



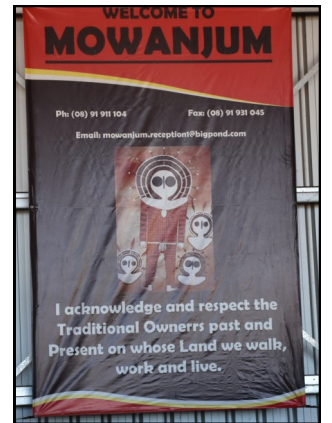
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Newsletter

August 2016



North West Tour



Principal—Mr Bernard Beatty



Recently **Geoff Moyle** Director of Agriculture announced his retirement for the 14 October 2016. During the school holidays **Stephen Baxter** Executive Director Strategic Planning asked me to come to Perth to meet with him and as a result of this meeting I have been offered the position of Director of Agriculture for a fixed term period of six months beginning 17 October.

I will be moving to Perth at the end of Week 1 Term 4 to take up this position until the end of Term 1 2017. **Jane** will finish to the end of this year and take Term 1 as LWOP.

The Principal's position will be advertised in the next week as a fixed term with possible extension and/or permanency.

While I have enormous pride in this College and the staff and what we have achieved over the last eight years at the same time I am excited in having the opportunity to experience a new challenge in a very different work environment and be able to continue to support this College and the broader agricultural education system in the role of Director Agricultural Education. There is much still to do before I take up the new position and I will continue to enjoy working with the College community.

Parent Survey

Thankyou to all of the parents who have taken the time to fill out the Parent Survey. There will be a detailed analysis of the last three years of surveys at our Board meeting and this will influence our strategic planning within our current Business Plan.

Open Day

Please support our Open Day on Friday 9 September. This day offers a real opportunity for students to display their work through out the year. If parents know anyone who may be interested in attending the College please invite them along for the day

to see what the College has to offer.

North West Tour

Congratulations to **Darryl McCart, Mark Barnier, Sue Elliott, Kristy Hackford, Shane Childs** and **Jason Dumbrell** on providing a fantastic life experience for our Year 11 students on the North West Tour. It is not an easy trip for six staff to take four vehicles and 61 students on a 6,000km round trip with no major incidences. It was fantastic to hear the feedback we had from various places that were visited on the excellent behaviour and manner of our students. Well done to all.

ATAR Exams/Year 12 General Finish times

PARENTS - PLEASE NOTE:

End of term is not the finish date for Year 12 students. If after the Year 12 rehearsal (Tuesday 20 September 4.00pm) students have completed and have a fully signed off Clearance Form they will be allowed to leave. Those students who have not completed all of the required academic or practical work will return in Term 4.

Please be aware if Year 12's are returning to complete certain areas they can only be at the College for that designated time e.g. Farm, they can only return on the Wednesday afternoon ready for classes on the Thursday and the same would go for the Trade area. Class area they would return on the Sunday night for classes Monday and Tuesday. There may be some negotiation for the Wednesday as to which areas students may be able to go to. Any students who needs to complete work in all areas spend the week at the College as per normal timetable. The reason for this is that the College still has Year 11 students in normal classes and we cannot have students in areas with Year 11's. All returns must be negotiated with the Deputy Principal.

For Year 12 ATAR students, the first week of Term Four is

compulsory as they will be attending a camp in Perth. Week 2 and 3 is optional as they are Study Weeks and students are welcome to stay at the College during exams which finish on the 4 November.

I would like to stress the importance for our Year 12 students finishing the year and exiting the College maintaining their reputation. **There will be no tolerance to any "Muck Up" type activities.**

Cameron Stone Memorial Cup

I have organised for a Girls and Boys AFL football match to be played in Corrigin against Narrogin Agricultural College on Wednesday 7 September. The girls game will be played at approximately 3.00pm followed by the boys playing 2 X 25 minute halves at 4.00pm with presentations following.

