



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



COLLEGE CHRONICLE

EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

An Independent Public School

FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2021

PRINCIPAL - Clare Roser



Dear Families and Friends

As Week 4 draws to a close, I can report things have returned to normal. College activities are back on track and all students have now returned from areas that were subject to restrictions. Our staff have arranged for students to be involved in a number of excursions and activities, both on and off campus.

Events on offer this term include:

- Wagin Woorama – Friday and Saturday March 5-6th
- Narrogin Races – Equine students only, Friday 12th March
- WACoA Sports Carnival – Week 7, weekend
- Year 12 Leadership Camp, Swan Valley - Wednesday-Friday, 24-26th March

Residential staff will be working with me to develop programs for afterhours activities. All residential students are encouraged to provide input into what is to be provided and then to participate in as many as possible.

Excursion Forms

This year we are bound to abide by the updated Excursions and Outdoor Education policies. Parents will have noted a change in the forms being sent out for permissions. You may be feeling overwhelmed by the amount of paperwork you are now required to complete, but this is necessary for us to be in compliance with the current requirements.

We have to include a **Health Care Summary (Form 1)** with every permission form. This only needs to be filled out **if there has been a change** to the information you last provided. If there are no changes, you can return the form with **NO CHANGE** written across it. The staff member in charge of the excursion will then ensure our office staff update your child's medical details.

School Based Meetings

- The Agricultural Advisory Committee were due to meet this Tuesday—this has now been rescheduled to Tuesday 9th March due to the recent Invitation Bull Sale.
- The first School Board meeting was held today.
- P&C Meeting – Monday 1st March 2pm.
- Enrolment Interviews for new students, 2022, will commence this term.

College Expectations

Staff have commented, that in general, student behaviour has been good so far. Unfortunately, some students have chosen to test the boundaries of the Code of Conduct and have received a variety of consequences for their poor choices. WACoA - Narrogin has a zero tolerance to any form of bullying, intimidation or threatening behaviour, be it physical or verbal. Constant inappropriate language, defiance and rudeness are all behaviours we do not want to see, and students can expect to have their parents notified and to lose their Good Standing for a period of time.

On a positive note, I received an email from a parent congratulating our students who recently participated in or were spectators, at last week's basketball game. Our students demonstrated great sportsmanship, volunteered to take on coaching and scoring duties at short notice and were supportive and encouraging of all players, from the sideline. I was also contacted by a community member who was suitably impressed by the manners displayed by students on their shopping trip into town, last week. It is wonderful to see our students representing the College to a high standard when out in the community.

College Uniform

The annual school photos were taken on Wednesday and it was noted that a number of students needed to borrow items of the formal dress uniform. Ties, shirts and pants can be purchased from the Sports Power store in Narrogin, along with the College jacket and hat. Students are required to wear the formal dress uniform for a number of events and the school does not hold multiple items for students to borrow.

The School Board consults on and approves all school uniform items. Please note that the formal uniform pants are to be either black dress pants or black chino pants, NOT black jeans. A number of students were wearing jeans today that were either truly faded to an almost grey colour or were skinny leg and finished above their boots.

We are also seeing an increase in students wearing shorts that are cut well above mid-thigh or have been rolled up. Not only does this increase the amount of skin exposed to the sun when working outside, being an OSH hazard, but would be seen as inappropriate in a regular workplace.

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PRINCIPAL - Clare Roser

Self-Drivers

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child is arriving at school on time and in a healthy state, if they have been away for the weekend. There have been recent incidents where students have arrived after classes have begun and have appeared lethargic and 'out of sorts' and have been denied participation in practical lessons due to safety concerns. Students must have their cars in the student parking area by 8am. Parents will be notified if their child is arriving late or in a concerning state and the privilege of having their car at school will be removed.

Congratulations

Today Mr Pascoe and I were pleased to present Luke Bell with the WAFarmers Agricultural Scholarship. This scholarship recognises students who have a strong interest in the state's agricultural industry and its future, and who wish to be a junior representative for industry promotion. Riley McIlree also received a prize for his efforts in the virtual cattle judging program, organised by Ms Sjollema, last year.

Stay safe and enjoy the long weekend.

Clare

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



Students are settling into the class area quite well and the first round of assessments in individual classes have begun. Class staff are working towards building a culture of high expectations and are encouraging students to do their best. From this perspective, please encourage your child to become involved with College events and make the most of their time here at WACOA Narrogin. Let's work together to support them to achieve a balance, enabling them to perform to the best of their ability in each task they undertake in class.

