



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



Congratulations to Mr Batt, Mr Gooley (not pictured) and students Levi Wagenknecht, Aaron Schilling, Tyson Lansdell and Libby Hardingham on winning the AG SCHOOL CHALLENGE at the 2021 Rabobank WA Sheep Expo & Ram Sale.

COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

An Independent Public School

FRIDAY 27th AUGUST 2021



2021 College Ball

As you are reading this edition of the College Chronicle, some students will be putting the final touches to their attire for this year's College Ball.

On behalf of parents, students and staff; I would like to thank the amazing team who have worked tirelessly to make sure this event went ahead. Special thanks to Mrs Norwell, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Perry, Mr Zielke, Mrs Hogg and Mrs Kittow for managing the logistics; Mr Wray and students, led by Sam Perry, for making the name place coasters and staff who have volunteered their time to chaperone or set up, tonight.

Parents and carers are able to watch the students enter at 6.20pm, a parent dinner has been organised by the P&C, to follow, at the Esplanade Hotel.

Sign out time is 10.30pm for all guests; please make sure you come to the staff member at the door, who will have the sign out sheet, before taking your child.

All students have been reminded of the behaviour expectations of themselves and also their partners.

Mental Health Fundraiser

"Show you're all ears this September", is the catchphrase of the Mullets for Mental Health fundraiser, through the Black Dog Institute. Suicide is the leading cause of death among Australians aged 15-44, and approximately 60% of Australians reporting symptoms of mental illness don't seek help. Monies raised through the fundraising efforts of the Black Dog Institute go towards ground breaking research into the early detection, prevention and treatment of common mental health disorders.

Annie Dewar (Year 11) has accepted the challenge and is raising funds to support this worthy cause. Annie will bravely shape her curly locks into a 'Mullet' on Tuesday 31st August at 12pm. She has already raised \$1236. If you wish to support Annie, you can donate using the link below.

<https://www.teamblackdog.org.au/fundraisers/anniedewar/mulletsformentalhealth>

FOCUS – Engaging fathers (Be You Fact Sheet)

Children and young people's mental health and wellbeing is enhanced when fathers take a strong interest in their development and learning.

Children and young people thrive on the feelings of belonging and affection that come from caring and supportive families. Whether families have one parent or two, include step-parents, grandparents or other carers, they can build strong, positive relationships that support children and young people's mental health.

A father may not be biologically related to his child or young person or live with them all the time. Some individuals have contact with a father, while others don't. He may be a grandfather, step-father, foster father or adoptive father of a child or young person. Some children and young people might have more than one father or relationships with other males who undertake a significant portion of parenting.

Involved fathers are more likely to see interactions with their children and young people positively, be more attentive to child and adolescent development, better understand and be more accepting of their children and young people, and enjoy closer, richer father-child relationships.

Fathers who are involved in their children and young people's lives are more likely to be more satisfied with their own lives, feel less psychological distress, and be more able to understand themselves and empathically understand others.

Feeling involved is also good for dads because they have a greater sense of self, greater general wellbeing, marital stability and relationship happiness. This is because being involved increases a sense of connectedness and inclusion. Involved fathers also have a strong sense of how important they are to their child or young person who can, in turn, be a very important catalyst in men's lives.

For tips on how to create meaningful memories as a dad or father figure, follow the link below:

[More effective fathers means happier healthier kids • The Fathering Project](#)

PRINCIPAL - Clare Roser (Continued)

Wellbeing Focus

The College Board was recently presented with a number of updated policies, falling under the Wellbeing domain. They were pleased with the focus on positives, rewarding students for doing what is expected rather than just punishing when expectations are not met. This teaches self-discipline and skills which are practical to real-life. Our Goldies and Dorm tickets are flowing in. These are tallied individually and also as a combined total for the year group.

To date the totals are:

Year 10 575
 Year 11 582
 Year 12 235

Positive Behaviour Rewards (Goldies/Resi Rewards)

25 tickets Icecream/Drink/ Chocolate	50 tickets Free Dress Pass	100 tickets Table Service From Senior Staff	200 tickets Movie With My Mates	500 tickets Gift Voucher
Rigby Herbert Tina Henderson Hannah Rochow Sofia Mycock Elsie Walmsley Summer Thorn Christina Smith Amira Schmid Joel Reynolds Riley McIlree Tyler McGaw Corbin Kowald Olivia Draper Will Day-Banner Jess Davenport Sophie Curtis				

PREFECTS - Sammantha Perry and Colby Wisewould



Hello everyone,

Last week at the College a wellbeing day was organised for the year 11 and 12 students, made up of a morning Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman talk, and a movie and an afternoon of sports to finish off the day.

