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Principal's Year

One year almost gone, and lots more to come.

I recall standing in front of about 55 staff on day one this year with some degree of intrepidation. We have been here lots of times before..... but this year was going to be special. We've been watching the buildings emerge from the ground at Wokalup and this was going to be the year surrounded by everything to do with shifting the campus from the Harvey to Woky and a transition in culture of the way we do things.



I saw the year as one where we needed to keep things as normal as possible, but at the same time, build a momentum of excitement for all, whilst keeping a lid on peoples' expectations that a shift to Woky was going to be a panacea for all things wrong. Only history will tell whether we've been successful or not. I hope from the students' perspective, the disruption of the build has only been a fleeting nuisance this year.

Today as I write this insert into the school magazine, in 30 minutes time the keys to the new site will be in our hands... and then the groans of shifting will become a reality. I know that Design and Technology have already done this in April and I thank and congratulate them for a brilliant and seamless transformation from here to there. For the rest of us, as soon as we get handover, we'll be hiring a "shift-it" truck as well as renting the professionals with the big stuff.

Along the way, we had to invent interim methods of providing services to the students not only because from April we were bussing twice as many each day, but we had to water, feed, and cater to all the medical and other needs over a split distance.

To all, especially Mrs Heasman who bore the brunt of this transition, you have done a splendid job. It almost feels normal, which is the greatest litmus test to any change. "Thanks Robyn!"..... nothing has ever been too much trouble.

Then in the first week in August we were anointed as one of about 45 schools to become an Independent Public School in 2013. We have been working on this for years, and after spending nearly 2 weeks in term three attending courses learning "How to be an Independent Public School"... we set about changing our staffing profile in fourth term.

"Oh Boy the year has been special alright... and it's not over yet."

Harvey Ag is at the point of an activation complex of something great and I am so humbled to have been part of making its history in 2012.

To you, our departing students... thank you for also being part of making Harvey Ag's history in 2012. I hope that you will have listened carefully to the words of Dr Seuss on graduation day and you do spread your wings to be become whatever you want to. Good luck and goodbye. Come visit.

Finally, thank you Sue Fimm and all who have contributed to this magazine. As usual it is brilliant and it comes down to people like you who make it happen.

Neale Armstrong



Vice Principal's Year

A couple of weeks ago we had our graduation and prize ceremony combined with the official opening of our fabulous new Wokalup facility. It was a momentous occasion made more so because we had been talking about shifting to the Wokalup farm site for many years. Lots of hard work and lots of vision and dreaming were finally paying off and it is no wonder those of us who had been around for a while were so pleased.



The shift to the new buildings represents a new start for Harvey Ag. It is the first real time that the whole college and its staff and students have been able to operate on one site. This might not sound like much, but for those of us who have worked at single site colleges, the split site was not only a headache to manage but also counterproductive to an efficient and coherent organisation.

The new site presents us with a wealth of opportunities that Harvey Ag has not been in the position to capitalize on for most of its sixty years. The challenge for us is to recognise those opportunities and do something about them. Harvey Ag is blessed with location, proximity to population, transport, climate, a fabulous farm, and so much more. Now with brand new buildings and everything on one site it is the current custodians' responsibility to make Harvey Ag the best in WA if not Australia. There is much work to be done to make this happen and all staff, students and parents need to help out.

Whilst the new buildings at Wokalup might be a new beginning and something to be proud of, there has to be a tinge of sadness about leaving the old site which has been our home for some sixty years. The old site had a rich history even before being used for agricultural education. So many people have been connected to the old site through one means or another and there must be a million fascinating stories to be told. Many of these stories will be of naughtiness carried out by the various generations of boys and girls who passed through the school.

For my own part I have a long personal connection to that beautiful location on the banks of the Harvey River. My own personal connection started with my grandfather spending time there as a soldier in the Army before going off to New Guinea in the Second World War. In 1958/59 my mother's first teaching placement was at the Harvey Junior High and she taught the Ag Boys English. Later I spent time on a Harvey dairy farm during my Degree and was employed for a period by the Department of Agriculture interviewing local farmers about their fertiliser programs. In both cases I had occasion to visit the Ag College. During my teaching qualification I had a teaching practicum at Harvey Ag in 1987 and lived in the sick bay and B Hut. I returned to Harvey Ag as a staff member in the middle of 1998 and have been here since loving the school, the town and the region.

I congratulate and thank all those people who over many years kept the dream alive and whose vision and efforts enabled us to finally move into our fabulous new home. I hope that everyone can share some of the responsibility and feel some of the excitement and pride, but also I hope that we can all remember where we came from.

Stephen Watt



Busy on the Farm

Another very eventful year on the Wokalup site, when in late November all College based activities were consolidated on one campus with the relocation from Harvey to the Mornington Road address. Staff and students will take a while in adjusting to the new environment but we should all be grateful for the magnificent facilities which have been provided for agricultural education in this region. Due to the very tight budget, the rebuild programmes did not stretch to improve much in the way of infrastructure for the farm. However, a number of projects including a large farm shed, new chemical shed and the development of the new equine complex are about to start at the time of writing.

Congratulations to all Year 12 graduates who attained 100% completion in Certificate II in Agriculture. For some students it didn't look possible, however with application and a diligent approach by farm staff, everyone got there. It is exciting to see that students will be able to attain additional farm qualifications in 2013, with the addition of horticulture, wool handling and assessing, and equine. The College's new meat processing facility will also benefit the College kitchen and students significantly when it becomes operational in early 2013.



Over the past couple of years the College has become more committed to demonstrating best practice and conservation values. As part of that ethos in 2012, the College in conjunction with funding from the South West Catchment Council fenced off 30 hectares of high value ridge country on the College farm to help conserve the Peel Catchment Area and valuable flora species.

Attempting to do things better on the College farm and improve processes has been a priority in 2012. Farm section hub policy documents were prepared for beef, sheep and dairy, providing clear farm enterprise descriptions identifying production benchmarks, setting expectations and defining the purpose of each farm section. This process will continue next year for remaining farm sections. This will benefit students and staff in defining the future direction of all farm sections.

Regrettably, there continues to be a higher turn over of farm staff than in other areas of the College. During the year Ms Kirsty Longville (Equine) and Ms Belinda Owston formally resigned from the College. At the same time Mr David Olney (Butcher and Intensive Agriculture) and Mr John Italiano (Pastures) came on board and have made a significant contribution to the College and student learning during the year.

During 2012, College students continued to embrace the farm as one of their favourite areas for work and learning. Despite a number of farm based, fool hardy incidents involving farm vehicles, the students excelled with some taking up the opportunity to represent the College in various off site events including Woolorama, Harvey and Brunswick Shows, RAS Farm Skills Events, Dowerin Fencing Competition and the Perth Royal Show. Despite competing demands for their time in other College or social activities, students provided stiff competition in numerous agricultural based competitions throughout the year. I recognise their commitment and the hard work College staff exhibited in coaching and supervising these students. The rewards for increased involvement at the RAS in recent years especially students involved in Cattle Club were seen in 2012. Prestigious awards such as winning the Champion Medium Weight ribbon in the Trade Animal Competition and winning the Champion Farm Fleece helped boost the College's profile at the Perth Royal Show.

A new articulated loader, a new 1001 HP front end loader, a transportable classroom for the beef section and College purchased dual cab ute, are some improvements the students benefitted from in 2012. Whilst the production year on the College has been satisfactory, it is still disappointing to see that commodity prices especially for milk, beef and sheep meat soften. A below average winter inflow into the Harvey irrigation dam also meant that the College faces another challenge getting through the summer with a 45% water allocation.

As the College faces this and other challenges on behalf of all College farm staff, I wish all Year 12 students who have departed us at the end of 2012 the very best in their future endeavours. I hope in time that you will reflect on your time at the College as being the best time of your school life, thought not many would admit it just yet! Please don't forget Harvey and what this College has done for you educationally and personally. Good luck!

David Hart (Farm Manager)

The Year in D&T

Some time for reflection! Please read the passage below and stop and think for a moment.

BANK ACCOUNT!!!

This is AWESOME ... something we should all remember.

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he manoeuvred his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.'

'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied.

Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time.

Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged ... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it.

'It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice;

I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.. Just for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank. I am still depositing.

'Remember the five simple rules to be happy: 1. Free your heart from hatred.

2. Free your mind from worries. 3. Live simply. 4. Give more. 5. Expect less.

THE YEAR THAT WAS IN D&T

As it is with every year group there are always fond memories that will be created for both students and staff – from the working relationships and the strong rapport that is built. These and the projects that have been built and the work that has been done is what will be remembered by all about the year groups for 2012.

The major and most significant highlight was the shift to the new workshops at Wokalup and the students being able to use these state of the art facilities for the first time – what an honour and privilege!

Some of the projects and highlights for 2012 were:

School Projects

Fire pit and limestone wall at the Horticulture shed, setting up of new workshops Outdoor seating, numerous concreting projects around the College, ongoing servicing and maintenance of College vehicles.

Personal Projects

- Dining tables – jarrah natural edge slab and solid jarrah
- Coffee tables – solid jarrah, pine
- Blanket boxes
- Jarrah Wine cabinets and wine racks
- Jarrah Kitchen Island benches
- Flat top and motor bike trailers
- Tool boxes
- Gun Cabinets

Finally, on behalf of the Design & Technology staff I would like to wish all the students the best for the future and in particular the graduating students. Remember you are always welcome to come back to the college, and please come and see the D&T staff, we are always interested to know where you are and what you are doing.

Cheers, and best of luck for the future



Above: Dean Pfitzner



Left: Duncan Campbell



Above: Barry Landwher



Above: Jeff Kenny



Above: Richard Knight

Sports Round-Up



Thanks to all the students for their efforts in representing WACoA Harvey this year in sports. In a difficult year in terms of logistics, students have taken part in a range of sports during lessons including Badminton, Basketball, Netball, Swimming, Volleyball, Touch Rugby, AFL, Soccer, 7's Rugby, Softball, Cricket and Tennis.

Students were also offered the chance to compete in after school sports clubs in Soccer, Cricket, Touch Rugby, AFL, Netball and Basketball.

In the annual WACoA Sports Carnival, WACoA Harvey students competed and provided teams for every sport in the Carnival from Mountain Biking and Lawn Bowls to Volleyball and Softball. Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Carnival in which WACoA Harvey continued to dominate the Touch Rugby and Soccer, finishing the carnival unbeaten in these sports. After a long weekend, WACoA Harvey finished 3rd overall claiming champion school titles in Soccer, Touch Rugby and Golf.



In Country Week 2012, 52 students from year 10, 11 and 12 competed for WACoA Harvey in Basketball, Netball, Touch Rugby and Soccer. As always, the students represented the College with commitment and pride and we finished with our Basketball Boys winning on the finals day to finish 5th, the Netball Girls finishing 4th, Mixed Touch finishing 3rd and our Boys' Soccer team finishing 2nd with a narrow loss to Kalgoorlie in the Grand Final.



A special mention to Rhys Mounsey in year 12 for scoring over 20 goals in the competition for the Soccer Boys. Well done to all the students who represented the College and a big thank you to Mr Senbergs for coaching the Boys' Basketball team and Ms Tupeau for coaching the Girls' Netball team.

As usual, Mr Murnane coached the Boys' AFL team and we competed in the Belt Up Cup, which was held in Bunbury during term 3. We competed against a number of the top AFL schools in the South West, including Australind SHS, Manea and Newton Moore. The boys represented the college well and a big thank you to Mr Murnane for his help.



In Term 4, we were lucky enough to have access to the new school facilities and this has opened up a range of options for new sports that can be played at the college. The air conditioned gym is a fantastic facility that can be used for a range of sports including Basketball, Netball, Badminton, Volleyball, 5 a-side Soccer and Indoor Cricket. The outdoor courts can also be used to play Tennis, Basketball, Netball as well as a range of other sports and it's an exciting time to be a student at WACoA Harvey!



As this is my final year at the College, I take this opportunity to thank all the students who have competed for the college at every sport that we have provided over the past 4 years.

Can I also thank every member of staff who has been involved in the sport at WACoA Harvey whether at Country Week, WACoA Games or even as a Lane Marshall at the Swimming Carnival, all of your efforts have been much appreciated.

Mr Postans

The College Farewell's Mr Postan

After four years at the College Mr Postans is moving on.

We would like to thank him for all his help in running a brilliant sports program and wish him at the best at his new school.

At least there are not as many FLIES, Mr Postans !!!!!



Business in Residence

Once again changes to the residence were needed to start the 2012 Year. Starting the year with more boarders than we have ever had including more females meant that changes had to occur to accommodate the students and provide more recreational areas. All the residential staff worked enormously hard to convert the original woodwork block to a recreation room and TV room. What a challenge that was with Mr Jones and Mr Nepe being covered in sawdust for a great part of it. However it was all worth it in the end as the transformation was deemed acceptable to the students. Just shows you that where there is a will there is a way!