With OLNA on the horizon for week 5, this may be a stressful time for some students and there are support programs in place to assist students to navigate this round of assessments. There will be some shuffling of the Year 10 class structures over the next week, which will be implemented during week 5. If you have any queries around how these movements may affect your child, please don't hesitate to contact me or Mr Argeat.

*Miss Leanne Sjollema
Head of Teaching and Learning
12 ATAR/11 GEN Animal Production Systems*

YEAR 11 ATAR & YEAR 12 GENERAL PLANTS - Amy Corsini



This week both classes are completing a test on Plant Structure & Function. The class department purchased a class set of mini whiteboards, whiteboard markers and erasers at the end of 2020 to enhance student learning through engagement. Mini whiteboards have been proven to increase engagement, accountability, learning, motivation and letting the students feel comfortable about making potential mistakes (can easily be erased and corrected).

As part of revision for this test, both classes conducted some fast-fire question and answer using these mini whiteboards.

They are especially useful when needing to draw small diagrams such as the differences between Monocotyledons (monocots) and Dicotyledons (dicots). As the teacher, I gave a description of what I wished the students to draw/write down and the feedback is instant allowing for the correct answer to be found quicker.

The process was particularly engaging for both the teacher and students, and it seems a worthwhile opportunity for future learning in different subjects.

Regards

Amy

YEAR 12 ATAR TRIAL

Last week the Year 12 ATAR students and the Year 11 General class developed a Prime Lamb Trial to investigate the effect of processing on the digestibility of lupins. The students will be using the new auto-draft and weighing system to gather weekly data on weight gain of lambs. They will track this data to determine which feed type in the most effective method of

putting condition on prime lambs. While the focus is on nutrition, the exposure to new technology is also a valuable experience for our students during this trial and a huge thanks must go out to the farm staff who have been collaborating with class to make this trial possible.



Joe Murnane, Austin Shotter, Kayla Thornton, Colby Wisewould, Mackenzie Pape sorting sheep into trial groups.



Colby checking Visual ID tags match the database.



Kayla Thornton and Mackenzie Pape utilising the new scales to record trial data for “pre-weights”.

HEAD OF RESIDENCE - Heather Rae



Hi Everyone

Well, it's week four already and time for the closed weekend. Where has the time gone?

Over the past two weekends, students have had town runs into Narrogin, enjoyed a swim at the local pool, played bingo (sounds like they had a great night), a game of backyard cricket and a trip to the Narrogin speedway—a great night out.

Over the next few weekends we have Wagin Woolorama 5th and 6th of March and the WACOA sports carnival in Harvey on the 19th, 20th, and 21st of March, so a couple of busy weekends. Staff are also hoping to organise a trip to Adventure World, this will depend on numbers.

Leave

When your child is requiring leave during school hours, we need a reason for this. There is a Notes section on the reach form to submit this. If you have marked 'other' or 'other student', we require the name of this person, then they are required to come the duty room and make themselves known to the staff. Parents are also required to come to the duty room when signing out students.

Have a safe long weekend. See you all back next Monday after 3pm.

Thankyou

Heather



RESIDENTIAL PHOTOS



SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPORT OFFICER / FINANCE - Jill Norwell



Thankyou to those parents who have returned allowance forms and paid school fees.

Could you please review the **Boarding Away From Home Allowance (BAHA)** forms that were posted home and return the form applicable to your situation as soon as possible so allowances can be applied. The two forms can be accessed at the following link -

<http://www.narroganag.wa.edu.au/images/pdf/2021financeandbooklists/2021%20baha%20agricultural%20college%20special%20subsidy%20application%20form%20-%20wacoa%20narrogin.pdf>

<http://www.narroganag.wa.edu.au/images/pdf/2021financeandbooklists/2021%20wacoa%20narrogin%20baha%20aic%20application%20form.doc.pdf>

or

www.narroganag.wa.edu.au / click on link on front page -
2021 STUDENT INFORMATION

Application forms for the **Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS)** (\$235 Education Program Allowance and \$115 Clothing Allowance) and the **Abstudy Supplement Allowance (ASA)** (\$79 Education Program Allowance) for parents/caregivers holding a Centrelink Healthcare, Pensioner Concession or a Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Card were emailed with the Charges and Contributions information last year. A copy of these forms can be found on the College website at the following links—

SAS - <http://www.narroganag.wa.edu.au/images/pdf/2021financeandbooklists/2021%20secondary%20assistance%20scheme.pdf>

ASA - <http://www.narroganag.wa.edu.au/images/pdf/2021financeandbooklists/2021%20abstudy%20supplement%20allowance.pdf>

or

www.narroganag.wa.edu.au / click on link on front page -2021 STUDENT INFORMATION

An invoice and statement was posted home in January.

