Western Australian College of Agriculture - Cunderdin

OPEN DAY 2014
Student Council

Congratulations to our elected Student Council for 2015:

- Ashlee Ducat
- Emma Fewster
- Mark Harris
- Tekura Irvine
- Harry Martin
- Jayden Pollard
- Matthew Southall
- Jessica Wells

There were many students who nominated and all would have made worthy candidates. It is a credit to each of them for putting their name forward and having a go.

School Audit

We have recently gone through our biannual school financial and resource audit and I am very pleased to announce that we received an Excellent rating for all five areas: Receipting and Banking, Purchasing and Payment System, Financial Planning and Management System, Asset Management System and Human Resource and Management Information System. Congratulations go to all staff but in particular Mrs Laura McCart, our Business Manager who performs her role at the highest level. Well done. Please see attached letter from our Director General Sharyn O’Neill congratulating Laura McCart as Business Manager on her excellent processes.

Open Day

Thank you to all of the parents and students who supported our very successful Open Day which was again a tremendous success. It was great to see so many parents of current students, prospective parents and even past students and principals.

Winners of the Shearing Competition were as follows:

1st Matt Lane  
2nd Lachlan Smith  
3rd Matt Flint  
4th Braydan Curtin  
5th Callum O’Neill  
6th Laura-Kate Dymond  
7th Evan Kerse  
8th Jarrod Clarke  
9th Harrison Aurisch

Winners of the Wool Handling Competition were:

1st Lauren Faulkner  
2nd Matt Richards  
3rd Tyren Baum  
4th Emily Jaekel

Congratulations to award winners on the day, other winners are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Year 12 Graduation

Graduation is being held on Friday 14 November starting with morning tea at 10.00am and the official ceremony beginning at 11.00am, with lunch provided at a cost of $10 per head for parents and visitors. Current Year 12 students do not have to pay.

Students will be required to wear full school uniform and hair groomed to the accepted standard of the College. Students not complying to the College guidelines in these areas will not be allowed to participate in the graduation.

Year 12’s have also been spoken to about the importance of leaving the College with pride and respect. There is no tolerance to any “muck up” activities.
College Ball
Congratulations to Mr McCart and the Student Council for an outstanding Ball. There is a huge effort in organising such an event and requires a big commitment from staff and students alike to ensure it is a successful night. Also thank you to Leticia Richards and the P&C committee for organising the parent dinner during the Ball, it was a great night and very well attended.

P&C Raffle
Congratulations to the P&C for their initiative in organising the Monster Cash raffle. While we are still adding up the dollars, we have made a healthy profit and I thank all parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends who supported the raffle. Congratulations to Raelene Beagley (Marcus’ mum) on winning the big prize.

Parent Survey
Thank you to the forty plus parents who returned the Parent Survey. We had some great feedback and at our next Board meeting we will be analysing the data and comparing to previous surveys. The data from these surveys does help steer our Business Plan and I can cite a number of examples where we have changed our processes to meet the needs of our students.

Perth Royal Show
Good luck to our teams competing at the Perth Royal Show. We have our Led Steer team led by Mr Byrne who are again going to spend the first week at the show parading nine led steers. Thanks also to Julie Skinner and Hayley Byrne for helping out with the week. We have three teams in the Farm Skills competition, so the best of luck to them. Mr Laird has been up-skilling our junior judges and shearers who will also be competing over the week, as well as some College wool and Poll Dorsets.

Finalist Secondary School of the Year
I would like to congratulate the staff of the College in being named a State finalist in the Secondary School of the Year category of the 2014 Western Australian Education Awards. This is a fine achievement and reflects positively on the entire staff and community.

The Western Australian Education Awards acknowledge the achievements of schools that improve learning opportunities for students, involve the community and shape public education in this State. The three other schools to be named as Finalists are Australind Senior High School, Mindarie Senior College and Warwick Senior High School.

Judging for this award will be conducted on the 14 October.

**Open Day**

Congratulations to students and staff on their efforts in preparing the Design and Technology Department for Open Day. It’s a huge job, but a lot of satisfaction can be taken from the standard of displays on the day. I received comments throughout the day from current students amazed at the transformation throughout the centre.

It was great to see many prospective students and parents visiting the College. Some parents have already decided what projects their sons / daughters are going to make after seeing the display. A couple of ex-students I spoke to wanted to re-enrol so they could take advantage of the workshops.

The Visitors Choice Award was on again this year, plus we introduced a Professionals Choice Award this year. The students enjoy the opportunity of possibly picking up a prize. These were donated by the College.

- **Professionals Choice Engineering**: Hayden Fisher
- **Visitors Choice Engineering**: Dylan Booth
- **Professionals Choice Furnishing**: Emily Jaekel
- **Visitors Choice Furnishing**: Brayden Harris

**Trade Training Centre**

The Trade Training Centre building program has pretty much finished. It’s great to be in the new facilities with room to move.

