As we approach the end of the term, I am amazed at how busy it has been and how much has happened in the past 11 weeks. Just a few of the events this term include:

- Sporting activities - cricket and tennis competitions, Harvey WACoA carnival
- Training - Scuba course, CY O’Connor wool handling
- Short courses for Year 11’s - first aid, chemicert, CAD, firearm safety, Bushfires
- Educational excursions - Year 12 ATAR Perth universities trip, Albany beef feedlot competition, CSBP fertilizer, bstreetsmart road safety
- Wagin Woolorama - novice shearing, sheep, wool and cattle judging, Pingelly shears
- Year 12 parent dinner
- WA Governor visit

Combined with inducting a new group of Year 11’s and the normal learning program that the staff and students are involved with and it is easy to see why term 1 has been flat out! I wish to sincerely thank all the staff for their dedication to the college and their involvement in the above events. It is activities such as these that make the difference between school and a memorable experience for students.

Best wishes
Our very best wishes to Tom Curnow who will be travelling early next term to Turkey as part of the Education Department’s annual Premier’s ANZAC Student tour. This year the trip commemorates the 100 year landing at Gallipoli and Tom won his place in a competition last year against other WA secondary students. We are very proud of Tom and sure that he will find the experience amazing but also sobering.

Staff changes
The end of this term sees a significant change to farm staffing with the retirement of Alec Fissioli after 46 years and the long service leave (and planned retirement) of Brett Cox. Both Alec and Brett have been positive supporters of the College over many years and their combined wealth of knowledge and experience will be sorely missed. Kim Gray will take over the role of acting Farm Manager in Brett’s absence and Simon Longmire will take over the role of Assistant Farm Manager on a permanent basis. Having watched both Kim and Simon over recent weeks, I feel very confident that the farm remains in capable hands.

David Hovell had planned on retiring at the end of next term but in recent weeks has made the decision to take his long service leave which is due at the start of the term and then continue on leave to retirement. We are working through a process to replace Mr Hovell and wish him the very best for his leave and ultimate retirement.

Keith Thompson who up to now has been delivering metals training in the Design and Technology area has secured an acting Head of Department position at Narrogin Ag for the next two terms. We have advertised for a replacement for Keith and wish him good luck for what will be an interesting challenge and change.

Calendar changes
Recently, parents would have received an email outlining some changes to the calendar in relation to ANZAC Day and end of term and reporting to parents. These changes are noted below.

1. ANZAC Day long weekend - following on from information in lunch notices, the College residence will remain open on the weekend of 25, 26 and 27 April to assist parents who find it difficult to have their children return home for weekends. All students are able to take weekend leave as normal and in this case the weekend will include the public holiday Monday 27 April. We are conscious that this weekend is the first weekend in the term but our expectation is that all students are back at school and in their learning program from Monday 20 April.

2. Interim reports - It was planned that staff would generate interim reports for Year 12’s at the end of this term and then run a staff-parent interview session on the last day of term. Year 11 students would not
normally receive an Interim Report as staff had not had them in class/section enough to formulate a view of their performance. I think it important that all students receive an Interim Report and that parents have the opportunity to talk to staff about their child’s report and progress so the following will apply to interim reporting:

8 May - Interim Reports for all students will be posted to parents with information on booking interviews with staff.

29 May - Parent/staff interviews held to coincide with closed weekend. A formal booking system will be used to manage interviews.

3. Final day of Term 1 - College Board meeting 10am
   P&C meeting 11am
   Normal timetable for students until lunch time after which students can leave for the holidays. Parent interviews and sausage sizzle postponed until 29 May.

Finally can I thank all students, parents and staff who have made the start to 2015 a success. Being new to Cunderdin Ag, there has been a lot for me to get my head around and I am grateful to everyone who has made my transition easy. I continue to be impressed with the dedication of the staff, the mature attitude of the students, and the general pride that the whole school community has in the College.

I wish everyone a pleasant and safe Easter break and look forward to Term 2.