There is always a lot of things for our students to do, with our annual trip to Yanchee continuing to be a highlight of term 1. We seem to be blessed with good weather every year and this helps ensure that people have an enjoyable time. The BBQ's at the local Pool and the huge blow up obstacle course continues to be a success with the students. A Camp Out at the shearing shed was organised on a Saturday night, which was an enormous amount of fun for all involved and as it turned out, wonderful timing as a massive storm hit the area. This resulted in widespread damage and power outages that necessitated the closing of the Residence for a number of days. I'm sure the students enjoyed that little bonus!

After school offerings for the students have been well attended ranging from Farm Skills Training, Forge Work, Woodwork, Mechanics, Restoration of an old truck with the Chaplain, Art & Craft to Sport.

Once again, students participated in a number of local sporting competitions at the local Rec Centre all year round. Students competed at Wagin Woolarama and the Harvey Show. A number of students took the opportunity to attend the Skippers Ticket course that is run annually by Mr Pfitzner. A few students have been continuing to do a program at the local Harvey Radio Station under the auspices of Mrs O'Shaughnessy. This is a great opportunity for our students and we thank Mrs O'Shaughnessy for her continued organisation of this each year. Mr Kenny and Mr Campbell took a group of intrepid fisher people to Hamlin Bay and came back with many a "fishy" story! We would like to acknowledge the interest non residential staff show in the residence and we appreciate their continued support by organising excursions for the students in their own time.

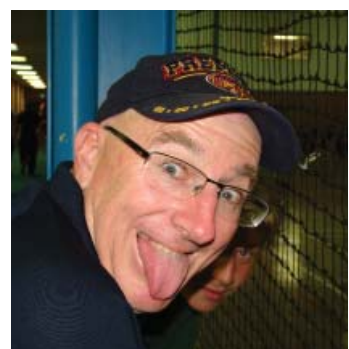
During Term 1 and 2 holidays Residential staff completed Certificate IV in Community Service (Residential Student Care). This was a five day course spread over both holiday breaks run by Steve and Jenny Florrisson from NARSA. A wonderful and enlightening course with a 100% pass rate by the staff. Well done.

During term two the whole of the student body was involved in a two week program run through Lot 208 in Australind. Week One involved Resilience Training and the second week a Drug and Alcohol Seminar. We would like to acknowledge and thank the people from Lot 208 and the wonderful presenters. Both presenters were impressed with our groups of students and remarked on their mature and caring nature. Well done to the student body.

Open Day was a little different this year with only the Wokalup site open, however it was well attended again with many people coming to see the new Trade Training Centre. Many of the old students couldn't believe how wonderful the facilities were and wished they could come back and do their time again. They remarked that they hoped the students appreciated how great the facilities were compared to what they had.

Countryweek was attended again this year with four teams competing. This was probably one of our more successful forays with all teams competing well. A change to new accommodation at Karrinyup Waters was a great success. A wonderful venue for these sorts of events. Transport to the sporting venues was easy so all in all, a very successful week.

The school Ball was held at the Peel Thunder Clubrooms and once again the ball committee and Mrs O'Shaughnessy did a great job of organising and decorating the venue. Students certainly looked awesome in their ball attire and seemed to enjoy going to the trouble of dressing up. There has been some discussion about a different format for next year where there would be mocktails and nibbles along with photos for 2 hours from 5.30 – 7.30pm with the ball proper starting after that time. It seems that students spend all their time queuing for photos most of the evening which means they don't have time to mingle and dance. We will have further discussions with Councillors and staff at the beginning of the year.



Business in Residence



A successful trip to Fremantle prison was organised in Term 3 with staff and students camping at the Kelmscott Farm School after the Night time tour and calling in to Gateway Shopping Centre Saturday morning on the way back to school.

Our student councillors continue to raise funds for our World Vision sponsored child Wondimagn Terefe. Throughout the year we have had Discos, with Mr Kenny supplying the music and light show. Thanks once again for his continued support for these events. A non school uniform day, and of course our Quiz night which we hope will be an annual event. Mr Holly once again volunteered to be the Quizmaster and without his hilarious personality the evening would not be the huge success it usually is. Thank you to Tiny for ensuring that this evening is so much fun for everyone, to the intrepid staff members who volunteer to be auctioned off for their extremely valuable knowledge, to the admin ladies for collating and adjudicating, the ladies in the kitchen for supplying supper and the students for taking part. A big thank you also to all the parents who donated prizes for the evening, your support was very much appreciated.



During the year Ryan O'Neil, a Year 11 councillor, took it upon himself to organise a number of fundraising activities for charities. This included Jeans for Jeans, Red Cross street collection and an MS day where he also invited an MS sufferer to dinner at the residence and then to speak to the students. We nominated Ryan for the Department of Communities Positive Image Award 2012 School Ambassador and have recently been informed that he was chosen as one of the two Ambassadors selected for the Southwest Education Region. This is a huge accomplishment for this young man and it is well deserved. He is a great ambassador for the student body and our College. Well done Ryan.



Most of the Year 12 students were involved with the PARTY Program again this year which is run by the RPH in conjunction with Bunbury Regional Hospital. This program is about the prevention of drug and alcohol related trauma in Youth.

Our local MLA member Nola Marino, in conjunction with the Federal Police gave a presentation to the student body on cyberbullying and cybersafety. This was a very informative presentation also making students aware of possible repercussions which can arise from misuse.

Staff and students competed in our now annual cricket match culminating with a win by the "Zooters" team and a BBQ at the Rec Centre grounds.



To wind up the year for our Year 12 students we organised a Paintballing excursion to Gelorup. Three intrepid staff members volunteered to go along and play, much to the delight of the students!

We have of course moved to the new site and are mostly settled in. As with all moves there are a few things which need correcting but we have that all in hand. The students moved with a minimum of fuss and we do thank them for that and sincerely thank all staff who have helped and will continue to help in the next few weeks. It is an amazing facility and we hope that the staff and students appreciate how lucky we are and treat everything accordingly.

Once again we would like to take this time to thank so many people here for the awesome job they do, so often unnoticed or taken for granted. Our wonderful admin staff who are so unfailingly helpful and always so full of good ideas! To Steve, Teresa and Neale for their support throughout the year, many a mountain has turned into a molehill thank you!. The domestic staff for the terrific job they do making life so much easier in the residence – despite the students' best efforts! Hopefully life will be a bit easier with nice new facilities. To Dinah and Mimma and the kitchen staff, thank you for all that wonderful food that keeps appearing on the tables and is soooo hard to refuse and doesn't really look good on us like Dinah always tells us! To the Residential staff, Bill, Hepa, Elaine, Tracy, Keith, Heather, Tiny, David, Kathryn, Darrell and Bev (in absentia) thank you for your support and input over the year, doesn't time fly when you are having fun!



Merry Xmas and have a safe New Year everyone, make the most of the break and we will see you next year.

Bernie Murnane and Lorene Nepe
Heads of Residence



Narrogin Ram Judging

On Friday the 17th of February, the Year 11 TER class as well as some of the Year 12's went to Narrogin to learn about wool and ram judging. It was a great experience and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We were provided with a BBQ lunch and it was very nice. We were able to see the new Narrogin dorms, which look really good. Thanks to Mr Gelmi for arranging the day.

By Georgia Crossman (Yr 11) Boddington



Results in the Ram Judging



Teams for Wagin Woolorama were selected from the following results. Well done to all the students who competed and congratulations to the ones who went on to Wagin.

Year 12 Merino Judging Team - Jessica Potter (84), Brett Lavender (70), Tahlia McSwain (65), Lauren Tucci (63) & Gary Shawcross (60).

Year 11 Merino Judging Team - Georgia Crossman (88), Abbey Jackson (78), Alex Booth (77), Jessie Evans (74), Ash Williams (70), Ben Smart (70), Tahlia Jackson (64), Taig Christie (56) & Alex Zimmer (52).

Wool Judging - Ash Williams (49), Jessica Potter (49), Tahlia McSwain (49), Georgia Crossman (46), Alex Zimmer (46), Brett Lavender (46), Abbey Jackson (45), Taig Christie (45), Lauren Tucci (42), Gary Shawcross (40), Jessie Evans (33), Alex Booth (32), Tahlia Jackson (32) & Ben Smart (21).

Dairy Calf Shed Visit - Yr 10's

On Monday the 27th of February, the Year 10 group went to the White Rocks Dairy and Dromana Dairy to see two calf rearing yards. Mr Postans and Mr Gelmi gave us a worksheet to complete about the facilities and how they work.

We were looking at how the Jersey cows were becoming a popular breed to use in the dairy.

Thanks Mr Gelmi and Mr Postans.

By Jacob Dobrich (Yr 10) Dardanup



Magic Million TB Yearling Sale

On Thursday the 16th of February, the Year 12 equestrian group went up to Belmont Park Turf Club with Miss Longville and Mr Howell for the Magic Millions Thoroughbred yearling sale. The group of students that went was made up of Jessica Potter, Amanda McDonald, Darcey Yates, Brooke Kau, Teagan Campbell, Melissa Foster, Jarred Simpson, Tahlia McSwain and myself, Raimie Zilko.

When we got there we sat down to watch the auctions and played "spot the bidder", we noticed a man who was tapping his book when he was thinking and when he wanted to bid, he would stop tapping.

The most expensive horse was sold for \$110,000 and the least was sold for just \$2000. Most of the bids went up in lots of \$2000 or \$1000 although there were two or three that went up in lots of \$500. Afterwards we went outside and had a look at some of the advertising stalls and had a look at how the Equissage machine worked. Results show that Equissage can increase a horse's length of stride by more than 30%.

On the whole it was a great day and we all enjoyed it very much. Thankyou!

By Raimie Zilko (Yr 12) Coolup



Enjoying your massage Mr Howell?



Back: Tahlia McSwain, Raimie Zilko, Teagan Campbell, Brooke Kau, Melissa Foster.
Front: Amanda McDonald, Darcey Yates, Jarred Simpson & Jessica Potter

Swimming Carnival

The College held the annual swimming carnival at the Harvey Swimming Pool on the 20th February. Most of the students participated in the events, with all enjoying the team games. As always, there was a lot of cheering from the side lines. Well done to all who participated.



2012 Faction Captains

Leeuwin - Jayden Chapman & Lauren Tucci
Naturaliste - Ryan O'Neil & Jessie Evans
Hamelin - Gary Shawcross & Brooke Kau
Geographe - Jarred Simpson & Teagan Campbell

Faction Winners of the Carnival Geographe

Champion Boy & Girl
Year 10 - Zeehan Vale & Katie Drust
Year 11 - Jillian Linning & Jake Varischetti
Year 12 - Brooke Kau & Rhys Mounsey

Swimming Carnival Pics



Polocrosse Clinic

On the 7th of March, we had a polocrosse clinic and mini games afternoon down at the horse section. We had a lot of fun and all learnt a lot about how to play polocrosse. Thanks to the Capel Polocrosse Club for sending two great people (Janelle Coxall and Lyn Wells) and to the ladies for giving up their afternoon to help us.

After the clinic we had a BBQ dinner (yum). All the equine students would like to thank Miss Longville and Mr Webster for organising the afternoon.

By **Melissa Foster (Yr 12) Boddington**



Megan Lodding, Courtney Holmes, Raimie Zilko, Skye Fanderlinden, Brooke Kau, Maddie Ryan & Leah Haworth

Wagin Woolorama

Students from Harvey Ag represented the College at this year's Wagin Woolorama on the 10th of March. A group of students competed in a number of events throughout the day which included sheep judging, shearing and cattle handling.

Enduring the extremely hot weather conditions, the College placed well in a number of events. For the other students not competing, it was an opportunity to see and speak to Agricultural industry representatives.

Results were as follows: Sam Gentle (Boyup Brook), placed 2nd in the Cattle Handling. Abbey Jackson (Coolup) placed 2nd in the Poll Dorset Judging – Novice, as well as being part of the team which placed 2nd in the Merino Team Judging event. Other members of the team were Georgia Crossman (Boddington), Ben Smart (Margaret River), Alex Booth (Thornlie) and Leah Haworth (Margaret River).

In the same team event Gary Shawcross (Karridale), Brett Lavender (Williams), Lauren Tucci (Mundaring) and Jessica Potter (North Greenbushes) placed 3rd.

For the shearing events the College had two student representatives, Dylan Stevens (Greenfields) and Matt Thompson (Boyup Brook). Matt Thompson placed 1st out of the field of 28.

One student's account of the day.....

On the 10th of March, I went to the Wagin Woolorama with the Year 10, 11 and 12's. The teachers who supervised us were Mrs Boyhan, Mrs Rae, Mrs Heasman and Mr Armstrong.

Once we arrived at Wagin, Mr Armstrong gave us the run down on what we had to do and off we went. The events I was in were Poll Dorset Judging and I started out as the reserve for the Merino Judging Team event, but ended up stepping into judge. We came 2nd in the team judging.

After I had finished I went to have a look around the side show alley and supported the other competitors. All in all, I had a really fun day.

Thanks to all the teachers.

