



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

An Independent Public School



Positive Feedback

We have received several positive letters and emails from parents and the wider community regarding the work we do at the College. Farm staff and students were recently acknowledged by the families impacted by the recent fires. Under

the guidance of our Farm staff, teams were deployed to repair fences and assist in general clean up jobs. We believe in developing a sense of 'Generosity' in all students and hope they leave us being able to show care, and contribute to others.

COVID-19 Update

As most of you are aware, we have had a recent spike in positive Covid cases at the College.

This is a timely reminder that whilst masks are no longer compulsory, they do provide a level of protection for staff and students and can assist to mitigate some of the concern when we do have positive cases.

I would like to thank the families of the students who have needed to make arrangements at short notice to get your child home due to Covid. We appreciate that many families have work, family and/or seeding commitments and that distance can also be a significant challenge. I hope you feel we are doing everything we can to care for your child during this time and thank you for your ongoing support.

Please also take note of the following:

Asymptomatic Close Contacts – you would be aware students and staff who are asymptomatic close contacts are able and expected to be at school but **must wear masks all of the time and present a negative RAT each morning**. We have had some students who are close contacts return but have not been wearing masks diligently and I ask parents to assist in ensuring their child understands the expectation. Day students will need to bring their RAT to the College each morning so we can record proof that they are negative. **All parents must inform the College if their child is a close contact and include the date that they became a close contact.**

Additional RATs – we have received another allocation of RATs which we have been asked to distribute to families. Each family will receive 20 RATs and our intention is to get them home to families via boarding students when they go home on weekends or day students at the end of the day. The distribution begins this week. If your child has been at school, this week/gone home for the weekend and you have not received your allocation, please contact the College on 9881 9700.

Recovered Positive Cases – the Health Department has produced the guidance below on when a recovered positive case can return to school or work once their 7 days isolation is completed.

Do not return: If you have **any** respiratory symptoms at the end of 7 complete days, you must continue to isolate until your respiratory symptoms resolve.

- a frequent cough (many times during the day).
- a sore throat.
- shortness of breath.
- runny nose or blocked (congested) nose.

Return: Some people with Covid may have **very mild respiratory** or other symptoms that continue after their recovery. These symptoms **do not** prevent you from leaving isolation if you have isolated for 7 complete days from the date of your positive test and your other respiratory symptoms have resolved (as described above).

- mild and infrequent cough (e.g. a mild cough that occurs only a few times per day).
- loss of taste and/or smell.
- tiredness or muscle/joint pain.

Provision of Work for Students Isolating at Home with Covid

We have had quite a few students over the last two weeks out for Covid-related absences. Although rest and recovery should be a priority, many may still want to engage in some school work to keep up.

Class, Trades and Farm staff have placed work on [Connect](#). I encourage students to reach out to individual staff via email if they require any extra assistance or direction.



GRIP Leadership Trip

With the ability to attend face to face excursions again, the Dorm Captains and Prefects will attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Bunbury on Thursday, 2 June. Some of the breakout sessions include;

Steps to Higher Standards, Leading with Integrity, Fundraising, Raising the Standard of Your Public Speaking and How to Work.

Leavers Jumpers and Country Week Shirts

The 2022 Year 12 Leavers gear has arrived and looks great. Mr Wray has sized up the students who have nominated for one of the Country Week teams and the order has been placed with Lindsay. We will let you know as soon as they arrive!

Uniform Reminder

With the cooler weather upon us, this is a timely reminder that the approved school uniform consists of plain black, monogrammed shorts or tracksuit pants (both available from SportsPower Narrogin). We do understand that at times, stock may not be available,

items are damaged, or your child has outgrown their set, so we ask that you support us by ensuring your child has an alternative pair of pants/shorts that fit the colour and style guidelines. This means no stripes/metal studs/large brand logos down the leg or mesh inserts. I would also like to remind all parents that sports leggings, are NOT to be worn as part of the Class uniform unless they are underneath a pair of shorts or skirt - this is a common ruling in the majority of co-ed senior school uniform guides.

GOLDIES Week 4

25

Riley Ford
Mitch Green
Ryen English
Josh Morrison
Rhys Smith
Jacinta Thornton
Jael Fetterroll
Corbin Kowald
Amira Schmid
Aleeyah Staggard

50

Mitch Green



Mrs Clare Roser with Leadership students
Flynn Roser (Yr 10 Day/Dorm Captain) and Riley Holden and Christina Smith (Yr 11 Sports Captains)

PREFECT - Annie Dewar, Yr 12



Hey everyone, I hope you all have been enjoying the week!