Please refer to the statement for the closing balance.

Invoices, statements and receipts will be posted home around every two months, and future invoices will include course charges for Years 11 and 12 and other optional items such as trips and other incidentals.

Payments can be made by direct deposit, EFTPOS, cash, cheque or credit card over the phone.

Our banking details are -

Narrogin Agricultural College (CBA Narrogin)

BSB - 066 522

ACC - 00900281

Please state your student name as the reference.

The annual boarding fee of \$8880.00 has been applied to boarding student accounts in full, however boarding fees can be paid in instalments and are due on the following dates:

•1st Instalment \$2960.00 due now

•2nd Instalment \$2960.00 due 19 April 2021

•3rd Instalment \$2960.00 due 19 July 2021 (*Has been split on the account due to the BAHA component. The Boarding Away From Home Allowance of \$1477.00 will be offset against the 3rd Instalment leaving a balance of \$1483.00 to pay.*)

All other charges are due now.

For any students claiming Assistance for Isolated Children where the payment is coming to the College, (*as per our preference*) the payments will be deducted off your account. Please provide the Centrelink entitlement statement as soon as possible with the Boarding Away From Home Allowance application form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries jill.norwell@education.wa.edu.au or 98819733.

TRADES, AUTOMOTIVE - Allan Dewing



The Year 10 Automotive students have been disassembling two vehicles and learning valuable skills including basic hand tool identification and hand skills, safe working practices, communication skills, identifying different types of bolts and fasteners and identification of vehicle

components and learning their function. The other 10 group are dismantling and reassembling four stroke engines.

In the classroom they are learning the theory component of safe working practices in a workshop, completing the competency unit AURASA002 Follow Safe Working Practices in an Automotive Workplace.

The Year 11 Automotive students are completing the unit of competency AURAFA003 Communicate Effectively in an Automotive Workplace. This unit of competency teaches students the importance and skills of good communication in the workplace and also addresses topics such as discrimination and workplace harassment. They have been putting these communication skills to the test in the workshop while disassembling engines from last year's project cars. This task is also designed for new students to develop the basic hand skills mentioned above and also to gain a deeper understanding of engine components and their function.



TRADES, ENGINEERING - John Ryan



The Year 10 Engineering students have been busy this term completing introductory skills exercises based on the use of Engineering hand tools. Students are required to measure and mark out a circle, cut threads on the lathe and assemble their paint mixer. To date I am very pleased with the positive attitude the students have demonstrated in completing their Engineering tasks.

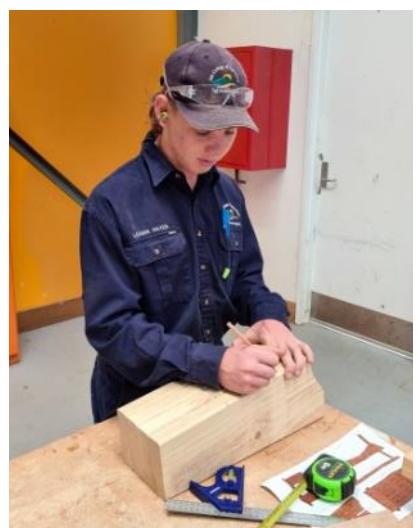
The Year 11 students have been busy finishing their toolboxes

and starting the mandatory welding exercises. It is pleasing to see the standard of project work and the great work ethic shown by the students in the workshop.