All students will attend and we will be providing a meal at the grounds for the students. The Cup has been named after a graduate here at the College from 2001 in **Cameron Stone**. **Cameron** passed away last year and is remembered for his great leadership both here at the College as well as back in his home community of Corrigin.

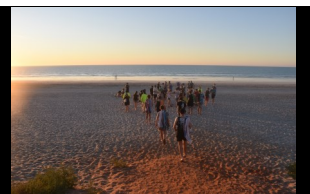
Dowerin Field Day

We will again have our stand at the Dowerin Field Day so please come and see us and encourage any prospective students to do the same.

WA Wood Show

Congratulations to **Morgan Ashworth** for not only winning the Schools section for his Marri table but also won the Visitors Choice which has never been achieved before. **Morgan's** table will be on display at Open Day and I am sure you will agree it is a spectacular piece of furniture. Congratulations also to **Daniel Hancock** for his second place and **William Schorer** for his Highly Commended.

Residential Manager—Mr Darryl McCart



North West Tour

The start of Term 3 saw 61 students and 6 staff head off on the North West Tour. All students were extremely well behaved and it was a pleasure to take this adventure with them. There were a range of activities whilst on tour, such as swimming, station stays, a visit to the RFDS base in Meekatharra, tour of Mount Whale Back Mine in Newman, the Wilderness Park and Willie Creek Pearl Farm in Broome, just to mention a few of the activities.

This year students were lucky to be able to do a tour of the horticulture area in Broome that is being overseen by the Water Department. A parcel of land heading into Broome has been rezoned and a trial of different horticulture ventures is being undertaken.



We then headed to Derby to visit the centre pivot irrigation trial that has been set up at Mowanjum. Thank you to **Rob Cossart** from the Water Department who accompanied us and explained everything that the Water Department is hoping to achieve.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff involved with the smooth running of this tour **Mr Mark Barnier, Ms Kristy Hackford, Mrs Sue**

Elliott, Mr Shane Childs & Mr Jason Dumbrell.



Grooming

A number of students are failing to follow college Guidelines in regards to long hair. If a student has long hair they must tie it up during instruction and meal times, this includes Class, Farm, D&T and when in the dining room.

If students can not follow this parents will be asked to arrange a haircut for their child.

Medication

Can parents and students please take the time to read the policy regarding medication

that is in the Student Information Book as some students are returning to the College with excessive amounts of “over the counter medications”.

Midland Photography

College photos were taken on 8 August. Anyone who did not order or wants more copies will be able to contact Midland Photography direct to organise this.

College Ball

The College Ball is being held at the Hyatt Regency this year in the Terrace ballroom on 26 August. Parents are welcome to attend pre-dinner drinks from 6.30pm – 7.00pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to take photos.

Parents and students wishing to book rooms at the Hyatt to stay can quote code BQST (room only) or BQTB (room and breakfast) to receive a cheaper rate.

Staff will not be responsible for supervising students after the Ball finishes.

Leave Applications

There have been a number of instances where weekend leave has been rejected as it was applied after the cut-off time of Wednesday evening. If this is the case, please **do not select another leave type and submit** as this creates more work for the leave approvers.

I would encourage parents to get their child to take responsibility for submitting leave applications, then parents only need to approve the leave. If this is not possible please ring me and I will sort it out.

A reminder for parents also that school finishes at 4.00pm on Fridays not 12.00pm, 2.00pm or 3.00pm. If we continue to receive leave applications for students to leave at this time without a valid reason, leave will be rejected or students will have an unacceptable absence marked against their name.

Design & Technology—Mr Stephen Prangnell



Wood Show

The annual WA Wood Show was on at the Claremont Show grounds over the 5 - 7 August. Student projects were entered into the "Out of the Woods" fine woodwork competition and were on display for the duration of the show.

There is also a Visitors Choice Award each year. For the first time in the history of the Wood Show a student has won this award. Congratulations to **Morgan Ashworth** on picking up this award.

A great deal of work went into the preparation of projects for the competition and the students are to be congratulated on their success. Thank you to **Mr Elliott** for his contribution in helping students prepare their work for the show.

