The College woolshed is often used as a classroom by students undertaking sheep studies as part of the Animal Production Systems program. In addition to wool-classing and shearing, students also learn about the importance of maintaining good shearing equipment.

Hands on management of animals and tools is an important aspect of College life and goes a long way to ensuring students achieve competencies in their area of study.

Students will be heavily involved in lamb marking in coming weeks, not only at the College, but also off-site where a further 1600 lambs will be marked. We do this to ensure students receive extensive training in this area before they are assessed.

It is not uncommon for students to travel off-site to undertake lamb and calf marking, giving them an opportunity to fully understand what it is like operating in the workplace under industry conditions.

Above L-R: Year 11 students Savannah Janitz, Cassia Thornton-Weyrich and Lily Bunton-King learn about the importance of maintaining good shearing equipment.
From the Principal’s Desk
One important component of the process is to be able to demonstrate a commitment to establishing a College Board …

It’s official – winter has arrived! Since the start of June we have experienced some very cold, wet and extremely windy conditions and combined with a terrific start to the season, many people are comparing it to years past. From a farming perspective it is wonderful to see the whole Wheatbelt experiencing that wonderful start with good sub-soil moisture; and that early start ensuring that many crops are looking terrific for this time of year. We are hopeful the season continues in this vein and we have a good finish to the season. Fingers crossed!

In the last newsletter we were able to report the start-up of the robotic dairy after many years of planning finally came to fruition. Six weeks in, it is nice to be able to report that it is going extremely well under the guidance of our Dairy Manager, Terry DeVos, with support from DeLaval’s technician Robbie Nichols and all the farm staff lending support. It has been a real team effort. I was particularly pleased to see so many students involved with the start-up, assisting cows into the robots and then programming them to record each cow on its first entry into the dairy. Students have been keen to be involved and we will be working with DeLaval to determine how our students can benefit most from this wonderful facility with the very latest technology.

The dairy will be called the “Stan Ravenhill Dairy”, named after Stan who was on our Agricultural Advisory Committee for 35 years. Stan retired from the Committee in 2006. The Ravenhill name is synonymous with dairying on the south coast and Stan has been an advocate of a new dairy at Denmark for over 20 years. I believe he was even involved in setting up our first dairy in the “60’s”. I am sure Stan Ravenhill would be impressed and very proud of our new dairy; he was a wonderful supporter of our College.

Parents are aware that the College is seeking enrolment to become an Independent Public School (IPS).

Kevin Osborne and I attended a briefing day earlier in the year which was followed by two training/information days. The information days were attended by our Chair of the College Council, Steve Jones, Kevin Osborne and myself with the final part of the process being a formal presentation in August by the Council Chair and Principal. With 150 schools registered for the process and only 50 places it is a very competitive process and certainly not a fait accompli. We are looking forward to the challenge.

One important component of the process is to be able to demonstrate a commitment to establishing a College Board. With this in mind parents will shortly receive voting slips and resume’s on those parents that have expressed an interest in becoming board members. We would appreciate the prompt return of these voting slips to assist us through the process. Our Board will initially be made up of 9 members: 5 parents and 4 staff, including the Principal. Thank you for your support.

With the end of term rapidly approaching, students are busy in the classroom with test and exams and staff are busy compiling reports, it really is a busy time of the year - compounded with Countryweek and Work Experience which are both wonderful activities and opportunities. Best of luck to all students participating in Countryweek, they will have a great time and good luck to those students involved in Work Experience. This is an opportunity for them to show off their skills and put themselves ahead of the pack in the employment stakes.

Have a great holiday!

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FORMER STUDENT WINS RAS SCHOLARSHIP

Former student, Lois Kowald, has been successful in gaining a Royal Agricultural Society Scholarship, namely The Kott Gunning Scholarship. The scholarship which falls under the Royal Agricultural Society Rural Leaders Program, with generous support from Kott Gunning, provides financial assistance for 3 years to students enrolled in an undergraduate tertiary study program in an agricultural related discipline.

Lois is currently a second year student at Curtin University and will receive scholarship payments from the RAS for the remainder of her degree (dependent on results). The decision by the RAS to award Lois with the scholarship was attributed to Lois’s demonstrated high level of maturity, commitment to her chosen career path and the knowledge that she will be an ideal ambassador for the agricultural industry.

Lois said that her education at the WA College of Agriculture-Denmark had been a strong contributor to her success.

