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COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
Narrogin



COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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With only two weeks left of school, and one of those being Country Week, instructional staff are finalising assessments and preparing Semester 1 reports. Instructions on how to access your child's report will be communicated via Compass before the end of term. I encourage you to read the report, along with your child, celebrate their achievements and focus in on possible strategies to help with any areas requiring additional effort.

It was advertised in the previous College Chronicle that the next College Board meeting will also have the Annual Public Meeting attached. Due to the fact we have a new Board, we have opted to postpone the APM to later in the year. This will be published in the Chronicle leading up to the meeting date, as well as on the College website and posted on our Facebook page.

On behalf of the students, I would like to thank Mr Wray and the Admin staff for the time spent arranging this year's Country Week event. Unfortunately, I will not be able to accompany the teams this time but hope to be able to make a trip to Perth on one of the days to support the students. I wish our teams all the best for a great week away and would like to thank the staff who have volunteered time after school to train the teams, as well as those staff who are supervising in Perth and Fremantle. Next week, Mr Wray and I will be meeting with all students attending, to go over arrangements and behaviour expectations. During my time as principal at the College, we have had no incidents requiring us to send students home due to poor choices. I hope we can keep this clear record with the 2023 teams.

The College is reporting a number of absences at present, although most of these seem to be related to illness. We are required to request a doctor's certificate for a medical absence exceeding 2 days in a row and where the total medical absences will exceed 5 days

per year. Please remember that notification of any absence for the day program needs to go to the main College email address;

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

The following absences will be recorded as unauthorised:

- Holidays, birthdays, shopping, attending shows,
- medical absences without certification exceeding five days per year,
- Private Work Experience not supported by the College, and
- other absences not negotiated in advance with the Principal.

A number of mobile phones have recently been confiscated from students during class time. Our policy clearly states that mobile phones are to be left in dorms or handed to the front office before school. It appears there is a developing trend of using personal data to bypass the College Wi-Fi to gain access to blocked games and websites during class time. Students who continually refuse to follow this rule and access their phones during instruction time will have the privilege of having a phone removed.



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#saysomething

Deputy Principal - Mitchell Wray



WACoA Narrogin Vs. Narrogin Senior High School Carnival

On Thursday 15 June, the students competed against the Narrogin Senior High School in various sports, including AFL, Basketball, Hockey, Volleyball, Soccer and Touch Rugby. The students had the opportunity to showcase their talents, and everyone who participated

should be commended for their effort and sportsmanship. The enthusiasm and determination of the students was incredible to watch as they took on their cross-town rivals.

Opportunities like this sports day are essential for bringing the school community together, encouraging physical activity and promoting healthy competition.

Congratulations to both the schools for putting on an excellent display of athleticism and sportsmanship in some tight games. Again, thanks to our sports captains for their help and to Christina in particular for her carnival conclusion speech.

Year 12 Work Experience

Expression of interest forms for all Year 12 students has now closed. Thankyou to those students who have secured their place by returning the forms. We are still having some students suggesting they would like to participate in the program, but unfortunately due to the turn around with paperwork and in fairness to the employers this is not an option and is too far past the due date.

We look forward to seeing our students in action in the workforce next term.

Country Week 2023

Thanks to the parents/carers that have submitted their consent online and answered our logistics questions in the process. There are still several parents/carers that have not completed the online Compass consent. This is a requirement for your student to attend Country Week. ***We cannot take the student to Country Week without this consent.***

An electronic copy of the Student Handbook has also been sent out. This includes the following information:

- Expectations and behaviour code of conduct
- Updated itinerary
- Whole school sporting fixtures
- Staff contact details
- And much more!!

A reminder that only students on 'Good Standing Status' will be able to attend College extra-curricular events, as per department policy.

Students not attending Country Week are expected to attend school throughout Week 10. This is a great opportunity to catch up on any missed work and get ahead on assignments and observations.

Head of Trades - Dean Pfitzner



With Country Week scheduled for the last week of the term this will be the final newsletter article from the Trades Department for Term 2.

My time as HOD Trades is ending and I will be returning to my permanent position as Deputy Principal WA College of Agriculture Harvey at the beginning of Term 3. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time 'back on the tools' so speak in the trades area and to get back to where it all began for me as a teacher. It was also nice to be able to come and help the 'cousins' (another Ag College) over the hill out and return to the community of Narrogin where I grew up as a kid and went to school.