This week, I would like to congratulate the Year 12 Generals for finishing their E.S.T. Indeed. It has been a stressful week but we got through it!

I wish the best to the Year 12 ATARs who start their first semester exams. Good luck and stay focused!

All the Year 12 cropping students have completed seeding their Cert III paddock. We have seeded Oats and Clover Mix.

Just a reminder to keep your hygiene up and if you are feeling unwell please let a staff member know.

I hope everyone is staying safe and have a great weekend!

FARM MANAGER - Stephen Madson



Sheep

The shearing is complete thanks to Mr Steve Thompson and Mr Mark Stanton for helping our students with their training in shearing and wool handling. Lambing is well underway and with the late break trail feeding in full swing.

Cattle

The cattle are all looking great and calving has concluded. Murray grey AI was 100% 6/6. Feedlot has produced excellent results with the cattle putting on 100kg average from 80 days compared to the paddock run 30kg from 80 days.

Poultry

The older chooks have all now been sold and the new chooks are starting to lay well.

Horticulture

All looking great. Mr Leon Bertuola has introduced many new plants, begun pruning olive trees and upgrading the orchard.

Cropping

Cropping progress was very slow at the start as we have had minimal rain and germination of weeds. Canola will be finished today with about 80 ha oats left to go.

Students have helped with paddock clearing, reclamation of unused land, rocks in paddocks and stubble burning. Both seeding machines are ready to go with a new auto-steer fitted into the New Holland TJ375 tractor. *Special Thanks to Harrison Anderson, Aiden Hine, Patrick Morgan, Zac Junk, Domenic O'Hara, Ethan Sandwell and Patrick Crapella for their ongoing support to keep the seeding going after hours.*

Farm Improvements

The roof section has been completed on the construction of our new chemical shed, and the concrete floor will be planned next.

Shows and Events

Fire Ground fencing – students and staff spent seven days supporting Kilpatricks, McDougalls, Shepherds, completing about 5 to 6 kilometres of fencing after the recent Wickepin fires.

A big Thank You to all the staff and students involved!

Student Training and assessments

Certificate III in Advanced Wool Handling is again happening this year with sixteen students funded via VETIS through South Regional TAFE.

And we have nine Year 12 students keen to complete their Certificate III in Agriculture this year.

FIRE GROUND FENCING PHOTOS



THANK YOU

Dear Mrs Roser

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Narrogin Agricultural College for allowing the students to complete fencing on our farm following the East Narrogin fire. We found this was a wonderful experience for us and felt it really benefited the students.

As you are aware, the Narrogin fire affected a number of the families at the school but also the wider community. For the students to see this first hand and be a part of mending the damage, we feel has been so beneficial. Our son, Jack went to Alister McDougall's farm and had a wonderful day, learning new skills from both the staff and the farmers.

The students who visited our farm showed exemplary behaviour and excellent work ethic. A sense of achievement seemed to be among them at the end of the day.

Thank you to the school and staff that allowed this to occur. We hope we can host the students in coming years, not needing a disaster to do so.

Kind regards

Tim and Claire Shepherd
On behalf of LS & MJ Shepherd & Sons



Dear Clare, Steve, Tony, Rod
and staff + students at WALOA,
Narrogin,

An enormous thank you for your generous, kind, offer of help to clean up and fence after our recent fires. We feel so blessed to live in such a wonderful community full of such caring people.

The work that Steve, Tony and Rod along with the students did was fabulous and saved us a whole lot of precious labour hours. We can not thank them enough.

Kind regards,
Daryl, Linda Kilpatrick
and family.

CHEMICAL SHED CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



FIRST SEEDING, 4 May



The full drone footage taken by Mr Galsworthy can be found on our Facebook page at;
www.facebook.com/WACOANarrogin



Traditionally Term Two is a busy one and this year is certainly no exception. Many staff and students have been absent due to illness and this has required staff and students to be flexible and adaptable to ensure quality of learning is still maintained. I would like to thank the students (and staff) for showing kindness and consideration for their peers and staff throughout a challenging few weeks.

