



Tas Ag Ed Network Logo

Do you have a design idea?

See below for details



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Welcome to the first issue of the Tas Ag Ed Network newsletter. Initially, the newsletter will be distributed twice per-term (weeks 4 & 9). Please see details below for item guidelines and please forward the newsletter to any people or organisations you feel should receive it!

Your feedback and contributions to the ongoing development of this communication tool are always appreciated. To kick things off, the Hagley Farm School Environment Centre have kindly donated 1 dozen eggs as a prize for the 'best Ag Ed Network logo design'. Successful designers can collect the prize ... fresh of course ... at their earliest convenience. ☺ Send your ideas/designs via email before the week 9 issue deadline.

... Please RSVP for the regional PL workshops ASAP.

Regards Andrew Harris

ST MARYS DISTRICT SCHOOL WINTER FARM FEAST

St Marys District School Farm held the Winter Farm Feast on Thursday 18th June. Our version of 'Dark Mofo' proved to be a true celebration of our crisp winter nights as more than 70 community and school members gathered around candlelight and bonfire to feast on St Marys District School Farm produce. Produce included our lamb, vegetables and fruits. The feast successfully raised \$1000 for our lunch shelter project.



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Agricultural Education Network Regional PLC Workshops Term 3 2015

The Centre for Agricultural Education in conjunction with e-Learning will conduct 3 regional workshops for Ag educators during Term 3.

The workshops will; progress our Professional Learning Community through the use of the VLE, Fronter; focus on connections with the Australian Curriculum; and provide a valuable networking opportunity.

Relief funding available – one day per school

PLC Workshop Dates:

- South – Wednesday, August 19th – Campania DHS
- North-West – Thursday, August 20th – Yolla DHS
- North – Friday, August 21st – Hagley Farm School

All workshops will start at 9am, please bring your laptop

Further details closer to the event

Please RSVP to Andrew Harris via email ASAP

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PIEFA Primezone Partnership School - 2015

In 2015 The Primary Industries Education Foundation of Australia (PIEFA) offered Primezone Partnerships to schools throughout Australia. Hagley Farm School is our Tasmanian Primezone Partner school for this year and has been very busy meeting the requirements of the agreement. These include:

- Embedding food and fibre education at Hagley
- Developing a resource that supports food and fibre education
- Facilitating PL sessions that promote the PIEFA food and fibre units of inquiry

Hagley, through the Environment Centre and school farm, has also initiated partnerships with Westbury Primary and Ravenswood Heights Primary to trial the PIEFA resource units. The trial also incorporates a visit to Hagley Farm, the first of which happened this week ... in the first torrential rain seen here for months ... didn't bother the students though!

The PIEFA and PIEFA Primezone web-sites offer many great resources, including links to the excellent inquiry units.

Please contact Andrew Harris to arrange an introductory PL session on the PIEFA units at your school.

The Centre for Agricultural Education gratefully acknowledges the support of e-Learning through funding from the e-Strategy for our regional workshops

The Exeter High School Farm is proudly supported by Elders Farm Supplies



For those who missed it ... A fantastic show-case of the Yolla District School Ag program in the June 19 Tas Country.

A terrific promotion of Ag Ed in Tasmania, congratulations John!



Agriculture in Education

[Agriculture in Education Learning Path](#)

75 high quality learning resources aligned to the Australian Curriculum recently [launched by the Hon Christopher Pyne MP](#) to support the national agriculture in education initiative are now available in Scootle. The learning path features units of work produced by project partners [AgriFood Skills Australia](#) and the [Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia](#) (PIEFA). The units provide teaching and learning activities targeting Australian Curriculum content descriptions across the curriculum.

Newsletter Item Guidelines

- 40-50 words for the body of the newsletter - blurb (plus a photo – optional)
- Links to further information can be made available, so send supporting documents.
- Deadline for entries will be Monday of weeks 4 and 9 each term.
- The distribution list will include members of the Ag Ed network (that's you if you are reading this!) plus key supporters, sponsors and any others interested as we grow.
- You are most welcome to help me grow the list by suggesting additions (& sponsors?)
- Don't be afraid to give your schools Ag Ed supporters/sponsors/volunteers a plug as well.

Remember to visit www.casas.tas.edu.au to become familiar with our emerging VLE on Fronter