By **Ben Smart (Yr 11) Margaret River**



Tahlia McSwain & Harrison Ahmat



Matt Thompson & Dylan Stevens



Taig Christie



Leah Haworth, Ben Smart & Abbey Jackson



Taig Christie, Abbey Jackson & Georgia Crossman



Tahila McSwain, Jessica Potter, Josh Hynes, Cory Bailey & Ryan O'Neil

Golden Shears - NZ

A little history about the Golden Shears - it was established in 1961 in Masterton, New Zealand, attracting all shearers, wool handlers and pressers from all over the world. This year Masterton held the World Championships with a large number of countries being represented.

Matthew Thompson a Year 11 student at the College was amongst representatives from Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Cook Island, Estonia, England, France, Falkland Islands, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Lesotho, Norway, Niue, New Zealand, Northern Island, Sweden, Slovakia, Spain, Scotland, South Africa, USA and Wales.



Matt travelled to New Zealand with his brother Joseph and dad Steve. Arriving in Auckland on the 26th February 2012 for the start of the Shears. They stayed with friends in Pukekawa and had a chance to practice their skills on New Zealand sheep (if there is any difference).

They travelled to Masterton all hyped up and ready to go for their events. Matt competed in the Novice Shearing Event and was placed 20 out of 49. It was a great experience for Matt to participate in an International Event.

Well done.

Dardanup State Stockhorse Championships

On the 17th of March, Darcey Yates, Jessica Potter and myself attended Australian Stock Horse Championships in Dardanup at the Equestrian Centre. About a month earlier, Miss Longville asked Darcey, Jess and myself if we wanted to prepare and show yearlings at this event.

After the closed weekend our yearlings arrived and we had two weeks to get them ready. Everyday after school we worked bit by bit to get them to where they needed to be. During school hours Miss Longville also worked with them to help us out.

On the Friday afternoon before the show we floated them down to Dardanup to settle them in. On the Saturday morning at 5am, along with Melissa Foster who came to help, we headed down to the show. We spent about an hour and a bit preparing our yearlings with makeup and body spray. Once they were ready we then got ourselves ready for the first event, which was Junior Judging, where I placed 4th.

Our first event with the yearlings was the Yearling Futurity. Our yearlings were great, well behaved, trotted out well and looked perfect. In that class my yearling "Luvash Begin to Boogie" placed 2nd. I was so proud and very overwhelmed. For the rest of the day we enjoyed watching the other horses, as well as Jessie Evans as she did the ridden classes. Jessie placed 2nd in Working Stock horse Mare, Top Cut Out, 3rd and 6th in the Youth Camp draft and 2nd in Youth Judging.

A huge thank you to Miss Longville, Mr Webster and Geoff Willis (the owner of the yearlings) for the amazing opportunity. Also to Mel Foster, Ben Smart, Raimie Zilko and Megan Lodding for their help. It was a really good day.

By Tahlia McSwain (Yr 12) Busselton

Tahlia McSwain



Jessica Potter



Darcey Yates



Skippers Ticket

On the 17th of March, Mr Pfitzner took 9 students to the Dawesville boat ramp for us to complete our Skippers Ticket. We arrived at 8am and started the day by going through the boat, learning where things were in the boat and how to use them. We were out in the water by 9.30am, with the first group driving the boat around the Mandurah Marina to meet the second group.

We practiced docking the boat, learning about throttle control and how to keep a straight course. After successfully docking the boat many times, we practiced our rope work and how to safely tie the boat up.

Once finishing this, we left the Marina and headed back to the Dawesville boat ramp where Mr Pfitzner had a BBQ cooking. After lunch we were back on the water to complete our man overboard exercises.

At the end of the day we all received our certificates and headed home. A big thank you to Mr Pfitzner for a wonderful day.

By Brodie Lange (Yr 11) Bunbury



Brodie Lange, Jacob Dobrich, Robbie Banasiak, Teagan Campbell, Jake Nikander, Katie Drust, Zeehan Vale, Ashlee Lewis, Emma Rear



Matthew Thompson, Leah Haworth, Hayden Knoll, Stephen Coad & Aden Scott



Brodie Lange



Ben Smart, Joshua Hynes, Chris Arkwright, Jaxson Turner, Rian Neilsen, Kyle Foan, Hudson Bombara & Samuel Wheeler



Aden Scott, Hayden Knoll, Hudson Bombara, Stephen Coad, Leah Haworth, Matt Thompson



Lunch anyone?



World's Greatest Shave



Wow, this year Kendall Veitch took it upon herself to shave her head in the World's Greatest Shave to raise \$2000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. She raised money through her local community of Boddington and the College. On the day of the big shave in Harvey, Cory Bailey raised \$167.15 and sat with Kendall to get his head shaved.

Well done to both of you, it is a wonderful cause you got involved in.

Before.....after



WACoA Carnival

The WACoA Sports Carnival has been held every year in Harvey since 2006. Cunderdin, Esperance, Denmark and Morawa travelled to Harvey with teams of 50 students to compete in a range of different sports. All Colleges fight for the WACoA trophy and the title of being the top sporting Ag College.

The competition is played on the beach, fields, courts, bowling ally's, greens and in the water. Students play touch rugby, golf, lawn bowls, netball, basketball, squash, volleyball, soccer. They swim, fish and ride mountain bikes.

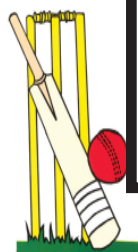
This year Harvey won touch rugby, soccer and golf. At the end of the weekend, Denmark won the carnival, Cunderdin came second, Harvey came third, followed by Morawa and Esperance.

It was a great weekend and all the competitors had fun. We are looking forward to next year's carnival.

By Bradley Brookes (Dardanup) Yr 11



	HARVEY	ESPERANCE	CUNDERDIN	MORAWA	DENMARK
INDOOR CRICKET	6	0	10	4	8
MIXED NETBALL	8	2	6	4	10
SQUASH	6	2	10	4	8
BASKETBALL	4	0	10	6	8
FISHING	8	0	4	6	10
SOCCER	10	0	4	6	8
TEN PIN BOWLING	4	2	10	8	6
SWIMMING COMPETITION	6	0	8	4	10
TOUCH RUGBY	10	2	4	6	8
VOLLEYBALL	8	0	10	4	6
MOUNTAIN BIKE TME TRIAL	6	0	4	8	10
SOFTBALL	8	0	4	6	10
GOLF	10	2	6	8	4
LAWN BOWLS	4	2	10	6	8
TENNIS	4	0	8	6	10
TOTAL	102	12	108	86	124
	3rd	5th	2nd	4th	1st



WACoA Carnival



Rottnest



Rottnest was a great experience. Mr Murnane, Mrs Nepe and Mr Armstrong, along with 10 school councillors for all years spent the day at Rottnest Island on Thursday 26th of March. The trip was designed for a couple of reasons, firstly to gain leadership skills and qualities, secondly to get to know each other now and how to work as a team.

After leaving Hillary's Boat Harbour we arrived on Rottnest Island 45 minutes later. We hired bikes and Mr Armstrong lead us to the Kingston Barracks, where we had a history lesson about the place and learnt that it was used during the war for the soldiers. He also informed us on how the island was named, as the first settlers thought the quokkas were rats and named the island "Ratsnest".

We went on to explore some beaches before going to lunch. After lunch we attempted to ride around Rottnest but soon gave up and turned around. We lost Mr Murnane, Brett Lavender and Bradley Brookes, as they took a short cut and the rest of the group went the long way around.

On return to the boat Brad and Katie Drust ate the biggest pieces of vanilla slice, and Mr Murnane did not get sea sick! Once back at Hillarys, we went for tea at Sizzlers and then returned to school.

Thanks everyone, it was a great day.

By Lauren Tucci (Mundaring) Yr 12



Ice Skating at Cockburn

On Saturday the 29th March 2012, twenty students set off at 9.30am to enjoy a day of ice skating at Cockburn Ice Rink with Ms Hill. Although we were all excited, we discussed how most of us had never been ice skating before and how funny it would be to watch each other try.

On arrival we all were fitted with skates. The first step onto the ice left half of us clinging onto the side of the wall to stop from falling. This is how we made our first lap around the arena and it was funny to watch the falls, stumbles and collisions. Although as time went on we all started to find our feet, that was all except, Kyle Peck who spent more time falling over and colliding into people.

After meeting professional ice skaters and spending 2-3 hours on the ice, we all climbed into the bus with our share of bruises and headed home. We all had a great weekend and everyone had fun, thank you to Ms Hill for taking us.

By Leah Haworth (Margaret River) Yr 11



Yanchep Camp

All students new and old were asked at the beginning of the year if they would like to attend the annual Yanchep camp. Yanchep is a small coastal town north of Perth, each year the school takes students to club Capricorm. I myself have been to this camp 3 years in a row as it is such a great camp and a chance to get out for a weekend.

The camp this year was held from the 30th March to the 1st of April. The bus and ute were all packed up and ready to leave by around 4.30pm on the Friday. We stopped on the way and students had the chance to buy themselves dinner before carrying on. We arrived at the camp site at about 8pm and worked as a team in setting up the tents, swags and kitchen.

Bright and early on Saturday morning some students got up and accompanied the school Chaplain (Darryl) and new T/O (Mr Olney) fishing at the beach. The rest of us who were smart enough to stay in bed for a little bit longer were all up before 8am. Students were previously separated into groups to do their own duties such as cooking and cleaning. After breakfast we all walked down to the beach for a swim, before coming back to camp for lunch.

After lunch we drove around to the lagoon, a small reef protected pool on the beach. On Saturday night most of us played spotlight in the dunes, sleep that night was a luxury as we were all very exhausted.

Sunday morning consisted of a rushed pack up after breakfast so we could get on the road and head home, but not before we stopped at the arena in Joondalup. Most of us enjoyed a quiet swim in the pool before lunch and then the bus ride back to school.

Thanks to all the residential supervisors and bronze medallion holders without whom this camp would not go ahead.

By Gary Shawcross (Karridale) Yr 12



Darcey Yates, Charlie Hawkins, Erin Hooton, Hayden Knoll, Jayden Chapman, Brett Lavender & Gary Shawcross



Hayden Knoll & Erin Hooton



Tahlia Jackson & Amanda McDonald



Taig Christie & Tyron Turner



Ashley Williams, Sam Zygadlo & Joel Wood



Katie Drust



Tyrone Turner, Ben Snell & Daryl McDonald

WA Youth Cattle Handlers' Camp

On the 19th until the 21st April, Nicole Warner, Emma Rear, Daryl McDonald, Michael Gosby, Brooke Kau, Ryan O'Neil and myself attended the WA Youth Cattle Handlers' Camp at Brunswick. This 3 day camp is an opportunity to learn and get better at showing or judging cattle. The majority of us took dairy heifers and the others borrowed beef animals, so they were able to further their education in another area.

The first day we got there, we had a few guest speakers, had a few practice sessions on washing, clipping and blow drying and played games, it was an amazing night. The same night Mr Holly was the guest speaker and gave a talk to the group. The next day was preparation for our competition. We met our judge who gave us a few tips and pointers for judging and leading. We also played more games, washed and clipped our animals. Another guest speaker talked to us about diseases.

That night we did some bush dancing and had to dress up in garbage bag, which was fun. The dancing was the coolest but most confusing, it was a time for all of us to mingle and get to know each other.

The last day was competition day. For the dairy crew, we were up judging first, the top 8 made it to the finals where we had to speak into a microphone to the audience and judge. Nicole Warner, Brooke Kau and myself made it into the finals. Beef judging followed that.

Dairy Handlers competition came next, the most intense competition so far, Daryl McDonald (previous winner) placed 2nd, Brooke Kau placed 3rd and I placed 1st. After we finished, we went onto watch the Beef Handlers, where Michaela Gosby placed 4th in her class.

After the competition was over, we all cleaned out our stalls and waited for presentations. I was awarded the Highest Dairy Achiever.

Well done to everyone involved and to those who placed. It was a great experience and a great camp.

By Tahlia McSwain (Busselton)Yr 12



Tahlia McSwain



Tahlia McSwain & Daryl McDonald



Left: Brooke Kau



Right: Michaela Gosby



Right: Nicole Warner



Harvey Show

On the weekend of the 28th of April, students from Harvey Ag entered in the cattle and horse sections, while many of us also helped out in other sections of the show.

In the horse competitions, Skye Fanderlinden, Melissa Foster, Raimie Zilko and Jessica Potter all competed. Melissa had a good day by placing 3rd in her ridden class and competed in the "in-hand" thoroughbred class. Jessica Potter placed 3rd in her lead class with DOLLY the College horse.

In the cattle competition we placed very well, not only in the handler competition but also our heifers did well. In the Senior Handlers, Daryl McDonald placed 3rd and I placed 1st. In Junior Handlers Abbey Jackson placed 4th, Emma Rear 5th, Nicole Warner 7th and Michaela Gosby 8th. A new section came into the competition called "Future Breeders" where Daryl McDonald placed 4th, Abbey Jackson placed 3rd and I placed 1st.

The shearing display was happening throughout the day which saw Ben Smart, Matt Thompson and a few others putting their skills to work by showing the public how shearing/handling really happens.

I think overall everyone had a brilliant day.