Year 12 Furniture

Morgan Ashworth	Marri Spiral Table	1 st place
Daniel Hancock	Jarraah Coffee Table	2 nd Place
William Schorer	Jarraah Coffee Table	Commended



Morgan Ashworth (above) and Daniel Hancock (below) with their award winning tables

The End

The finish of school is rapidly approaching for the Year 12 students. Most are now frantically working on their major projects and completing competencies in each area. Year 12's now have at best 3 full cycles left at the College and any absences may impact quite severely on some student results. Also the Engineering and Furnishing workshops have been open on a regular basis for the last two terms. Requests for extra time to complete projects will be considered if the student has made some effort to utilize the extra workshop time.

For Year 11 students take a look at how some Year 12's are coping at the moment and ask yourself if you want to be in the same position as some of them next year.

Brody Newbery (left), Inaya Stone (bottom left) & Michael Hasson (middle) in the workshop



Extra Workshop Time

We have several regulars turning up for afterhours workshop time. However there are quite a few students who have undertaken large projects who need to utilize this opportunity more often. Automotives, Engineering and Furnishing are all open on a regular basis each week. Could parents please talk to their son/daughter to encourage them to use this time to their advantage.



Sean Nelson, Brockman Sinclair, Jordan Kelly, Brittany Mayberry, Todd Williams, Davlin Chaimbaira

Class—Mrs Jane Beatty



University Applications

Applications to University have opened and remain open until the 30 September. An application fee of \$30.00 if on time, or a late fee of \$150.00 is payable by you at the time of the application.

While I am happy to be involved in assisting your child with obtaining information regarding University courses and applying for University, it is essential that, as parents you are involved in the process. These decisions are important and do require research and investigation into what is the best option for each individual student.

All universities have different entry requirements as do each individual course. This information can be easily obtained on each university web page. Indicative ATAR's are displayed under each course description.

Further information regarding the application process can also be obtained on the TISC (Tertiary Institutions Service Centre) website:

www.tisc.edu.au

and also in the Yr 12 Handbook, which can be found on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website:

www.scsa.wa.edu.au

Semester 2 Internal ATAR Examinations Week

In Week 10 of this term (last week of Term 3) the ATAR Internal Exam week will take place. These exams are part of the final school mark that the student will receive and are also important preparation for the WACE Examinations held in Term 4.

Year 12's are also reminded that there is only 5 weeks of school left this term and it is important that you are here for all of that time. The last 2 weeks of term are revision and testing weeks. These assessments will be part of your final school mark.

YR 12 ATAR INTERNAL EXAM WEEK 2016

WEEK 10 SEM 2 19/09/16

Week	DATE	SUBJECT	TIME ALLOCATION
Week 10 Term 3	MONDAY Day 1 19/09/16	Animal Production Systems	3hrs 10 mins 8:00am – 11:10am
	TUESDAY Day 2 20/09/16	English	3hrs 10 mins 8:00am – 11:10am
		Plant Production Systems	3hrs 10 mins 1:05pm – 4:15pm
	WEDNESDAY Day 3 21/09/16	Mathematics	2hrs 45mins 8:00am – 10:45pm

Remember it is your responsibility to bring with you the required items for each exam such as calculators (BATTERIES)
(Check with your teacher what you need to bring)

Details on what you can bring into the exam are available in the Yr 12 Handbook

- Please arrive at the exam 5mins early
- You may wear your college tracksuit and warm footwear
- Early finishers go to Rm 3 for private study

Farm—Mr Kim Gray



August at the College

The canola crops are in full flower and looking really impressive. They have possibly received a little damage to some flowers with heavy frosts early in the month. All crops generally are looking very promising, unlike the market prices for grain. The world grain prices, as everyone is aware, are not looking particularly encouraging but we are all hoping that the yield will cover these price shortfalls. Frost still poses a risk, but some things we cannot do anything about. **Mr Childs** has had students spreading urea for a nitrogen top up on the cereal crops and this has now been completed. Crops are being monitored for disease but so far we seem to be fairly clear of any major disease impact.