You know you have been in education, and specifically agricultural education, for a while when you are teaching the

sons and daughters of ex-students from Ag Colleges. This is extremely positive as it highlights that the style of education in Agricultural Colleges is a proven and successful formulae as it transcends generations and families.

I would like to thank the students, staff, and college community for welcoming me and allowing me to be part of the experiences here at WA College of Agriculture Narrogin. I would like to acknowledge and specifically thank all the Trades staff and Mr Wray for their assistance in my time at the College. Your dedication, professionalism, and care for all students to explore and develop their passion in the trades area is exemplary. Great work Guys and keep it up, as it is the students who ultimately benefit.

All the best for the remainder of the year. Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend!

Construction - Mark Batt



Over the past few weeks, the Year 12 Construction cohort has been planning and designing a chicken coop for the St Mathews Primary School in Narrogin. The St Mathews P&C approached the College with a brief to build a raised chicken coop with external access to collect the eggs and a fenced free-range area.

The class travelled into the primary school to gather the measurements on site, observe the area the chicken coop is to be built on, and to see if there were any safety issues to consider. We then returned to the College and the class was split into groups. Each group came up with a design and a plan, and the best design was chosen.



This week we started the construction process making the stud walls of the chicken coop. The skills and knowledge the students are using will go towards the CPCCCA2002-Use carpentry tools and equipment unit of competency.

Once the students have built all side walls, floor, roof and stand we will take all components into St Mathews Primary and assemble the coop on site. This will also go towards CPCCCM2004-Handle construction materials, CPCCOM1013-Plan and organise work, CPCCVE1011-Undertake a basic construction project and CPCCWHS2001-Apply WHS requirements, policies, and procedures in the construction industry.

The year 12 Construction class will keep the Chronicle community updated, it is great to see the students participating in a community lead project.



Engineering - John Parker



The semester draws to a close for our Year 10 Engineering groups as they complete set projects and projects of their own design.

We have been utilising the Engineering workshop to assemble horse stalls for the farm. This program was initiated in 2022 where Year 10 students have built sections of the stalls, and this year's

Year 10s are performing the final assembly in readiness for installation. This has been a valuable lesson, not only in steel fabrication but in how pre-fabrication can save time and resources.

Year 11 students are currently working on their major design projects. There are quite a variety of designs this year, ranging from work benches, ute trays, dog kennels, and trailers. The Engineering workshop is very busy and all space is utilised as we have around thirty four projects on the go for the Year 11 groups.

Work continues for our Year 12s as many of their projects are nearing completion. Some of our industrious Year 12s have decided to undertake the building of trailers as a second major project bringing our overall trailer production to sixteen. Very busy times for all.



Engineering - John Parker (Cont'd)



Farm Manager - Stephen Madson



Sheep Commercial

Shearing was all completed and wool has been sold. The highest price we received was 1830 cents per kilo for a single bale of weaner wool of 16.1 micron, the main line averaged just under 1500 cents with the micron averaging just over 19 micron.

Since our discovery of OJD in some older ewes early in the year, we have sold our merino weather hoggets and the white tag ewes. Unfortunately the sheep sale prices have declined, so the price we would have hoped for was not met.

Lambing of the remaining merinos commences mid-July and the ewes have been pregnancy scanned and vaccinated ready to put into their lambing mobs.

Sheep Stud

The stud sheep are lambing at the moment. At one stage, Mr Batt had a 200% rate with some triplets being born, its all looking on track to be well over 100%.

Mr Batt and the students have started selecting Ewes, Lambs and Rams for the upcoming showing season.

Cattle

Cattle have just about completed calving and we currently have 60 Angus calves on the ground.

Mr Hough has planned an earlier mating for 2023 with some AI planned for some of the cows.

Poultry

We put our price up to \$5 per dozen recently to assist with the ever-growing cost of production.

We have some College farm raised replacement hens about to go into the main commercial laying area. We are looking forward to seeing how they go compared to the traditional purchased point-of-lay hens.

Horticulture

Mr Bertuola is creating new garden beds for the planting of winter crop vegetables to support the kitchen.