This week are the Dowerin Field Days and the College presented a fencing team on Wednesday to compete with the other WA schools and test their skills, also yesterday the Year 12 students went to the Field Day.

Another major event for the week is the school ball, which will be occurring tonight in Fremantle at the Fremantle Sailing Club. All ball decorations and preparations have been finalised in the past weeks, courtesy of the school's staff and student ball committee.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mark Pascoe



2022 Year 11 Subject Selections

We are currently finalising how the 2022 Year 11 Subject Selection process will run and we are inviting parents to attend a Subject Selection presentation at the College on Monday 11th October at 3:00pm (when students can return from the Term 3 school holidays). Senior staff will present information about qualifications, pathways and the selection process prior to students meeting with staff to enable parents to discuss options before they make their selections. For parents of incoming new Year 11 students and those not available to attend on Monday, a WebEx session will be held 3:00pm on Tuesday 12th October. More information to follow later in the term.

Newdegate Machinery Field Days

Year 10 and 11 students on *Good Standing* will be attending Newdegate Machinery Field Days on next Wednesday 1st September. A link to give permission to attend will be sent from Compass to parents later on today. Can parents please go in and review the excursion and give permission for their

son/daughter. Can parents please also ensure that students return with their formal uniforms including their College jacket, as this is the uniform for the day.

College Open Day

The College's Open Day is two weeks away and each area is busy planning and preparing displays to demonstrate what 'happens' at an Agricultural College. The day commences at 9am and goes through to 3:00pm. This is one of the most important days in the College's calendar and it is important to have all of our students available for the whole day. Can I please ask for your support to have your son/daughter here for the time leading up to Open Day and to resist taking them before the close of the day. Students are utilised throughout the day to cover displays and to assist before 3:00pm to put livestock and displays away prior to the weekend. Thank you for your support.

Can I please also ask that parents check their sons/daughters formal uniforms to ensure they have all of the uniform and that it is clean and tidy. Those students required to wear their work /farm uniform please make sure these are neat and tidy as well.

HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



Recently the focus in Year 12 General had been on breeding and improvement. Having the same concepts presented in both contexts can prove beneficial for students and support them when learning new concepts to make it easier. Year 12 ATAR will be focussing on

Sustainability and Ecology for the next few weeks. The Year 12s area are generally moving onto their last few topics in each class and are encouraged to focus on getting these completed to their best of their ability.

OLNA tests are commencing next week for all students in year 10, 11 and 12 who are working towards completing their OLNA. Writing is being conducted in small groups during Week 7, Reading will be held during Week 8 and Numeracy in Week 9. In the interim, small group OLNA practice sessions are scheduled for each student to assist them with preparation. Each student has been allocated their own unique OLNA WA login to allow them to practice during prep time or at home. If you need more information about this, please contact Mrs Vogel or Miss Sjollema as students can access this platform from home as well.

ENGLISH - Year 11 ATAR

The swinging 60s in America was a melting pot of change as the civil rights movement was gathering strength, the cold-war tension had exacerbated fears of communism while the space race was underway. Whew! A lot to take in, but the ATAR 11 students have done well in unpacking the perspectives and attitudes of that era. They have read the novel - THE HELP and viewed HIDDEN FIGURES. These two texts portray the social construct of black Americans in society. The main characters are female; at the bottom of the hierarchy, yet through persistence, friendship and a dash of sass (well actually a lot of sass), their voice rings loud and clear as they break through narrow thinking of the dominant culture and establish themselves as women of value whose story will be recorded for future generations.

The photos on the right are of students discussing ideas and attitudes while crafting their essays.

YEAR 11 - GENERAL ENGLISH

The Year 11 General class is in the process of recording a talkback radio show fit for a Podcast series. They are writing a script and using the recording equipment to add music, voices, and sound effects for a professional take. Today they wore moustaches to get into the 'feel' of what it would be like to be a talkback host.