Mr Laird has been busy with students marking and mulesing lambs and the lambing percentages have been very encouraging with our best mob achieving 115% lambing and the worst 95%. The first draft of the Poll Dorset prime lambs have been drafted off and will be sent off to market next week. We will be expecting a price in the \$120 per head range. All sheep are looking in fantastic condition with good amounts of feed being available since April. **Mr Laird** and **Mrs Iles** have been providing a lot of training with the students in preparation for a large number of competitions



*Kaiden Johnston and
Rory Jonas*

coming up this Term, including WA State Sheep Handling Challenge at Katanning, the Corrigin Show, the Koorda Show, the Perth Royal Agricultural Show and Farm Skills Competition. Speaking of Farm Skills, training is well underway with students in preparation for the 15 events that students will compete in at the Claremont Showgrounds on Thursday 22 September. **Mr Dumbrell** is also coaching students in preparation for the fencing competition at the Dowerin Field Day on 24 August.



*Jayden Smith and
Daniel Willmott*

The cows have started calving and at this point 6 calves are on the ground and with the amount of feed around, it's quite difficult to spot the calves as the feed is so high. **Mr Byrnes** has the feedlot up and running this Term and students are gaining lots of experience and knowledge in the operation of a commercial feedlot, which has been run by the students under the watchful eye of **Mr Byrnes**. **Mr Byrnes** will be taking a team of students to compete in the Junior Cattle Judging Competition at the Beverley Show and one of the events at the Farm Skills Event will be a judging competition as well.

Miss Davey has had students busy building a new enclosure in the paddock for the mated sows which includes a dome shelter, electric fencing and water supply. This will give more space for the sows and segregation ability for the different age groups of the sows. Preparations are well underway for the piggery display on Open Day, which will be held on Friday 9 September. **Mr Frantom** has been busy in the Butcher Shop with the new smoker oven producing high quality products for the kitchen. He has also established a vegetable garden at the front of the butcher shop which has been producing some fantastic produce used by the kitchen staff.

Mr Ball has commenced a new project in the workshop area building a calf catching cage which attaches to the side of the ute to enable new calves to be captured and then marked with little risk to students from angry overprotective mothers! Although not yet completed, this is scheduled to be in use in the next week or so and **Mr Byrnes** is looking forward to using this new piece of machinery.

Mr Longmire is very pleased with the progress of the Year 12 students as most, if not all have finished their Certificate II in Agriculture and the Certificate III students are progressing well. Year 11 students are starting to achieve competencies towards their Certificate II as well. **Mr Jones** has had a strong focus on assisting Year 11 students in achieving their Stage 2 College Driving Licences. There are some students that are still requiring more practice at this stage, which **Mr Jones** is continuing to assist.



Reece Fisher (left) in the Farm workshop

Declan Marzolo (below)

A new feature of the Open Day will be a ram sale of our **Poll Dorset rams (Wayne Laird 0488 143 720)** along with rams on offer from **Cadonia Park Poll Merino Stud (BJ Storer 0459 549 109)** and **Canaan Dohne Stud (D & GJ Pease 0429 811 232)**. We hope family and friends will join us on this very important day of the College Calendar.



Dylan Hart in the Farm workshop

All staff and students are looking forward to the upcoming College Open Day on Friday 9 September and are busy making preparations for this College showcase event.

WHEATBELT TRIPLE 'C' RAM SALE

WHEN
FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER
2016

WHERE
CUNDERDIN AG COLLEGE
267 BAXTER RD CUNDERDIN

RAMS PENNED
BY 9.00AM

SALE COMMENCES
11.00AM

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**CUNDERDIN
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APPROX 16 RAMS
CONTACT WAYNE LAIRD
0488 143 720

**CANAAN DOHNE
STUD**
A/C D & GJ PEASE
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CONTACT DOUG PEASE
0429 811 232

**CADONIA PARK
POLL MERINO**
A/C BJ & BJ STORER
APPROX 20 RAMS
CONTACT BRUCE STORER
0459 549 109



Manager Corporate Services—Mrs Laura McCart



Welcome to Term 3 which seems to be just as busy as ever, especially since my return.