Business Manager - Mrs Laura McCart

The end of term is nearly upon us therefore I wish you

A Happy and Safe Break and a festive Easter

Please remember that if you are not receiving or are not having the AIC instalments directed straight to the College then second instalment for Boarding fees are due by 20th April 2015. You should have all paid your charges and first boarding instalment if you are not on a payment plan by now.

BAHA
Boarding away from home Allowance forms are due to me as soon as possible. Early next term I will be contacting those that to date have not forwarded the necessary paperwork to enable you to have $2105.00 credited to your childs account.

Methods of payment

ELECTRONIC BANKING
Details for parents wishing to pay fees by electronic banking are as follows:

   Name of Account:   Western Australian College of Agriculture – Cunderdin
   Bank:  Westpac   BSB Number:  036 107   Account Number:  129 204

Details of transactions can be faxed to (9635 1334) or emailed to Cunderdin.ac@education.wa.edu.au for reconciliation purposes. Please use your Child’s Student Number as reference.

PAYMENT IN PERSON AT BANK
It is imperative that you use the Student Number as the reference when depositing in to the College account over the counter at a Bank. With this method of payment, the only details that appear on the College statement is the name of the branch the transaction has taken place at and the Student Number. Details of transactions can also to be faxed to (9635 1334) or emailed to Cunderdin.ac@education.wa.edu.au

EFTPOS FACILITY
There is EFTPOS available at the front office for payments. This also allows us to take credit card payments over the phone.

CHEQUES
Cheques can be made out to WA College of Agriculture Cunderdin and posted to PO Box 132 Cunderdin WA 6407.
Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Interschool Challenge Albany

On Tuesday the 17 March, Jordan Jefferys, Ashlee Ducat, Jess Wells, Jen Craft, Jake Putland, Jack Sawyer, Darren Harris and Jess Herzer embarked on a trip to Albany to compete in the “Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Interschool Challenge”, they were accompanied by Shae Johnston and Shaun Byrnes. The competition involved the students being lectured by various experts in, cattle handling, supplying beef markets, traceability in the supply chain, live animal assessment and understanding the carcase.

Five of the eight students were then tested on one subject each and the remaining three competed in a general quiz. Jess Wells competed in the live animal assessment task and received second place, Darren Harris also achieved a second place ribbon for his work in supplying beef markets, Jack Sawyer picked up second in the cattle handling contest and Jess Herzer, Jake Putland and Jen Craft combined to get third in the general quiz.

Cunderdin came a credible second place overall, edged out of first place by the team from Denmark who gained an extra two points. The schools competing were Cunderdin, Denmark, Harvey, Narrogin and Mt Barker.

All in all it was a fantastic effort by the students from the Wheatbelt to go down and mix it with the big guns from the south west; Cunderdin has a breeding herd of 28 cows so our students going down there and coming very close to winning is a massive achievement and one that both the students and the College should be very proud of.

Mr Byrnes
Residential - Mr Darryl McCart

Leave Arrangements
Parents would be aware that students have been accessing the new electronic leave system (Reach Boardingware) and parents will have received information from Touchline Reach Boarding. If you have not received this email, can you please contact me as your email address will need to be confirmed. Once parents have accessed the site you will be required to input information to the data base, which will help with the running of the program. Please note there is a link to Reach Boarding on our website.

The new leave system will be operational from Monday 20 April and all leave should be submitted through this system as of this date. Students will be able to submit leave themselves as of this date, but parents will receive notification of this and must approve the leave first before the College approves it. This program is backed up with 24/7 technical support if parents are having difficulty with any aspects of operation.

Student Council
The Student Council have finalised and ordered the Year 12 Leavers jumpers and we expect delivery early in Term Two. Their next task is to invite other Colleges and help facilitate the River Cruise which, numbers permitting, will be held on Saturday 2 May.

North West Tour
We will be taking approximately fifty four students on the North West Tour this year. Parents and students will be receiving information and itineraries in Term Two. Students will be advised to find a “buddy” for the tour; one will need to bring a tent. The tent is essential for the tour to keep students gear and themselves dry if we encounter any wet weather on the way. Students are reminded that their eligibility to attend North West Tour is dependent on them holding Good Standing at the end of Term Two.

