Newsletter
September 2016

Western Australian College of Agriculture
Cunderdin

College Ball 2016
Congratulations to our 2017 Student Council Representatives in Saxon Rice-Fazey, Ben Hanlon, Jordan Booth, Kaleb Siegert, Tiarah Cotter, Jack Oorschot, Grace Davey, Damian Jenzen and Shona Fluck were announced as the Student Council for 2017 on Open Day. It is a great honour to represent your College as a leader in 2017 and I am sure you will all do a fantastic job. Well done!

Congratulations also go to our Katanning Show team that were placed first and fourth in the Agricultural Schools Challenge and a number of winners in individual events.

Year 12 Graduation
The Year 12 Graduation is being held on Friday 11 November starting with morning tea at 10.00am and the official ceremony beginning at 11.00am. Lunch is 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, be clean shaven and hair groomed to the accepted standard of the College and present to Mr McCart by 10.20am in Room 4. Students not complying to the College guidelines in these areas will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation.

Open Day
Thank you to all of the parents and students who supported our very successful Open Day which was attended by well over 500 people. It was a very disappointing day for me personally as illness prevented my attendance, however I believe from numbers attending and comments from visitors and staff, it was one of our most successful Open Days. Congratulations to award winners on the day, who are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Term Four
Parents and students are reminded that students who are returning next term must return to the College for the start of Term Four between 4.00pm – 5.30pm on Sunday 9 October if they require an evening meal, otherwise students must return by 8.30pm.

Farewell
After eight years as Principal and four years as Deputy, it appears that at least for the next six months I will be moving to take up the Director of Agricultural Education located in Central Office. It is a fantastic opportunity however, I will deeply miss the hustle and bustle of a residential college and a college that I have enormous pride. Thankyou to parents, students and the wider community for helping make my time as Principal such a rewarding experience.

We have conducted interviews for the Principal’s position and once the nominated applicant has been approved by the Director General, I will be able to announce the successful applicant.

2017 Student Council
Damian Jenzen, Jack Oorschot, Tiarah Cotter, Kaleb Siegert, Jordan Booth, Ben Hanlon, Saxon Rice-Fazey, Grace Davey & Shona Fluck
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.

We had the Open Day prizes for Engineering and Furnishing again this year. The students enjoy the opportunity of possibly picking up a prize. The P&C kindly donated one of the awards. The others were donated by the College.

**Professionals Choice Engineering**  
*Mac Kempton*  
*Flat Top Trailer*

**Visitors Choice Engineering**  
*Todd Mackintosh*  
*Flat Top Trailer*

**Professionals Choice Furnishing**  
*Morgan Ashworth*  
*Marri Spiral Table*

**Visitors Choice Furnishing**  
*Sean Nelson*  
*Marri TV Unit*

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.

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Vanessa Davis in Furnishing  
Matthew Shepherd, Mr Alan Jones, Connor Anderson, Ben Hanlon & Thomas Dimasi  
Travis Schilling  
Kaiden Johnston, Cody Lowe, Morgan Ashworth  
Brock Sinclair, Jarrad Hunt, Tom Richards, Mr Alan Sutton, Tim Sinclair, Jordan Kelly, Cody Eva, Ethan Rowe
Congratulations to all staff and students on their efforts towards Open Day. The College looked fantastic and it was great to see work samples from all the students in the Class Area. A special thanks to the students who stayed behind and helped out with the clean-up at the end of the day:

Alex Jones, Madeline Burt, Codey Martin, Olivia Bamess, Kyle Van Beek, Aimee Tyson, Juliette Hartz, Jack Oorschot, Stuart Westcott, Zac Baker, Owen Wigg, Tiarah Cotter, Jordan Osborne, Jarrad Billing, Jarrad Hunt, Sean Nelson, Saxon Rice-Fazey and Alyssa Catilo.

Well done to all the Year 12 students who have successfully completed their compulsory years of schooling. There have been some fantastic achievements over the past two years at the College and it is always encouraging to witness students taking full advantage of the opportunities that they have while attending the WA College of Agriculture – Cunderdin. We look forward to hearing about your future achievements and wish you all the very best.

Next term, the Year 11 ATAR students will be attending a combined Agricultural Colleges visit to the Perth Universities. This event will take place on Monday 7 November. This excursion is a fantastic opportunity to network with other Ag Colleges and also have a look at what is on offer at Uni. More information will be sent out to parents and students early next term.

Year 11 ATAR Examination Week

The ATAR students will be sitting their exams in Week 7 (23-25 November). A timetable will be released in Term 4.

Please Note:

Students enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course must sit the external examination in that course. If students do not sit an ATAR course examination and do not have an approved sickness/misadventure application for that course, the grades for the pair of units completed in that year will not contribute to the calculation of the achievement standard, but they will still count in the breadth and depth requirement. Students who do not sit the examination will not receive a course report.

Remember: it is the student’s responsibility to read the information regarding examinations in the Year 12 Handbook which is available on the SCSA website. It is also the responsibility of the student to make sure they have all the required equipment for their examinations and that they bring a copy of their personalised examination timetable to the exams with them.
The beginning of Spring and the farm is looking a picture of green with good pasture growth and crops looking in good shape for average yields. Unfortunately we have had two cold mornings in a row with the temperature going below zero for five hours on the 17th September and below zero for four hours on the 18th September, the lowest being -2 degrees. We will wait to see what damage that may have caused on some wheat and barley crops that were at a susceptible stage.

In the shearing shed, the shearing and wool handling competition played out with large numbers of people taking the opportunity to see the students in action on the board.

