

COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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An Independent Public School

Principal - Clare Roser



Year 12 Presentations

Preparations for the Year 12 Presentations are almost complete, and today we see the last of the Year 12s finish their on-site work. For catering and seating purposes, can you please make sure you have informed the office regarding

your attendance at the presentations, and number of guests. A reminder to all Year 12 students, the agreed attire is smart casual (no sneakers or stiletto heels). Girls were also asked to ensure their outfit fell within reasonable modesty requirements.

Year 11 Leavers' Gear

The order for the Leavers' gear will be placed with SportsPower on Monday. If you have not confirmed your child's order, can you please email Admin with the item (polo and/or rugby jumper) and quantity required by close of business on Monday. Students have already sized their jumper.

Congratulations

Libby Hardingham and past student Tamara Keens who recently competed at the ASA National Championships in the Young Merino Sheep Judging Competition in Tasmania. Libby secured a solid 4th place, falling just 2.5 points behind the first-place getter. Perth Royal Show and Narrogin Agricultural Show results are posted in the Farm section of the Chronicle.

National School Opinion Survey

The following link was sent to all parents via Compass, and the link will expire on 3rd November. Staff and students have also completed this survey with additional questions relating to each section of the College. Information gathered will inform future planning.

https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/dsRRyAz2

Student Vehicles

All students must apply through the Deputy to have a vehicle on site. This is also regarded as a privilege and should the student breach the rules of the vehicle agreement, they will be required to take their vehicle home. We have also had several complaints from local truck drivers, who have reported near misses with some of our students as they have been leaving the College. If your child has a vehicle on site, please remind them to be a responsible driver, adhere to the signed speed limits through the college, and to take care when leaving the Cooraminning Road exit.

P&C Scholarship

The P&C offer a \$500 scholarship to any Year 10 student who is continuing their studies at the College in Year 11. The scholarship is to recognise a student for their community, cultural and/or sporting contributions and participation. The \$500 is credited to the student's account, paid in Term 2. The closing date for applications is Friday, 10th of November. The successful applicant will be announced at the Year 10 Presentations, on 1st December 2023.

P&C Scholarship download link:

https://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Year-10-scholarship-500-FINAL-2024.pdf

Stay safe and have a good weekend.



Deputy Principal - Joan Armstrong



Hello

I trust you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are now ready to end the final term of 2024 with a flourish. I would also like to begin by thanking the staff and students who have simply got stuck into an

extremely busy and successful start to Term 4. The Year 12 students have completed their courses, certificates, and personal projects and we look forward to formally farewelling them on Friday, 27 October, at our Year 12 Awards Ceremony. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the ATAR students the best of luck in their external WACE exams.

The Year 11 and 10 students are preparing for their Work Experience placements and I am currently working my way through the students' Codes of Conduct with them to ensure that everyone considers themselves 'work ready'. Prospective employers will receive their necessary documentation from next week onwards which they will read, keep and/or sign and return along with their valid Certificates of Currency.

For Year 11 students, if you wish to be considered for a Cert III in Agriculture or the Cert III in Advanced Wool Handling in 2024, you must ensure that you are well on your way to completing your Cert II in Agriculture and

that you have expressed your interest in doing so to Miss Tucci and Mr Madson by the end of Week 5 for consideration.

The Year 10s have now had their subject selection presentation which is both on the College website and has been emailed to parents. The Microsoft form for parents on subject selection is now available for completion and please remember 'first in, best dressed'!

Finally, the Semester 2 reports will be available through Connect from the following dates:

Year 12 Monday, 23 October 2023
 Year 11 Friday, 24 November 2023
 Year 10 Friday, 08 December 2023

Please make sure that you either save and/or print your child's report as soon as they are available as you will only have a short window of opportunity to access them. If a trainer or teacher has indicated that an interview is required, please contact them directly sooner rather than later to ensure the best possible outcomes can be identified, organised and put in place.

Take care as Kambarang warms up with the pollen counts rising and the UVA and UVB rays gaining strength. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about the above information.