Laundry
Students picking up laundry after school has become an issue for some this term, they either forget or can’t be bothered to do it. This has created issues for the laundry staff as they have no where to put the students laundry if their pigeon hole is full.
Numerous requests and reminders, both verbal and written, to students didn’t really see an improvement so students were advised that failure to retrieve their laundry between 4:00 - 5:40pm would attract the loss of one demerit point. This has improved the problem dramatically, unfortunately it did take some students a while to do this which has resulted in some students losing multiple demerit points.
It's quite simple, if you can remember to put it out each morning you can remember to pick it up.

Weekend Leave
Unfortunately a number of students are starting to return to the College on Monday morning after weekend leave. Parents are reminded that as per point 4.28 in the Student Information Book, students are required to return to the College by 8:30pm on a Sunday night after weekend leave, unless of course they have appointments on Monday.

Term Two
Students are required to return to the College on Sunday 19 May after 4:00pm to start Term Two, an evening meal will be provided for those that indicate this on their leave forms.

I wish both parents and students a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing you all in Term Two.
Farm - Mr Brett Cox

Staffing
As discussed in the previous newsletter, Mr Kim Gray has commenced in his shadow role learning all things ‘farm’. From my point of view this process has worked well and I feel comfortable that he will be in a good position to take over once I commence my Long Service Leave in mid-April.
Likewise, Assistant Farm Manager Mr Alec Fissioli is counting down the days until the 2 April when he bids farewell to the College after a career here which commenced in 1969.
The process to fill the vacated cropping position when Mr Simon Longmire elevates into the Assistant Farm Manager’s position has been protracted and is still in play, therefore I can’t pass on any news at this point of time. Unfortunately it is likely that the busy seeding period will commence with a staff member short which will add pressure to the entire farm team – something that will no doubt be worked around.

General
Our new Ausplough Multi Stream 12,000 litre air cart has arrived at local dealer Hutton & Northey Sales and is being set up with our second hand DBS bar and tractor. The unit is scheduled for delivery by the end of this week and will then do some paddock trials ahead of seeding proper. We are looking forward to this latest advance in cropping capabilities which will provide further educational scope for students.
It now appears unlikely that we will take ownership of additional land prior to seeding – at best we will have some access for additional grazing with the balance of the land cropped by the previous owner via a lease arrangement with the College.
Shearing has almost finished for the season – I have heard nothing but good reports from Mr Laird and the other trainers who have been assisting onsite with the shearing. I am always amazed at the way our students just get on with this job – the Year 12 students in particular are to be congratulated on their maturity and willingness to do a top class job. I’d like to again acknowledge the support that this College receives from the Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and from the C.Y. O’Connor Institute – it is money and time well spent in promoting the industry to potential employees and future leaders.
A contingent of students headed off to Wagin to compete in the junior judging and shearing events at the Wagin Woolorama earlier in March. As per usual they acquitted themselves well and proved to be good ambassadors for the College in particular and Ag Ed in general. The College also took down a display of Poll Dorset sheep and Merino wool for the various events. Some of the results were:
• Bailey McDonnell – in the top 10 for cattle judging.
• Trent Stevens – 3rd meat sheep judging (Poll Dorset)
• Kaiden Johnston – 3rd (merino) sheep judging
• Trent McLean – 5th Wool judging – (merino)
• Matthew McDonald – 2nd and Ben Goss – 3rd in shearing (Novice)
• Kaiden Johnston – 3rd Wool judging (merino)
• Wool results – 2 x 3rd places.
• Poll Dorset (mature) – 3rd
• Milk tooth ewes – 3rd (Poll Dorset)
• Milk tooth rams – 10th (Poll Dorset)
Well done to all students for their efforts and to staff for time preparing students and animals.
On Saturday 21 February, a group of nine students under the watchful eye of **Mr Laird** headed off to the Pingelly Shears and competed in the Open Novice Shearing competition. **Jayden Smith** came 2nd and **Matthew McDonald** came 3rd in the competition. Once again, well done to all those that participated.