Above: Former student Lois Kowald is pictured with Dr. Rob Wilson the President of the RAS.
Semester 1 Reports

College staff are now compiling Semester 1 Reports which will give parents and students a very clear and detailed outline of student progress and achievement so far. For our Year 12 students this is the last school-based report they will receive and may be very influential in gaining employment or further training next year.

Training Update

A Competency Achievement Update will be included with the Semester 1 Report for the parents or guardians of Year 12 students. This report shows the number of competencies students have currently completed in the various industry qualifications they are enrolled in at the College and how many they still need to complete to achieve the qualification. The main purpose of the update is to identify students who are at risk of not achieving qualifications while there is still time to do something about it.

OLNA Numeracy Support

All Year 11 and 12 students yet to meet the OLNA minimum numeracy requirements are encouraged to attend the support sessions being run by the College on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 4.30 – 5.30 pm. The next round of OLNA testing is in September. For our Year 12 students it will be their last opportunity to achieve the required “Category 3” benchmark.

Work Experience – Last Week of Term 2

All Year 11 and 12 College students must be involved in either Country Week or Work Experience in the last week of Term 2. For Year 10 students it is either Country Week or their normal program at the College. It is important parents/guardians realise that if students are not involved in any of these activities they will be marked absent from school for the week with an unacceptable reason.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: First day of Term

A reminder to parents that Term 3 classes commence on Tuesday 19 July at 8.10 am. Monday July 18 will be a School Development Day and will include Parent/Teacher meetings from 1.00 – 3.30 pm in the College Dining Room. We will again be using the online SOBS booking system which can be accessed via the following link: https://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=857

Parent bookings will not open until 1 July when reports have been posted home. Unfortunately, due to moderation and validation meetings taking place on the same day, some of the agricultural teaching and training staff will be unavailable for the interviews. Alternative appointments can be arranged by emailing your request directly to the teacher through the SOBS booking system or email: Denmark.AC@education.wa.edu.au

Agricultural Endeavour Scholarships

Included with this newsletter for the parents or guardians of our Year 11 students is an application for two Agricultural Endeavour Scholarships. The scholarships are open to all Year 11 students attending any of the WA Colleges of Agriculture who are looking toward a career in the agricultural sector and directing their studies towards this goal. The value of each scholarship is $1000. Entries close on the last day of Term 2 – Friday July 1.

Certificate II in Engineering

In the previous newsletter I mentioned that, following a recent Training Accreditation Council (TAC) audit at one of the WA Colleges of Agriculture, we had been strongly advised to change the engineering qualification we deliver from the Certificate II in Engineering to the Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

We have since sought and been given approval to delay this change until next year. This is a very good outcome for our Year 12 students.

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POSITION AVAILABLE

New Undercover Equine Arena And New Equine Training Officer Position

Construction of the College’s new under cover equine arena is scheduled to begin on the last week of Term 2 when the bulk of our students will either be at Country Week or on Work Experience. The new building should take about five weeks to build and should be completed well before our Open Day on September 3.

With the continued development of our Equine training area the College has decided to create a new Equine Training Officer position. The new position, which will be advertised shortly, will involve managing our Equine farm section and delivering training and assessment to students in our Equine program.

If you know someone who has the suitable qualifications and a passion for training young people please let them know about the upcoming position.
Week 9 is marked with the Winter Solstice or the traditional name is ‘Yule’. The Winter Solstice, the rebirth of the Sun, is an important turning point as it marks the shortest day when the hours of daylight are at their least. All over the world, wherever people depend on growing food crops to live, major festivals are traditionally held on pretty close to the same dates. These dates have historically been so important that even in cultures like ours we still hold many of the festivals, though we may not remember the original reason for them.

**Salvation Army - Red Shield Appeal**

Each year students are involved in collecting for the Red Shield Appeal. This year we collected $1,612.00 and were complimented by a community member regarding the politeness and appearance of our students. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal doorknock and when we volunteer, we help raise vital funds for the running of the Salvation Army’s vast network of social services. It may mean a roof to someone without a home or education support for a child at risk of dropping out of school.

We will be running a ‘sausage sizzle’ to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor outside of IGA in Third Term for the small number of students who were unable to participate in the Red Shield Appeal. This activity will enable them to contribute to another deserving cause and complete some community service. Well done to all the students.