Workshop

Lately, Mr Tom Foster has been supporting us with vehicle repairs. We have replaced two clutches in utes with another small truck clutch next in line.

Fencing

Some fencing in our 'white dam' paddock is being renewed in preparation for this to become a cattle paddock (the white dam paddock is on the left as you start driving down our entrance road).

(continued overleaf)

Farm Manager - Stephen Madson (Cont'd)

Cropping

Wow! Just to start, a huge shoutout to Mr Matt Hough, Mr Wiese, Mr Gooley, Mr Zielke and all of the staff who did little extra bits, as well as all the student drivers that did extra after hours that kept the wheels turning. Great job by all!!

The crops are all in and growing. It got a bit dry there for a while, only a few small patches required re-seeding where we assume the drive clutch on the old combine did not work (we replaced this mid-way through seeding).

We seeded 202ha of Trophy canola, 90ha of Maximus barley, 205ha of Bannister oats, and 65ha of Jurien Lupins.

In our canola, we have been treating patches of slugs that are quite capable of destroying whole plants in a very short time. To date, they would have munched their way through about 2 to 3 ha.

Students undertaking their Certificate III Cropping paddocks and have done a great job and all their crops are doing very well.

Mr Hough is currently doing weed controls in crops and Mr Wiese will commence spreading 100kg to the ha of urea on crops starting Monday.

Grain sales

450 tonne of last year's oats that we had had on hand in our silos has been sold to Unigrain and about 30% has been delivered this week the balance will be delivered to Wagin next week by road train.

Farm Improvements

Chemical shed construction is done and now the sea containers have been put in place in the shed.

Recently we have received our 2 new 110hp tractors to replace the ageing John Deere 3140 and Ford 7840.

To get these new tractors we went through a government tender process that looks at value for money, availability, price and backup service. The process was very competitive and required a panel of people to determine the successful supplier.

This year, Perkins Machinery from Narrogin was successful and we would like to thank them for their recent delivery of these shiny new blue tractors for our students to operate. These T5 New Holland tractors should serve us well for many years to come.

Shows and Events: Country week is coming up very quickly

Staffing

Since my last report, Mr Ward our Assistant Farm Manager has resigned to take up a farm management role down south closer to his home town.

Mr Ryan Hough has been appointed to this Assistant Farm Manager role for a short term to learn the ropes.

Mr Gooley will leave us soon to go on his long-planned holidays. I know he is looking forward to this as he keeps telling me he's in the last quarter with only a week or so to go.

The Technical Officer role for the Farm Workshop is still vacant and the advertising will be out soon.

Rainfall

June – 57ml Year total to date – 191ml

Student Training and assessments

Student Progress across all year levels is going well.

Year 10 are now being assessed electronically with the New LMS as we try to phase out paper-based assessments throughout the year



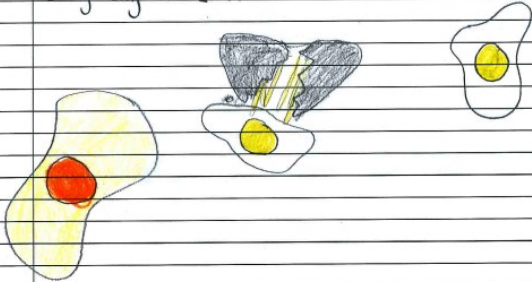
Thank You from Students at East Narrogin Primary School

Dear-Steve madson

East Narrogin primary
Homer st
Narrogin, WA 6312

thank you so Much for donating the eggs. A lot of people enjoyed them like a appreciate it so much they where so delicious and A lot of people came and enjoyed your eggs.

Your sincerely
Keyanna Maley
Sorry day breakfast

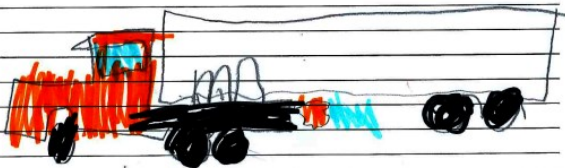


East Narrogin Primary School
Homer Street
Narrogin, WA 6312

Dear Steve Madson

Thank you for donating the eggs to our school for the Reconciliation breakfast.

