury- afternoon Treasure Hunt- evening Treasure Hunt results
	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- morning free- afternoon indoor/outdoor sports
August 3-4	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- morning Bunbury- afternoon prepare Ball- evening Ball/Video night
	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- free morning- afternoon activities
August 10-11	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- morning Mandurah lunch- evening Talent Night
	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- free morning- afternoon bus tour to Bunbury heated pool
August 17-18	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- morning Harvey- afternoon free- evening video - pancake night
	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- morning free- afternoon indoor/outdoor sports

ALL ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

17/6/96

Dear Staff & Students

A Big Hello from the Kimberleys. I have been up here now for about 3 - 4 months on a traineeship.

I'm currently on a cattle station called Spring Creek, which is located outside of Kununurra, near the Northern Territory border.

I do a lot of horse riding when we muster the cattle. It's a good way to see the country out here. I do hope to get to see the Bungle Bungles while I'm here.

I got to go to Katherine N.T. with the boss last week. It was a long trip, especially as we travelled at night.

I hope to get back to Harvey for a visit this year sometime.

Hope everything is going well out there.

Miss everyone

Helen Barratt

Talk to bullies: expert

BY MICHAEL DAY

PUNISHING bullies often fails to stop the problem but there is a method which works three times out of four, according to an Australian expert on school bullying.

The technique requires a teacher to speak privately to individual members of a bullying group and develop in those students a concern for the victim's situation, Associate Professor Ken Rigby of the University of South Australia said in Perth yesterday.

Professor Rigby said at a forum on violence prevention in WA schools that it was important not to

demonise bullies but to understand that many students joined in bullying because they saw it as funny and enjoyable rather than because they had a hostile temperament.

But there were children — often hard, unempathetic and unhappy — who did not respond to the "shared concern" method.

In these cases, something else might need to be done such as removing the bully from school.

Professor Rigby, whose book *Bullying in Schools* and *What to Do About It* will be published next week, said reliance on a punitive approach should be weighed against its disadvantages.

"There are thousands of ways in

which a determined bully can take it out on a potential victim without detection and without breaking the law or indeed any enforceable schools rules," he said.

Hand-in-hand with the shared concern method should be support groups for victims of bullying.

The support groups showed victims how to handle bullying calmly and taught ways to escape bullies without losing face. They also taught social skills, such as helping others, which reduced students' chances of being bullied.

Professor Rigby said school principals had a big effect on the anti-bullying tone of schools and it

was important staff acted as models and behaved well among themselves.

Bullying was at least as prevalent in Australia as it was in Britain, regarded as one of the worst countries in Europe for bullying.

"As a rough generalisation, taking into account variations between age, gender groupings and schools, about one (Australian) student in five has reported being bullied, either physically or psychologically, at least once a week," he said.

The data showed no difference in bullying levels at boys' schools, co-educational schools, private or public schools or girls' schools.

Professor Rigby said Australian

research showed that children who bullied were more likely than others to wag school, draw graffiti, get in trouble with the police or shoplift.

Overseas evidence showed children who were bullies at school were four times more likely than others to end up before the courts in later life.

Research also showed that bullying and being victimised often ran in families.

Victims often suffered bad health and enduring problems with self-esteem.

The forum is a response to the 1994 Commonwealth Government investigation of violence in schools.

Society 'mirrored' in the classroom

BY KERYN ASHWORTH

SCHOOLS reflect society and if there is an increase of violence in society, it may be mirrored in schools, according to Education Department acting director-general Jerry Skivinis.

"There is a certain amount of violence in our schools, and it varies from school to school," he said yesterday.

"But teachers are doing a magnificent job in monitoring student behaviour."

He said that in the past six months he had received only 12 letters seeking a student's removal from a school.

Three of those requests were refused. In the other cases, the students were moved to a

neighbouring school so they could make a fresh start.

Mr Skivinis said student exclusions were directly related to behaviour problems and in some cases that included violence.

"All schools have discipline policies and the places where they work best is where schools and the parent bodies support the policy," he said.

The Catholic Education Office has formed a working party to consider violence and bullying in its schools.

Michael King, who is in charge of student support services, said the CEO did not believe violence was on the increase but it wanted to find the best way to deal with it.

Some interesting articles from the paper...