**Residential Activities**

Students visited Perth to watch the Eagles be defeated by the Adelaide Crows. (Winners are Grinners… Dockers). Students enjoyed a lovely weekend in Perth supervised by Peter Worthington, Kevin Osborne, Dane Carter and Eliza Bradfield. Footy, shopping, a visit to the Zoo were the order of the weekend. A very well deserved break away for some of our students and by all accounts much enjoyed by staff.

**Residential Disruption – Dormitory painting**

We have now completed three dorms B, D & E and we will be moving on to C dorm soon. A Dorm will be painted during the holidays and I would like to thank the students for taking this disruption in their stride and helping out with the moving of furniture both in and out of the dormitories. I realise the sick bay is not that comfortable but we are trying to minimise the time spent in there.

**Festival of Voice**

The Festival of Voice was held on the Home Weekend – 3 to 5 June 2016. Eighty acts across twelve venues delivered song, the spoken word, stories, workshops, free fringe events and a festival club.

The Festival of Voice was a huge success for Denmark Arts and Denmark. The town came alive with activity and colour.

The College hired out 47 rooms for two Choirs participating in the Festival of Voice—students made their rooms available by cleaning up and packing away their personal belongings. This was much appreciated by the festival organisers and the Choirs alike.

**Leavers Jackets 2016**

I still have a number of jackets still waiting to be collected; can you please organise for payment if you have not already done so. Jackets are $98.50 and need to be paid for before students can collect them.

**Residential Manager Report**

Please advise me of end of term travel arrangements now, particularly if your child is participating in Countryweek...

Thank you Peter for organising this weekend. Can we please go to a Dockers game sometime soon?
Country Week – 2016 - Squad 52

Country Week is all but organised. We have 52 students representing the College in Football, Basketball, Netball and a girls and boys Volleyball Team. I am very pleased we are heading off to represent the College with such a large number of students. Parent consent forms were sent out on the 9th May, 2016 and had a return and payment date of the 15th June 2016.

Our new uniforms will be arriving this week; we have football, netball, volleyball and basketball uniforms. Students in the volleyball teams will be required to have their black sports shorts while all other codes have full uniforms supplied.

The College will also be carrying a new flag as we enter into the arena for the Opening Ceremony. This flag will also be used as a static display flag for Open Day and other events.

Points System and Gating

A reminder regarding our points system. We are having a few problems with students leaving on a Friday when they are GATED (loss of points). Can you please check with your child before the end of the week to find out if they are gated. If so, they will have to remain on campus until they have completed allocated tasks to earn necessary points to leave. If this is not done student’s leave applications could be denied the following week. This includes students who are catching the Love’s Bus back into Albany on the weekend. I appreciate your support on this, I know that it may be an inconvenience, however it is important that we are consistent with all students.

Laundry

The laundry is still accumulating a considerable amount of clothing without nametags. Most students have got into the routine of taking their washing up to the laundry regularly so that our laundry ladies Tracey and Mel are not overwhelmed; though I must say we do still have those days. Can I ask that you remind your child of the importance of having their clothes washed regularly for hygiene and personal presentation. Clothing without name tags will be displayed on the table for collection when the laundry is staffed, otherwise it will be packed away until the following shift.

College Uniforms

Can you please regularly check your child’s uniform. In particular Year 11 and 12’s to make sure students are not wearing clothing that is too small, ripped or stained, this refers to boots also. We do have some second hand uniforms so please contact me for that information.

Health and Wellbeing

The College continues to provide support to students requiring doctors and other health related appointments. Where possible these appointments are made outside of school hours to minimise disruption to the school program. For any follow up appointments with specialists the College asks parents and carers where possible to make these during school holidays.

Great Southern Radiology has a practice open in Denmark which can complete x-rays and ultrasound procedures without the need to travel to Albany. Please contact the College if your child has any medical imaging needs before appointments are made in Albany to see if they can be accommodated at the local Denmark clinic.

When students are ill in residence the College will provide immediate care and will arrange necessary medical appointments. To minimise the spread of illness all students who are ill are required to remain in their rooms, eat after all other students and minimise contact with other students until recovered. If students are unable to participate in the learning program for more than one day the College will contact families to discuss alternative care arrangements.

Medication

Reminder for all parents and students that you are required to hand in any medication that you have to Residential staff so that it can be recorded and stored appropriately.

