



Flynn Roser and Jacinta Thornton presenting a wreath at the ANZAC Day Service

COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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Welcome to the first College Chronicle for Term 2. It's good to see the activity ramping up in the paddocks as the 2022 cropping cycle commences in earnest. Hopefully the necessary rain appears soon and that seeding proceeds safely and break-down free. I have just returned from a 6 month stint at Morawa Agricultural College and it is good to be back. Morawa is a good school and I thank the staff at Morawa for making me feel welcome. It was good to experience some more of our College family and a different way of running a school. Thanks also to Mitch and Shaun who sat in the DP chair whilst I was away. The biggest (and I do mean biggest) difference I have noticed since I got back is how much the students have grown in the last 6 months!!

Uniform

Over the next few weeks, staff will be targeting the wearing of the correct uniform across the College with two main areas being of concern. Firstly, as we enter wintery weather, there has been an increase in the wearing of warm clothing that is not the correct uniform (such as tracksuit pants, jackets and jumpers) and does not have the College logo embroidered on it. Though students are coming back with arguments that they cannot afford the uniform or there is only 5 months of school remaining, the College Board has spent a great deal of time working with the school over uniforms and fully supports the requirement for all students to wear the endorsed uniform. The second area of concern that staff will be targeting is over safety – there are a number of students that are wearing farm/trades uniforms with large/multiple holes and buttons missing. As these can impact on safety, staff will be working with students and parents to remedy these uniform issues. At present, there is a supply issue for some uniform items that we are aware of, but if there are concerns about the uniform, please get in contact with either Clare Roser or myself to discuss them.

Short Courses

This week, Year 11 students undertook short courses in First Aid and Defensive Driving. The instructors of both courses were very complimentary about our students for their attitude, manners and skills, especially Peter Ramsay the driving instructor, who commented that this group of Year 11 students were the best he has had since he started here 9 years ago. There were a number of students who missed doing the courses due to illness, so we will look at the possibility of running catch-up ones later in the year. More information to follow at a later date.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 11th May via WebEx. The link to join the meeting has been sent out to all parents through Compass and can be found below.

<https://educationwa.webex.com/educationwa/j.php?MTID=m3f2011ff6906fbeat2d37257c96eaca8>

And whilst on the topic of the P&C, Friday 20th May has been set aside to celebrate Parents and Citizens' Associations (P&C Day) for the fantastic work they do to assist schools, in particular our College. On behalf of the staff, students and community, **thank you** to all the parents who give up their time to promote our College, fundraise and make it a better place for all to work and learn.

Fluvax Clinic

We are currently organising a Flu Vaccination clinic for students and staff, which will happen toward the second half of May. This is an **opt-in** opportunity for students and will happen here at the College. Information will be sent out to families once a date and time is confirmed.

Medical Appointments

We have received an email from the John Parry Medical Centre outlining a change to their payment requirements for appointments due to some accounts not being paid.

"Due to some Accounts not being paid in the past, we do now require payment to be made immediately after the appointment. Can students please pay at the time, OR can the parent be available just after the appointment so our staff can phone to take payment following the student's appointment. IF we are unable to contact the parent at this time and we have to issue a 7 Day Account, there will be a \$20 Fee for the Account not being paid at the time of the Appointment.

Students under 16 years of age are Bulk Billed. For students over 16 years, a basic general appointment is \$80. This would increase if the appointment becomes a long appointment, if facility fees are incurred, etc..

This is a regrettable situation, unfortunately brought about by people not paying Accounts."

Keep safe good people and have an enjoyable weekend.





Year 11 students Mitchell Hallett, Brendan Evans and Jael Fetterroll with driving instructor Peter Ramsay

My name is Peter Ramsay and I am a Driver Behaviour Specialist and deliver driver training under the business name, *The Drivers Mind*. In 2021, I completed what was my eighth year of driver training here at the Agricultural College, with the course unable to proceed in 2020 due to COVID-19.

The programme started following a request for help to the RAC Driving Centre from the Agricultural College, initiated by Jo Drayton eight years ago following fatal road crashes involving ex-students. At the time, I was a trainer at the RAC Driving Centre (now closed down) and delivered the training in workshop format to the students. From there it expanded considerably with a couple of years ago this same course which your son or daughter will complete over the next week, was a finalist in the Caltex National Road Safety Awards and Mr Pascoe travelled to Sydney for the awards presentation.

It is difficult to select subjects when training time is short, so I have always concentrated on the biggest risk to country drivers, and that is driving on a low traction surface such as gravel roads. This is not meant to reduce the risk of driving on bitumen, but your son or daughter will gain an understanding of basic vehicle dynamics.

They complete various driving skills on a low traction surface and drive in conditions where they have to select the correct 4WD range, be it High or Low, because of the terrain.

Another skill your son and daughter will acquire is the use of the ABS braking system, now standard in all new cars but unfortunately not understood by all drivers. I am sure your son or daughter will take great pleasure in coaching you on its main benefit if you have 'forgotten' over time.