I would like to introduce **Mrs Jane Rogers** who is working in the office while **Mrs Christine Fulwood** is enjoying herself on Long Service Leave. **Jane** is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays. **Ms Rebecca Marsh** who was filling in for **Mrs Tanya Glover** while she did my job, (thanks **Tanya**), is still with us as **Tanya** has gone back to her home land of Tasmania.

Thanks to all those parents who have paid their final instalment

and returned there Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA) forms. There are still a number of parents who have not completed their AIC BAHA forms, I will be contacting you shortly.

Please be aware as per boarding agreement

“The third and final instalment of residential fees and College charges must be cleared prior to the commencement of Term Four”.

This is applicable to all parents unless prior arrangements have been discussed with the Manager Corporate Services.

Statements have been posted to the families that still have an outstanding account.

Please ensure that the balance is paid as soon as possible to alleviate any problems arising with students boarding in Term Four. Can parents please use their child's Student Number as a reference.

Our new bank details are as follows:

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633-000

Acc No: 155427040

Ref: Student number

Please contact me if you require any clarification on 9635 2100.

University & Careers Information

Central Regional TAFE	www.centralregionaltafe.wa.edu.au/	Campuses at Northam, Muresk, Narrogin, Merredin & Moora (Incorporating Charles Sturt University Bachelors of Agri Business Management)
Curtin University	www.curtin.edu.au	
Edith Cowan University	www.ecu.edu.au	Future Student Information Evening-Joondalup Thursday 8 September 6.00pm Future Student Information Evening-Mt Lawley Tuesday 15 November 6.00pm
Murdoch University	www.murdoch.edu.au	Friday 6 October 9.00am - 3.30pm A Day in the Life of a Murdoch Uni student
Muresk Institute	www.dtwd.wa.gov.au/trainingproviders/mureskinstitute	
Notre Dame University	www.nd.edu.au	Course Information Evening-Fremantle Wednesday 1 June Open Day-Fremantle Sunday 21 August
University of Western Australia	www.uwa.edu.au	

University & Careers Information

Applications are open for the [Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management degree](#) at Muresk Institute for 2017. This course is delivered by Central Regional TAFE in collaboration with Charles Sturt University.

ENROL NOW through Charles Sturt University's online admission process

1. Apply online: <http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/apply/apply-now>
2. Create user account
3. Follow prompts for the Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management at Muresk Institute

Please note processing of applications may take a few weeks. Apply through the Charles Sturt University website 'Apply Online link'. Do not apply through University Admissions Centre (UAC this is for New South Wales students only) or TISC (this is for some WA Universities only).

Charles Sturt University together with Central Regional TAFE has developed a Principal's Recommendation early application process for students who have the ability to complete the Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management at Muresk Institute in 2017.

This is an early entry option for students into the degree program (offers made in December). It is open to ATAR and non-ATAR students seen as academically talented.

Applications are open now and close COB 30th October 2016. So please ensure all documentation is completed and submitted prior to this date.

Applications can be sourced through Charles Sturt University (CSU) and submitted electronically with supporting documentation directly to CSU.

Contact **Mrs Beatty** for information.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Daisy Franz

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for Year 11's are now available. Application forms are available either from the front office or on our website.

The Scholarships available for 2016 are:

- WA Farmers - 1 x \$1,000
- The Royal Agricultural Society - 1 x \$1,000
- The Old Collegians/Farm - 1 x \$1,000
- The Wool Education Trust - 3 x \$3,000
- Mitchell's Transport Low Stress Stock Handling Workshop - 2 x \$880

The first four scholarships go towards fees for Year 12.

Applications close Monday 5th September 2016 at 4.00pm.