On the 5 March, **Mr Longmire** and **Mr Childs** took a group of Year 12 students to a liquid fertilizer workshop held at the Kwinana CSBP fertiliser plant. It was a busy day that was full of relevant information enjoyed by all.

**Mr Byrnes** and class teacher **Mrs Johnston** were also busy with a visit to Albany for the inaugural Gate 2 Plate Beef Industry Challenge where students competed against teams from the other Colleges – they finished in at a creditable second place to Denmark. Whilst away for the excursion, they were superbly looked after by the **Denmark Ag College** – our sincere thanks for their hospitality and of course the reason why we allowed them to win!

At the recent Farm Advisory meeting, members had an opportunity to scrutinise our 2014 Enterprise Reports. **Mr Murray Williams** was extremely keen to acknowledge the success achieved at last year’s Perth Royal Show by the Led Steer team. In particular the fact that a College-bred steer won the Reserve Champion Extra Heavy Weight on the hoof, won Champion Extra Heavy Weight on the hook and then was judged Reserve Champion on the hook overall was worth highlighting. The fact that this animal was selected from our small herd and then prepared to near perfection speaks volumes about the quality of the animal and the expertise of cattle Technical Officer **Mr Shaun Byrnes**.

Likewise, **Mr Reg Maddock** was very complimentary of the great work that piggery Technical Officer **Miss Maddi Davey** is doing – well done **Maddi**.

Continuing with the praise, I guess this is also an opportunity for me to publically thank the numerous College staff, past and present who I have worked with over the years. This also extends to the many colleagues at the other Colleges and in the central office – thank you. The Ag College system is a unique entity that offers a fantastic learning opportunity for students across this state. I’m pleased to have played a small part in it and look forward to learning of the continued success of both the College and students.

**Acting Farm Manager - Mr Kim Gray**

Hello to the College community. I would like to thank staff and students for making both myself and my partner **Meredith Lee-Curtis** feel welcome since arriving at the College.

It has been very busy since our arrival learning the roles we will be carrying out while at the College. For those that are unaware **Meredith** is helping out with the residential duties and I will be covering for **Brett Cox** who will be taking long service leave. I look forward to the challenges ahead but must thank **Brett** and all staff who have shown patience and given assistance in helping me slot into the Farm Manager’s position.

My background is in farming, at Kukerin for many years and then Boddington producing hay for the Japanese market. I also spent six years as a Director on the board of Co-operative Bulk Handling. I look forward to meeting parents and working with students.
Extra Workshop Sessions
The Automotive, Engineering and Furnishing workshops are open twice a week after school. Several students have taken advantage of the extra time to complete exercises enabling them to start work sooner on their major projects. This has obvious advantages for students who utilise this time.

There are also some students who need to attend to gain extra assistance to ensure they meet the requirements for their courses.

Furnishing & Engineering Accounts
As students commence their major projects, the College is happy to purchase all materials on your behalf. This has proved to be time saving in terms of reducing delays in material arriving and being able to rectify ordering errors quickly.

Our process for sending out project accounts is outlined below. We are trying to ensure parents don’t get a surprise when accounts arrive.

Initially a “commencement account” and a "project confirmation slip" will be sent home. Parents need to return the project confirmation slip as quickly as possible so that students may start their projects. Then payment of the commencement account (50% estimate of the approximate total cost) is required. On completion of the project a detailed final account will be sent with the balance due before the project can be collected.

Surf Camps
Surf Camp forms were emailed home recently. These need to be returned by the end of term please.

Trade Tour
Mr Elliott and Mr Sutton are organising the Trade Tour this year. Students will be visiting WESTRAC and Hofmann Engineering. Both venues give students an insight into these companies. Any students interested in doing a trade should ensure they go on this tour as it provides valuable information regarding gaining apprenticeships in a variety of industries.
AUTUMN CARNIVAL – HARVEY

This year we took 40 enthusiastic students to Harvey for the 2015 Autumn Carnival. We left at 1pm on Friday ready for a three hour drive. We arrived at Harvey PCYC Mornington camp that evening which is where we were going to stay for the next two nights. We didn’t have much time so we quickly had dinner and left for the recreational centre ready for netball, cricket and touch rugby.