Weekend Leave

Please ensure weekend leave forms are in by close of business Wednesday so that we can prepare for the weekend accordingly. The College will contact you if there are any concerns regarding leave arrangements. Student safety is our utmost concern with regard to leave arrangements.

Travel Arrangements for End of Term:

The College organises travel arrangements (bus tickets) for the end of Term 2 and return for Term 3, the return time will be booked for students to arrive at the College together in the afternoon for one pick up. Tickets that are changed so as to arrive at a later time will incur a pick up fee by the College of $100.00. All other travel arrangements throughout the term are to be arranged by the parent/guardian.

Can you now please provide me with leave arrangements for the end of term.

Note: Students that will be at Country Week can be collected in Perth or along the route home. The College will be leaving after the Closing Ceremony and we will advise parents by text as we are departing Perth so that parents have an expected arrival time.

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ATAR Excursion

As part of their study program, Year 12 ATAR students will be going on an excursion to the Orana Cinema in Albany to see “Where to Invade Next” by renowned Filmmaker, Michael Moore.

This 2 hour documentary examines how Europeans view work, education, health care, sex, equality, and other issues. From cafeteria food to sex education, Moore looks at the benefits of schooling in France, Finland and Slovenia. In Italy, he marvels at how workers enjoy reasonable hours and generous vacation time, while in Portugal, Moore notes the effects of the decriminalization of drugs.

And through his travels, we discover just how different America is from the rest of the world.
What a very wet last few weeks we have had with over 200ml of rain being recorded. While the warm ground temperature remains we are still achieving good pasture growth, however I don’t believe this will last much longer as temperatures cool during late June and July.

The farm is still progressing smoothly with students being heavily involved with putting in water points for the new robotic dairy. Cows commenced going through the robots in early May and it has been a very interesting transition from the herringbone dairy to the robotic one. Lots of long hours were put in by staff and students and we thank all those involved for their efforts. It is still early days and apart from some minor issues the dairy is running well.

We have finished calving in our beef herd and have just completed an artificial insemination program on the stud cows and heifers; as well as the commercial herd. All the calves have been marked and we have even travelled off-site to give students more tuition in calf marking.

This was done at Farmer Carroll’s property and we thank him for his assistance with the training. Students will also be heavily involved in lamb marking not only at the College, but also off-site where a further 1600 lambs will be marked. We do this to ensure students receive extensive training in this area before they are assessed.

Cattle are also being prepared for this year’s Perth Royal Show and being trained to halter lead and walk. Ten steers are being prepared and we will start asking students for their expressions of interest to attend the show soon.

We usually take:
3 Farmskills Teams = 18 students
Cattle Team = 10 students
Sheep Team = 10 students

Students are selected not only on their abilities but must have good standing in the College community i.e. Class, Farm, DOT and Residence to be able to attend the event.

We are still having trouble with students not being able to fulfil their weekend farming commitments. As mentioned in the previous newsletters, we require students to participate in weekend farming activities as part of the competencies assessment process.

I have contacted some parents regarding this issue and I am willing to talk to other parents if they have any concerns regarding their sons or daughters weekend farm involvement.

On 18-19 August, 2016 there will be a merino skills competition in Katanning that the College will be participating in. I will keep parents posted regarding this upcoming event.

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Horses for Courses...

We have recently celebrated the arrival of a new horse for the Equine Program. “Timby” a 14’2 hand Quarter Horse x Arab, was purchased specifically to meet the needs of our existing students.

After meeting with the equine staff in relation to the needs of the area, Principal, Kevin Beal and Deputy Principal, Kevin Osborne announced that a fund had been generated to invest in a new mount that could be used for beginner riders and that could also offer an energetic mount for those who are interested in pursuits such as endurance riding or camp drafting.

We have been very lucky to find Timby, who ticks all of these boxes. He is also a striking looking little horse with a bright chestnut coat, a twinkle in his eye and an affectionate nature.

Many of the students are benefitting from being able to handle this moderately sized horse on the ground, while others are enjoying his willing nature in the saddle.

Aly Artemis
Equine Program

Above: Year 10 student Tayla Batty pictured in the College’s equine area, enjoying some time with new acquisition “Timby” who is already proving to be a big hit with everyone.

...Beeutiful Onesies!

Students from the beekeeping program thought the new “all in one” bee suits were pretty cool. The students who have been outfitted in the new suits can now be more comfortable participating in the beekeeping program.