YEAR 10 ENGLISH

In English, the Year 10 students have been studying Protest through various texts such as Poetry, Song Lyrics as well as Art. Students deconstructed language to understand how certain words placed together created an effect on the reader. They chose a Protest Song and created a Power-point reinforcing learning on language features. PowerPoints will be on display at Open Day.

ACTING RESIDENTIAL MANAGER - Brian Hare



Hi all,

It's been a busy few weeks in residence as we look forward to the ball this weekend.

On Saturday 14th August students enjoyed a trip to Carousel with Mrs Roser and Mrs Haydock for shopping

and movies.

Last weekend students had a casual weekend with a trip into town on Saturday and the fire pit lit Saturday evening. Our students who played football for Williams this year enjoyed their windup on Friday night with a number of students winning awards. Congratulations to Thomas Dolan fairest and best, Harrison Dolan runner up, Mitch Hallett leading goal scorer and Ben Hawley getting the coaches award and also to the other players for their efforts during the season.

On another sporting note a couple of budding young golfers had success at the recent Cuballing men's weekend with Logan Hayes and his father winning the day and James Densham and his father in third place, well done guys.

On Thursday night our two hockey teams faced off in the derby, the result being a hard fought draw.

Lastly on sport, with hockey finishing soon our attention turns to the basketball season. Information received from the Narrogin Junior Basketball committee states that they will not be taking team nominations anymore, only individual names to be allocated to teams. We are hoping for more information on how this works in the near future.

I have recently received some requests from students who have cars at the College to take other students into town for sporting commitments etc. then return to the College. These types of requests are against College policies as we provide transport to and from town for these events and we have a Duty of Care to our students who are still signed into residence, therefore, these requests will not be approved by the College. Any special circumstance requests should be discussed with the Deputy Principal or head of residence beforehand.

Lastly just a reminder as the closed weekend is upon us that it is not a long weekend and students can return after 3pm Sunday.

Have a great weekend everyone, stay safe on the roads as a lot of us are travelling to Fremantle for the ball.

Regards

Brian

FUNDRAISER



G'day all, I'm Annie Dewar, a Year 11 student who attends Narrogin Agricultural College.

This year I am participating in the 2021 Mullets for Mental Health, to fundraise for Mental Health research.

I am a 16 year old country chick who understands the impact of mental health issues in daily lives.

I'll be cutting my mullet at 12pm on Tuesday 31st August. Please follow my journey and donate to make a difference, every dollar counts!

All funds raised will go towards the Black Dog Institute.

Visit my website to keep updated; <https://www.teamblackdog.org.au/fundraisers/anniedewar/mulletsformentalhealth>

Thank you for your support!

ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER - Tony Ward



News flash...

Narrogin Ag wins the Waratah Inter-Ag School fencing challenge in a closely fought contest at the 2021 Dowerin Field Days.

After weeks of intensive training under the watchful eye of Mr Donaldson; students Harrison Anderson, Jason van Schalkwyk, Finn Synnot, Tyson Lansdell and Patrick Morgan each played their part in a timed event to construct a post and wire fence unassisted, using only their wits and Waratah supplied products.

The competitive tension was highly strung, with the result quite literally going down to the wire as Harvey and Cunderdin Ag threw down the gauntlet in providing stiff opposition. However, our strong preparation and teamwork ultimately carried the day and Narrogin's five straight winning streak is a fantastic result for Mr Donaldson and students alike.



ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER - Tony Ward (Continued)



TEACHER - Louise Eastwood



Thoroughbred Track Work Licences

Year 12 Equine students have been training throughout the year with the school Thoroughbreds to develop the skills to gain their Track Work Licence in the Racing Industry. On Thursday 5th August it was time to show Mr Ron Flemming of RWWA that they were ready.

All the Year 12 Equine students and our school horses Revy and Jazz left the College at 5:30am for Lark Hill Racetrack. At Lark Hill, those who were ready to do their Track Work Test; Joe Murnane, Tealah Hawke and Charlotte Riches had to ride our school horses around the Lark Hill Track to show Mr Flemming they were ready. The other students got the horses tacked up and ready for them. Our students rode very well and passed their first test. We then loaded everyone up and

went to the RWWA headquarters for the students to sit the Drug Test and Theory Test whilst Revy and Jazz had a rest at Ramsey's Stables.