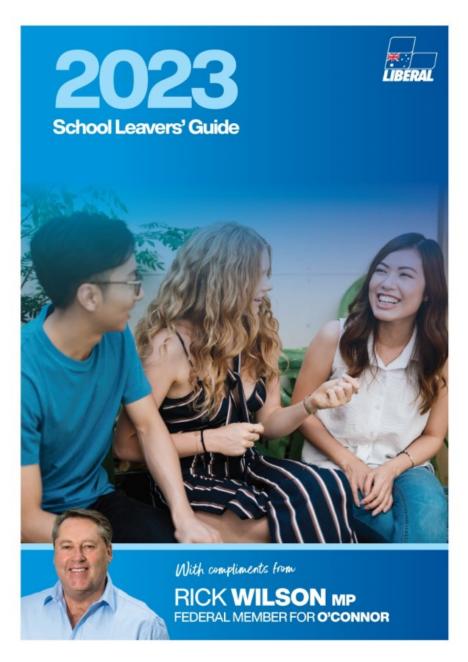
Welcome to the College: Introducing our new Phys Ed Teacher



Our newest addition to the WACoA Narrogin teaching staff is Miss Emma Taylor. Miss Taylor has joined us as the College's Physical Education Teacher after completing her Master of Teaching at the University of Notre Dame. A country girl herself, Emma grew up on a mixed cropping and sheep farm in Pingaring, two hours east of Narrogin. With a passion for agriculture and rural Australia, Emma worked as a journalist with Seven West Media's Regional Newspaper

group writing for publications including Countryman Magazine, The Narrogin Observer, Albany Advertiser and was published in the West Australian. Emma has a passion for sport and staying healthy and active, participating in Basketball, Hockey, Netball and Rowing.

Emma says she is excited to be back in the regions working with country kids in the beautiful setting of the Ag College.



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Head of Trades - Mitchell Wray



Year 12s Working Hard to Finish Strong

As we near the end of the academic year for Year 12 students at the Trades Training Centre, the energy and dedication of our Year 12 students are palpable. These young

adults have been relentlessly working hard to hone their skills, gain invaluable knowledge, and finish their schooling journey on a high note.

The Year 12 cohort at the Trades Training Centre has spent two to three years cultivating their expertise in their various trades. They have embraced every countless challenge. overcome obstacles. and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and practical skills. The culmination of their hard work is the successful completion of their training programs, and most importantly, the acquisition of the skills and knowledge that will open doors to a world of opportunities in the trades industries.

The Trades Training Centre prides itself on providing an environment where students can flourish academically and professionally, and Year 12 students exemplify the potential for growth and success that this institution offers.

Year 10s and 11s: Engaged in their Programs

While our Year 12 students are reaching the final stages of their training, the Year 10 and 11 students are actively engaged in their programs, eager to explore the world of trades and develop foundational skills that will serve as building blocks for their future success.

Year 10 students are discovering the exciting opportunities within various trades, and they are in the process of selecting their preferred pathways. Their engagement in introductory programs allows them to gain hands-on experience, explore their interests, and make informed decisions about their future career paths.

Year 11 students have a year of foundational training behind them, and they are now delving deeper into the intricacies of their chosen trades. They are honing their skills, gaining a deeper understanding of the theoretical aspects of their trades, and preparing for more advanced challenges that await them in Year 12.

The Trades Training Centre is proud to provide these young students with a supportive and inclusive environment that nurtures their passion for trades. As the Year 10s and 11s engage in their programs, they are not just building practical skills, they are also developing valuable life skills, teamwork, problem-solving abilities, and a strong work ethic.





Trades Training Centre - Photos















Parents and Community (P&C)

The P&C AGM is scheduled next year for FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2024 at 2:00pm followed by a committee meeting

Wanted! New P&C Committee Members for 2024

All positions are declared vacant and need to be filled. Without committee positions filled, our P&C will have to cease, which would be such a shame for our students, teachers and our school community.

Forget the commitment that your P&C in primary school entailed, the WACoA Narrogin College P&C is fully supported financially by family contributions in fees, which means no fundraising is needed to be done by the P&C. The P&C's job is to decide where funds need to go in the school community.

All your commitment would be is to attend 1 meeting a term, (4 meetings per year) to keep our P&C going and funds going back into the school where they need to be.

So please, any parents or community members who can spare1-2 hours per term to support the WACoA Narrogin school community and the great system that has been in place for many years, please get in touch with our Secretary Simone Lansdell via email lansdell3@bigpond.com or call 0429 875 062 or come along to the meeting.