By Tahlia McSwain (Busselton)Yr 12



Jessica Potter with Dolly



Raimie Zilko



Melissa Foster



Tahlia McSwain



Daryl McDonald

Harvey Beef Excursion

As part of the Year 11 and 12 Practical class, students had the opportunity to have a tour of the Harvey Beef Abattoirs on 8th and 9th of May. After an induction and getting fitted into our "whites", we were taken first into the training room where boners and slice's are trained before they can go on the chain in the main boning room. We then went back into the boning room to watch them break down and pack the bodies, and visited the oak barrel room where the corned silverside is made.

After this, it was a quick walk through the chillers and onto the slaughter floor. Our tour began at the sticking pen and continued on past the head chain, gut table and offal room. It takes 45 minutes for a body to go from the knocking box to the chillers.

All students were very interested and behaved in an exemplary manner. Many thanks to Bill Jones for organising this for us and Harvey Beef for a very informative excursion.

By Sharon Wood - EA



Zonta Young Women's Award 2012

I was quite shocked after being invited to attend the Zonta Young Women's Awards night with 2 additional finalists from other schools, at Extensions Restaurant. Mr & Mrs Nepe, along with my dad attend the evening with me.

Each finalist had to do a speech about "women that inspire you". The other two girls spoke of their grandmother and mother. I spoke of Katie Piper - the model who was involved in a horrific acid attack caused by her obsessive boyfriend. It was so nerve wracking presenting my speech, but the dinner was great.

We each received a certificate and yellow roses before the overall winner was announced, which was the girl from Bunbury Catholic College. All up it was a great experience and an honour to be one of only 3 finalists to represent both myself and the College.



Lauren Tucci & Nola Marino MP for Forrest

By Lauren Tucci (Mundaring) Yr 12

Lot 208 Resilience and Drug & Alcohol

Students at the Harvey Agricultural College are having the opportunity to attend a Resilience and Drug/Alcohol Awareness Training Program, organised by Lot 208 Youth Inc. in Australind. The Boredom Busters Project (which is funded through the Criminal Property Confiscation Grants) offered the training to the high schools within the Shire of Harvey.

The program is designed to help raise awareness and develop the skills needed to make positive and safe choices, in relation to drugs, alcohol and peer group pressure. At the same time empowering young people to address the issues relating to relationships, anger and violence, instead of allowing things to escalate.

Students are attending the program over a two week period, with the first week engaging in resilience training, facilitated by Mel Birrell (from Melody's Life Rhythms) and the second week undertaking drug/alcohol awareness training (facilitated by South West Community Drug Services Team). Harvey Ag College is the first school to take a whole school approach to this program, with the organisers hoping to encourage other schools to follow.

Indications after the first group of students completed the two workshops are that the program helps to provide youth with information they can easily access and allowing them to have a better understanding of resilience. It also shows them how to identify strengths within themselves in order to place them in a better position to make good decisions, whilst gaining a more educated understanding on the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol.



It's all about the Fundraising

As part of the education at the WA College of Agriculture – Harvey, the residential staff are involving students in community activities after hours and encourage them to participate in raising money and awareness for a number of charities.

Over the last 4 years the Harvey Ag College has been sponsoring an Ethiopian child through World Vision, raising money throughout the year by way of holding school discos and students are constantly donating their small change at the after school canteen.

Students are involved in many charity fundraising events throughout the year. They have previously participated in the Relay for Life, Light the Night, Rotary-Lions Southwest Bike Trek, World's Greatest Shave and National Bandanna Day. The students are always looking at what they can be involved in next and never shy away from volunteering their time.

As part of the Equine program last year, students had the opportunity over a number of weeks to attend the Riding for the Disabled at Camp Mornington to work with people who have a variety of disabilities.

Recently students were involved in the Annual Salvation Army –Red Shield Appeal, rattling tins outside the local shops in Harvey. This week students also participated in a school fundraiser for “Kiss Goodbye to MS”, where they had to wear red lipstick for the day and donate a gold coin. On the 7th of September students will be involved in the Footy Colours Day raising money for the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Staff at the College are proud of how each year students are willing to be involved in fund raising and giving up their time in doing so. The College believes young people need to be reminded of how fortunate they are with their health and opportunities, and are encouraged to help where they can.



Ryan O'Neil, Megan Lodding, Jayden Chapman, Brett Lavender, Stuart Rae, Bradley Brookes, Kyle Peck, Lauren Tucci, Katie Drust & Darcey Yates



Kyle Peck & Bradley Brookes both had fun shaking the tins



Kiss Goodbye to MS

On Thursday the 24th of May it was Kiss Goodbye to MS, where students could wear red lipstick for the day for a donation. That night a lady named Miranda Bowman came to do a talk to all the students about the disease. It was a great talk and we all learnt so much. A lot of questions were asked and we all received a lot of freebies: hats, golf balls, pens, bags and teddy bears.

All up it was a great day and we raised over \$83.

By Ryan O'Neil (Northam) Yr 11



Maddie Ryan, Katie Drust, Leah Haworth, Mariah Fishwick, Jessie Evans, Tahlia Jackson, Abbey Jackson, Megan Lodding, Ms Hill, Brooke Kau and Bec Taylor

The Year 10 and 11 student leaders left school at 6.30am on Friday the 25th May and headed up to Perth for the World Vision World Leaders Convention. This convention was about team work and learning how World Vision helps out. At the beginning of the day our group was split up and put into groups with other schools, we had to work together to beat other teams. We learnt how the 40 Hour Famine helps those that can't help themselves and how they raise money.

It was a great day. Thanks to Chappo and Mrs Rae for taking us up.

By Bradley Brookes (Dardanup) Yr 11



Bradley Brookes, Stuart Rae & Megan Lodding

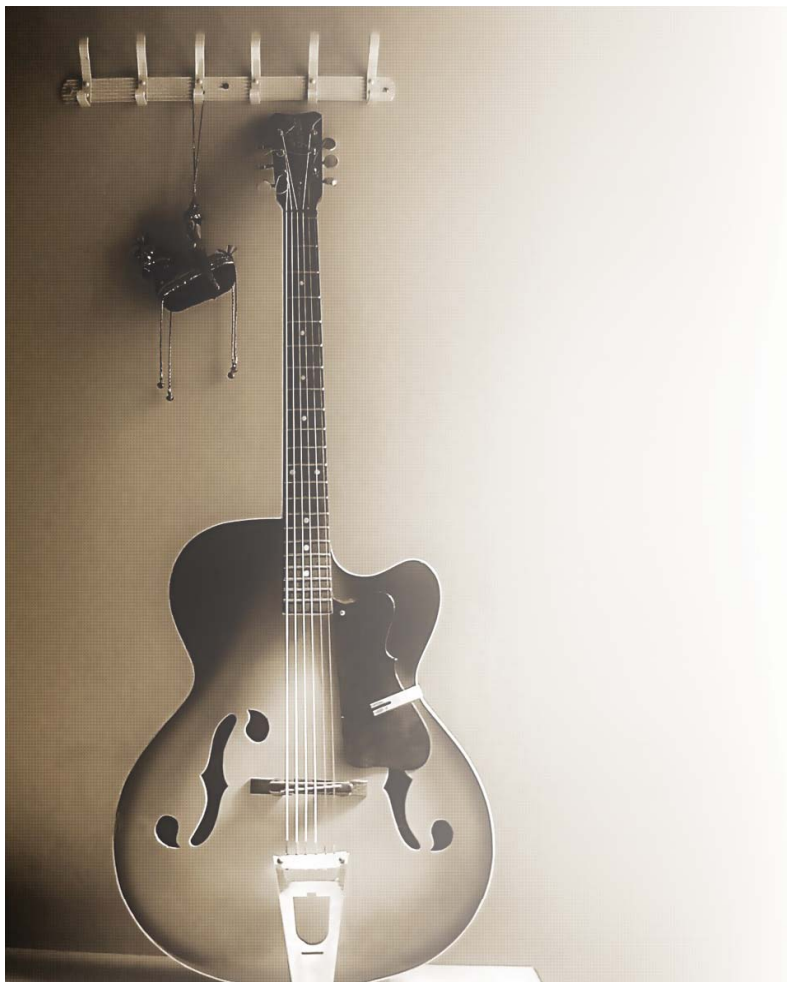


Kyle Peck, Megan Lodding, Stuart Rae, Bradley Brookes, Ryan O'Neil, Katie Drust & Mrs Rae



.....and had to put this one in!!!

“Life”



As we grow,
our lives change.
We learn to trust,
and we learn to love.
But when we hit an age,
we run into the wall,
of law and rules.

Our parents tell us,
that we shouldn't hold back.
We should keep pushing forward
and never give up.
They tell us not to be afraid
and never show fear.
But getting older is scary,
how can we not show fear.

The school years are the worst.
Going through the rumours
and getting lost in life.
We start to think to ourselves,
how did our parents get through this?
And yet, we got no clue on what to do,
or say to keep safe.

In our day and age,
we are told too much to take in.
But the main message is,
keep your head up,
look forward and never look back.
But most important,
never regret anything,
because at one stage,
it was exactly what you wanted.

By Mariah Fishwick (Australind) Yr 11

Open Day



The Harvey Agricultural College Open Day was held on Saturday the 26th May at the Wokalup farm, with wonderful weather to show case what the College has to offer. This year the public had the opportunity to see projects that students have been working on since being in the world class trade facilities. There was a great deal of interest in the progress of the new college, which is due to be completed by the 11th October 2012. This will allow staff to plan for the transition of students for the beginning of Term 4 this year.

The weather is always a lottery draw for such a large outdoor event to be held in May, even though we need the rain desperately, the spring weather drew a large number visitors. It is estimated there were between 500-600 people visiting the College throughout the day, taking the opportunity of a bus tour or simply to walk around the farm.

With produce for sale, the famous E-Buy auction, the chance to watch the sheep being shorn, cows being milked, the students showing their heifers or the equine students displaying their riding skills, there was something for everyone.

Mr Mark Stowell from South West Isuzu presented the keys for a new CASE IH tractor to Principal Mr Neale Armstrong. Mrs Nola Marino MP and Mr Geoff Moyle, Director of Agricultural Education were both guests attending the Open Day and took the opportunity to view student activities and speak to both staff and students.



Open Day Pics



Wool Tour Yr 11 TER

The Year 11 TER students had the opportunity to attend the Wellards' Sheep Depot, Australian Wool Testing Authority and Landmark in Spearwood on the 31st of May.

Mr Gelmi took the students to visit the various businesses involved in the selling of the College's wool clip on the day. Students had the chance to view the College wool on the show floor and discuss the likely outcome of the sale with the broker.

Each site visited provided an insight into the career prospects currently available.



Shearing Shed

Towards to the end of the term, a group of students had the opportunity to have a sleep over at the shearing shed on the Wokalup farm. Residential staff took the students up to the shed on the Saturday night, where they cooked tea, stood around the bonfire and slept in their swags on the shearing shed floor. After a hearty breakfast, they all returned to the College on Sunday morning.



Thankyou to the residential staff.



Skye Fanderlinden & Courtney Holmes



Ashley Williams



Aden Scott, Skye Fanderlinden, Tyrone Turner & Courtney Holmes

Alcoa Community Award (Catch them being good)

Congratulations to Scott Mauger who was awarded the "Catch them being good" - Alcoa Community Award on Monday 19th June. As the College has been involved in various programs through Lot 208 in Australind, residential staff were asked to nominate a student who has shown great community spirit around the College. Scott Mauger was recognised for his achievement and received a Certificate and \$50 voucher.

Well done to Scott.



Josh Sheehan

On the 19th of June Josh Sheehan, a former student at Harvey Ag in 2002-3, took the opportunity to come to the College to talk to us about his motor cross career. How he set his goals really high, because he wanted to be the best.

Josh talked about the different bikes he has ridden and how Travis Pastrana has always been his idol. He never thought he would have the chance to ride with him, but now he rides and trains with him.

Josh talked about the competitions he has been in and how he gets more confident with each ride and with practicing his tricks. Speaking about how many injuries he has had from broken wrists, to fractured collarbones and last year breaking his neck - which he is still recovering from. Also how he is the only person in the world that can do a double back flip successfully all the time.

Josh travels the world, but is based in Donnybrook on his family farm. His main sponsor being Red Bull.

By Chris Arkwright (Yr 11)



Visitors to the College



Sharyn O'Neill, Logan Hair & Sam Gentle

Throughout the year we have seen a lot of visitors take a tour of the new College. Sometimes its contractors and builders, sometimes dignitaries or otherwise it is people showing interest in how the College is progressing. Principal Neale Armstrong is always the College tour guide, proudly showing what is being created at Wokalup.

In the middle of June, Sharyn O'Neill, Director General, Department of Education and Training paid the site a visit and with the help of Sam Gentle and Logan Hair, Neale took her for a tour of the College. Not before, we captured this photo.



Discrimination Forum

The College is regularly trying to increase students' knowledge by exposing them to things that are happening in our society and how it is best to deal with these issues.

On the 22nd June, Mr Watt organised for a Steve Goodall from the Equal Opportunity Commission to attend the College to talk to staff and students in building awareness and understanding about human rights.



Alcoa Excursion - Practical Students

As part of the Practical stream for Year 11 and 12's, students are going out to various work sites to see what their options are for the future. On the 21st of June, students along with Ms Wood, Mr Higgenbottom and Mrs Monks attended Alcoa at Wagerup to have a look around the site.