Country Week—Mr Paul Jasper

Country Week is an annual event for all country schools to participate in sports within the school arena, competing in a variety of different disciplines. Schools from as far north as Christmas Island, south to Esperance and everywhere in between converge on Perth for a week of sporting and social events. This year WACOA Cunderdin sent 66 students and 8 staff to participate in six different sports including AFL, Basketball (boys and girls), Hockey, Netball and Soccer. Unfortunately on average, our sporting results weren't fantastic minus hockey's result, who managed to finish 3rd overall in B grade boy's hockey. There were however plenty of positives to come out of the week, including the participation and whole team like environment that was created on and off the field.



This year the College worked hard to find somewhere more suitable for our student's accommodation. Perth Central Caravan Park was ideal for the College's needs in terms of comfort, security, washing needs, distance to stadium/hospital, bus/car parking and social aspects that all need to be identified. The College kitchen worked hard all semester preparing all our meals to freeze to take to our cabins in Perth. Lunch was also driven each day from the College kitchen by a different staff member.

Our results this year aren't a reflection of effort put in or preparation, unfortunately in some cases we were in the wrong division and therefore our efforts were unrewarded. This is obviously one point of consideration for next year. AFL played in "A" grade and finished 6th, Basketball boys in "C" grade and finished 8th, Basketball girls in "C" grade and finished 5th, Hockey Boys played in "B" grade and finished 3rd, netball played in "C" grade and finished 5th overall and finally our soccer team played in "C" grade and finished 6th.



Mr Hooper and **Ms Marsh** did all the work behind the scenes in terms of paper work and bookings. **Mr McCart** worked hard getting each cabin mix right in terms of students and also sorting out food requirements for the week which is no mean feat considering the needs of hungry athletes along with bus preparation etc. **Mrs Glover** did a mountain load of work with financing the event, I'm sure the actual cost of this event would blow people's minds!



The schools sporting coaches as always go above and beyond for our students considering the time that goes into preparation for the event. I would like to take time to thank **Mr Byrnes** who coached the boys' basketball and trained them twice a week from mid-term one. **Miss Davey** coached our netball girls with a very, very depleted side and still managed a great result. **Mrs Skinner** was our most successful coach reaching 3rd place for our first crack at "B" grade hockey. **Mr Thompson** also had a very depleted basketball team, however motivated them to play every game to their best, and at one point only had 4 players. **Mr Hooper** who along with organisation of the event and was the senior staff member at Country Week, also managed to field a soccer team every game. By the way, we only took 4 soccer players to Perth, wow just wow!



To **Mr Elliott** who also helped coach the footy side and deal with the issues that come with having 25 players get the attention they deserve. To each staff member that drove the lunches down each day, thank you. Finally to **Mr Beatty** whose support of the event from a College level and help down in Perth is invaluable, thank you.

Bookings and planning have already started for next year and we look forward to another successful week in Perth doing the sports we all love.

Thankyou all.

Coming up...

Thursday	25 August	Year 11's at Dowerin Field Day CLOSED WEEKEND College closes 2.00pm Parent Interviews 1.00pm
Friday	26 August	College Ball
Sunday	28 August	Students return after 4.00pm Evening meal available if requested
Friday	9 September	OPEN DAY
Monday—Wednesday	19—21 September	Year 12 ATAR Internal Exam Week
Thursday	22 September	Farm Skills - Perth Royal Show
Friday	23 September	College Board 10.00am END OF TERM THREE College closes 12.30pm
Sunday	10 October	Students return after 4.00pm Evening meal available if requested
Monday	11 October	Term Four commences
Monday	31 October	Animal Production Systems WACE Exam
Wednesday	2 November	English WACE Exam
Thursday	3 November	Plant Production Systems WACE Exam
Friday	4 November	Mathematics Applications WACE Exam
Friday	11 November	Year 12 Graduation
Friday	25 November	Year 11's finish College closes at 12.20pm College Board 10.00am

Open Day

The Principal, staff and students invite you to the
2016 College Open Day
Friday 9th September 2016
commencing at 10.00am

Lunch will be provided
 12:00noon – 1:30pm



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