Public Relations Officer - Christopher Zielke



Hello everyone

Yearbook Profiles: Year 10-11 Students

On Thursday last week, 12 October, I sent out a link via Compass to the Year 10 and 11 students, inviting them to participate in a *very* quick

survey to share their best highlights at the College in 2023. To help personalise the yearbook and showcase your best memories at the College, the highlights will be paired with your profile photos in the yearbook. I hope that by utilising this method that this will become the new norm, making it more convenient and efficient for staff and students.

The survey is set to expire at the end of Week 8, on December 1st. Please let me know if you would like me to resend the link.

2023 Yearbook Orders

If you haven't yet ordered a yearbook, there is still time. The cut-off date for orders has been extended to the end of Week 4, to Friday 3 Nov. If you'd like a copy of the 2023 Yearbook order form, just give the office a call or send us a request email to narrogin.wacoa.admin@education.wa.edu.au or to myself at christopher.zielke@education.wa.edu.au

Have a great weekend!

Assistant Farm Manager - Ryan Hough



On Thursday, 21 September, 15 of our students attended The Farm Skills competition at the Claremont showgrounds, thanks to the Royal Agricultural Society of WA. With a 5am bus trip and a quick McDonald's stop, we were ready to go.

We had two teams of 6 students, with 12 events competing against the other WAC0A Colleges. The different events on the day were, fence construction, sheep mouthing, drenching, drafting and weight assessment, ram selection, prime lamb appraisal, wool appraisal, chemical safety, agronomy, first aid, steer appraisal, cutting steel plate-butt weld and fillet weld, pressing a bale of wool, tractor driving through an obstacle course and safety, and sheep shearing and wool handling. The objective of the day

was to create the opportunity for students within the state to come together and compete and learn in a friendly atmosphere aligned with the learning program of the College, providing them with skills for the future.

Our two teams went into the day with little practice and really impressed with their effort, skill and determination. Sarah Beckman and Jamie Meehan scored first place in Ram Selection. Brodie Hills (Shearing) and Libby Hardingham (Wool Handling) positioned third place. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone including the staff.

ThankYou to Mr Leon Bertuola for driving the bus, team captains Tyson Lansdell and Jacob Schilling for keeping the teams organised, and to Mr Stephen Madson for the frantic rush to train the students and organise the trip.





Jamie-Lee, Alex, Brodie, Logan, Darcy, Tyson, Sienna, Tess, Libby, Sheldon, Jacinta, Sarah, Tyler and Jamie.









Results from the Perth Royal Show



Competition	PLACE			
Ram Lamb Under 7 Months	Second			
Ram Born After 1 July	First			
Ram Under 1 ½ Years - Scan	First			
Ram Over 1 ½ Years	First and Second			
Champion Ram				
Ewe Lamb Under 7 Months	First and Second			
Ewe Born After 1 July	Third			
Ewe Born Before 30 June	Third			
Ewe Any Age	Second			
Ewe Production Over 1 ½ Years	Second			
Pair of Ewes Under 1 ½ Years	First			









Stephanie, Libby, Zaria, Pepper, Tyson, Zaine, Finn, Jamie and Jacinta.

Competition	PLACE
Breeders Group Under 1 ½ Years	Second and Third
Group of Three Ewes Under 1½ Years	Second
Group of Three Rams Under 1 ½ Years	First
Meat Breeders Sheep Judging	Third - Zaine Cuthbert
School Challenge	Second - Jacinta Thornton
Overall Handlers	Stephanie Crosbie and Tyson Lansdell
Ewe Selection	First - Tyson Lansdell and Zaine Cuthbert
Shearing	Second - Libby Hardingham and Fin Synnot
Wool Handling	Fourth - Zaria Francis and Jacinta Thornton
Team Scores - Overall	The WACoA Narrogin team placed Second



Results from the Narrogin Agricultural Show

COMPETITION	PLACE
Ram Over 1 ½ Years	First
Ram Under 1 ½ Years	Second
Ram Under 1 ½ Years	Third
Ram Lamb	First
Ram Lamb	Second
Ewe Over 1 ½ Years	First
Ewe Over 1 ½ Years	Third
Ewe Under 1 ½ Years	First
Ewe Under 1 ½ Years	Third
Ewe Lamb	First
Ewe Lamb	Third

COMPETITION		PLACE		
Group of 1 Ram & 2 Ewes		First		
Group of 1 Ram & 2 Ewes		Second		
Pair of Rams		First		
Pair of Rams		Third		
Pair of Ewes		First		
Pair of Ewes		Third		
Supreme Lamb				
Supreme Group				
Supreme Pair of Rams				
Champion Suffolk Ewe				
Best Handlers Libby Hardingham and Zaria Francis				

Congratulations

Libby Hardingham's Strong Showing at the AWA National Championships

Launceston, Tasmania - October 12, 2023

Libby Hardingham, a promising young talent from WACoA Narrogin, made her mark at the ASA National Championships in the Young Merino Fleece Judging Competition held on October 12, 2023. Competing against rivals from various states, including Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, Libby secured a notable fourth place, falling just 2.5 points short of first place.