For those students who are at home, their first priority is to focus on getting better. If students are feeling well enough to complete class work, it will be uploaded onto [Connect](#) by Class teachers to assist students and reduce their workload on their return to the College.

Year 12 General students are wrapping up their final ESTs this week and we are moving into Year 12 ATAR Exam weeks starting today. These will be followed by Year 11 ATAR exams which commence Friday Week 5, 27 May.

Please see the exam timetables below for information on the timing these upcoming assessments. If you are aware in advance your child is going to be absent for these dates, please contact me or the class teacher to enable us to arrange an alternate date for your child to sit missed class tasks. Thank you to those students who have already shown the initiative and approached staff for support with tasks and catch up assessments.

Year 12 ATAR EXAM Timetable — students will sit Exams for each class that they are enrolled in.

	Date	Subject
Week 4	Friday, 20 May 8.10am – 10:45am 2hrs 45mins	12 ATAR Maths
Week 5	Tuesday, 24 May 8.10am – 11:20 am 3hr 10mins	12 ATAR English
	Thursday, 26 May 8.10am – 11.20am 3hr 10mins	12 ATAR APS SIDE: Economics
	Friday, 27 May 8.10am – 11.20am 3hr 10mins	12 ATAR PPS
Week 6	Monday, 30 May 8.10am – 11:00 am 2hr 50mins	SIDE: 12 ATAR Maths Methods

Year 11 ATAR EXAM Timetable — students will sit Exams for each class that they are enrolled in.

	Date	Subject
Week 5	Friday, 27 May	11 ATAR SIDE Economics and Biology
Week 6	Monday, 30 May	11 ATAR English
	Wednesday, 1 June	11 ATAR APS
	Friday, 3 June	11 ATAR PPS
Week 7	Wednesday, 8 June	11 ATAR Maths

Year 10s start their half yearly exams in Week 8.



On Thursday, 7 April, Equine Students attended the Narrogin Races.

Whilst at the Races, students had the opportunity to observe race day procedures and take part in the following activities:

A tour of the facilities behind the scene and see the different jobs that are required on a race day.

Assist trainers with strapping horses which included grooming, tacking, cooling down and leading race horses in the mounting yard.

Assist stewards with Identifying horses, gate keeping and swabbing procedures.



Tamara Keens, Yr 12



Jael Fetterroll, Yr 11



EMPLOYMENT

FARM ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Merredin Farms, a large farming business in the Eastern Wheatbelt, has an exciting opportunity available for someone who is highly organised and a great team player.

[Full details available on the College website](#)

If you're interested in applying or have any questions, please send your CV through to hr@merredinfarms.com.au

FULL-TIME FARM HAND RAVENSWOOD WA

Drivers licence required

We are seeking a junior farmhand worker for a small family-owned beef cattle business situated in Ravenswood.

This position requires you to work directly with our farm manager and owner. Activities will include:

- Tractor driving.
- Livestock handling, shifting stock on rotational grazing, cattle yard work.
- General farm repairs (welding, fencing, ect) and machinery maintenance.
- Occasional weekend work.

The successful applicant must show initiative, be able to work both independently and as team.

Please send resumes outlining your skills and experience to admin@ggcorp.com.au including the details of 2 workplace referees.

NARROGIN COUNTRY FRESH MEATS

Seeking an apprentice to join the team.

Contact Geoff & Sue
08 9881 1243

geoffsue96@westnet.com.au

TRAINEE HORTICULTURALIST SHIRE OF CORRIGIN

An exciting opportunity exists for someone who enjoys spending time outside and loves gardening and landscaping. If you have a cheerful and positive outlook and have an interest in horticulture then this could be the traineeship for you!

[Full details available on the College website](#)

The closing date and time for applications is Friday 27 May 2022 at 4pm.

For a copy of the information package, including the selection criteria and instructions on how to apply, please visit the Shire of Corrigin website www.corrigin.wa.gov.au

GENERAL FARM HAND FULL-TIME POSITION KUKERIN WA

We are a mixed crop and sheep farm based in Kukerin WA and we are currently seeking a General Farm Hand to join our small team. This would be suited to a recent graduate who has some hands-on experience (either via working on their family farm or through work placements).

Contact Cheryl Cavanagh
Email to: jakjoyce41@gmail.com

AUTO ELECTRICIAN

Apprenticeship available for Year 12 students who are interested in pursuing an Auto Electrical Apprenticeship at the end of the year in Dalwallinu.

