

Yanco Agricultural High School

P&C Association Newsletter

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November 2015

Last week saw the completion of, yet again, another extremely successful annual Transition Program. Congratulations to Lisa O'Brien for co-ordinating such a worthwhile activity for incoming students and parents.

Approx. 70 families participated this year and many thanks to the P&C members who ably assisted the new parents with answering questions and tackling the daunting task of purchasing the necessary uniform items for their children.

An awesome night was had by one and all at the P&C Transition Dinner on the Wednesday night with some feisty team spirits being on display ☺

The winners of the Dinner raffle were: 1st Prize - \$100 Canteen Voucher: Alison & Peter Morris, 2nd Prize – a bottle of Richland Moscato: Nancy Ware, 3rd Prize – a bottle of McWilliams Merlot wine: Rebecca Colley.

Cheers
Kerrie Johnston

Next P&C Meeting

The P&C Meeting for Term 1 2016 will be held at the YAHS School Hall on:

Thursday 28th January 2016 at 12.30pm.

This meeting will be the AGM and will be held during the lunch break of the Year Group meetings on the first day back to school. Lunch will be provided by the school at the Hall.

Farewell

The YAHS P&C Executive would like to take this opportunity to farewell all students and their families as they finish their lives at YAHS. We wish you every success and happiness for whatever the future may hold for you all.

We would also like to say "Thank you" and "Goodbye" to the teaching and Executive staff members that will be leaving behind the milestone of their Yanco experience at the close of 2015 and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours also.

These include:

Denis Benjamin (Retiring after 13 years of service to YAHS), Scott McGrevy (moving to Newcastle) and Robyn Heath, School Counsellor (now based in Griffith).

So.....What Now?

TAFE? Uni? A Job or Apprenticeship?

Check out the 2016 Country Education Foundation (CEF) Tertiary Scholarships Guide for Rural and Regional students. There are hundreds of scholarships available through education partners and other providers across Australia. See www.cef.org.au for further information.

Old Yanconians' Union Inc

Membership and Contact Details:

Under 21's Life Membership - \$50

Over 21's Life Membership – \$90

Annual Ordinary Membership - \$15

Parents may like to consider purchasing an Under 21's OYU Life Membership for your child as a gift for their Yr 12 Graduation or a Christmas gift.

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2015 Transition Dinner Photo Gallery



The Mighty Mutch Team trying to thread three needles on to a piece of thread

A Gardiner contestant not courageous enough to show her face in the human golf game.



Tables decorated in sporting house colours

Veterinary Technology Course

A new BA Veterinary Technology Course was introduced this year to Charles Sturt University, Wagga Campus, which has proved extremely popular. This course covers the study areas of animal handling, nutrition, anatomy, reproduction technologies etc and the flexible study options allow students to combine on campus and distance education modes of delivery. Specialist areas then cover large animals, clinical practice etc. An ATAR of 70 is all that is required. See www.csu.edu.au for further information.

Allocation of 2015 P&C Fundraising Funds

At the P&C meeting recently the P&C Fundraising Funds were allocated to the following areas of the school:

Welfare – Boys – Who's The Man Workshop
Welfare – Girls – Gardening Club Start-up Funds
Hospitality – Ice Crushing Blender
Cattle Showstock Team – Cattle Showing Gear
Agriculture – Aquaponics System
Welfare – Sun Lounges/storage shelves/containers for pool area

TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED - \$12,223

This means that the combined funds given back to the school to assist with our children's education from the Canteen and the P&C totalled \$53,092 for 2015!

What is ICPA.....?

The Isolated Children's & Parents Association (ICPA) is a voluntary, non-profit, apolitical parent body dedicated to ensuring that all rural and remote students have equity of access to a continuing and appropriate education.

The Association has over 3,500 members across Australia, who all share a common concern of gaining access to education for their children and the provision of services required to achieve this.

ICPA seeks to have all elements of education (cultural experiences, social contacts, participation in sport and other enriching activities) available for all children regardless of their home location.

To achieve its goal ICPA pursues objectives in the following areas: Education Allowances, Boarding Schools/School Term Hostels, Travel, Distance Education, Special Education, Curriculum, Communications, Rural and Remote Schools, Early Childhood Education and Tertiary Education.

Interesting fact: Approx. half of the YAHS families are recipients of the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance. **Are you all ICPA members.....?**

Should you wish to join an ICPA branch please contact any Executive member for your state. See www.icpa.com.au for further information.

The Australian Boarder Parent Handbook

This much anticipated Handbook by Kate Hadwen is now available for purchase for \$16.95 at www.hbe.com.au or email orders@hbe.com.au. This publication is loaded with useful info about preparing your child for boarding, understanding and overcoming homesickness amongst other helpful topics. All royalties will be donated to ICPA.

New YAHS P&C Email Address

Please email all future correspondence for the YAHS P&C Association to our new email address:

yancoagpandc.secretary@gmail.com

Final word for 2015.....