Tamara Keens, a WACoA Narrogin 2022 graduate, also participated as a finalist in the event.

Congratulations Libby and Tamara!





On Farm: Out & About











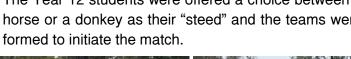


Phys Ed: Hobby Horse Polo Cross - Rebecca Pense



The Year 12 Physical Education class marked their very last timetabled lesson for the year with a unique celebratory activity - hobby horse polo cross. The students had completed the assignments and had played a few tennis tournaments, so a new sport was needed to have a celebration of their achievements in Physical Education. When the Year 12s cleaned the sports storeroom, they found the lacrosse rackets, and so a plan was set in place for the hobby horse polo cross match.

The Year 12 students were offered a choice between a horse or a donkey as their "steed" and the teams were











The began with some unconventional game approaches, as both the hobby horses and lacrosse sticks were utilized in... unexpected ways. The photos tell of a very well played game with determined teams that wanted to win no matter what.





Disclaimer: Although complaints were made to the (not) RSPCA in regards to the mistreatment of the "steeds", investigations determined that they are in good health.

Science - Danielle Quinn





In Science, students have been looking at global systems such as the nitrogen, carbon and water cycles. Some students have excellent knowledge regarding aquifers. As such, they were able to create their own mini aquifer in class that filtered contaminated water and "sink" a bore to extract it. They discovered some issues with the process that could help them think more laterally in the field later in life.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION & INDUSTRY - Gayelle Quartermaine



The Sports Captains have had an enthusiastic start to the term. The tennis nets have been replaced and they have put together a wish list of items to improve the sporting facilities at the College. They are already thinking about next year and have some exciting ideas for promoting health and fitness in 2024.

This week I travelled to Perth for the Cultivating Futures Professional Development Workshop held by CQ University. The workshop explored some fabulous resources for careers in agriculture and took us on a tour of Costa

Mushrooms in Casuarina, the CBH Metro Grain Centre and Australian Grain Centre. I am looking forward to sharing some of this information with the Year 10s when we have Career Planning Workshops in November.

Also in November, the Year 10s will have a Wellbeing Day on Thursday 16 November. They will start the day with the workshops, Her Story and History of Man presented by Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman. They will then have participate in team building activities followed by water fun after lunch.





Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account, myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice







Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- · assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- · non-cash Medicare transactions
- · enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.







Bakers Hill Primary School 125 Year Celebration

~ FR I DAY ~ 10th November 2023

Please come along and celebrate with us!

Past and present students, staff and families all welcome.

We will conduct an official opening of our '125 sensory garden' at 1pm, followed by the opportunity to watch our current students playing "old fashioned" games around the school.

Take the time to reminisce and catch up with coffee and cake from 2pm to 3pm.

Can you kindly RSVP by Monday 6th November 2023 on 9574 3100.



WOOROLOO PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

Would like to INVITE you to come join us to CELEBRATE 120 Years of Wooroloo Primary School

The event is being held on Saturday
21st of October 2023 from 10am to 1pm
on the school oval.



STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNMENT TRAINEE MURESK INSTITUTE | NORTHAM

Our Government Traineeship is perfect for school leavers or those wanting an entry level pathway to an exciting career in the very diverse public sector — this position will also allow you to complete a 'Certificate III in Government' while working in the beautiful Avon Valley (located less than an hour away from Perth).

We are looking for applicants aged between 17 and 24 who will learn various administrative and operational skills including:

- customer service and reception duties
- liaising with students and apprentices on our historic campus
- · booking accommodation and organising catering
- · preparing for meetings and events
- · sourcing quotes and processing invoices
- and even lending a hand on our 898ha Farm!