Miss Davey had a section of the piggery set up for visitors to walk through on Open Day with a “Charlotte’s Web” theme and some grower pigs on display. Large numbers filed through on the day, with students describing to visitors the College operation.

Mr Fransom had the butcher shop open with the barbeque cooking samples for visitors to taste and explaining the tasks that students carry out while working in the butcher shop.

Mr Byrnes had students manning the cattle feed lot explaining to visitors the different rations used to bring the cattle up to weight gains required over a 60 day period, as well as having some cows with new calves at foot in the cattle yards.

Mr Childs and Mr Dumbrell organised the students for the machinery parade with driving positions keenly sought by students on the week leading up to Open Day. The bus tours around the farm were also well patronised with Mr Jones lending a hand driving and students doing the commentary on the tours.

Mr Ball had the nearly complete calf catching cage on display, this is one of the projects students have been working on recently as well as the Ram pens that were being used on the day at the Ram sale.

Mr Laird has had more success with the shearing and wool handling teams travelling to competitions at Katanning, Koorda and Corrigin.

In the WA State Wool Handling Challenge held at Katanning, the Year 12 team of Jayden Smith, Phillip McDonald, Jack Oorschot and Katie Larkman inspecting the peas this week
Kaiden Johnston, Shannon McLean, Dylan Parkhouse, Ben Liddelow, Ruairidh Jonas, Bailey McDonnell and Inaya Stone placed first. The Year 11 team of Grace Davey, Danny Halligan, Phillip McDonald, Jack Oorschot, Daniel Willmott, Chloe King, and Aimee Tyson came in with a creditable fourth place preparing themselves for next year.

At the Koorda Shears students placed well with Jayden Smith placed 2nd in the U/21 class and in the Novice Shears, Hayden Wiltshire, 3rd Kaiden Johnston, 4th Bailey McDonnell, 5th Ruairidh Jonas, 6th Daniel Willmott, 7th Danny Halligan.

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Mr Longmire and Mrs Skinner have been busy making sure all Year 12 students have completed their Cert II on farm leading up to the end of term and exams. Some Cert III students may need to spend some more time at the College during Term Four to finish off their certificates. With this being the first year of the College delivering Cert III, it has been a learning experience for staff as well as students and we have all learnt a lot about the time commitment required by students to complete this course. Year 11 students intending to take on the Cert III course need to be gaining hours of experience over the holiday periods to enable them to have enough hours and to be competent at the Cert III level.

Madeline Burt, Inaya Stone, Acacia Shannon, Carla Woods, Grace Davey & Chloe King – the first all female team to enter Farm Skills

Chloe King & Acacia Shannon are entering the shearing competition at Farm Skills as a duo
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 
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).

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**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](mailto:Daisy.franz@crtafe.wa.edu.au or dbulloch@csu.edu.au) for information.

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

Regards

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Cameron Stone Memorial Cup—Mr Paul Jasper

This year marked the inaugural Cameron Stone Memorial Cup football game between Cunderdin Ag and Narrogin Ag. The ANZAC Cup was started in 2001 with a meeting between Cameron Stone, Mr Beatty and some other students at the time. The idea was that the game should be played in Corrigin, half way between the two colleges. In 2011, the colleges played the last of the ANZAC Cup games and decided that the competition had passed it’s used by date and needed some work to make it a viable option for the two colleges in the future.

Tragic events unfolded last Christmas and Cameron was killed in a motor car accident. It was through the support of his friends and family that a decision was made to reinvigorate the game. Mr Beatty had approached the Stone family to determine if we could rename the competition in honour of Cameron. Through the support of the Corrigin Football Club, Corrigin Shire, Narrogin Ag and Stone family, the game was decided to be played on the 7th of September this year.

The date would need to change next year to suit the parties better, however from all accounts the game was well worth the effort of reshuffling the Corrigin Show preparations and upsetting our own Open Day preparations.

The two games of football that were played on the day were played in outstanding fashion, sportsmanship and passion. It was a pleasure to watch the girls kick the footy around and enjoy themselves the way they did. Unfortunately there were a few injuries during the game and one girl had to be taken to hospital with neck injuries who was later sent home with bruising.

The girls won their game 5.7 37 to 1.2 8 and Chloe King was announced as the best on ground. The boys also won their game 11.11 77 to 3.0 18 with Sam Chitty announced as best on ground.

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to be involved in an event that had so much meaning and purpose surrounding it. Thank you to Mr Beatty and Mr Elliott for the support and organisation of such an event and also to all other staff that supported on the day cooking dinner, driving busses, supervising students etc.

We look forward to many more games between the two colleges in honour of our mate Docker.
### Coming up...

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| Friday            | 23 September  | **END OF TERM THREE**  
College closes 12.30pm |
| Sunday            | 9 October     | Students return after 4.00pm  
Evening meal available if requested |
| Monday            | 10 October    | Term Four commences                                                  |
| Monday—Wednesday  | 11—13 October | Year 12 ATAR Camp                                                    |
| Saturday          | 15 October    | Sundowner - The Pier Hotel Esperance                                 |
| 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**                                               |
| Wednesday—Friday  | 23-25 November| Year 11 Exam Week                                                    |
| Friday            | 25 November   | Year 11’s finish  
College closes at 12.20pm  
College Board 10.00am |

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The College cordially invites you to a

**SUNDOWNER**

Our Board Chair Mrs Margaret Collins & Staff will be present to talk to past, present & prospective parents & students.

15th October @ 6.00pm  
The Pier Hotel  
Esperance

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