

# Yanco Agricultural High School

## P&C Association Newsletter

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Term 4 of any school year seems to spell chaos as the students tackle their end of year exams, teachers race to adhere to their reporting timeframes and parents try to win the juggling act of balancing harvest commitments, parent reps on staffing interview panels and generally trying to keep the boat afloat till the celebration of Christmas cheer begins.

Yet another extremely successful Transition Program was completed recently and a brilliant P&C Dinner saw most of the new parents enjoy the sharing of useful boarding tips, ICPA allowance info and some frivolity for all the sporting houses ☺

The winners of the Dinner raffle were: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$100 Canteen Voucher; **Elissa Bent**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – two bottles of wine; **Stewart Gay**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – a further two bottles of wine; **Jen Turner**. Many thanks to **Darren & Karen Owers** for donating the wine.

*Cheers*  
*Kerrie Johnston*

### Next P&C Meeting

The P&C Meeting for Term 1, 2018 will be the AGM and will be held at the School Hall on:

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 12.30pm.**

Lunch will be served in the hall.

The maximum time allocated for P&C Meetings is 1.5 hrs.

### Book Packs

Book packs for students are now available for purchase from Jo Punch in the YAHS Canteen.

**Yr 7 Backpack Set** **\$140**  
(incl. YAHS Back Pack, pencils, calculator & maths set)

**Yr 7 & 8 Book packs** **\$ 40**

**Yr 9 & 10 Book packs** **\$ 30**

Your students are able to pick these up from the Canteen any time prior to the end of the term.

### Farewell

The YAHS P&C Executive would like to take this opportunity to farewell all students and their families as they finish their time 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 staff members that will be leaving behind the milestone of their Yanco experience at the close of 2017 and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours also.

These include:

**Meegan Thurgood**; HT Science (St Francis College), **Mitchell Cross**; Science (Kyogle High School), **Shaylee Millard**; PE (Kyogle High School), **Katherine Crnkovic** (Joining the Rural Fire Brigade), **Bernice Rourke**; retiring after 23 years of service to YAHS & **Bruce Hammond**; Business Services Manager (retired earlier in 2017).

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## 2017 Transition Dinner



The P&C held another successful Dinner for the parents attending the Transition Program on Wed, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at the Yanco All Servicemen's Club.

Throughout the evening existing parents spoke about their YAHS student/parent experiences and by the feedback received after the night, this helped alleviate parent concerns/anxieties about sending their children away to boarding school. Information regarding Allowances was also presented by the Isolated Children's & Parents Assoc (ICPA) and the night concluded with some rounds of Trivia questions which created some friendly sporting house rivalry. Congratulations to Mutch & McCaughey Houses who were the tied winners!

## 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.**

Old Yanconians' Secretary, Bill Barwick  
Ph: 02 6953 4793 or 0428 680 688  
Email: whbarwick@hotmail.com for more info or visit  
**www.oldyanconians.org.au**  
**Facebook: Old Yanconians' Union Inc**

## YAHS 2017 Speech Day

will be held on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**  
commencing at 10.00am at the Roxy Theatre in Leeton

## Claim The Date

*Don't forget to mark on your calendars  
and book accommodation for Beach  
Carnival and Gala Day for 2018 for the  
16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March.*

## YAHS P&C President & Secretary Positions

Both the YAHS P&C President & Secretary's positions will be up for grabs at the P&C AGM on the first day back to school next year and ask that you please consider putting up your hand for either of these positions.

There will be plenty of assistance from the outgoing office bearers who will still be parents at the school for the next 12 months so please don't feel you will be going it alone.

Please contact Scott Hughes (President) or Kerrie Johnston (Secretary) if you would like to find out more about either of these roles within the P&C.

**We would love to hear from you!! ☺**



## 2018 Rural Undergraduate Scholarships

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 are available for people from rural NSW who are undertaking first year studies of a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery degree in 2018. Applications open 30 October 2017 and close 19 January 2018.

Visit

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/rural-undergrad.aspx> for further info.