In conclusion, it is not all bad news as working with 'country kids' is enjoyable, and I always learn something from them even if it is the price Dad got for his lambs last week and if they were shorn before the sale, and that not many sons and daughters or Mums and Dads drive with their lights on all the time, but they will now! I digress, your son or daughter is miles ahead of metro students in practical skills but you also knew that. To me it is encouraging to see that many sons and daughters weren't born with some form of electronic device attached to a hand. Seeing teenagers walking around the Campus talking and not texting the conversation is good to see.



HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING - Leanne Sjollega



Welcome back to Term TWO!

Firstly, I would like to welcome Mr Noel Cowcher to the Class staff in the capacity of Mathematics teacher. With years of experience in Wheatbelt schools, both in a teaching and administration capacity, we are very fortunate to have Mr Cowcher join our Class team. Mr Cowcher will be taking over the delivery of the Year 11 and Year 12 Essentials Maths classes for the remainder of the year.

Class is in full swing this week with the Year 12 students all rigorously preparing for their upcoming exams and Externally Set Tasks (ESTs). While this can be a stressful time for students, the staff have a range of support programs in place to assist students with their study routines and revision. Please encourage your child to access the after school tutoring sessions that are offered

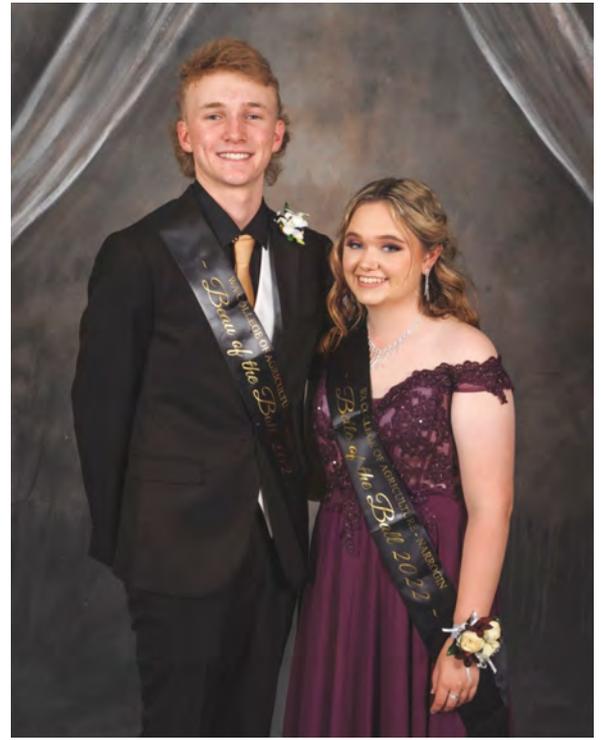
by Class staff, take advantage of prep time where assistance is available from staff most nights of the weeks and the study activities on Connect to help them with their preparation.

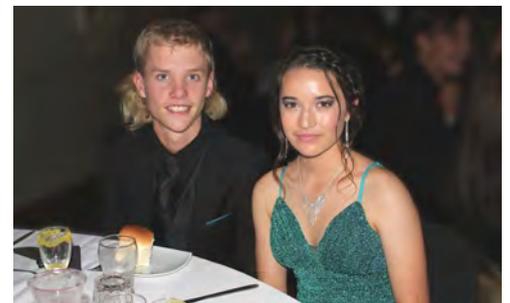
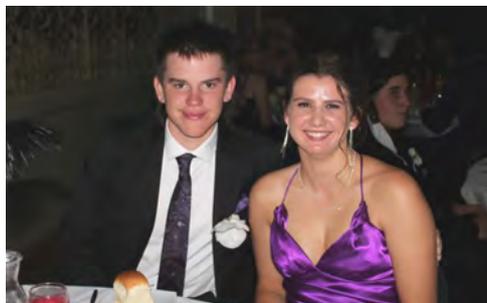
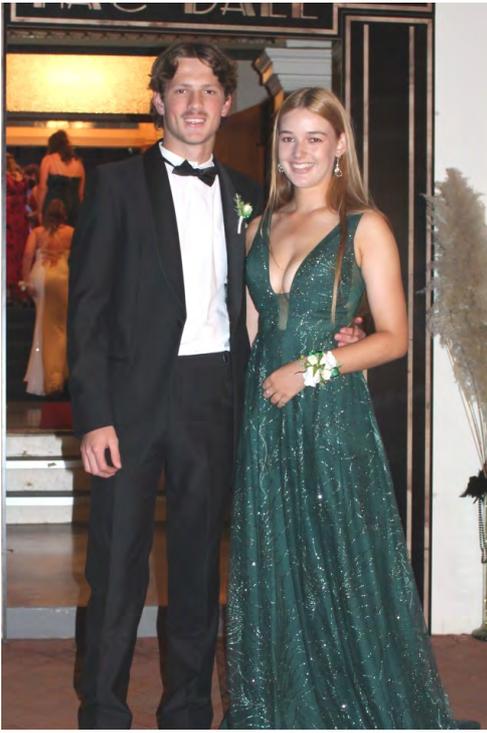
Disappointingly, there seems to be an upswing in off task behaviour this past week, which impacts on the students' development of skills and content knowledge during class time. This increases the amount of work that a student needs to complete in their own time if they are to achieve sound results in upcoming assessments and learn the skills needed for further study through University or TAFE. I ask all students to use their class time wisely.