Yours sincerely, JAMES

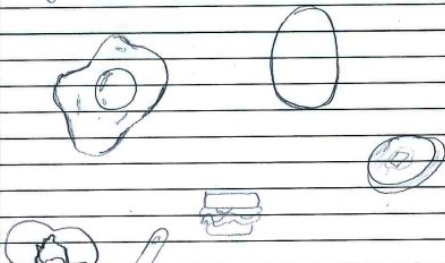


east narrogin primary school
homer street
narrogin WA 6312

Dear steve madson,

Thank you for providing eggs for the reconciliation breakfast. The pastlets were amazing, every one enjoyed the egg muffins, so I send this letter to say thank you.

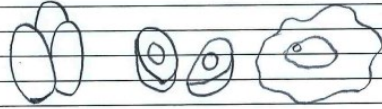
-Cindy



East Narrogin Primary
Homer Street
Narrogin, WA 6312

Dear Steve Madson

We would like to thank you for donating the eggs for the Sorry day Breakfast on Reconciliation week. We hope that we can repay you soon. We appreciate it very much.

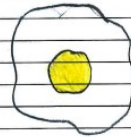


Your's Sincerely,
Jathan Revilla

East narrogin primary school
Homer st
narrogin 6312 WA

Dear Steve Madson

thank you so much for donating the egg they were delicious and my favourit part of the sorry day breakfast!



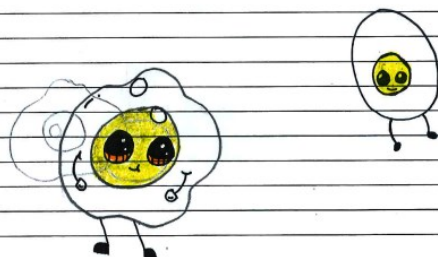
from sophia Birrell

East narrogin
primary school
homer street
narrogin, WA
6312

Dear steve

thank you for all of the eggs they were very good, I'm sure I'm not the only one that loved them. the sorry breakfast was the best and only sorry breakfast I all so loved the muffins because it had eggs in it.

your sincerely Haven



ON FARM - Year 10s Clearing a Fence Line



Vegetable Gardens and Poultry



Vegetable Gardens and Poultry



ON FARM





Mr Shane Perkins from Perkins Machinery and Mr Madson talking about some of the features of the new tractors to the students, including the rear remote couplings and the rear linkage raise-lower controls. They also addressed some of the safety precautions for the students to be aware of when operating these vehicles.



ON FARM



PROMOTING
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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 2023 Agribusiness Australia Scholarship is now open for applications from eligible **secondary school students** across Australia.

Scholarship opens to receive applications: Monday 5 June 2023

Application Submission Deadline: 5pm Thursday 27 July 2023

Students who are studying to enter university in 2024 to study an ag degree or a degree or full-time tertiary education 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.

Find out more about the scholarship from previous winners (below)

[Download the \(writable\) PDF Application Form](#)

Enquiries: Executive Officer leonie.welsh@agribusiness.asn.au



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The survey, conducted by the Social Research Centre is available online from 23 May to 23 June 2023. This survey provides an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and guardians to contribute their perspectives and help shape the future of education in Australia.

Participants will be asked about student learning and wellbeing, teacher recruitment and retention, and funding transparency and accountability.

The Expert Panel for the Review will use the results to help draft a consultation paper which will invite submissions from all stakeholders. Results will also inform the development of recommendations for the final report, which will advise Education Ministers on what targets and reforms should be included in the next National School Reform Agreement.

Complete the Parent/Guardian and student survey

Link: <https://insights.srcentre.com.au/mrIWeb/mrIWeb.dll?I.Project=SRC3010PO>



Please note

Students aged under 18 years require consent from a parent or guardian which is provided via the parent survey.

