Welcome to the Wilsonton Agricultural Field Study Centre Newsletter

What is happening.....

Summer Crop Trials

Last semester the Wilsonton Yr11&12 Ag Science class has been conducting a summer crop trial using a variety of hybrids. Sorghum, Corn and Sunflowers were the crops of choice this year. Students have been investigating the agronomy, marketing and scientific aspects of growing a successful summer crop this season. The challenging growing conditions this year provided a good insight into how each crop hybrid has handled these conditions. Now that final measurements and observations are completed, students will now be formulating their own individual crop recommendations based on the data obtained.

Vanderfield Machinery Tour

On Thursday 18th of July Vanderfield Machinery were kind enough to give our senior Agriculture students a tour of their facilities. The group got to see how a major John Deere dealership operates plus get a great insight into the latest equipment and technology used in the broad acre industries.

It’s the biggest Cattle Show of the year and once again WAFSC will be represented at this year’s Brisbane Ekka. A team of students have been invited to participate based on their excellent work with the cattle this year. They will have some superb cattle to work with and the mixture of stud and carcase animals will give them a broad range of classes to compete in. The Team will also be competing in the Junior Judging and Paraders sections. We wish Mr Pitts and the team the best of luck for this years Ekka Trip!

CAREER TALK:

Have you Considered Working as a Zoologist?

Zoologist $55,000+
Or
Specialising in Certain Animals you could receive more than $80,000 +

Ag Science
Biology
Chemistry

Dates to Remember

8th - 17th August Brisbane Royal Show
3rd - 5th September Toowoomba Ag Show

Did you Know……..

• Unlike most countries, Australia exports the majority of its red meat, 62% of the red meat produced was sent overseas in 2012, valued at $6.3 billion.
• In recent years there has been a stronger focus on beef markets in South-East Asia, China and the Middle East.
• These changes reflected:
  • Tighter grass fed cattle supplies, following widespread rain, which impacted production.
  • Cautious buying in the US.
  • Positive performance of the Japan fast food sector, along with lower stocks in this market.
  • The continued decline in sheep meat production