To find out more and to apply, follow the link:

<u>Government Trainee (jobs.wa.gov.au)</u> or via our Facebook page: <u>Muresk is hiring! The Government Trainee role...</u>
<u>Muresk Institute | Facebook.</u>

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN WA KAOLIN LTD | WICKEPIN BASED PLANT

As a laboratory technician, you will be responsible for production sampling at the Wickepin on site Laboratory and report to the Operations Superintendent. The successful candidate shall possess a passion for laboratory or other work that requires attention to detail and adherence to procedures.

Visit the job post on the College website for more info.

Please submit your application via email to: recruitment@wakaolin.com.au

For enquiries, please contact Chandelle on 0429740329

FORKLIFT OPERATOR WA KAOLIN LTD | WICKEPIN BASED PLANT

As a process operator and packer, you will be responsible for the operation of the fork lift, packing Kaolin products into bulk bags and loading of containers. You may also assist with the operation of the Kaolin beneficiation plant to achieve production and quality goals on your shift.

Visit the job post on the College website for more info.

STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PARTS INTERPRETER FARMERS CENTRE NARROGIN

We present an exciting opening for a Parts Interpreter to join our dedicated and driven team at Farmers Centre Narrogin.

Your primary role centres around delivering exceptional service to our valued customers, ensuring that they receive precise and timely guidance regarding their parts necessities.

This is a full-time permanent opportunity that guarantees stability and room for advancement. Reporting directly to the Parts Manager.

Visit the job post on the College website for more info.

Email resume to marcus@farmerscentrengn.com.au

CHASER BIN DRIVER

Farm South Cunderdin is looking for a chaser bin driver for this harvest.

Some header hours will be available.

Willingness to learn and some knowledge of agriculture is desired.

Accommodation and meals provided.

Please message Tori on 0477 428 753 to arrange a time to talk about your experience.

FARM WORKER — PRAIRIE NOMINEES PTY LTD

This is a Casual position starting in November 2023 with a possibility of becoming a full-time position in 2024 for the right applicant. Their property is located between Newdegate and Lake Grace in WA.

- Manual vehicle licence is essential.
- Certificate II in Agriculture desired.
- Renumeration package is negotiable based on qualification and experience.
- Resume and references essential.

For further information, please contact:

Graham Barrett-Lennard

m: 0488 747 000

e: farm@prairienom.com.au

CHASER BIN DRIVER / FARM HAND SW & JK ROBINSON | WAGIN WA

We are seeking a chaser bin driver for this coming harvest. We are a family-owned mixed cropping and sheep enterprise located 15km west of Wagin. This position for the right applicant could turn into a permanent role.

- Start late October/Early November
- Modern John Deere equipment
- Accommodation available

For further information please contact: **Shaun Robinson** on 0438 626 034 or email resume to

kuranda401@bigpond.com

HARVEST FARMHAND WILSON FARMS | CRANBROOK WA

We are looking for a farmhand/chaser bin driver for the up and coming harvest. We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated person that is a capable of working individually and in a team environment. There is the opportunity for full-time employment following harvest to the right applicant. The job would also be suitable for someone looking for employment in their gap year.

A current driver's license is essential.

Approximate start time would be in early November.

Email your resume to: kt wilson@bigpond.com

For more information on the position, please contact Keith on 0428 261 115

CHASER BIN DRIVER FOR 2023 HARVEST

We are a grain and sheep farm located 40km south east of Narrogin. We employ modern farming practices with up-to-date machinery. This position could become full-time for the right applicant.

What we can offer:

- Pay negotiable depending on experience (\$30-\$35/hr).
- Short term accommodation and meals can be provided.
- Training if required.

What we are looking for:

- Enthusiastic attitude.
- Minimum C class drivers licence.
- Experience would be an advantage but not a requirement.

Please contact Nathan on 0428 827 027 or Mitchell on 0447 926 387



Term 4 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Friday, 27 October	Year 12 Awards Ceremony	College Gymnasium
Thursday, 9 November	Year 11 Presentations Year 10 students leave after 3pm for closed weekend.	College Dining Room
Friday, 10 November	School Development Day	
Sat 11—Sun 12 November	Closed weekend	
Friday, 1 December	Year 10 Presentations	College Dining Room
Thursday, 14 December	End of Term 4 for students	
Friday, 15 December	End of Term 4 for staff School Development Day	

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



For Sale at the Main Office

Now \$5 per dozen as of the 1st of May 2023.

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

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



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