The parents/guardian survey is open to anyone who has responsibility for the care of a school-aged child and makes decisions about their education – this may include step-parents, grandparents or other family members, and

Source: <https://www.education.gov.au/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system/consultations/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system-consultation>

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2024 APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

Apply today for South32 Worsley Alumina's leading apprenticeship programs which cover: electrical, fabrication and mechanical fitting trade disciplines.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications Open: 27 June to 30 July 2023 | **Duration:** 4 years

For more information visit www.south32.net/WorsleyCareers



Worsley Refinery (Collie)

- Mechanical Fitting (Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade)
- Electrical (Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician)
- Fabrication (Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade)
- Refrigeration and Airconditioning (Certificate III in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning)



Boddington Bauxite Mine (Boddington)

- Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic (Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology)
- Automotive Electrical (Certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology)
- Electrical (Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician)

PREREQUISITES

- Completing Year 11 (minimum), Year 12 completion is desirable
- Live within a one hour commute of either site
- Have a valid driver's licence
- Good academic and attendance record
- Demonstrate a desire and/or experience for chosen field



Worsley Alumina

STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

POSITIONS AVAILABLE LAKE GRACE ENGINEERING

LGE is a local engineering business located in Lake Grace. They are currently seeking staff to join their team, especially those interested in an apprenticeship in metal fabrication/boilermaking.

[Visit the College website to view the flyer](#)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lgeengineering>

Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/lakegraceengineering/>

Phone: 0488 553 082

Email: kim.bryan@lakegraceengineering.com

GENERAL DUTIES FARMHAND WILLIAMS WA

This is a casual position with a possible full-time position for the right candidate.

We are a small family run business, located in Williams in the Upper Great Southern of WA.

We are seeking a casual, general duties farmhand whom possesses the skills outlined below.

This position would be available for the upcoming seeding season with a Mid April start preferred.

Pay rate will be discussed at interview and be negotiated on proven experience.

For more details, you can view the job post on the College website, here:

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/2023/04/general-farm-duties-job-opportunity/>

If you believe you could be the person we need, please email us your resume with 2 relevant references and a cover letter to rennaemartin1@bigpond.com

APPRENTICE CABINETMAKER Narrogin Cabinetmakers | NARROGIN WA

We are seeking expression of interest for a keen, motivated person interested in undergoing a Cabinetmaking apprenticeship in our workshop.

Email interest or any questions to:
Phil at Narrogin Cabinetmakers

GENERAL FARM DUTIES (CROPPING) JM & LT Hinck & Son, Kerrigan Valley Beef | HYDEN WA

We are a broadacre farm and cattle feedlot, also a breeding herd. We also have three properties in the Shire of Kondinin.

This is a full-time farming position available mid-June in cropping.

Please supply a resume with contactable referees via email to: tabuan1@bigpond.com

For further information, please contact:
Trevor on 0429 384 787
or phone the Farm Office on (08) 9880 5096

Sonic Boomsprays (part of NuFarm/Croplands) are offering employment opportunities in the WA area. There are two apprenticeship positions available as well as two qualified roles.

Apprentice Welder/Fabricator

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/2023/04/apprentice-welder-fabricator-job-opportunity/>

Apprentice Production Spray Painter

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/2023/04/apprentice-production-spray-painter-job-opportunity/>

Assembler at Sonic Boomsprays in Narembeen WA

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/2023/04/assembler-job-opportunity/>

Scan the QR codes on the flyers for more information.

Flooring Apprenticeship Carpet Court | NARROGIN WA

[Download the flyer from the College Website](#)



For more job details or can be found on the College's website at

<https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/student-job-opportunities/>



Term 2 - 3 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Thursday, 15 June	2023 WACoA Narrogin vs NSHS Carnival	Narrogin Leisure Centre
Mon 26—Fri 30 June (Week 10)	Country Week 2023 (Normal classes for students not attending).	Perth
Friday, 30 June	End of Term 2	
Sunday, 16 July	Residential students return after 3pm.	
Monday, 17 July	Term 3 Commences	
Tuesday, 22 August	Friday timetable	
Thursday 24 August	Student Fun Run for the Royal Flying Doctor Service Commencing at 1:15pm (after lunch). Students leave after 3pm for closed weekend.	On-site
Fri 25—Sun 27 August	Closed weekend Residential students return after 3pm on Sunday.	
Friday, 15 September	OPEN DAY	
Friday, 22 September	End of Term 3	

The College term planner is regularly updated and can be found on our website home page.

EGGS FOR SALE at the Main Office

Now \$5 per dozen as of the 1st of May.

For large orders, please contact the Farm Office on 08 9881 9726

Due to supply demand, please call the Main Office in advance to check if any are available for purchase on 08 9881 9700



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