Our staff and school community work hard to provide the best educational opportunities for our students. This year we are teaching our students about wool and the school received a donation of nine merino sheep to help our students to undertake a wool competition later in the year.

Unfortunately, we have had a major setback. It was disappointing this morning to discover eight of our merino sheep had been stolen from the Agriculture Plot overnight. One merino sheep was left behind, injured. This matter has been reported to the Hay Police and if any person hears or has heard anything related to this matter please report it to the Hay Police.

The school wishes to thank the Hay Police for their quick assistance on Thursday morning and also to Mr Wayne Gardam (VET) for his rapid response to attend to the injured sheep.

Drug & Alcohol
Our Year 9 students this week had the opportunity to listen two guests from the Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service. The fifty minute presentation was about the impact of over consumption of alcohol, what a standard drink of alcohol looks like and the maximum recommended daily allowances for adult men and women. They also watched a short educational documentary that looked at a “typical party” and the characters and problems that people may see if people attended a party where alcohol was being over consumed.

NAPLAN testing
The Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests conclude this week. The students behaviour has been exemplary during this testing period. Next week, starting Monday 19th May the Junior Half Year Examinations start.

Mr Y Chambers, Principal.
For so much what shall we repay?

**Sports report with Leonie Booth**

**Honorary Australian Team**
A fantastic achievement for Jodie Hicks to be selected as rover in the Under 18 AFL Australian team. Jodie was away in Canberra last week playing for NSW/ACT in the Youth National Championships and was one of only two girls from this team that were selected. Then NSW/ACT team made it through to the Pool B Grand Final but were defeated.

**School Athletics Carnival**
The School Athletics Carnival was held last Wednesday on a beautiful Autumn day. Participation was excellent with many students competing in as many events as possible. The end house result was very close with Murray emulating the swimming carnival results.

- Murray – 464 points
- Bidgee – 349 points
- Lachlan – 329 points
- Darling – 325 points

**Age champions**
Congratulations to the following age champions who will be acknowledged at Friday's assembly. Parents are very welcome to attend.

- 12 years – Caitlyn Hayward and Kevin Cai
- 13 years – Holly Headon and Kynan Headon
- 14 years – Lauren Mijok and Jock Crighton
- 15 years – Chloe Slattery, Ebony Crighton, Corey Poole and Darcy Lees
- 16 years – Hannah McGufficke, Trey Martin and Sam Ward
- 17 years - Sophie Stephens and Toby Crighton

**New records**
It is always a fantastic achievement to break a sporting record and congratulations to the following students. A special mention to Kynan who broke three longstanding records – one from the 60’s!!

- Georgia Booth 16yrs shotput 9.21 (Sophie Stephens 9.10 -2013)
- Ruby Stewart 15yrs triple jump 8.84 (Leslee Woods 8.77 – 1993)
- Kynan Headon 13yrs 100m 13.15 (Craig Baird 13.30 – 1982)
- Kynan Headon 13 yrs 200m 26.84 (W. Williams 27.00 – 1970)
- Kynan Headon 13 yrs 400m 1.02.87 (L. Hadfield 1.05.00 – 1969)

Thank you to everyone, especially parents, that assisted on the day running events and timekeeping. A big thank you to James Caughey, Shayne Johnston, Mitch Mijok and Luke Arandt who spent a day to mark out the oval.

The Zone Carnival has a date and venue change. It will be held in Deniliquin on the 10th June. All first and second place getters are eligible to attend. The carnival results will be on the sports noticeboard. Please check and let Miss Britt know if you are going.

**AFL gala day**
The girls and boys teams travelled to Deniliquin on Tuesday to compete in a gala day. The boys had three games against Barham, Deniliquin and Finley but were outclassed and outnumbered.

The girls were up against number one adversary Finley but their great expectations of winning were dashed by the stronger, more experienced Finley team. The girls were very competitive and only went down by two goals. The team was devastated to lose defender Sophie Stephens when she dislocated her finger. Lucy Pless kicked one goal for Hay and Ruby Stewart booted two points.