For information, contact Teisha Bradford
Email to: accounts@rnrauto.com.au

Job are posted on the [College website](#) and can be found by going to the following;

Student Job Opportunities:

On the main menu, click on [Current Students] and then [Student Job Opportunities].



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Apprentice Wanted

Western Australian agriculture is booming and WA farmers are world leaders in agricultural practices and are stellar innovators in use of high-tech machinery

To ensure the wheels of agriculture keep turning for our valued customers

Perkins Machinery

is looking for an enthusiastic, reliable person to join the team as an

Apprentice Heavy Diesel Technician

(Qualification: Agriculture Mechanical Technology)

Perkins Machinery is an established family business with a focus on its customers and its team members

The successful applicant will be a team player, computer literate, willing to work and learn and keen to develop a career in the agricultural sector.

Send your CV to chris.b@permach.com.au

Applications close 27 May 2022

For more information email chris.b@permach.com.au
or contact Jo West on 0427 812 222



www.perkinsmachinery.com.au

Agribusiness Australia Scholarship

Encouraging young Australians to choose a career in agribusiness ...



Each year, Agribusiness Australia awards a scholarship to encourage young Australians to undertake tertiary education in agriculture.

The 2022 Agribusiness Australia Scholarship will open for applications from eligible **secondary school students** across Australia in June 2022.

Scholarship will be open to receive applications: Monday 13 June 2022

Application Submission Deadline: 5pm Thursday 28 July 2022, by email

Students who are studying to enter university in 2023 to study an ag degree or a degree where they intend to establish a career in ag, are welcome to apply.

Our silver member, [Prime Super](#), is sponsoring the scholarship again this year and will announce the winner.

This \$3,000 scholarship is part of Agribusiness Australia's key priority of encouraging students into the sector to ensure that agribusiness continues to be a major contributor to the Australian economy.

Further details about the terms and conditions of the scholarship can be found in the application form.

[Download 2022 Scholarship Application Form](#)

Please contact [Leonie Welsh](#) to register your interest in applying.



Source:

<https://www.agribusiness.asn.au/agri-information/agribusiness-australia-scholarship>

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC 2022

On Wednesday, 8 June commencing at 3:30pm

Dr Nemy and Nurse Dorothy from John Parry Medical Centre (JPMC) will be on-site for the Flu Vaccination Clinic.

If your son/daughter wishes to receive this vaccination, please complete the attached Flu Vaccination Questionnaire & Parent/Guardian Consent Forms (for student vaccinations) and scan and sent to the email below by Thursday, 2 June.

narrogin.wacoa.admin@education.wa.edu.au

The cost for this vaccination is \$20 per student and will be charged to their account.

If you have any queries, please contact the Admin Staff at the College on the above email address or by calling 9881 9700

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

SURNAME:	FIRST NAME:	MIDDLE NAME:	M/F:
DATE OF BIRTH:	COUNTRY OF BIRTH:	CULTURE:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
TELEPHONE:	H:	M:	W:
MEDICARE:	M/C REF:	EXPIRY DATE:	
I CONFIRM THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO BE CORRECT			
Signed _____		Date:	

NEW PATIENT (STUDENT)

SURNAME:	FIRST NAME:	MIDDLE NAME:	M/F:
DATE OF BIRTH:	COUNTRY OF BIRTH:	CULTURE:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:			
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
TELEPHONE:	H:	M:	W:
MEDICARE:	M/C REF:	EXPIRY DATE:	
PRIVATE HEALTH FUND:	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:		
CONCESSION CARD NUMBER:	CONCESSION EXPIRY:		
I CONFIRM THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO BE CORRECT			
Signed _____		Date:	

EVENTS



Term 2

Date	Event	Venue
Friday, 3 June 2022	Closed weekend 2:30pm	
Tuesday, 7 June 2022	Students return after 3pm (Staff School Development Day)	
Wednesday, 8 June 2022	Influenza Vaccination Clinic @ 3:30pm	WACoA Narrogin in the Club Room
Friday, 1 July 2022	End of Term 2	

The whole College term planner is regularly updated and can be found on our website homepage.

EGGS FOR SALE

\$4 per dozen at the main office.

For large orders please contact the farm office

08 9881 9726



Due to eggs shortages, please call the main office in advance to check if any are available for purchase on 08 9881 9700



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