Netball got off to a fantastic start winning both our games against Denmark and Morawa. Touch rugby was played really well, coming a draw with Morawa and just missing out by one tri against Denmark. The cricket players were up against some really strong teams, unfortunately losing both games playing the best they could. After the final game we packed up our things and went back to the camp for some supper and a good night’s rest ready for the next day of serious competition.

Saturday morning came and our keen team of fishers got up bright and early, stopped at Harvey Ag for breakfast and headed to Bunbury to go fishing. They started off really strong catching a few small tailor, but the other schools luckily caught a few more with Cunderdin coming 3rd. Back at the rec centre, basketball and soccer had begun. Soccer was another strong competition with every player trying their best and showing a lot of skill and ended up finishing 3rd overall. Basketball had a good team this year with some good players, which definitely showed in all the games, unfortunately Harvey also had many good players and in the final led them to win, leaving Cunderdin with 2nd.

While these two sports were happening, three students went down to the Ag college to compete in the duathlon. A 1km run and a 2km bike ride on a rough track up and down steep hills.

It was a great effort by all three students, Jemma, James and especially Davlin as it was his first time riding a geared bike. It had been a big morning for all and it was around 12pm before the croquet and ten pin bowling teams arrived back at the rec centre from Bunbury.

The croquet team, coming 4th overall, did good for a sport which was changed at the last minute. The ten pin bowling team bowled great coming second to Harvey overall. We all had lunch out on the oval and had a rest before the next lot of sport began. After lunch the swimmers Trent, Jemma, Clayton, Bailey and Jess went down to the local pool ready to swim. Our team was very strong with some great swimmers. Everyone did their best, winning every race and coming out with the school’s first win for the carnival. Back at the rec centre the final basketball and soccer games were played and volleyball began.

While the final games of volleyball were being played we all went back to the camp to get ready for dinner which was going to be at Harvey Ag. We arrived there 5:45pm very hungry and tired. Once we had finished we went back to the rec centre where netball and squash finals were happening. The netball final was very intense against Harvey, starting off close but later on the score started to separate, in the end Harvey winning. All of our players played really well with some even surprising us. Squash was also on and the players were successful coming second to Harvey by only just a few points. That night we all went back to the camp for another early night.

It was the final day of Autumn Carnival and everyone was a bit slow moving but motivated to try their hardest. The last three sports, tennis, lawn bowls and the final touch rugby games were going to finish off the carnival. The lawn bowls team fought it out winning against Denmark in the final, being the second win for the school. The tennis team also did well playing strong, coming second to Harvey. Finally the touch rugby played off for 3rd and 4th coming a draw leaving it up to points, which left up in 4th position but it was a good effort from all.

We all went back to the rec centre where the presentation was held. Once it had finished we had lunch and then headed back to school after a great weekend. Thank you to all of the staff who made this weekend happen and putting up with us all. It couldn’t have happened without you, Thank you.

Jess Herzer
Class - Mr Paul Jasper

Combined University Visit
On Monday 23 March, the ATAR students and some interested students in other classes attended a seminar presented by representatives from the main universities in Perth. This was an informative session which looked at the different campuses and what they had to offer. The presenters also gave the students a snippet of campus life and then the students looked at brochures and spoke to the representatives about particular courses that they were interested in.

Interactive Whiteboard in Room 1 and 2
We have recently purchased and installed two more interactive whiteboards for Room 1 and 2. These rooms are used for English, PPS and APS and have provided the students and teachers with a much needed interactive teaching tool. While everyone is still learning all the tricks of the board, they have already been a fantastic addition to our class area.

Year 11 and 12 Interim Reports
Interim reports will now be posted out in second term to allow all parties involved to be well informed of the progress of your child’s progress before Parent interviews midway through Term 2.

Year 11 and 12 ATAR – Exam week
Just a friendly reminder that the first scheduled exams for the ATAR students will be held in Term 2 Week 6 Year 12 and Week 7 Year 11.
These exams are held at the College in the Recreation Centre and replicate the final WACE examinations in order to best prepare the students.
There are sample exams for Stage 2 and Stage 3 on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website www.scsa.wa.edu.au and there will also be exams available on Connect website for the students to practice.
Please note that we do not reschedule exams for students without a medical certificate.