Left: Kyle Marriott, Blake Pouw-Bray, Logan Hair, Brendan Perry, Dylan Stevens, Craig Hawley, Sam Gentle, Scott Mauger & Jordan Crosbie

Belt Up Cup

On Wednesday the 20th and 27th of June the Harvey Ag football team went to Bunbury to play two games on both days.

We departed the school at 2.30pm, on arriving at Hay Park ready for our first game against Bunbury Catholic College. It was a good game, everyone played well, we even had a win. The second game we played against Newton Moore, they were a really good side. We couldn't keep up with them, and they won.

The next two games were played in the second week. The first was against Australind Senior High School and the second was against Bunbury Senior High School, we lost both.



Back: Ryan O'Neil, Robert Fitzgerald, Zeehan Vale, Harrison Ahmat, Alex Yoxall, Mr Murnane, Brett Lavender, Jayden Chapman, Gary Shawcross, Corey Bailey, Jake Nikander, Stephen Coad, Joel Wood. Front: Hudson Bombara, Alex Zimmer, Brendan Perry, Scott Mauger, Chris Evans, Damian Delaney, Samuel Zygadlo and Chris Arkwright

By Damian Delaney (Yr 11) Busselton

Muresk Excursion - TER students

On the 2nd and 3rd of July, students in the TER and VET classes had the opportunity to attend an excursion in relation to the course they are completing at the College.



Rebecca Beach, Callum Thornton, Georgia Crossman, Hudson Bombara

World Vision Visitors

On the 26th of June, a group of young people entered the dining room as we ate dinner. We looked cautiously at them while we sat.

A man stood before us, introducing himself as Darren, and told us a little bit of his background. Turns out Darren was from Perth and had a job for a radio station. He explained to us how his job was rewarding and creative. He seemed to be a very casual and normal guy to start with, not a lot of exciting things to say. But as Darren's story progressed, he told of his experiences of going to Cambodia, he was fascinated at how the Cambodians lived opposed to the modern luxuries he was used to in Australia.



Whilst on his journey in Cambodia, Darren met a family who earned just enough money to survive. "It is a common story for these people", he had explained to us. "So many people are confined to a life of poverty". He then explained his liking for this particular family and on returning to Australia thought about their struggling lifestyle.

Darren continued his job at the radio station, but felt unsettled about what he had seen in Cambodia. So many people living in a country where there seems to be no hope for them. "I want to help, but what can I do?" he asked.

One year on from his first visit to Cambodia, Darren returned, this time with a video camera and an open heart to want to help. He had been told that the family he had previously met had lost their only source of income (the husband's motorcycle that he drove into the city each day to earn money as a taxi motorcyclist). Also the owners of the land they were paying off was going to be taken from them unless they paid it off. Darren found out to buy the land, it would cost \$1500. In his despair to try and help the family, he collected \$1500 from some mates. When he returned to Cambodia he donated the money so they then could buy the land and begin to get their life back on track.

The happiness that Darren felt by helping this family in such a small way, drove his passion to join full time as a youth ambassador for World Vision. Once joining, he travelled back to Cambodia (with his camera in hand) and interviewed a number of families in different villages. As Darren explored more into their culture and lifestyle, the more he began to appreciate his own life. Darren explained that because of the lack of money and health services available, if a limb was injured, they would simply cut it off. He was (and so was I) fascinated at how such a curable thing could be treated in such countries.

It really opens your eyes at how lucky we all are to live in Australia. When he finished speaking, a lady named Courtney told us of her experiences.

Courtney told us about a girl that she met whilst visiting Ethiopia. This young girl and her mother, who was terminally ill with HIV, lived in a small one bedroom house with six other people. Their beds were dirt compounds on the ground! The girl's mother worked with a conservationist group who help preserve land to regain some beauty in such harsh drought covered country. After she finished work, she would go home and do braids for people for small change.

I was absolutely amazed when Courtney said that this mother would only earn 80c a day! The life of the young girl was also hard, she would help do all the domestic duties such as caring for the 2 year old baby (who just recently passed away) and would walk 15kms to collect 10 litres of water. This girl was only 8 years old. She was exhausted and was all skin and bone. In fact her only meal for two days was a piece of bread for dinner and nothing else. After hearing these stories and the way of life for these people, I couldn't help but feel despair for them.

We are so lucky to be Australian. Without realising it, there are millions of people living in poverty with not a chance of hope, while we busily carry on with our perfect lives. No one deserves to suffer in life and with the help of caring and considerate people, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

To help make poverty become history and restore the lives of millions of people around the world who are not as fortunate as ourselves, join us in doing any of the following:

- ** 40 Hour Famine - give up something that is very important to you for 40 hours.
For more information visit www.worldvision.org.au
- ** Sponsor a Child - sponsor a child with World Vision to give children a better chance of a rewarding future.
- ** Donate - donate to World Vision or similar organisation to make a difference.
- ** Become a volunteer - give up some time and join an organisation such as World Vision.
- ** Teach others - The more people who know about these problems, the better chance we have to get support and help people living in poverty. Tell friends, teachers, organise committees, etc. Let your voice be heard!!

I hope this article has helped inspire you to want to make a difference. No matter how insignificant and unable to help you may feel, every bit helps. So dig deep and support a good cause.

VET Excursion - SW TAFE, DBC & HaVe Cheese

Students in the VET classes of all three years visited the SW TAFE, had a look around the Dardanup Butchering Company and then on the way home they called in to HaVe Cheese in Wokalup. Harrison Ahmat shared his afternoon tea and milkshake with the camel in residence.



Harrison Ahmat, Jacob Chandler & Bradley Brookes



Lauren Tucci, Amanda McDonald, Gary Shawcross & Hayden Knoll



Jordan Crosbie, Jake Nikander & Teagan Campbell

How drink driving or speed can change your life in an instance. On the 27th June Year 12 Harvey Ag students once again had the chance to get a glimpse into the realities of risky behaviour thanks to PARTY - Prevention of Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth.

Students get an insight into how risky behaviours can cause serious injuries, they also had access to areas of the hospital such as the Emergency Department, High Dependency Unit- areas they would not be in unless as a patient.

The program is well received by students, with it being a reality check to young people thinking they are invincible and having the mentality of "it will never happen to me".



Country Week



Country Week Results

Soccer - D Division - 2nd
Touch Rugby - C Division - 3rd
Netball - E Division - 4th
Basketball - E Division - 5th

Well done to all students who competed at this year's Country Week.



Netball



Basketball



Touch Rugby



Soccer

Country Week - Run Down

Congratulations to the 41 students who represented WACoA Harvey at Country Week 2012 which was held in Perth last term. WACoA Harvey, competed in Touch Rugby, Soccer, Boys Basketball and Girls Netball.

We had some excellent results, especially in the Soccer, where Year 12 student Rhys Mounsey scored over 20 goals during the tournament. Captain Charlie Hawkins was outstanding in defence and always looked for opportunities to attack, scoring a number of goals himself.

The team was outstanding in every game and with only 2 goals scored against us before the Grand Final, the team looked on course to win the competition. The experience of Hayden Knoll, Scott Mauger, Charlie Hawkins and Rhys Mounsey lifted the spirit of the team and helped the team gel together with wins against Kalgoorlie Boulder, Mount Barker, Pinjarra and Eaton.

Unfortunately the team couldn't repeat their excellent performances in the Final and we lost 3-1 to Kalgoorlie Boulder who we had beaten 2-0 the day before. The Soccer team were humble in defeat and showed an outstanding attitude and work ethic. A big thank you to Mr Spragg from Harvey Senior High School and Mr Higgenbottom for training with us in the weeks leading up to Country Week.

In Touch Rugby, we were unable to hold on to our winner's crown from last year as we lost to Katanning and drew with Ocean Forrest so only made the 3rd v 4th play off. In this match we competed well and outclassed our opponents to take the 3rd place result. Well done to all the players who trained hard over the course of Term 2, leading up to Country Week, and a huge thank you to the girls in the team who had to play most of the week without a substitute. Jessie Evans, Leah Haworth, Michaela Gosby and Emma Rear.

In Girls Netball, Mrs Tupaea coached the team both in the local Harvey competition as well as at Country Week. The girls produced some good results at Lords and the fact that the Netball was played away from all the other sports venues, meant that the other students were unable to support the girls while they played. They did however make the 3rd v 4th play off final but couldn't repeat their good work with a narrow loss to come 4th overall.

In Boy's Basketball, Mr Senbergs coached the team and the boys showed steady improvement during the course of the week. We managed to get a win by the end of the week and held our own in the 5th v 6th place final, to finish in 5th place overall.

A big thankyou to all the staff who helped out over the course of the week and thankyou to each and every student who competed this year, for their excellent behaviour and participation.

Cyber Bullying

The College had the opportunity to have Mrs Nola Marino MP attended the College on Thursday the 2nd August for a talk on Cyberbullying. The school was split into two groups making it a more personal talk and easier for students to ask questions. Cyberbullying is a very real topic in our society today with many young people being affected, as technology allows people to be contacted and bullied by many different online communications.

The students were very attentive and were advised on ways to eliminate this type of bullying occurring and what help can be sought if this does occur. The talk also made students aware of what is classified as Cyberbullying, and what can happen if you are found to be the one doing the bullying. Statistics are alarming of the amount of people, adult or child, who are victimised by this type abuse.

The logo features the word "STOP" in large, bold, white capital letters, each letter contained within a colored circle: 'S' in red, 'T' in orange, 'O' in yellow, and 'P' in green. To the right of these circles, the word "Cyberbullying" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font.

Congratulations to Ryan O'Neil

One of our Year 11 Councillors, Ryan O'Neil, was very busy organising fundraising for various charities throughout the year.

Ryan organised a Jeans for Genes Day raising around \$170.00 for the Children's Medical Research Institute. He also organised a collection for MS earlier this year and arranged for a person suffering Multiple Sclerosis to come and talk to the student body one evening.

We applaud Ryan for his community spirit.



The ABC Visit Year 11 TER Students



Throughout the year students get the opportunity to listen to guest speakers either attending the College or travelling off site. This can happen at the farm, trades, residence or class.

The Year 11 students had a visit from the ABC to talk to them during class.

Mr Gann, Samuel Zygadlo, Leah Haworth, Nicholas Hardie, ABC visitors, Jessie Evans, Jillian Linning

Year 10 Manjimup Ag Excursion

On the 16th of August, the Year 10's all went on an excursion to the Manjimup Department of Agriculture to have a look at careers that Agriculture offers. We all went with Mr Howell and Mr Watt and split into two groups for the activities. Before it all started we had a talk from three guest speakers, two of whom have been involved in agriculture farming and science, the other works with food economics.

The lady who talked about food economics told us about how agriculture is changing and they are developing futuristic inventions that could change everything. We had to do a few activities which included things like; soil acidity testing, viewing the shearing shed and we saw all the apple trees they use for testing, at the moment they are trying to find the next "BIG" apple.

At the end of the day a student from each group was chosen for a prize. Michaela Gosby and I received the award for our group. All in all, we had a good day.

By Kaitlin Drust (Yr 10) Bridgetown



We Finally got IPS

At last the College has been appointed as an Independent Public School for the start of 2013 school year.

Mr Forbes (the College Council Chair) and Mr Armstrong attended the launch at the University Club in August, where the Premier Mr Colin Barnett, Minister for Education, Mr Peter Collier (pictured on left) and the Director General Ms Sharyn O'Neil (pictured on right) were involved in the presentation.



Hon Peter Collier, Mr Forbes, Mr Armstrong & Ms O'Neill

College Ball

The theme of the ball was the Titanic, with Mrs Fimmano and Mrs Hickman, as usual making a fantastic effort to portray the theme. They looked great in their life jackets and mini Titanic ships.

The red carpet lead to an entry photo, the first one of many for the evening. Teagan Campbell and Jayden Chapman opened the proceedings and the feast began around 7pm. The Peel Football Club put on a good spread and many went back for more.

Throughout the rest of the night Maverick Photography, who have supported us for the last 10 years, took some excellent photographs in many poses.

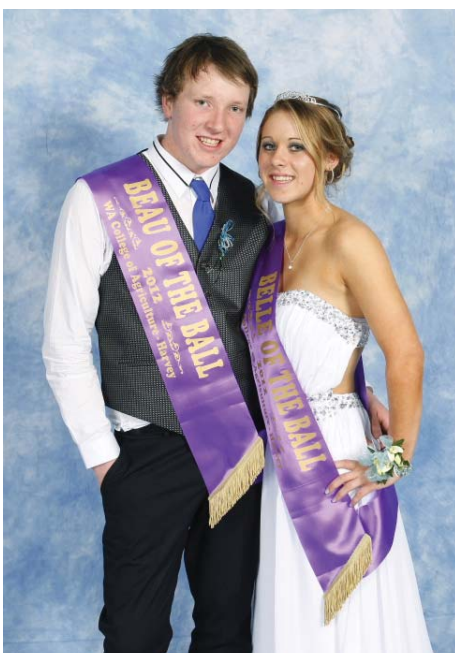
The blue decor was ideal for the Titanic theme, only the helium balloons "sank", but this did not detract from the display.