After the testing was completed we headed to the Ascot Racecourse for a picnic lunch, a tour of the facilities and an up close look at where our students would be riding for their final riding test the next morning. Students were excited to see a swimming pool designed for horses and how each house in Ascot had a set of stables behind it full of racehorses.

The next morning Joe Murnane, Tealah Hawke and Charlotte Riches had to get up early to leave the College at 4am to get to Ascot in time to ride their Final Test, two laps around the Ascot Racecourse Big Sand Track, on horses lent to them from Morton's Stables. Each student rode very well and passed their Slow Track licence with ease. Congratulations!



TEACHER - Louise Eastwood (Continued)





Communication

The storms of life will test whether or not you've done a good job with your family, and an important key to succeeding at home is communication. Ask yourself:

(1) *How well do I communicate with the people I love?* You may unwittingly

have adopted a style that doesn't work well. For example: do you retaliate? That has a degrading effect. Do you dominate? That has an intimidating effect. Do you isolate? That has a frustrating effect. Or do you co-operate? That has an encouraging effect. If you're in the habit of using any communication style other than a co-operative one, you must work to change it if you want to build a good relationship with your family.

(2) *Have I identified my communication killers?* The internet, mobile phones, texting and TV are among the chief culprits. Would it surprise you to know the average couple spends less than an hour *a week* in meaningful conversation, and approximately five hours *a day* watching television?

(3) *Do I encourage everyone to speak their mind?* And when they do speak freely do you criticise, pout, or retaliate? Differences of opinion can be healthy. Handled respectfully, different opinions can make things better for everyone.

(4) *Do I think creatively?* Do you spend time together as a family? Do you call your spouse during the day and try to meet sometimes for lunch? Do you drive your kids to school or extracurricular activities so you can talk to them? Communication can happen anywhere, but it only happens when you make it a priority.

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. (Marie Curie).

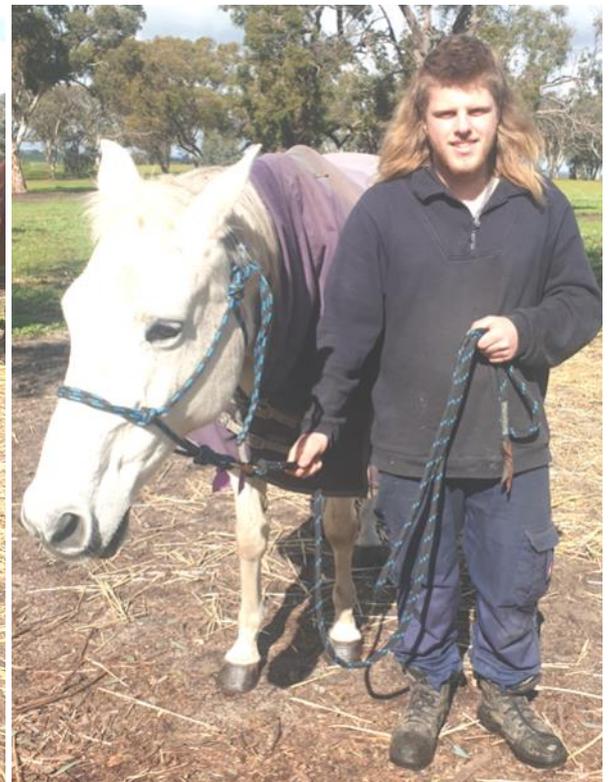
You may say, "Oh I'm not good at communicating," but you can change if you want to. Effective communication is learnt. It may not be easy, but it is definitely worth it.

We should use our opinions to start discussions, not to end them. (Madeleine Albright)

Our words have power. Dorothy Lawe Noite wrote: 'If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn. If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight. If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy. If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty. But, if a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient. If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence. If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate. If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice. If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith. If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself. If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.'



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT YEAR 11 STUDENT - Tate Dawson

The WA Off Road Junior Development Program is supported by all of the Off Road Racing clubs in Western Australia and has a charter of encouraging junior participation in the sport of Off Road Racing. The program is available to all children interested in the sport Off Road Racing and is designed to teach all aspects of the sport. This includes Vehicle Maintenance and Preparation, Requirements to run a race meeting, Running a race meeting including preparation of all required documentation. Operations in the timing hut, Track preparation, Support of crews while they are racing as well as the roles of Driver and Navigator. Particular attention is placed upon finishing a race and looking after the car during a race. When a podium finish is achieved the driver and navigator are each required to acknowledge all sponsors, of which the program has many, as well as the people that run

the event. The overall objective is to train youngsters into becoming good responsible club members, to compete in a fair manner, respect other competitors and contribute to the running and future of their respective clubs.