ANZAC Service, Gallipoli 2015
Tom Curnow submitted a 1000 word essay last year to the Western Australia Department of Education to be considered for one of the 32 places available on this year’s 100 year commemorative trip of the landing at Gallipoli. He has now been chosen out of the 32 students selected to lay the wreath at Gallipoli on behalf of the Students of Western Australia, a pretty special honour, once in a lifetime you could say!

SCUBA Diving 2015 - Mr Paul Jasper
This year the SCUBA course was done over two Wednesdays with the students beginning the day at 5.00am and not returning till around 8.00pm both evenings. Nine students in Mr Jasper’s Physical Education Studies class took the opportunity to gain skills in something that may be very foreign to them. The students included Clayton Garlick, William Schorer, Jarrad Hunt, Bailey McDonnell, Jarrad Billing, Brittany Mayberry, Todd Williams, Ethan Warden and Damon Manuel.
All students except one qualified and gained their Open Water Diving Accreditation. One of the students will need to complete the final two dives as they couldn’t equalize during the last two dives and had to sit them out.
The first day began with theory and around 3-4 hours in the pool with an open water dive off the beach at Woodman Point. Fortunately the visibility wasn’t as restricted as predicted and the students were able to experience their first dive in unprotected waters. Buoyancy was the main issue and one student had an issue with keeping their dinner from the previous night down, other than that the day went very smoothly.
The next week began with 3 ocean dives at the wreck trail in Rockingham. This area is renowned for its silty floor and low visibility however as luck would have it we jagged a week of fine weather which turned into some of the best visibility they had seen for some time. They were able to float over a couple of sunken planes and a small barge as well as a chicken coop that a few sneaky students swam through. The students then sat their final exam all passing with flying colours, another quick stop on the way home to refuel our tanks and the students had completed their Open Water Diving course. Congratulations and look forward to next year.

Animal Production Systems - Mrs Shae Johnston

In Animal Production Systems this term, the Year 11 Agriculture students have been learning about animal husbandry as well as nutrition and digestion in livestock. They will be partaking in dissections of the digestive system of ruminants next term in order to build upon the content they have covered so far. Miss Moore also took her students down to the sheep yards to learn about condition scoring in sheep with the assistance of Mr Laird.

The Year 11 ATAR have been learning about nutrition and digestion as well as immunity and producing livestock for market. They will also take part in more practical activities next term as they move into animal health, pests and diseases.

The Year 12 Trade class have been revising nutrition and digestion this term and have now moved onto creating budgets for enterprises based on the College farm. They will continue to learn about the different enterprises and the costs involved with their running next term.

The Year 12 Agriculture class have been looking at the respiratory and circulatory systems of livestock. This has also included the dissection of pig and sheep hearts in order to build upon the theory they covered in class. They are now working on nutrition and will be moving onto marketing next term.

The Year 12 ATAR have had a busy start to the year, they have revised the areas of reproduction, breeding and genetics as well as immunity. They are now completing a task based around nutrition and feed rations which will lead them into a sheep feed trial they will be running next term. This will involve weekly weighing of the sheep and muscle and fat depth scanning once a fortnight. They will also be preparing for their first round of exams for the year.

Overall it has been a very busy term!

Special Examination Arrangements for the 2015 WACE examinations

Students that have a permanent or temporary disability and/or specific learning disability that could disadvantage them in demonstrating their knowledge, skills and understandings in standard assessments may apply to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to sit WACE examinations under special arrangements.

If you feel that you are a student in this situation and you have not already advised the College, please contact Mr Paul Jasper (Head of Curriculum) or Mr Travis Hooper (Deputy Principal) as soon as possible so the appropriate application paperwork can be completed.
In week four, 35 WA College of Agriculture students (17 from Cunderdin) came together for an inaugural ATAR support camp. The purpose of the trip was to promote university study as a real option in twelve months’ time, specifically the agricultural science course at UWA, the Agribusiness course at Curtin, the Animal Science course at Murdoch, and the Agricultural Technologies course at CY O’Connor Institute.