The ticket prizes were announced and the ball committee was thanked with gifts. Mrs O'Shaughnessy was thanked for all her hard work and support. Shannon Smith was the "Best Dressed Guest" in her yellow gown. "Best Dressed Students" Year 10's were Kyle Peck and Courtney Holmes, Year 11's were Jesse Evans and Ryan O'Neil. "Cutest Couple" was awarded to Lauren Tucci and Ben Smart.

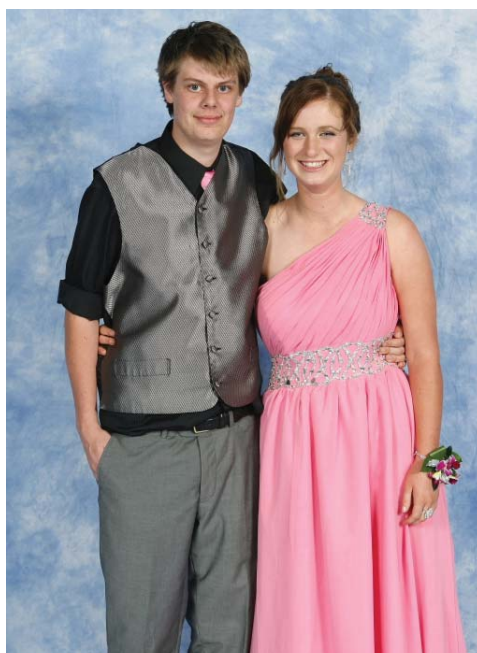
The "Belle and Beau of the Ball" were Amanda McDonald and Brett Lavender.

A great celebration was had by all and the Titanic herself would be happy with the tribute.

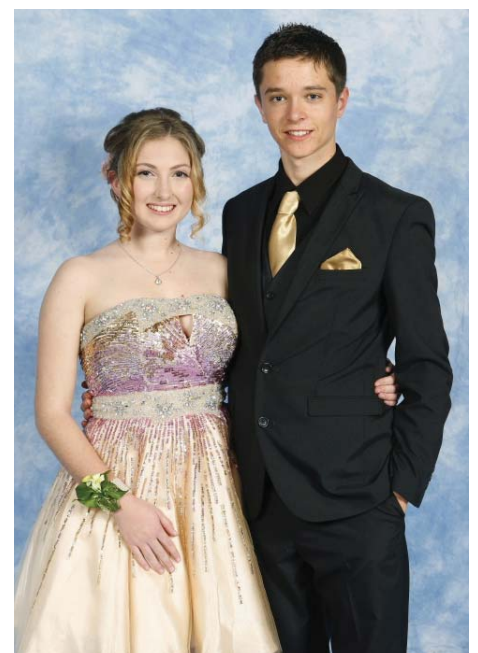
By Amanda McDonald (Esperance) Year 12



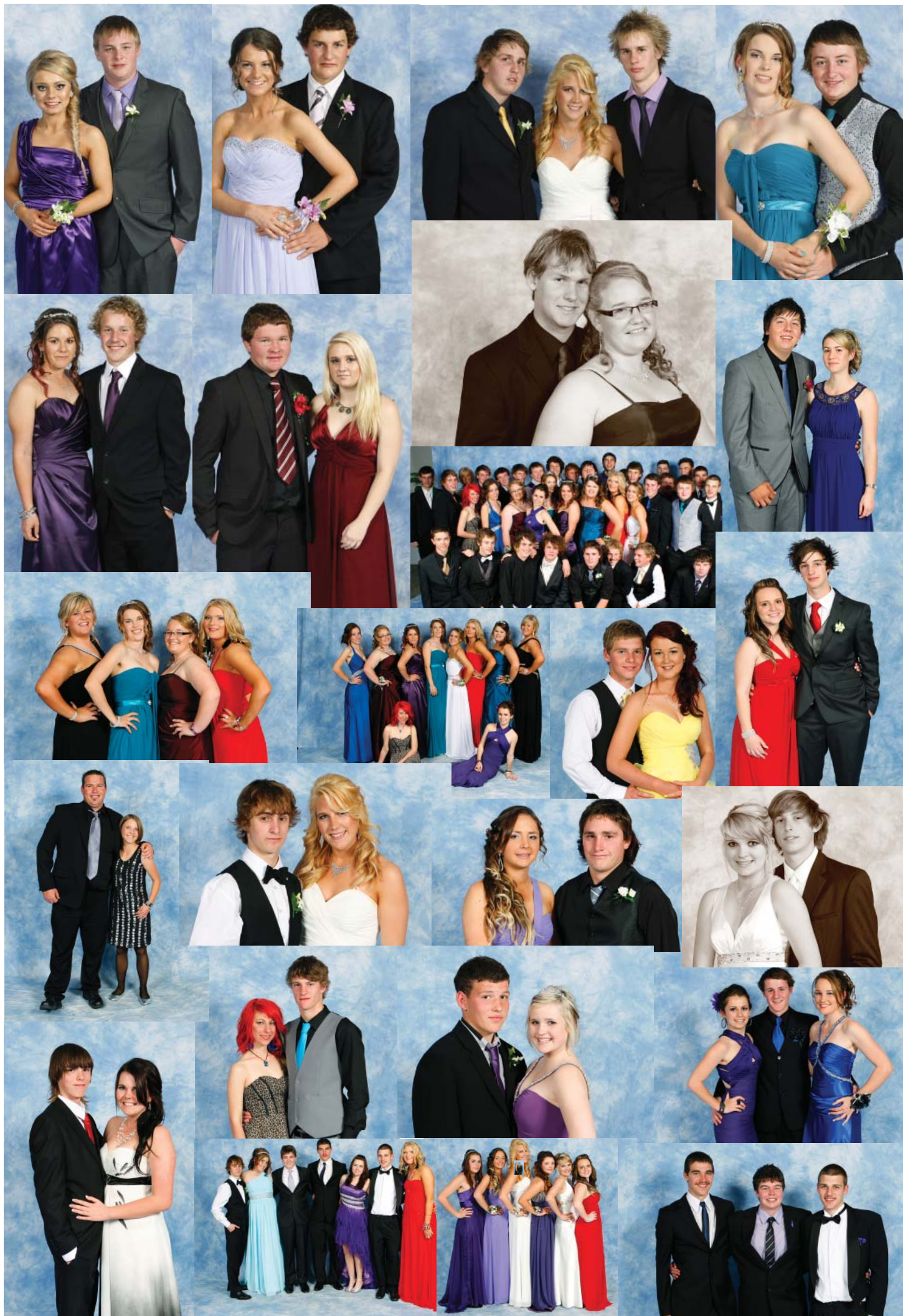
Brett Lavender & Amanda McDonald



Matt Eggleston & Courtney Holmes



Ben Snell & Olivia Watson



Final Part Of The P.A.R.T.Y. Program

For the final part of the P.A.R.T.Y Program this year, students had the chance to listen to guest speakers who spoke about "Making choices and how to assess the risks".

One of the speakers has been confined to a wheel chair for the last 5 years after an accident occurred at a friend's 40th birthday party. Paul spoke of how he was waiting to say goodbye to his cousin, who was bouncing on an underground trampoline, when an intoxicated party goer pushed him onto the trampoline and his cousin landed on him breaking his neck. It may have been a freak accident, but could have been prevented by being more aware of the surroundings.

It was a very inspirational talk given by Paul, describing his trials and determination in getting to where he is today.



Well done to Shaye Serna-Pastor

On the 16th of August I left Perth airport for Brisbane to attend a polocrosse carnival in Warwick in Queensland. My role was that of a member of an Australian exhibition team. There were two under sixteen Australian teams with representatives from most states in Australia. The team I played for ended the weekend being undefeated, winning all three games.

At the tournament Luk Puglia, the other WA Representative and myself were the only people to ride borrowed horses which we trailed only a few hours before our first game. It took a while to adjust to the different quality of horse, but they were good.

Overall it was a wonderful experience and a great opportunity to meet new people and compete at such a high level of competition that isn't offered anywhere else.



Bottom right - Shaye

By Shaye Serna-Pastor (Yr 11) Gidgegannup

Dowerin Field Day

Congratulations to the Year 12 fencing team Logan Hair, Brett Lavender, Daryl McDonald and Steven Elson, who finished a very close second to Morawa at the Dowerin Fencing Competition this year.



Logan Hair, Brett Lavender, Daryl McDonald, Steven Elson



College Dinner



Year 12's

On the 14th September, about 140 guests, including Year 12 students and staff were treated to a wonderful evening at the College.

Our brilliant catering department produced a magnificent sequence of courses to match our Diamond Jubilee theme. Mrs Hickman and Mrs Fimmano led a spectacular group of people to decorate the hall in Royal colours. Students looked resplendent in formal attire and many guests attending, commented on the students' behaviour and friendly attitude. One of our best ever, to farewell the James Stirling site.

Thankyou to all for a most memorable evening.



Matt Eggleston, Craig Hawley, Jordie Gosbie, CJ Evans, Rhys Mounsey & Jake Nikander - watching the football West Coast v Collingwood



The chicken dance



Right: Jess Potter, Teagan Campbell, Erin Hooton, Brooke Kau, Lauren Tucci, Melissa Foster & Amanda McDonald

Left: Taig Christie, Brodie Lange, Jillian Linning, Zeehan Vale, Tahlia Jackson, Ash Williams, Courtney Holmes



What students are doing away from the College

Southern Capes Motorcycle Club



Trent Dawson

Jack Gerrard



Looks like all Sam Gentle does whilst on holidays is fish!



Fremantle Prison Tour

In the afternoon of Friday the 21st of September we packed the coach and headed to Kelmscott. On arrival we set up our bedding and cooked dinner.

We then drove around Fremantle to have a look around, then went to the Fremantle prison for our tour. At 9.15pm we started the tour, the history was interesting, a little scary walking around in the dark but it was cool to see how prisoners lived and how they spend their day.

When the tour finished we drove back to Kelmscott and went to bed. The next morning before heading back to Harvey, we went shopping.

Thanks to Mr Murnane and Mr and Mrs Nepe, it was a great weekend.

By Melissa Foster (Yr 12) Boddington



Wokalup Organic Farm Tour



On the 25th September, the Year 11 TER Plants class went to the organic beef farm field day on a local farm in Wokalup. The entire day was about a better future of organic farming, with a few guest speakers sharing information and stories for not only our class but other organic farming associations.

It was a great day and a great opportunity to learn.

By Georgia Crossman (Yr 11) Boddington



Year 12's Testing the Boat



With all the rain around the farm, Mr Kenny and Year 12 students Erin Hooton, Blake Rumsley, Jarred Simpson, Scott Mauger & Logan Hair went out to test their boat.

Good for a laugh!



Year 11 Prac Excursion

We had an excursion to the Harvey Cheese factory, where we were greeted by Mr St Duke who explained how the cheese was made, the difference between the cheeses, how they are stored and who they are sold to. There are many flavours added to the cheeses, even camembert. Mr St Duke even made a special chocolate and cheese demonstration for a client.

The information about the cheese making was interesting and easy to follow. Mr St Duke also explained how they make yoghurt.

We enjoyed a BBQ on site and tasted toasted cheese. The food was great and Mr St Duke and the staff made it a very enjoyable and informative excursion. We tasted ice-cream made on site in different flavours and it was good to know the milk for all of them came from Harvey Ag.

From Harvey Cheese we went to Harvey Fresh where we got to climb the big orange. "What a great view".

Thanks to Ms Wood, Mrs Monks and Chappo for making it possible.

By Brendan Perry (Yr 11) Serpentine

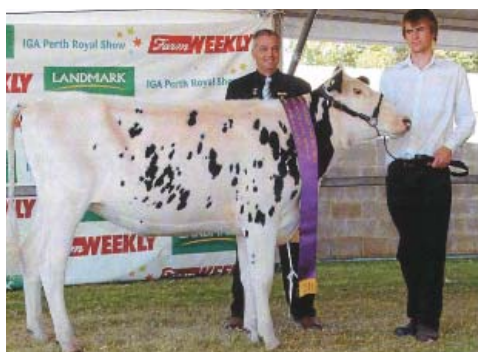


Alex Zimmer

Royal Show Photos



Tahlia McSwain place third in the state junior dairy judging competition



Steven Elson holds the junior champion interbreed dairy female



Sam Gentle



Sam Gentle & Daryl McDonald - accepting the award for the champion heavyweight carcass

Royal Show Run-Down

The Perth Royal Show was well represented by the students of the WA College of Agriculture – Harvey this year in various events. The show commenced with 3 teams from the College competing on Thursday 27th September in the Farm Skills Competition. This competition is run over the day with students competing against other colleges and schools in a number of events at the Perth Royal Show Grounds.

The events include Fencing Construction, Pressing/Branding a Bale of Wool, Tractor Driving, GPS Tracking, Sheep Mouth Drenching/Drafting/Weighing, Merino Sheep Appraisal, Prime Lamb Appraisal, Wool Appraisal, Cutting Steel, Welding, Chemical Safety and First Aid.