Please see the exam timetables below for information on the timing these upcoming assessments. If your child is going to be absent for these dates, please contact me to enable us to arrange an alternate date for your child to sit missed class tasks.

EST Timetable – students will sit ESTs for each class that they are enrolled in.

	Date	Subject
Week 3	Tuesday 10/5/22 Period 1	General Math Foundation Maths
	Thursday 12/5/22 Period 1/2	General English Foundations English
Week 4	Tuesday 17/5/21	Pd 3 Animal Production
		Pd 7 MDT
	Thursday 19/5/22 Period 3	Plant Production





EMPLOYMENT

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@nrnrauto.com.au

EDWARDS MOTORS NARROGIN Apprentice Automotive Position

Position available for an apprentice automotive mechanic at our Narrogin branch. An interest in electronics is preferred but not essential. All training provided. Immediate start.

Please send applications to Yogi Melvin
Email to: kim.melvin@edwardsmotors.com.au

CROPPING AND LIVESTOCK HAND Full-time Position

We run a mixed farm enterprise in Cuballing and looking to recruit a new employee.

Contact Tom Whitwer
Mobile: 0428 884 023

NARROGIN CARPET COURT Flooring Technology Apprentice (Carpet/Vinyl Layer) Full-time Position

For information, contact Shane Thornton
Email to: narrogincurtains@bigpond.com

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

MANUAL MACHINIST / LINE BORER APPRENTICESHIP

TECHMECH specializes in on-site machining in the Perth metro area mainly in Kewdale, Welshpool, Forrestfield and Guildford. Line boring in Mining, Oil and gas, Power stations, Civil works and Agriculture.

Contact JAKE BELLI, Director
Mobile: 0428 764 891
Address: PO Box 1118 East Victoria Park, WA, 6101
Email to: jake@techmech.net.au

Jobs 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].



Trainee Horticulturalist

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!

The Shire of Corrigin supports the engagement and development of youth in our region and are focused on increasing youth participation and upskilling our workforce of the future. We are looking for someone to join our parks and gardens team for an 18 month, full time fixed-term contract.

During this time the successful candidate will be expected to successfully complete one of the following TAFE qualifications:

- AHC30716 Certificate III in Horticulture
- AHC31016 Certificate III in Parks and Gardens
- AHC31319 Certificate III in Sports Turf Management

Key Responsibilities and Duties:

- Learn horticultural and associated activities.
- Provide horticultural services and landscape maintenance to public parks, gardens, ovals, cemetery and reserves throughout the Shire of Corrigin.
- Assist in maintaining reticulation, dams and water management.
- Operate plant and equipment in a safe and competent manner.

Skills and Experience Required:

- Successful completion of Year 10.
- Basic written and verbal communication skills.
- Willingness to perform physical work year around in an outdoor team environment.

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

ARE YOU 11-18 YEARS??

DO YOU HAVE YOUR WALLET CARD??



GIVES YOU FREE ACCESS TO:

POOL ENTRY

**GYM SESSIONS AT THE Y
(16+ YEARS)**

**BASKETBALL & SQUASH
COURT HIRE**

MOVIE NIGHT

**& FREE ENTRY TO THE
PRIZE DRAW!!**



EVENTS



Term 2

Date	Event	Venue
Wed, 11th May 2022 at 7:30pm	P&C General Meeting	Online video conference (WebEx) See page 4 for the Webex link.
Fri, 3rd June 2022	Closed weekend 2:30pm	
Tue, 7th June 2022	Students return after 3pm (Staff School Development Day)	
Fri, 1st 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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Term 2, 2022

as of 05/05/22)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Wk 1	25 April ANZAC Day Students return after 3pm	26 Term 2 commences	27 Monday Timetable	28	29	30	1 May	
Wk 2	2 May Ag Advisory meeting	3 Year 12 EST	4	5 Year 12 EST	6	7	8	
Wk 3	9 May	10	11 P & C meeting Webex 7.30pm SEL Coordinator Visit	12	13	14	15	
	Year 12 EST							
Wk 4	16 May	17	18 Board meeting Webex 6pm	19	20	21	22	
	Year 12 EST							
Wk 5	23 May	24	25	26 Healing Day	27 National Reconciliation Week begins	28	29	
	Year 12 Exams							
Wk 6	30 May	31	1 June	2	3 students leave 2.30pm	4	5	
	Year 11 ATAR Exams							
	Year 12 WPL					CLOSED WEEKEND		
	National Reconciliation Week							
Wk 7	6 June WA Day Public holiday	7 School Development Day Students return after 3pm	8 RAC Streetsmart	9 Monday Timetable	10	11	12	
Wk 8	13 June Mental Health Talk, afternoon tea	14	15	16	17 Wellbeing Days	18	19	
	Men's Health Week							
Wk 9	20 June	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Wk 10	27 June	28	29	30	1 July End of Term 2	2	3	
	4 July Term 2 holidays	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	NAIDOC Week							
	11 July Term 2 holidays	12	13	14	15	16	17	