The dust extraction for Furnishing is being planned and we hope to see progress on this part of the project in the near future.

**End of Year**

Every effort is made in the practical area to complete projects by the end of the year with some class changes possible through negotiation with the staff involved. However, students need to have been making use of the workshop after hours and making a genuine effort in the lead up for this to occur.

It is pleasing to see some students checking whether they have completed all the requirements for their Certificates. Students must complete all course requirements if they are to be awarded Certificates in respective courses.

**Major Project Accounts**

Accounts are in the process of being finalised for Year 12 major projects. We are processing accounts for projects as quickly as possible and hope to have most of them completed by the end of term. This will depend on students completing work before then.

Accounts need to be paid and receipts shown before projects can be taken home. This process has been put in place because of a very small minority of people who have not done the right thing in the past.
Class - Mrs Jane Beatty

Open Day was once again a fantastic, positive day. Thank you to all the family and friends who made the trip to the College to have a look around. The students worked very hard to present their work and it showed in engaging displays around the College. A special thank you to all the class area staff including Mrs Sullivan and Mr Skinner, and students allocated to the class area for your efforts before and on the day.

Congratulations to the Year 12 students who have completed their work in the class area! Well done on the two years you have spent at the College.

Stage 3 Year 12 students have this week completed their mock exams. These students will be returning to the College in Term 4 to receive their results and valuable feedback. All teachers will be going over the exams and conducting revision in preparation for the WACE Examinations. Individual student timetables for the WACE exams have been handed out to the students in class. The WACE timetable is also available online at www.scsa.wa.edu.au

The individual timetable is an important document that must be signed and presented to the supervisors at the beginning of each exam.

Please make sure that students have new batteries in their calculators!
WACE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2014

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Farm Duty Roster – Term Four

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

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FOR SALE

Weed Free Pelletised Sheep Manure

$5.00 per 25 kg bag

This product has been kindly donated by Westcoast Wools

Proceeds will go to a student based account for the purchase of various goods as required

Contact the office or farm to place an order:

Cunderdin.ac@education.wa.edu.au

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General
What a month! Term three is notoriously busy with a multitude of activities happening, and this year has certainly maintained this reputation - particularly this last month or so.

The major event of course is our Open Day, which again lived up to expectations by providing visitors an opportunity to see the College in all its finery. We were very fortunate with the weather – strong winds earlier in the week proved testing for all operations but cleared to near perfect conditions leading up to and on the day.

It is always pleasing to welcome visitors to the site to inspect the handy work of the students and this year we were fortunate enough to have some good crops and pasture on hand. All the animals on display were also in top condition and overall the staff and students need to be congratulated for their efforts in achieving this result. I received many positive comments from visitors complementing all concerned for the displays. The items we had out for tender proved of interest and we received bids on the majority of the goods, helping to clear surplus items from storage and boost the College funds to be reinvested in new items or projects.

We enjoyed success at the recent Dowerin Field Day in the Fencing competition. The team consisting of Matthew Lane, Matthew Flint, Callum O’Neill and Jarrod Clarke put their training efforts to good use to come equal first with the team from Morawa Ag. I believe this is the first time there has been a tie in this particular competition. Well done fellas – a good result.

These students and those making up another 2 teams will travel to Perth next week to compete in the RAS Farm Skills competition in the lead up the Perth Royal Show. They all put in lots of hours in their own time participating in training for these events.

Led Steer students have also participated in displaying cattle at the Beverley and Kellerberrin Shows, providing additional handling skills to those students who were able to participate. Likewise, students often participate in regional shows in shearing and wool handling events – thank you to Mr Byrnes and Mr Laird respectively for giving up their own time making these events possible.

Year 12 Class students and Year 11 Farm students participated in the WANTFA Spring Field Day on the neighbouring property and were able to view first-hand some of the latest developments on the no-till cropping front. It is pleasing to attend these events with students who want to be there and who are prepared to participate in a mature manner.

On this topic, I have been pleasantly surprised by the way students have gone about their work, looked out for their mates and in some instances been of great assistance to staff in sometimes trying circumstances. On
a number of occasions we have been short staffed, so knowing that students are prepared to help out and go that extra mile is really welcome and appreciated.

A couple of staff were away during this term for personal reasons requiring juggling of numbers to ensure adequate supervision and the continuance of operations. We've had our fair share of absences through the general round of coughs, colds, flu etc. adding to the logistics of day to day operations. This has been further complicated by the untimely mishap by our butcher, Mr Vandenberg who cut his left thumb on the Tuesday prior to Open Day. This injury has proved worse than first thought with him requiring surgery to repair a tendon that was completely severed. This will have an ongoing effect on his work capabilities over the next couple of months, but fortunately the freezer was well stocked at the time of the incident. We wish him well in his recovery.