The construction of the suits provides good ventilation and allows students to bend and reach comfortably and sport less cumbersome head gear.

To fully work the bees, you need to be confident that the bees will stay on the outside. No suit can be guaranteed to be completely sting-proof, but the all in one suits offer maximum protection and ensure a more enjoyable experience for students.

Left –Right: Year 11 students gave the new suits the thumbs-up... Raymond Twist, Maddi Wheatley, Lacy McAlinden and Jayden Carr model the new bee suits, next to Makayla Cockman wearing one of the older style suits.

David Morrell
Beekeeping Program
Recreational Skippers Ticket July 2016

New dates for the Recreational Skippers Ticket have been released as follows.

23-24 July 9.30am-4.30pm Theory & Practical at College and Rivermouth
29 July 4.30pm-6.00pm Theory Revision at College
30-31 July 9.30am-4.30pm Theory & Practical Assessments at College and Rivermouth

Note: Students with football, soccer or hockey commitments will be accommodated within these dates. Contact Mr. Levinson on 0429 094 884.

Weekend Farm Roster to End of July 2016

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Note: Any changes to timetable must be discussed with Mr. Knight Farm Supervisor Phone: 0428 480 205

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Monday 18 July 2016
1.00pm -3.30 pm
College Dining Room

Don’t miss this important opportunity to discuss your child’s progress.

Once again on-line bookings will be made available through the Schools Online Booking System or as it is also known, SOBS.

This means that from 1 July 2016 parents and guardians can access the SOBS system at any time. There are no codes or pin numbers to remember and simple screens and prompts assist you with securing your interview booking. You can view the time slots teachers are available, to book a time suitable and convenient to you.

An email will be sent out to parents/guardians when reports have been sent out and for you to proceed with securing your interview times. If a teacher is unavailable or a parent cannot attend, you can still use SOBS to book an alternative or you can email your request to:

Denmark.AC @education.wa.edu

The Equine area has had a busy program this month particularly with the planned expansion.

Pictured low: Mr. Morrell lectures equine students in anatomy during a dissection class.

Picture Right: Rhani Plant completes an anatomy assessment sheet while her horse looks on with interest.
A student progress report will be posted to parents/guardians at the end of term. These reports will follow the same format as the Term 1 reports, but with comments being provided by individual teachers, the Farm Supervisor and the Residential Manager.

We will also include an anticipated grade for each area, which is a reflection of a student’s performance over Semester One. Please remember that this grade can change significantly for some subjects with Semester Two work still to be completed.

I feel that some students may be falling behind in their work and not completing assessment tasks by the due date. I urge all students to use prep and class time effectively and seek help from their teachers when required. It is much better to be up-to-date than playing “catch up”.

Please contact either myself or teaching staff on 9848 0200 if you have any concerns with your sons or daughters progress.

Student Attendance

Once again I am becoming concerned with a number of students who have been absent from the College and missed key parts of their learning programme.

To fill these gaps, both the teacher and students have to set time aside either during or outside class to work together. Unfortunately, despite the best of intentions, this does not always happen. It also takes the teacher contact away from other students in the group.

When I look through student’s reports and there are areas highlighted as needing improvement, I often reflect on how much condoned absences attribute to the situation. To reach their potential at the College, students need to attend regularly. This means only a few days off per year, due to genuine illness.

Of even greater concern is the number of students who have been absent for in-class assessment tasks and tests over recent weeks.

The College’s Assessment Policy states that for any missed in-class assessment task (exam, tests), where the student does not provide a reason which is acceptable to the College (medical certificate) a mark of zero will be recorded.

This is standard practice in all ATAR exams, University exams and in most Secondary Schools in Western Australia and will be strictly enforced at the College.

Exams

Year 11 and 12 ATAR students have completed their English, Biology and Maths exams over recent weeks. Animal Production and Plant Production Semester 1 exams have been programmed for Week 9 of this term.

Please encourage your son/daughter to set time aside to prepare for these major assessments. The mid-year exam is also great preparation for the end-of-term exam.

Alysia Keppert (Agricultural Education Branch) was involved in a teleconference with our Year 12 ATAR students on exam preparation/techniques and study skills during Week 7 of the term.

Alysia has had extensive experience in the development of ATAR exams and agricultural curriculum. Students agreed that the teleconference was very useful and further workshops are being planned for early Term 3.