The College saw wonderful results with the Year 12 Team winning their event and coming 3rd Overall and the Year 11 team winning their event. The College was very pleased with how the students represented the College. Well done to the Year 10 students for their first time competing at the Royal Show.

Harvey came 2nd in the Agricultural Colleges and School Competition

Farm Skills - 3 Teams

Fencing - 1st and 2nd
Pressing - 2nd
Sheep Drafting/Mouthing - 2nd and 3rd
Tractor Diving - 3rd
Welding - 3rd in cutting
Prime Lamb Judging - 2nd and 3rd
Chemical calibration - 2nd
First Aid - 3rd
GPS/Weed ID - 2nd and 3rd

Student Beef Paraders

Champion Parader - Sam Gentle

Dairy Cattle Paraders

Junior Parader - 2nd Emma Rear
Senior Parader - 1st Tahlia McSwain, 2nd Nicole Warner, 3rd Ryan O'Neil and 4th Michaela Gosby

State Young Judges (FCAS)

Dairy Cattle - 3rd Tahlia McSwain

Wool (4 entries)

Grand Champion Farmers Fleece
Champion Ultra Fine Fleece
Overall Champion Fleece - Zone 4

Merino Sheep (4 entries)

Poll Merino Fine Wool - 2nd
Poll Merino Fine Wool - 3rd

Trade Cattle (8 entries)

Reserve Champion Lightweight Steer - on the hoof
Champion Heavyweight Steer - on the hook

Dairy Cattle

Supreme Junior Champion All Breeds Dairy Female - (Lead by Steven Elson)
Most Successful Exhibitor
Class 30 - 1st and 3rd
Class 32 - 2nd
Class 33 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd
Class 34 - 1st
Class 35 - 1st
Junior Champion Heifer
Reserve Grand Champion Female
All Australian Calf Class - 1st, 3rd and 4th

Overall the Royal Show was a very successful event. Gaining 2nd place in the Agricultural College and Schools Competition means the College performed very well over a wide range of events as an open exhibitor.

Leah Haworth, Tahlia McSwain, Daryl McDonald and Brooke Kau represented the College in the State Judging/Parading events under FCAS (Federal Council of Agricultural Societies) and did a great job.



PISCE Program



Nicholas Hardie Tahlia McSwain

Winners of the PISCE Industry Placement Travelling Scholarship program were announced this week, with 2 students from the Harvey Ag College receiving scholarships.

Nicholas Hardie from Falcon and Tahlia McSwain from Busselton, along with 11 other students selected from other WA Agricultural Colleges and surrounding schools were awarded this outstanding opportunity.

During the Christmas holidays both these students will have the opportunity to attend a five day Industry Work Placement in the industry of their choice alongside scientists, researchers and industry professionals.

This will then be followed by a five day Residential Camp at Curtin University where

they will undertake a range of different primary industry workshops and have the opportunity to interact with lecturers and learn about current research.

At the end of the two weeks both students will have the opportunity to share their experiences with fellow students, teachers and University mentors.

Both students were also successful in being awarded a week's placement at an interstate university. Nicholas will be visiting the University of New England (NSW) and Tahlia will visit the University of Tasmania, both being funded by the Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA).

PISCE's primary focus is to encourage and promote career opportunities available in science-based primary industries and to encourage students to take their expertise back to rural and regional areas.

Cricket Match

Once again Mr Pfitzner organised a school cricket match, with students and staff forming two teams to play a friendly game down at the Harvey Primary School. There was a lot of bantering going on from the sideline with Mr Pfitzner trying his hardest to put off the batters.

Mr Howell and Mr Gelmi did a brilliant job with the umpiring throughout the game. Jayden Chapman was the star wicket keeper taking or attempting to take some specky catches from behind. Mr Pfitzner and Gary Shawcross were smashing the ball around the ground, with 4's and 6's. Damian Delaney padded up, probably a little overkill, to face the fast bowlers (what he thought was fast anyway). Mr Murnane took to batting after not touching a cricket bat for about 50 years (ha, ha). There were a few dodgy decisions made, but all in all it was a fantastic game.



There was some wonderful support from the gallery, with Scott Mauger and Lauren Tucci having their deck chairs set up on the back of a ute. Later in the game, the residential staff arrived with the other students to show support and have a BBQ tea put on by the brilliant kitchen ladies.

Well done to all involved. Without the support of staff and students these after hours activities and games wouldn't happen.



Year 12's Final Hooray

What a fun way for the Year 12 students to end their time at the College with a game of Paintball and a dinner at Hogs Breath Cafe in Mandurah. At lunch time October 25th, the Year 12 students, along with some staff travelled down to "Paintball Down South" in Gelorup for an afternoon of target practice on each other.



By all accounts it sounded like they had a great time, with students ganging up on staff,

making sure they felt like they had the last laugh. From what was said, Mr Gann copped a few cheap shots, especially when all the students start to fire at him at once. He did come out of it a little worse for wear, but so did most people with quite a lot of small bruises. One thing students didn't realise was that Mrs Monks was in the army and she was very skilful in placing herself around the course to make sure she was protected.

Students then finished the day off with an enjoyable meal at Hogs Breath in Mandurah where staff were presented with certificates from the students.



B Hut - for Prosterity



Brunswick Show



Skye Fanderlinden on Dolly

There was a small group of students who participated in this year's Brunswick Show in both the cattle and horse sections.

Skye Fanderlinden dazzled up "Dolly" the College horse to ride her in the Show Hunter class in which she placed 3rd. Skye also entered into a couple of lead classes, they both looked great.

Once again Daryl McDonald and Tahlia Mcswain took their heifers into the ring with both placing in the Senior Cattle Handlers' class, Daryl 1st and Tahlia 2nd.

It is great to see students wanting to participate in local Ag shows and it would be great to see more students wanting to next year.



Daryl McDonald

What are they thinking sometimes?



Sometimes kids just do things when they are not thinking.....like Matt Eggleston. He decided to let some boys give him a haircut! The problem is they didn't get time to finish the job and it was a disaster.

Students are lucky the office ladies are jacks of all trades and can give hair cuts as well.

Matt did however relise he had made a huge mistake, but that didn't stop us from having a little laugh.

Left: Sue Fimmano & Matt Eggleston

Prac Class at the Big Swamp Wildlife Park



Brendan Perry



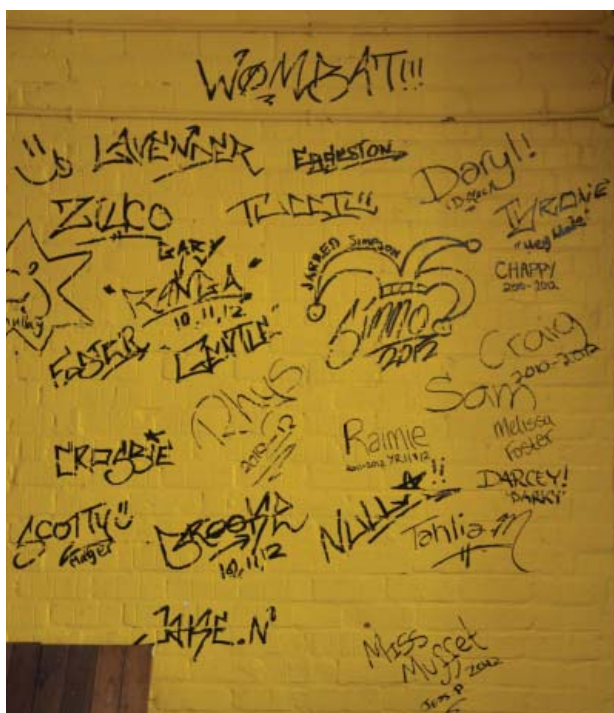
Teliah Stephens



Blake Pouw-Bray

Six students in the Year 11 Prac class attended the Big Swamp Wildlife Park in Bunbury on the 8th of November. The excursion was designed to investigate the natural habitats of native animals and to discuss what impact farming has on them.

We Had Some Talent Amongst Us



Erin Hooton a Year 12 student is an extremely talented artist and over the years whilst Erin was at the College she was always willing to put her talent on paper for us. During the time she has drawn cards for our World Vision child, a canvas for Open Day, the cover of this Magazine and the Year 12 graffiti wall down in the music room at Harvey.



Official Opening of the College

On Friday the 23rd November, the morning before Graduation, the Education Minister Peter Collier officially opened the new College with about 400 invited guests and parents attending. With many guests arriving at 7.30am they were invited to a lovely breakfast served by the kitchen ladies. The official opening was held in a wonderfully transformed gym with guest speaker Julian Krieg reflecting on his time at the College and keeping all guests entertained.

It has been a long process to develop this new site and it was wonderful to see everyone take such an interest in the opening. This year's current students had a taster in what it is like living in the new facilities. So for those students continuing on next year and new students will experience for the first time the benefits in working and living on the same site.

We hope that students will respect the new College and look after it, not just for them, but for students in the future. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience and take advantage of living in new facilities.



South West MLC Nigel Hallett, Education Minister Peter Collier, Mr Neale Armstrong, Ryan O'Neil and Bradley Brookes



Mr Julian Krieg



Education Minister Peter Collier



Presenting the plaque

Graduation



Gary Shawcross receiving the VET Dux Award by Julian Krieg

Following on from the Official Opening, parents and guests stayed on for the Graduation ceremony. Proud parents of the Year 12 students were there to see their child amongst 36 other students, celebrate the completion of their schooling years. Additional to this, students from Year 10 and 11 also received awards and scholarships. Following the ceremony, the kitchen ladies put on a lovely lunch, before students set off on a closed weekend.

Congratulations to all Year 12 students on your graduation. Congratulations has to go to the Year 10 and 11 students who received awards and scholarships. It was great to see all students representing themselves with such pride.



Mr Postans & Jake Nikander



Ryan O'Neil & Mr Hugh Harding



Jarred Simpson & Ian Eckersley



Ali Ferguson, Mark Stowell & Raimie Zilko

Graduation Awards & Scholarships

Scholarships Year 12

Curtin Principal Recommendation Award & ECU Award - *Lauren Tucci*
Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award - *Scott Mauger*
Neville Munns' Memorial Shearing Scholarship - *Scott Mauger*

Scholarships Year 11

Farmwest - *Callum Thornton*
Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award - *Ryan O'Neil*
Alcoa - *Grace Harrison*
Royal Ag Society - *Ryan O'Neil*
AusChem Training WA - *Bradley Brookes*
Friends of HAC Assoc Ex-Students - *Rosie Newnham*
Harvey Agricultural Society - *Callum Thornton*
West & Haggerty & Farmsafe WA Alliance - *Brodie Lange*
Kuzich Irrigation - *Nicholas Hardie*
Piacentini/Michael Holloway Memorial - *Brodie Lange & Zeehan Vale*

Scholarship Year 12

LP & JA Fryer Encouragement Year 10 continuing into Year 11 - *Hudson Bombara*
Harvey Beef & Farm Safe Alliance - *Michaela Gosby*
Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award - *Kaitlin Drust*

Year 10 Awards

Best in Class - *Kaitlin Drust*
Best on Farm - *Zeehan Vale*
Best in D&T - *Zeehan Vale*
Best in Residence - *Robert Fitzgerald*
Highest Attendance for the Year - *Zeehan Vale*

Year 11 Awards

Best in Class - *Callum Thornton*
Best on Farm - *Brodie Lange*
Best in D&T - *Bradley Brookes*
Best in Residence - *Ashley Williams*
Highest Attendance for the Year - *Ashley Williams*

Year 12 D&T Awards

Metals & Engineering - *Brett Lavender*
Automotive - *Steven Elson*
Building & Construction - *Jarred Simpson*
Furnishings - *Rhys Mounsey*
Best in D&T - *Jarred Simpson*

Year 12 Residential Awards

Sportsperson of the Year - *Jake Nikander*
Highest Attendance - *Blake Rumsley & Jayden Chapman*
Rotary Residential Citizenship - *Scott Mauger*

Year 12 Class Awards

Best in Class - *Gary Shawcross*
VET Dux - *Gary Shawcross*



Rosie Newnham



Michaela Gosby with Rick Simpson



Kaitlin Drust



Bradley Brookes



Dom Fazzolari with Callum Thornton

Year 10 Camp - Nanga Mill

Congratulations to all the students and staff at WACoA Harvey who completed the Year 10 camp at Nanga Mill near Dwellingup on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th November.

21 Year 10 students planned and organised the camp as part of an assessment for their course of study for Outdoor Education. Every student completed a 50km Mountain Bike ride along with Mr Watt, Mr Postans and Mr Olney and an 18km bush walk with Mrs Monks, Mr Landwehr, Mrs Boyhan and Ms Wood.

A big thank you to all the staff who took part and thanks to Mr Gann, Mr Whittock and Mr Higgenbottom (Chappo) for driving the back up vehicles which provided us with spare bikes and 1st aid equipment, as well as plenty of water.

The 1st day went well, with the Year 10 students setting up camp at Nanga Mill before heading off for the day's activities. We were fortunate with the weather and every student completed the bush walk or the bike ride and showed excellent determination and teamwork to ensure everyone finished safe and sound before returning to camp for a quick swim in the Murray River.