Crops & Stock News

As we head into the final stages of the season we are hoping that the weather continues to be kind and that the harvest is plentiful. Overall, our crops are looking good without any major problems of note. Of course it would be easy to put it all down to good management – obviously there is a certain amount of truth in this but the main reason is the consistent growing season rainfall received (259ml to date).

Mind you, the warmer weather over the past few days has provided a bit of a reality check, and I’m sure that the forecast 32 degrees for Saturday will almost feel like we're in a furnace? Then again the forecast rain on Sunday and into Monday will be beneficial for grain fill, but will impact on our plans for making hay! There’s always something to contend with and to keep us on our toes. That’s farming I guess.

As mentioned previously, the stock are all looking good and have certainly benefitted from a year when feed has been of good quality and in abundance. Lambs and calves are all growing at a good rate with minimal fly problems to date to worry the sheep.

In Closing

Mr Reynders tendered his resignation recently and finishes up on the 30 September, having been with us since January 2011. We wish Diff all the best for his next venture and acknowledge his work during the time he has been with us. We are fortunate that the piggery position will be filled by Madison Davey – Maddie is a former student who also did a couple of months with us last year. She commences on the 6 October on a 6 month end-dated contract. The position will be formally advertised during this period.

Finally, I’d like to wish our departing Year 12 group all the best for their next step in life. I trust that they have enjoyed the farm component of their time at the College and remember fondly the times spent here. As always, we look forward to learning about the progress they make beyond the formal years of their education. Good luck and keep safe.
Graduation
This year’s Graduation will require students to be dressed in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. Can parents please start checking with their child that they have the necessary uniform for the day. Students will also be required to be neatly groomed as per College guidelines and this also includes hair being maintained to College guidelines.

Leave
Unfortunately we are seeing parents submitting leave forms for students to leave early on a Friday or return late on a Monday. While it is unavoidable at times due to professional appointments, it needs to be kept to a minimum as it affects the ability of your son/daughter to complete the work required for a successful outcome at the College.

Return Date Term Four
Parents and students are reminded that the return date for term four is SUNDAY OCTOBER 12 after 4.00pm, for a start at 8.00am Monday morning. An evening meal will be available if requested on leave forms.

Trade and Agriculture Year 12’s
Please be reminded that Year 12’s can only return on the days that the relevant programs normally run. If Class work is to be completed, students can only attend this area on Mondays and Tuesdays. If D&T work needs to be completed, these students can only attend this area on Thursdays and Fridays. Farm students can attend on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Year 12 ATAR and all Year 11 classes will still be running at the normal times. You can not be at the College at times other than when you are required to finish work. Please ensure your Leave Forms also comply with these arrangements.

Thursday 25 September
Farm Skills at Perth Royal Show

Thursday - Monday 25 - 29 September
Led Steer at Perth Royal Show

Friday 26 September
Year 12’s leave
End of Term Three - College closes 4.00pm

Sunday 12 October
Students return after 4.00
Evening meal provided (if requested)

Monday 13 October
College commences 8.00am

Monday 20 October
Year 12 ATAR Internal Study Day

Tuesday 21 October
Year 12 ATAR Curtin Tour

Monday - Wednesday 27 - 29 October
Year 12 ATAR Study Week (optional)

Monday - Tuesday 3 - 11 November
WACE Examinations

Friday 14 November
GRADUATION

Monday - Wednesday 17 - 19 November
Year 11 ATAR Exams (Class)

Monday - Wednesday 17 - 19 November
Year 11 Ag & Trade Course Tests (Class)

Friday 21 November
Year 11’s finish

Thursday 18 December
College Office closes

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**P&C Raffle Results**

organised by **Leticia Richards**

Each family had 1 book of 4 x $50 tickets to sell. Only 500 printed.

Some parents did not send back tickets.

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Dear Mr Beatty,

I have recently been advised of the 2014 School Audit Summary for WA College of Agriculture - Cunderdin in which your school achieved an overall assessment rating of 'Excellent'.

I would like to acknowledge the effective management of the school's financial systems and procedures. I would also like to recognise your staff, particularly Mrs Laura McCart, your Business Manager, for her management of systems and reporting requirements related to school financial operations.

The audit program encompasses extensive areas of school operations and to achieve excellent assessments in all five control areas is to be highly commended.

I am sure this audit will continue to assist you and your administration team with the management of the various business systems under your control.

Once again congratulations to the WA College of Agriculture - Cunderdin staff.

Yours sincerely,

SHARYN O'NEILL  
DIRECTOR GENERAL  
16 SEP 2014