The girls bounced back against Deniliquin and won convincingly by 7 goals – Jodie Hicks 5, Ellie Hicks 1 and Jessie Harrington 1. Lucy Pless fired up and was crucial in attack providing support to Jodie who demonstrated her prowess with a few backward goals. Hannah McGufficke, Georgia Booth, Heidi Stephens and Chloe Slattery were invaluable in their defence and aggression for the ball. Emily Payne and Ebony Crighton were able to transfer their league tag skills effortlessly. Jessie and Ruby worked well in attack and were unlucky not to score more points.

The younger girls played well and showed great potential – Ellie Hicks, Erin Shalders, Hannah Stewart, Lily Tassell and Sam Hutchison. These girls will be key players when we travel to Deniliquin on the 27th of May to contest the Val Meadowcroft Shield.
White Card
The Construction White Card is a general induction training for construction work certification. It is required to enter and work on any building site. This qualification is required by any student wishing to undertake work experience in any construction industry and is also needed by students who wish to study VET-Construction in the senior school. This course is being run at TAFE office in Hay on Friday, 30th May from 9am -5pm. This will probably be the only opportunity this year to complete this course in Hay. Any student who is in Year 10 and above, who is interested in completing this course needs to get a note and application form from Ms McNally. If you wish your child to complete this course you need to pay the Hay TAFE office the $186 for the course by Thursday 22nd May. If sixteen or more students from Hay WMHS enrol the price will be reduced to $150 per student and each student will receive a refund of $36 from TAFE. After the 22nd May, the course will be opened to the general public and there will be no guarantee of obtaining a place in this course. The Hay TAFE office is open from 9-3:30, Monday to Friday and is located at 178-182 Lachlan St.

Library News with Mrs Biggs

Book Week 2014 Shortlisted Title The First Third
Author: William Kostakis
Summary: Life is made up of three parts: in the first part you’re embarrassed by your family; in the second, you make a family of your own; and in the end, you just embarrass the family you’ve made. That’s how Billy’s grandmother explains it, anyway. She’s given him her bucket list and now it’s his job to glue their family back together.

Indigenous Students’ Excursion to Griffith
An entertaining bus trip to Griffith was undertaken by many of the school’s Indigenous students on Thursday of last week.
Our first stop was the Waddi Housing Corporation in Darlington Point. Ms Debbie Hopwood kindly showed us a large model of the heritage listed Warangesda Mission. The following comments were made by some of our group members.
“I found it interesting that there were more than 200 Aboriginal residents at the mission.” Caine Cotter
“They made the model from paddle-pop sticks.” Emily Curtis
“Some of the buildings are still standing today.” Bianca Goulding
“Somebody stole all the bricks from the chimney.” Harley Curtis

Next stop was the Aboriginal Medical Service in Griffith. Harley was impressed by the training and employment opportunities which the service provided. Most students thought that the gym was really great. Our tour guide was Ms Lisa Penrith. Lisa reminded everyone that it is very important to have the certification which proved that you are an Indigenous person.

After lunch at Subway, we visited the Riverina TAFE. Indigenous students are supported at the TAFE by dedicated staff, such as our guide, Ms Alice Watts. Caine was pleased to learn that Indigenous students who come from Hay could stay at a special hostel if they enrolled in a TAFE course. The manikins in the health care section impressed Harley, whilst Bianca and Emily both thought that the hair salon was very interesting.

Thanks to everyone who helped our students to enjoy their day-trip. We all had a really good time.
Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Year 12 Lenovo DER Device Battery Recall
The battery recall below concerns all Year 12 students. The students have been sent an email via their departmental email address about the recall. It is IMPORTANT that all batteries are checked.

Electrical Product Safety Recall
ThinkPad® Lithium-ion batteries
For the following models sold October 2010 – April 2011: T310, W310, X100E, X201, X201s, Edge 11, Edge 13, and ThinkPad T400.

Defect: The lithium-ion battery may overheat.

Hazard: If the battery packs overheat, they pose the risk of fire and burn hazard to consumers.

What To Do: Consumers should immediately turn off their computer, remove the battery and only power the computer through the AC adapter and power cord. Please visit www.lenovo.com/batteryprogram2014 to determine if you are affected and to arrange for a free replacement battery.

Contact Data:
Contact Lenovo (Australia & New Zealand) Pty Ltd (dial free on: Australia 1800 041 021 or visit www.lenovo.com/batteryprogram2014

See www.recalls.gov.au for Australian Recall Information.