Welcome to the Wilsonton Agricultural Field Study Centre Newsletter

What is happening.....

Meet Baby Huey!!
Last Friday WAFSC was kindly donated a Simmental X calf from Alex Smith at Highfields. As our new poster-calf, Huey has the attention of many adoring students and will no doubt be very spoilt here at WAFSC. We thank Alex for his generosity!

This semester the Wilsonton Yr12 Ag Science class has been conducting a summer crop trial using a variety of hybrids. The crop types involved were Sorghum, Corn and Sunflowers and these were grown in the main hot house. The sorghum and corn each had four varieties for comparison and the sunflowers compared oil and birdseed varieties. Even though the trial results are yet to be finalised, it is clear the corn and sunflowers were very successful, while the sorghum had major issues with germination which affected later growth severely. It will be interesting to hear the Yr12’s analysis as to why this was the case.

Term 4 is always the time of year to begin preparing the next generation of show cattle for the following year. This term we have had a variety of young stud cattle for students to work with including stock from Springside Simmentals Pittsworth and Silverleigh Senepols Kingsthorpe (pictured). As usual the cattle from these studs have been first class and a joy to work with. Keep an eye out for these in our Cattle Show Team 2013.

WAFSC Show Dates will be finalised

CAREER TALK:
Have you Considered being an Agronomist?
An Agronomist is somebody who provides specialised advice to producers to optimize land usage for maximum crop production. They play a vital role especially in the broad acre grains and cotton industries.

Bachelor of Applied Science
Agronomy Single Major

Agronomist
$85,000

Yr11/12 Ag Science OP 15

Date to Remember

16th November Last day for Yr12 students
30th November Last day for Yr10 & 11
14th December End of Term 4
13th January Simmental Youth Camp

Watch out for WAFSC Website
www.wilsontoeec.eq.edu.au

Did you Know.......
There are more than 150 million sheep in Australia, and only some 20 million people. The industry is worth 2.8 billion dollars per year to the Australian economy!