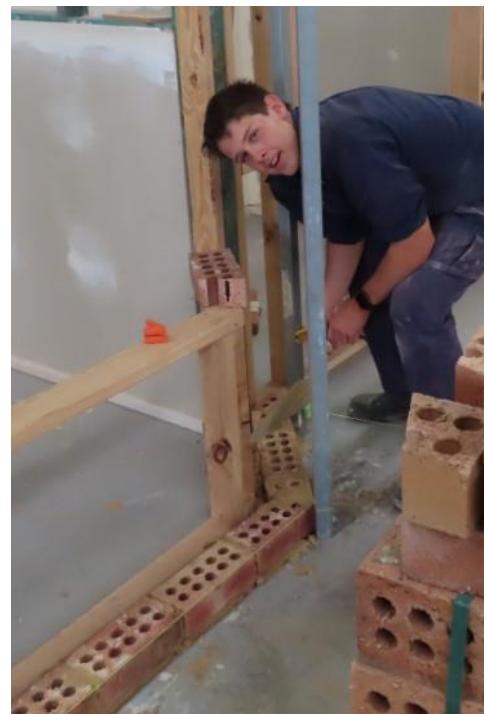
This term Year 12 students have been continuing working on their major projects while others have started the planning process for their major project. New project designs that have been presented are numerous different trailers, portable sheep runs, horse float renovations, wood splitter and various tool boxes, just to name a few. I look forward to assisting the students to complete their project work.



TRADES PHOTOS



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CHAPLAIN'S CHAT - Sandie Blakiston (Mrs B)



Believe in yourself. We all need a belief in ourselves that is strong and unwavering. Be ready to pick yourself up when you are feeling down.

Steve Blass was a great major league pitcher in 1972. In fact, he was one of the very best. One year later, he was on his way out of baseball. Did he get hurt? No. Did anything change? Yes.

One thing changed: Steve Blass lost his confidence. As Blass said, "When it was gone, it was gone for good." He started thinking about all the things that could go wrong, and suddenly they did. Steve Blass no longer believed he could be a major league pitcher, and before he knew it, he no longer was a major league pitcher.

Flip. A young man walked up to his high school gym. A paper tacked to the wall listed the players who had made the varsity team. Fifteen-year-old Michael Jordan looked up and down the list. He could not find his name. Michael Jordan had not made the team.

Michael Jordan is considered by most experts to be the best basketball player ever. But he had to believe in himself to get there. In America, by the time many basketball players reach the tenth grade, they are receiving hundreds of letters from college coaches seeking to recruit them into their programs. Michael Jordan didn't receive a single letter, because he didn't make the team.

But he did not give up. He believed in himself and in his ability, and he practiced and practiced. The next year he made the team. And he became a star. Rejection spells failure if you do not believe in yourself. For those who believe, it is only a challenge.

The ability to do anything must be accompanied by the belief that we *can* do it. As important as learning how is learning that you know how. There is a saying, "Whether you believe you can, or you believe you can't, either way you're right." (Henry Ford)



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think you can't –
you're right.

Henry Ford

PARENTS & CITIZENS (P&C) COMMITTEE AGENDA

AGENDA

*All those present who wish to nominate or vote on any motion, or election at the meeting must be financial members.
Invite new and current members to join prior to the meeting starting.

PRESENT: complete attendance record, register of members \$1 membership
APOLOGIES: Tess Hawke, Doug Wasley, Jenene Wasley
MEETING OPENED:
MINUTES Confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM held 28 February 2020 be accepted.
BUSINESS ARISING
CORRESPONDENCE:
REPORTS Presidents Report presented by Kevin Lansdell
4.2 Treasurer: Presentation and adoption of audited financial statement for current year Liz Leusciatti
Principal's Report: presented by Clare Roser
5.0 Election of Office Bearers 2021: Kevin Lansdell (current president) hand over to Clare Roser to call for nominations. If more than one nomination for a position, a vote will be held to determine office bearer. Once positions are elected, president to chair remainder of meeting.
5.1 Office Bearers: Nominations and election of P & C Executive – President Vice President Treasurer Secretary
5.2 Executive committee members not less than three positions 3 committee members
6.0 APPOINTMENTS
6.1 Appointment of Auditor
6.2 Delegates to WACSSO Conference (entitled to one complimentary delegate – any parent interested in representing our P&C)
6.3 Bank Account Signatories: President Vice President Treasurer Secretary
7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS
8.0 MEETING CLOSED:

PARENTS & CITIZENS (P&C) COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday 1 March 2021

Venue: Narrogin Agricultural College

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES: Tess Hawke, Doug Wasley, Jenene Wasley

MEETING OPENED: Chairperson to open meeting

Amendments to previous minutes:

Previous minutes: 'That the P&C meeting minutes of the 12/10/2020 as presented be accepted as a true and correct record.'

Moved: Seconded: CARRIED

Business arising from previous minutes:

Year 10 Scholarship – Simone to arrange meeting with new principal to pursue.