At UWA students were involved in 3 practical activities centred around the Microblitz Citizen Science project, conducted in the student laboratories. They rated the strawberry DNA extraction the highest. Students were also fortunate to have a presentation by Professor Graeme Martin about the Future Farm 2050 project, a raw look at how the expected population increase at the current rates, exceeds the amount of food available. He stressed that this generation of students will play an integral role in solving these types of issues and the importance of research to support this. Students also rated his talk as one of the best sessions of the trip.

At Curtin, students were toured around the lab facilities and talked to a scientist about her project about fungal disease in barley. They also saw the glasshouse trials, and the site for the new Centre for Crop and Disease Management, which represents a big investment by the industry in attempting to reduce the economic impact of crop diseases. Students also heard directly from the lecturer of Animal Nutrition, Sue Low, about the course at Curtin.

After a long day, the Kelmscott students left the main group which then travelled to Landsdale Farm School where they had a BBQ, a session with Alysia Kepert from the Agricultural Education branch, and Lachlan Hunter, an ex-Cunderdin student (graduated 2012) who is now studying at UWA. This gave students a great insight in what it was like to study at university, and to handle the relocation to Perth.

The next morning after a presentation by Daisy Bulloch from CY O’Connor Institute, students boarded the bus bound for Murdoch University. Here, they toured the Animal anatomy museum - an interesting assortment of dissections and specimens, before having a lecture in meat science, then a practical activity involving a tasting panel (the same as used by Meat Standards Australia), finished off with a BBQ lunch at the university farm. Murdoch has a 250 acre farm, making it the only CBD university in Australia with such a resource. Understandably the trip was exhausting for Denmark students, made worse by temperatures in the high 30s. Wherever we went though, there were comments made about the impeccable presentation and behaviour of all the students.

It was a also great opportunity for students from different campuses to come together and network. We are very appreciative and wish to acknowledge the sponsorship of accommodation by UWA, and the provision of food and drinks by Murdoch and Curtin universities. This meant that the trip was able to be run with no cost to parents.

More support, specifically aimed at the Animal Production and Plant Production courses will be coordinated by Alysia Kepert, Agricultural Education, over the year in preparation for the WACE exams in early November.

Mr Watt and Mrs Johnston accompanied the students on the camp.
On Tuesday the 24 March, the Year 12’s and Class staff went to the Perth Arena for the annual bstreetsmart event. Along with 75 other schools throughout Perth and the Wheatbelt, the students were confronted with a re-enactment of a car and motorbike accident that was based on a real-life event from the Mandurah region.

Students were able to witness what actually happens when an accident occurs within Western Australia, from the police, ambulance and fire fighter’s perspective. They were shown how vital steps at the beginning of an accident and how general first aid can help sustain a life before the paramedics arrive on scene. Students also witnessed the dismantling of the car using the ‘jaws of life’ and what happened to each person involved in the accident.

Guest speakers from different ages told their stories about the accidents that they were involved in or caused. From speeding on wet roads, drink driving or just being a victim from other peoples distractions, students were somewhat ‘shocked’ into abiding by the rules.

Hopefully this experience will help prompt a little voice in these students’ heads to do the right things as both a driver and a passenger.

### Farm Duty Roster - Term Two

**Reminder - Students will NOT be granted Weekend Leave when rostered on Farm Duty**

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 | Monday        | 20 April | Term Two commences 8.00am  
 | Friday        | 24 April | ANZAC Service 3.00pm  
 | Saturday - Monday | 25 - 27 April | ANZAC Day Long Weekend -  
 |               |         | COLLEGE OPEN ALL WEEKEND  
 | Friday        | 8 May   | Interim Reports posted  
 | Tuesday       | 12 May  | Year 11 Trade Tour  
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 | Friday        | 5 June  | End of Semester One  
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- ANZAC Service 3.00pm

**Saturday - Monday 25 - 27 April**
- ANZAC Day Long Weekend
- COLLEGE OPEN ALL WEEKEND

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