Agricultural Careers Day

David Morrell and I took a number of Year 12 Agricultural Studies students to a careers day held at Narrogin Agricultural College earlier this term. The day was organised by Rural Skills Australia.

The event focused on increasing student’s awareness of agricultural career options by providing opportunities for them to interact with local business representatives.

Students were broken into small groups and assigned an industry representative. The group then had 10 minutes to discuss the enterprise, job and traineeship opportunities and ask questions. Student groups were rostered through approximately 15 businesses including Western Dairy, Elders, Landmark, CRT, Direction, Great Southern Institute, Farm Machinery Association, Spencer Shearing Service and Ag Innovate.

The majority of our students said it was an excellent day and that it gave them an insight into possible traineeships and employment opportunities in the agricultural sector.

Canola Rot Watch

The WA College of Agriculture-Denmark has been invited to participate in the pilot of a new citizen science project being run through the Centre for Crop & Disease Management (CCDM) at Curtin University.

The project, Canola Rot Watch, which is co-funded by the Grains Research Development Corporation (GRDC), is based around the fungal disease Sclerotinia stem rot (SSR) of canola.

SSR causes direct damage to the canola plant and the current estimate of losses incurred is $20-30m per annum, making this the second most important fungal disease of any break crop.
Not much is known about SSR in terms of the way it infects hosts plants, and the genetic diversity of Australian SSR isolates.

To understand more about the disease in WA, scientists at the CCDM are keen to access samples of the fungi from across the state.

Canola Rot Watch involves students in growing a small crop of canola whilst recording local weather conditions. If their canola becomes infected with SSR, they will be asked to take samples, complete an ‘infection score sheet’ and return all this to the CCDM.

CCDM researchers visited the school in May to provide an instructional workshop before students began the experiment. Canola Rot Watch will provide the opportunity for students to get hands-on experience and contribute to scientific research, and to increase their understanding about science and how it is applied by scientists to solve real-life problems.

Muresk Open Day

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Payment of Residential Boarding Fees – Instalment 1 and Instalment 2

Please be advised that both the first and second instalment of the Residential Accommodation Fee should be paid in full prior to the commencement of Term 3. This does not apply to parents and carers who are on an approved payment plan or are in receipt of the Assistance for Isolated Children where payments are directed to the College.

Parents and carers who are not up to date with their payments may have their child denied residence in Term 3. In this case, students may continue their studies as a day student. Notification will be sent out to parents / carers in the coming week.

A big thank you to those parents and carers who are up-to-date with their accounts.

Last Call for a $2,105 Subsidy (Boarding Away from Home Allowance)

The Department of Education makes available a student Boarding Away from Home Allowance each year to families with children attending primary and/or secondary school and boarding in residential accommodation.

The Agricultural Special Subsidy which applies to all students in residence who are not in receipt of Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) closes 29 July 2016 please contact the College via the email address below for an application form. Reminders will be sent out to parents / carers who are yet to claim this allowance in the coming week.

Craig Armstrong
demark.ac.finance@education.wa.edu.au

Further Contact Information

As always, please don’t hesitate to contact the friendly administration team or myself with any questions or concerns regarding your account at the College on

Phone: (08) 9848 0200 or Email: demark.ac.finance@education.wa.edu.au

2015 Roundup

The WA College of Agriculture-Denmark is one of the leading agricultural colleges in Western Australia advancing agricultural education for over 70 years. Each year the College approaches leading institutions in the agricultural community to support the College’s Scholarship Program.

This program recognises the outstanding achievements amongst individuals attending the College and encourages students to consider their future career options in the agricultural arena. Scholarships and awards are presented to students at the graduation ceremony each year, which is scheduled this year for 18 November, 2016.

Planning has already commenced for this year’s program and information relating to the application process for the first of these i.e. the “Agriculture Endeavour Scholarship 2016” is attached to this newsletter.

A comprehensive overview of all other scholarships that are available will appear in the August issue of the College newsletter, complete with application process and deadlines.

Open day

WA College Agriculture - Denmark

Saturday 3 September 2016
10am—3.00pm

Mark you diary now!
## Term 2 & 3 Calendar

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## Upcoming Events

- June 20-24 Work Experience
- June 27-July 1 Study Tour
- June 27-July 1 Countryweek
- July 2 Holidays Commence
- July 18 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- July 19 Classes Commence

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