The P&C Executive would like to wish all our YAHS families a safe & Merry Christmas. We hope you all enjoy your holiday break and look forward to a great year in 2016 in working together to supporting YAHS, our children and their educational opportunities.

See you all on the first day back **28th January 2016!**

YAHS Unsung Hero's

Cleaning Staff



L to R: Louise, Steph, Vina, Donna, Alicia & Vicki

These girls do an amazing job of keeping the dorms, classrooms and McCaughey in pristine cleanliness. Their duties include cleaning dorms, emptying of rubbish bins, washing/polishing the floors, vacuuming, cleaning windows. Their hours are 6.30am – 3pm Monday – Friday.

So... next time you are at the school, pop into the Laundry to say a quick word of Thanks which will ensure they continue to have a smile on their faces as they sweep and mop away their hours ☺

Maybe we could all take it in turns to take one of these ladies home for a week...or two!!!!

Yanconian's In The News

YAHS Students & Staff, participated in wearing Yellow for Scotty day to honour the late Stephanie Scott, The Leeton Irrigator, 4/9/15.

YAHS Drum Corp, Yrs 9, 10 & 11 played at the Condobolin Show, The Land, 10/9/15. Also hosted a unique workshop, The Leeton Irrigator, 13/10/15.

Kaitlyn Mackay, The Leeton Dianas celebrates its women's sevens premierships, The Daily Advertiser, 14/9/15.

Sally McNiff, A model for the fashion parade for the Leeton Anglicare Op-Shop, Fashion In Aid Of A Cause, The Leeton Irrigator, 9/10/15.

Liyu Coss, Leeton Show, The Leeton Irrigator, 13/10/15.

Grace Daunt, taking out the Championship Class in horse events, The Leeton Irrigator, 13/10/15.

David Haskins, for taking the YAHS cricket Phantoms to victory in the B Grade competition, The Leeton Irrigator, 20/10/15

Daniel Guilford, Team roping event in Leeton and participating in the Australian National Team Roping Finals, The Leeton Irrigator 27/10/15.

Where Are They Now.....?

The Ex-Yanconian's answered the following questions:

1. What year did you leave YAHS?
2. What are you currently studying/working at?
3. Where are you currently living?
4. Any other interesting info eg Married/kids etc

So here are some of the replies we received:

Tori Romanelli:

1. 2014
2. Studying Environmental Engineering at Wollongong
3. Wollongong
4. None

Mitchell Stubberfield:

1. 2012
2. Third Year Mechanic Apprentice & studying Automotive Electrical
3. Wellington
4. None

Emily Head:

1. 2014
2. Studying Bachelor of Science in Psychology at the Uni of Canberra
3. Canberra
4. None

Kurt Woods:

1. 2009
2. Qualified Greenskeeper/Spray Technician
3. Hay
4. Worked at Royal Melbourne & Hamilton Island Golf Courses. Bought a house in Hay.

Gabi Menzies:

1. 2012
2. Body Shop Consultant while studying K-12 Teaching in Albury
3. Albury
4. None

John Kitto:

1. 2010
2. Agricultural Contractor
3. Paspaley Group, Bunnamagoo Wines, Mudgee
4. Getting married 12th March, 2016

Where Are They Now Continued...?

Cassie Hedwards:

1. 2011
2. Graduated Bachelor of Nursing through Deakin University 2014. Now a Registered Perioperative Nurse at Epworth Richmond
3. East Melbourne
4. None

Jade Louise:

1. 2011
2. Big W – Apparel section
3. Orange
4. Engaged with an 8 month old devil spawn. About to relocate to Gunnedah for my partners job

Tegan Muirhead:

1. 2011
2. Part time at Wagga Blind Awning all the rest FEI dressage training/competing
3. Wagga
4. None

Katie O'Hara:

1. 2011
2. Lachlan Shire Council
3. Condobolin
4. Four month old son, Cameron

Jessie Louise Barnes:

1. 2006
2. Enrolled nurse and Dental Hygienist
3. Hay
4. Single Mum with two kidlets, Olivia, 5 & Cooper, 3

Ebony Thomas:

1. 2011
2. Apprentice hair dresser/barista
3. Bathurst
4. Mum of two girls – Harper, 1 mth & Sophia, 2yr

Katie Beal:

1. 2011
2. Fourth Year Occupational Therapy
3. Albury
4. None

Jessica Riley:

1. 2011
2. JBS abs (meatworks)
3. Leeton
4. None

Billie Stenhouse:

1. 2013
2. Second year Equine Science at CSU
3. Wagga
4. None

Nicki Guttler:

1. 2012
2. Rouseabout and learner shearer
3. Wagga
4. None

Harriet Condon:

1. 2013
2. Second year studying a Bachelor of Education (K-12)
3. Wagga
4. None

Jesse McDonald:

1. 2013
2. Second year Bachelor of Electrical Engineering
3. Wollongong
4. None

Jane Goldsworthy:

1. 2013
2. Second year Bachelor of Ag
3. Armidale
4. None

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