The Year 10 students then worked in small groups to cook dinner on the BBQ before playing spotlight with Mr Jones and Ms Hill. The day was finished off with some ghost stories underneath the stars before an early night in preparation for the second day's activities.

After waking up to some wet weather, the Year 10's made breakfast and prepared individual lunches for the day before completing the opposite mode of travel from the previous day.

Wednesday's activities were much more difficult due to the severe weather, but the rain and wind didn't stop anyone from completing the Mountain Bike ride or Bushwalk. After a quick stop for Lunch, the students made the long journey back to camp and quickly packed away tents, bikes, swags and BBQ,s before the really bad weather set in. We made it back to Harvey just in time to dry off the tents, wash down the bikes and have a quick shower before dinner.

Well done to every single Year 10 student who took part in the camp. I was really impressed with their efforts in ensuring that every single student completed their assessments and nobody dropped out (the 1st time in my 4 years at WACoA Harvey).

A big thank you to all the staff members involved in the camp, without your help the camp wouldn't have run.

Mr Postans



Zeehan Vale, Luc Sherlock, Adrian Emmott



Kaitlin Drust



You go Mr Olney.....

Year 10 Class Photo



Back: Jacob Dobrich, Kyle Peck, Luc Sherlock, Robbie Banasiak, Adrian Emmott, Hudson Bombara, Cameron Mann, Aden Scott

Middle: Jack Ablett, Cody Greatbatch, Robert Fitzgerald, Zeehan Vale, Trent Dawson, Alex Yoxall, Lachlan MacLeod, Joel Wod

Front: Tarryn Graham, Nicole Warner, Jane Stockwell, Emma Rear, Bec Taylor, Skye Fanderlinden, Courtney Holmes, Kaitlin Drust, Michaela Gosby

Year 11 Class Photo



Back: Ash Willaims, Brodie Lange, Ryan O'Neil, Megan Lodding, Ashlee Lewis, Madeline Ryan, Jules Davey, Taig Christie, Damian Delaney, Blake Pouw-Bray

Second Back: Nicholas Lee, Jillian Linning, Clancy Davey, Callum Thornton, Jacques Webb-Dutton, Kyle Marriott, Kendall Veitch, Alex Zimmer, Kyle Foan

Middle: Jaxson Turner, Matthew Thompson, Bradley Brookes, Jack Gerrard, Jake Varischetti, Stephen Coad, Alexander Booth, Stuart Rae, Chris Arkwright, Shannon Sturrock

Second Front: Samuel Zygadlo, Rachael Hass, Joshua Hynes, Jacob Maw, Samuel Wheeler, Freddie Moore, Corey Bailey, Sam Hull, Brendan Perry, Nicholas Hardie, Ben Smart

Front: Mariah Fishwick, Grace Harrison, Tahlia Jackson, Abbey Jackson, Leah Haworth, Rosie Newnham, Teliah Stephen, Shaye Serna-Pastor, Jessie Evans, Madeline Ross

Year 12 Class Photo



Back: Craig Hawley, Ali Ferguson, Ben Snell, Jacob Chandler, Charlie Hawkins, Logan Hair, Blake Rumsley, Ryan Oates, Jake Nikander
Second Back: Rhys Mounsey, Dylan Stevens, Gary Shawcross, Jordan Crosbie, Steven Elson, Jayden Chapman, Tyrone Turner, Christopher Evans
Second Front: Sam Gentle, Rian Nielsen, Daryl McDonald, Matthew Eggleston, Hayden Knoll, Damian Elson, Jarred Simpson, Scott Mauger
Front: Lauren Tucci, Amanda McDonald, Jessica Potter, Brooke Kau, Tahila McSwain, Melissa Foster, Teagan Campbell, Raimie Zilko, Darcey Yates, Erin Hooton
Absent: Bradley Edmunds, Harrison Ahmat

Year 12 Student Profile



Harrison AHMAT

Nickname: Wombat

Home Town: Mundijong

Ambition in Life: To achieve a excellence in growing roses

Most Memorable Moment: Jam session with Thomo

Most Embarrassing Moment: Mr Murnane walking in on me whilst getting dressed



Teagan CAMPBELL

Nickname: Teagz 4000

Home Town: Port Kennedy

Ambition in Life: To be a princess

Most Memorable Moment: Dinner time conversation about swimming straight

Most Embarrassing Moment: Being blonde

Favourite Saying: Ily



Jacob CHANDLER

Nickname: Chandler

Home Town: Bunbury

Ambition in Life: To be happy

Most Memorable Moment: Dorm life

Most Embarrassing Moment: Mrs Nepe catching me running out of the shower nude

Favourite Saying: Jag ya



Jayden CHAPMAN

Nickname: Chappy

Home Town: Australind

Ambition in Life: To live life to the max

Most Memorable Moment: Mornington fights

Most Embarrassing Moment: Using hair removal cream

Favourite Saying: Ease up turbo



Jordan CROSBIE

Nickname: Frogbery

Home Town: Busselton

Ambition in Life: Butcher

Most Memorable Moment: Breaking my neck

Most Embarrassing Moment: Breaking my neck

Favourite Saying: Big cock up



Matthew EGGLESTON

Nickname: Eggleston

Home Town: Bunbury

Ambition in Life: Army

Most Embarrassing Moment: Getting a stupid haircut on the 22nd October

Favourite Saying: You smiled, I'm off the hook

Year 12 Student Profile



Damian ELSON

Nickname: Damo

Home Town: Karridale

Ambition in Life: Farm work

Most Memorable Moment: The awesome fun I had here

Most Embarrassing Moment: Group showers

Favourite Saying: Not my problem



Steven ELSON

Nickname: Steve

Home Town: Karridale

Ambition in Life: Mechanic

Most Memorable Moment: Lighting a car on fire in auto



Christopher Evans (CJ)

Nickname: The mullet

Home Town: Derby

Ambition in Life: Work and make money

Most Memorable Moment: Getting a mullet

Favourite Saying: Shut up Amanda



Ali FERGUSON

Home Town: Harvey

Ambition in Life: Truck driver



Melissa FOSTER

Nickname: Fossil, Diggel

Home Town: Boddington

Ambition in Life: To follow my dreams

Most Memorable Moment: First weekend in Yr 11, when Raimie and I went swimming in the water trough

Most Embarrassing Moment: First day in Yr 11 Darcey and I getting moved before class even started

Favourite Saying: Winky face!



Sam GENTLE

Nickname: Semi Auto

Home Town: Boyup Brook

Ambition in Life: Be a hit man

Most Memorable Moment: Cooking sausages on the heater

Most Embarrassing Moment: Getting bogged after cutting up behind Mornington

Favourite Saying: oollnneeeey

Year 12 Student Profile



Logan HAIR

Nickname: Logi-Bear
Home Town: Dardanup
Ambition in Life: Contractor
Most Memorable Moment: Pulling Gary off the rack
Most Embarrassing Moment: Getting pinned up by a cow
Favourite Saying: It will be right



Charlie HAWKINS

Nickname: Mushy Man
Home Town: Balingup
Ambition in Life: Growing mushrooms
Most Memorable Moment: Hooking up with Darcey
Most Embarrassing Moment: Getting dacked on Prac
Favourite Saying: Straya/yolo/whatever/loose



Craig HAWLEY

Nickname: Craigyy
Home Town: Kalamunda
Ambition in Life: Spray painter
Most Memorable Moment: Wearing glasses
Most Embarrassing Photo: Slipping on the wood near the pond
Favourite Saying: Yo bro



Erin HOOTON

Nickname: Hooters
Home Town: Yangebup
Ambition in Life: To try everything once
Most Memorable Moment: Farm with Rhys and Jarred
Most Embarrassing Moment: Spelling "talk" wrong in front of Harvey High at Harmony Day
Favourite Saying: Whats crackilakin?



Brooke KAU

Nickname: Brookus, Brookie
Home Town: Waroona
Ambition in Life: To succeed with cattle and horse breeding
Most Memorable Moment: Everyone and everything
Most Embarrassing Moment: Too many things that are too funny
Favourite Saying: Get over it



Hayden KNOLL

Nickname: Camel
Home Town: Lowden
Ambition in Life: To be a builder
Most Embarrassing Moment: Cheese grating my face
Favourite Saying: Ben, shut your mouth

Year 12 Student Profile



Brett LAVENDER

Nickname: Bretty Lav

Home Town: Williams

Ambition in Life: Get a job

Most Memorable Moment: When Lauren thought the sheep carcass was really a small beef carcass

Favourite Saying: awww...come off it!



Scott MAUGER

Nickname: Grotto

Home Town: Bailingup

Ambition in Life: To grow a bigger mullet

Most Memorable Moment: Winning at Wagin

Most Embarrassing Photo: Getting caught tying CJ up

Favourite Saying: Get a mullet



Amanda McDONALD

Nickname: Macca

Home Town: Esperance

Ambition in Life: To be a nun or dump truck driver

Most Memorable Moment: Winning Belle of the Ball 2012

Most Embarrassing Moment: Caught out drinking and smoking

Favourite Saying: Shut up Chappy!



Daryl McDONALD

Nickname: D Mac

Home Town: Mandurah

Ambition in Life: Owning a farm

Most Memorable Moment: Dorm raids in Year 10

Favourite Saying: Mingenew & Rumspringa



Tahlia McSWAIN

Nickname: T-dawg, McSwannga

Home Town: Busselton

Ambition in Life: World International Dairy Judge

Most Memorable Moment: Every moment with Charlie Hawkins

Most Embarrassing Moment: When Brooke & I look outside and see a steer, we run to tell Mr Murnane and take him back to see it, then its was gone when he get there

Favourite Saying: K



Rhys MOUNSEY

Home Town: Coolup

Ambition in Life: To be a millionaire

Most Memorable Moment: Dorm raids

Favourite Saying: Shut up Amanda

Year 12 Student Profile



Rian NIELSEN

Nickname: Nulla
Home Town: Bertram
Ambition in Life: Farm hand
Most Memorable Moment: Shooting Mr Whittock with a BB Gun
Most Embarrassing Moment: Sam waxing my bum



Jake NIKANDER

Nickname: Nikkers, Jakey
Home Town: Busselton
Ambition in Life: Do something memorable
Most Memorable Moment: Took Perry's eyebrow
Most Embarrassing Moment: Jumping into the fish pond
Favourite Saying: No you didn't



Ryan OATES

Nickname: Oatesy
Home Town: Clifton Park
Most Memorable Moment: Crashed the ute
Most Embarrassing Moment: Nudey run in the dorm
Favourite Saying: The Big Oate



Jessica POTTER

Nickname: Miss Muffett
Home Town: Greenbushes
Ambition in Life: To go to University
Most Memorable Moment: Beef with Darcey on my birthday
Most Embarrassing Moment: Skipping along the path at the Rec centre and face planting!
Favourite Saying: She'll be right



Blake RUMSLEY

Nickname: Chook
Home Town: Harvey
Ambition in Life: To become a boilermaker/welder
Most Memorable Moment: Open Day 2012/Weekend Stock 2011



Gary SHAWCROSS

Nickname: Ranga, Blue
Home Town: Nillup
Ambition in Life: Become a Heavy Diesel mechanic/build a glasshouse farm
Most Memorable Moment: Dorm raids and Open Day 2010
Most Embarrassing Moment: Making Sasche's life a see-saw on a rock
Favourite Saying: Shut up Darcey, cool story

Year 12 Student Profile



Jarred SIMPSON

Nickname: Simmo
Home Town: Busselton
Ambition in Life: Billionaire, best burnout driver in Australia
Most Memorable Moment: Watching Jason Cardinal muck around in the dorms
Most Embarrassing Photo: My year 10 licence card
Favourite Saying: Tickle my nanny goat



Ben SNELL

Nickname: Snelly
Home Town: Waroona
Ambition in Life: Become a heavy duty diesel mechanic
Most Memorable Moment: Getting my car
Most Embarrassing Moment: Drinking too much coffee
Favourite Saying: Shut your mouth



Lauren TUCCI

Nickname: Tucci
Home Town: Wooroloo
Ambition in Life: Work for the AFP
Most Memorable Moment: Introducing Raimie to her own brother
Most Embarrassing Moment: Thinking the sheep carcasses at Cunderdin were cows
Favourite Saying: I don't get it



Tyrone TURNER

Nickname: Tyrell
Home Town: Bridgetown
Ambition in Life: To be a heavy diesel mechanic
Most Memorable Moment: Getting kicked out of the house
Favourite Saying: Hey mate, "Auto"



Darcey YATES

Nickname: Darky
Home Town: Wagin
Ambition in Life: Be successful at something one day
Most Memorable Moment: Too many, Mr Gann's class in Year 10
Favourite Saying: Shut up Gary



Raimie ZILKO

Home Town: Coolup
Ambition in Life: To be successful in all my dreams
Most Memorable Moment: When Lauren Tucci introduced me to my brother
Most Embarrassing Moment: Falling off my pony
Favourite Saying: Awww Yeah

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Mrs Fimmano*



To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream,
not only dream, but also believe.

(Anatole France)

Halloween

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