Tate Dawson is a member of the WA Off Road Racing Association (club) and has been involved with the program since September of 2020. In that time he has performed well as navigator in a number of events and obtained his "Motorsport Australia" (previously CAMS) driver's licence. He has achieved a number of podium appearances, notably first in class at the Gash Dash at Easter in Carnarvon and another first in class at the Mid West challenge held at Eganu on the weekend of 14th and 15th August.

Steve Rawlings



On the podium with Tate (on right) is Mat Beck. Mat is a previous Junior champion and is now a senior driver involved in the program training new and upcoming juniors

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CASUAL FARM HAND FOR HARVEST

(A fulltime position in 2022 for the right candidate)
Competitive pay rate and accommodation provided
Ideal start date late October/early November with approximately three months of work

FULL TIME FARM HAND

Competitive pay rate and accommodation available

Durant Farming - Gnowellen

Please send an email with your experience and details to -
emnmick@bigpond.com

Employment Opportunity - Quairading, WA

EW Richards & sons is offering a **Full Time Permanent farm hand role** for the right applicant.

This position will ideally suit a school leaver who has a passion for agriculture. Duties will include harvest, seeding, spraying, spreading, sheep work and general farm duties. Start date can be flexible. Accommodation available, work ute provided and award wages.

Please contact Jack on 0429466208 for more information or send your resumé to – jack-richards@live.com.au

FULL TIME JUNIOR MERCHANDISE SALES

Central Ag - Goomalling

Email resumé including a covering letter to Clayton Carr storeman@centralag.net.au. Please feel free to contact Clayton on 0428 291 050 for any further information regarding the position.

Applications close - 5pm Friday 3rd September. Position to commence late 2021 or after school year if required.

FULL-TIME WAREHOUSE STOREPERSON

David Grays Aglink - O'Connor WA

For information contact Bevan Raymond on 0433 740 366 or if you'd like to apply, please email hr@agquirerural.com.au

Worker Wanted for Harvest with the Opportunity of Full Time Employment to the Right Applicant

Cranbrook area (farms also in Tambellup & Jerramungup shires)

For more information please ring Keith on:
Mobile 0428 261 115 or
Email your resumé to kt_wilson@bigpond.com

Parnell's Tree Nursery - Tincurrin

The upcoming season will begin with the seeding programme in October, which requires one or two extra staff, who then usually remain throughout the season. The second intake of staff is in mid-December. After the mid December start, there is ongoing work until May or June. There is often a small break between jobs.

38 hr week, Monday to Friday. Current pay rate is \$25.50p/hr but this will be reviewed and increased before the start of the next season. Shared house accommodation is available at \$50p/wk.

For any extra information and enquiries please contact Kerry Parnell by email kparnell@bigpond.com or phone 0427832024.

HARVEST WORK & FARM HAND POSITIONS

Kolindale Stud - Kulin

Contact Luke Ledwith - 0427 890 046 or email resumé to lukeledwith@bigpond.com

www.kolindale.com.au

WILCARRA FARM—BULYEE (Corrigin Shire)

Hay and harvest staff required with a possibility of permanency. Start date end of September but flexible.

Please send resumé to amy@wilcarra.com.au or phone
Amy - 0429 083 400

Detailed descriptions of these jobs and more can be found on the College website under the "Current Students" tab.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 3

- Sun 29 August Residential students return after 3pm
- Mon 30 August **WEAR IT PURPLE DAY**
- Wed 1 September Newdegate Field Day - Year 10s & Year 11s to attend
- Thurs 9 September RUOK Day
- Fri 10 September OPEN DAY
- Fri 24 September End of Term 3

The College Term Planner is regularly updated and can be viewed on the front page of the College website

STUDENT WEEKEND FARM ROSTER - TERM 3 2021

4th & 5th September	Darcy Jones	Jacob O'Farrell
	Flynn Spark	James Densham
11th & 12th September	Zac Junk	Sofia Mycock
	Tate Dawson	Tina Henderson
18th & 19th September	Corbin Kowald	Dominic O'Hara
	Mitchell O'Brien	Hannah Rochow

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