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

New Logo and Banner...

Thank you to all those that contributed to the design and decision making process for our network logo. The end result is terrific and will help unite us in our endeavours to promote and improve agricultural education in Tasmanian schools. The logo has already been an asset in gaining interest and commitments of support from agribusinesses around the state.

Congratulations to the following people whose ideas guided the final design. They have each won a dozen fresh Hagley Farm eggs:

- Jake Gibbons – Grade 10, Cressy District High
- Jessie-Lee Everest – Grade 9, Cressy District High
- Kent Poulton – e-Learning

I will be in contact soon to arrange delivery.

Agricultural Education Regional Workshops

The workshops at Campania, Yolla and Hagley held in August were extremely valuable and very enjoyable. Thanks to those schools that hosted and to all of you that could attend. These events are essential to the progress of our network and the ultimate improvement of learning outcomes for students.

And finally ... a big thank you to all those that have contributed to this edition of our newsletter. I certainly understand how busy you all are and greatly appreciate the efforts you go to assist this initiative. If your article does not appear this time, it certainly will next time!

Enjoy the coming school holidays and I look forward to visiting many of you during
Term 4.
Andrew Harris



LILYDALE DISTRICT HIGH AG EDUCATION PROJECTS

Agricultural Education classes at Lilydale start in Prep and continue to grade 10. Added to this, a year 11/12 VET course is centred on the school farm, with a strong viticulture focus.

Throughout this year students have been involved in a number of projects. Here is a snapshot of three garden ventures:

1. **The Espalier Orchard** ... now in its third year, we are ready for serious growing. The off cuts from recent pruning have been raised as cuttings and look promising. We are now looking for space to plant them!
2. **The Frog Pond** ... it's third time lucky for this project. The first was bulldozed when the new trade training centre building went in, the second leaked severely and had to go, and we are now on our third attempt to re-establish a habitat to attract frogs. Creepers have been planted to cover the old black plastic. Extensive planting around the pond is aimed at providing safe and desirable habitat. Many of the plants and cuttings have been donated from our local school community.
3. **The Strawberry Pyramid** ... this was built by the *Step out in Bricks* program and houses our delicious strawberry patch. Stolons are propagated and sold in pots that are donated by our school community.

Liz Stanfield, Lilydale DHS



National Association of Agricultural Educators National Conference 2016

“Excellence and Innovation in Agricultural Education”

Perth to Denmark – Western Australia

January 10 to January 15 2016

Registrations close October 30

Contact: alycia.kepert@education.wa.edu.au

More Information: <http://www.naae.asn.au>

Burnie High School Farm In The Spotlight

Burnie High School has partnered with **Produce To The People** to ensure the productive use of the school's farm. Targeted projects by the school and through the PTTP program are contributing to the rejuvenation of the school's valuable farm and extensive vegetable garden facility.

Two exciting events have recently shone the spot light firmly on the school farm and agricultural education opportunities at Burnie High.

In June, local and national food and lifestyle identity, Ben Milbourne, filmed an episode of his TV show, Bens Menu, at the school farm. Students were involved in harvesting produce from the garden and then assisted in the cooking with Ben in the school kitchen.

Following the filming, an ABC local news film crew completed a story about Ben, PTTP and emergency food relief supplied by the BHS farm. Students interviewed about the Bens Menu experience reported they were very nervous but thoroughly enjoyed it!

Ben Milbourne has been named as **Patron to the Produce to the People** program.

To find out more about PTTP visit: www.producetothepeopletasmania.com.au

Steph Prendergast, Burnie High



Burnie High students enjoying the media attention

Sheffield Cattle Handlers Head North!

Between Tuesday the 4th August and Saturday 8th August Sheffield District High Grade 10 cattle handlers travelled to Brisbane to attend EKKA 2015 (The Royal Queensland Show). The trip aims to help students develop life skills associated with animal husbandry and agriculture, and has been a starting point for many now successfully employed in fields of agriculture. Former handler Tim Woodham is an example of this. Tim was the judge of the Hereford breed at this year's EKKA. Over 800 cattle are shown at EKKA, which was an amazing experience for the students. Many tropical breeds are represented and many leading bull buyers attend. There were also over 300 entries in the steer competition, many from Queensland schools and colleges.

Ag teacher, Mr Simon Barber, was extremely pleased with the effort and resilience displayed by all students throughout the trip and was thrilled with the praise received from local breeders.

*Written by the Grade 10 Cattle Handling Team
With Simon Barber, Sheffield DHS*



Chloe Temple leads The Champion Santa Gertrudis Bull at EKKA 2015

Junior Cattle Handlers Show of Tasmania (The Sheffield School Show) November 5th – 6th 2015

Entries will be mailed to schools soon but if you do not receive a copy please contact the Sheffield School.

Sheffield District High students have been busy preparing cattle for their upcoming show season. With over \$5000 in prizemoney, the carcass competition is still going strong and students are extremely keen to see if their feeding and preparation program has hit MSA specifications. Although it has been a long cold winter there is still time to get your students involved!



Show Time for Yolla Students!

Members of the Yolla District High School Cattle and Sheep Handling Teams recently held a one day Muster. The day included visitors from industry talking to members about animal nutrition, animal preparation, leading and junior judging.

The school plans to exhibit cattle at 9 shows across Northern Tasmania while the sheep team will exhibit at 5 shows across the state. The school poultry team is currently preparing several breeds of bantams for the upcoming North West Shows.

John Lehman, Yolla DHS



Yolla students prepare for the upcoming show season on another perfect North West Tassie day!

Newsletter Item Guidelines

- 60-80 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 the Monday of weeks 4 and 9 each term.
- The distribution list will include members of the Ag Ed network plus key supporters, sponsors and any others interested as we grow.
- You are most welcome to help grow the list by suggesting recipients (& sponsors?)

***Next Issue:
Week 4, Term 4
(November 5th)***

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