## Allocation of 2017 P&C Fundraising Funds

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

Sports – Professional Strapping Kit  
Library – library furniture x 2 booths (4 x seats)  
TAS – Metal workshop replacement equipment  
Principal – BBQ's & sink for BBQ upgrade  
Fishing Club – 1 x 8hp two stroke Yamaha outboard motor

**TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED - \$9,083**

**This means that the combined funds given back to the school to assist with our children's education/wellbeing from the Canteen and the P&C totalled \$49,083 for 2017!**

## **YAHS Unsung Hero's**

### **YAHS GARDENER**



In 2017, Grant Fitzsimon has been appointed with fulltime gardening duties at YAHS to bring the grounds up to scratch to provide the 'Wow' factor when you arrive at the school.

There has been a noticeable difference in the appearance of gardens around the school grounds this year.

Thank you Grant for all you do and we look forward to further improvements in time for the YAHS Centenary celebrations in 2022.

### **Post-Graduate Agricultural Health and Medicine Program**

Jump off the fence and open the gate to a healthier future - challenge yourself with Australia's only Post-Graduate Agricultural Health and Medicine Program. Learn the skills and knowledge to get involved in agricultural health, wellbeing and safety.

There are a number of scholarships available for 2018, valued from \$1650. This year, scholarship categories include: rural professionals; people identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and Veterinarians, Optometrists or Psychologists.

The program is aimed at rural professionals, health professionals, general practitioners, health care administrators and policy makers who would like to address the inequities facing today's rural and remote communities by enhancing their own knowledge of contextual health issues. **Round 2 Applications close 10th December 2017.**

Visit <http://www.farmerhealth.org.au/page/education> for further info.

### **The Australian Boarder Parent Handbook**

This very handy Handbook by Kate Hadwen is available for purchase for \$16.95 at [www.hbe.com.au](http://www.hbe.com.au), email [orders@hbe.com.au](mailto:orders@hbe.com.au) or contact YAHS P&C Secretary. 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.

## **Yanconian's In The News**

**Yr 10 Animal Management Students**, Article advertising this year's Ram Sale, The Rural, 7/9/17.

**Chloe Ward**, Leeton Touch Football, The Leeton Irrigator, 8/9/17.

**Oliver Stubberfield**, Yanco-Wamoon Rugby League, The Leeton Irrigator, 12/9/17.

**Max Findlay**, Yanco-Wamoon Rugby League. The Leeton Irrigator. 12/9/17.

**Numerous Students**. Under 16's & 18's Rugby League Grand Finals, The Leeton Irrigator, 15/9/17.

**Lachlan McMaster, George Anthony & Sunny Oxley**, Henty Machinery Field Days, The Rural, 21/9/17.

**Ellianne Boulton**, Annual Zone 21 Pony Club Championships, The Leeton Irrigator, 31/09/17

**Thomas Kimpton**, Outback Band Spectacular, The Leeton Irrigator 3/11/17.

**Sporting House Captains**, Laying of the wreath of knitted poppies made by students, staff and families at Light Horse display at the Leeton Soldiers' Club, The Leeton Irrigator, 7/11/17

**Jock Yelland**, Cricket, The Leeton Irrigator, 14/11/17.

### **Need Anymore Name Labels?**

You can now order your name labels from Cash's who are giving YAHS families a 5% discount on purchases which then transpires to a percentage of sales being donated back to the YAHS P&C Assoc as a fundraising activity. Order online at [www.nametapes.com.au](http://www.nametapes.com.au) and enter the code **YANCO** to receive your discount or Ph 1800 020 204.



### **Country Education Foundation (CEF)**

CEF helps rural & regional communities support their local school-leavers with funds to assist with their transition from high school into further education, training or jobs. CEF grants are based on financial need and are not assessed on academic success. Visit [www.cef.org.au](http://www.cef.org.au) for further scholarship information.

### Expression of Interest Needed.....

The current co-ordinators of the annual YAHS Shearing Competition held at Gala Day, Alan & Kerrie Johnston, are looking for someone (or a group of people) to take over the co-ordination and running of this event after next year. 2018 will see their youngest child complete his education at YAHS and are now hoping that there will be some passionate people come forward to take this popular competition into the future.