School Hat – Previous principal was taking to board for approval, did this occur?

School Priorities List 2020 - priority requests to P&C from the college to be presented.

SportsPower Jackets - decision carried over to have more information on whether these jackets are suitable for country week – will there be enough? Will there be a country week? Does P&C need to be involved in this?

Correspondence:

Correspondence In:

20201027 2020 Program Year 12 Awards Ceremony, president invite to present awards

20201130 P&C Committee Invitation to End of Year Luncheon 171220

20201209 RE_WACoA - Narrogin_ Invitation to meet New Principal_ Ms Clare Roser

20201210 RE_WACoA - Narrogin_ Invitation to meet New Principal_ update date

20210216 ANZ BANK STATEMENTS 104 and 105

20210216 SCHOOL CANTEEN BUYERS GUIDE JANUARY 2021

20210216 WACSSO COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

20210216 WASCA MEETING 20 FEB 2021

20210223 RE_WACoA - Narrogin P & C meeting for Monday

20210223 Parent concerns Butfield Dorm upgrades

Correspondence Out:

20201216 P&C Minutes

20210223 Letter to Head of Departments for priority lists for 2021

Moved: Seconded: CARRIED

Financial Report: Treasurer

Moved: Seconded: CARRIED

Principal's Report: Presented by Clare Roser

General Business:

School Ball Committee

Fundraising/2021 Priority Lists

Butfield Dorm – Can P&C raise funds for equipment or dorm upgrades? Guidance from Principal regarding department rules needed to assist P&C to make a decision on requirements.

Open Day - Friday 10 September 2021 – need a couple of members to organise raffle

NEXT MEETING: set dates for year ahead – drop off or pick up days are better?

Term 2 2021 -

Term 3 2021 -

Term 4 2021 -

MEETING CLOSED: Chairperson to close

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FULL-TIME APPRENTICE FARM MANAGER

We are seeking a full-time apprentice farm manager to join our team. Seeking a young, enthusiastic individual to join our family owned farming business.

Situated 30km NE of Wagin, 250kms SE of Perth. Mixed farming operation, cropping and sheep. Modern machinery and utilising technology in both the cropping and livestock sections of the business.

We aim to train you to have a future in the Ag industry, either to become future management within the business, return to your own operation or branch out into your own ag related venture.

Main roles will include:

- * Air seeder operation
- * Chaser bin operation
- * Machinery servicing and maintenance
- * Helping out with all livestock husbandry and operations
- * Fencing and fence maintenance
- * Harvesting obstacle extraction
- * Firebreak maintenance

Attitude and willingness to learn will be far more important than experience, however, both will be an extreme advantage. Above award wage paid relative to experience etc. along with late model dual cab, work vehicle and accommodation provided for the right applicant.

Please forward resumé or expression of interest to Clayton South claytonsouth@bigpond.com

GENERAL FARM HAND POSITION

San-Mateo Merino & Poll Merino Stud

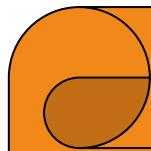
Permanent Full time general farm hand wanted for farms located in Brookton/Pingelly. We are looking for someone with excellent sheep handling & husbandry skills, but are willing to consider someone who has had a little sheep work/farm experience and is passionate about sheep and willing to learn.

Applicant must be able to work independently, as well as have the right temperament to work as part of a team. Must also be able to time manage effectively and have good common sense. If your phone is more important than your job, this isn't the job for you.

C class Driver's licence is a must. We would prefer a non smoker. Salary is dependent on skill/experience and a farm house would be available.

Please send expressions of interest to morrison532@bigpond.com or call Nigel on 0400515599.

These positions and more are also available to view on the College's website page -
Click on "Current Students" and then "Student Job Opportunities"



COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 1 2021

- Fri 26th Feb College Board Meeting 12pm
Students leave at 2.30pm or CLOSED WEEKEND
 - Mon 1 March Students return after 3pm
P & C AGM 2pm
 - Sat 6th & Sun 7th March WAGIN WOOLORAMA
 - Sat 20th & Sun 21st March Harvey Ag Wing Carnival
 - Mon 22nd March Harmony Day
 - Tues 30th & Wed 31st March bstreetsmart
 - Thu 1st April END OF TERM 1

The Term by Term Planner is regularly updated and can be viewed on the front page of the College website by clicking on DOWNLOAD TERM PLANNER.

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