Please contact Alan & Kerrie on 02 69 661 335 or 0428 661 335 to find out all you need to know about running the YAHS Shearing Competition.



### YAHS Souvenirs

Did you know..... that Jo Punch at the Canteen stocks a range of YAHS souvenirs?

Items include (but are not limited to):

Wine glasses/tumblers/mugs with YAHS Logo  
Stubbie Holders  
Tea Towels printed with the YAHS War Cry & School Song lyrics  
Pens  
Key rings  
Clock  
Prints of McCaughey Mansion

Prices range from \$5 to \$50

Any of these items are wonderful momentos for students and families to purchase in memory of their time at YAHS. These would also make great Christmas gifts to put in the Christmas stockings of Ex-Yanconian's as well.

### RuralBiz Training

**Is a year at home on the farm for you?**

Doing a Diploma of Agriculture with RuralBiz Training is a great way to make that year really worthwhile. It combines real work on the farm with a nationally accredited qualification - and opens up the pathway to university.

Visit [www.ruralbiztraining.com.au](http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au) for further information.

### Useful Information Regarding Student Homesickness/Parents Anxieties

Visit [www.boardingexpo.com.au/dealing-with-homesickness-part-one/](http://www.boardingexpo.com.au/dealing-with-homesickness-part-one/)

### Useful CSU (Charles Sturt University) Contact Information

**Disability** – Maybe you have a physical or sensory impairment, learning disability or mental health condition and you require support. Maybe it's a temporary injury or illness – visit [www.csu.edu.au](http://www.csu.edu.au) and search 'disability service' or call 1800 334 733.

**STUDY LINK** – need a confidence boost in areas such as writing, IT, maths or science? You can enrol in short, self-paced, online subjects starting at a time that suits you. Visit [www.csu.edu.au/studylink](http://www.csu.edu.au/studylink).

**What's the Desk?** The Desk is a toolbox that can be used to help deal with some common issues that get in the way of success eg stress, procrastination, feeling down, relationship issues or managing worries. See [www.thedesk.org.au](http://www.thedesk.org.au). The Desk was developed by the University of QLD and is proudly supported by beyondblue.

**Financial Support for CSU students** – see [www.finance.slo@csu.edu.au](mailto:www.finance.slo@csu.edu.au) for more info.

**Scholarships** – CSU offers 'TAFE specific' scholarships as well as academic credit for previous study. See [www.csu.edu.au/tafe](http://www.csu.edu.au/tafe)

**CSUSocial** – Use CSUSocial to connect with your peers, classmates, clubs or societies. Visit [www.csu.edu.au/social](http://www.csu.edu.au/social)

### Student Wellbeing Hub

The Australian Government has released a new website, the Student Wellbeing Hub. It aims to provide current best-practice, curriculum-aligned resources for educators, parents and students on a range of contemporary issues that will help build and sustain the wellbeing and safety of all members of the school community.

The new site is bright and engaging and its simple navigation makes information and resources easy to find. Visit [www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au](http://www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au) for further information.

### NSW Dept of Education Allowances 2018

**Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA)** – Means tested for families of students attending boarding schools.

**Boarding Scholarships for Isolated Students (BSIS) School Drive Subsidy (SDS)**

Visit [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport) of phone (02) 63 348 070 for further information.

## TELSTRA CONTACTS

If you have contacted Telstra's front of house team via the phone, online or in store and you are not satisfied with the response, you can contact your Telstra CountryWide (TCW) team via the following email addresses:

Tricia Wilson - Central & Hunter NSW  
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## Yr 12 Fundraiser

Yr 12 are fundraising this term by selling YAHS School House Polo Shirts & Bucket Hats to generate funds to be donated to Friends of Luro & CareFlight. (The spelling of McCaughey has been corrected).

Orders need to be placed to the school by **13 December 2017** for collection when school commences in 2018 – ready to be worn for the YAHS Swimming Carnival.

Please support your Sporting House and the Yr 12 students in their quest to fund these charities.



## The Wheel Trolley's Have Arrived...

The YAHS P&C have purchased two wheel trolley's for our Volunteers to use for any P&C activities. These are kept in the P&C Shed behind the Canteen.

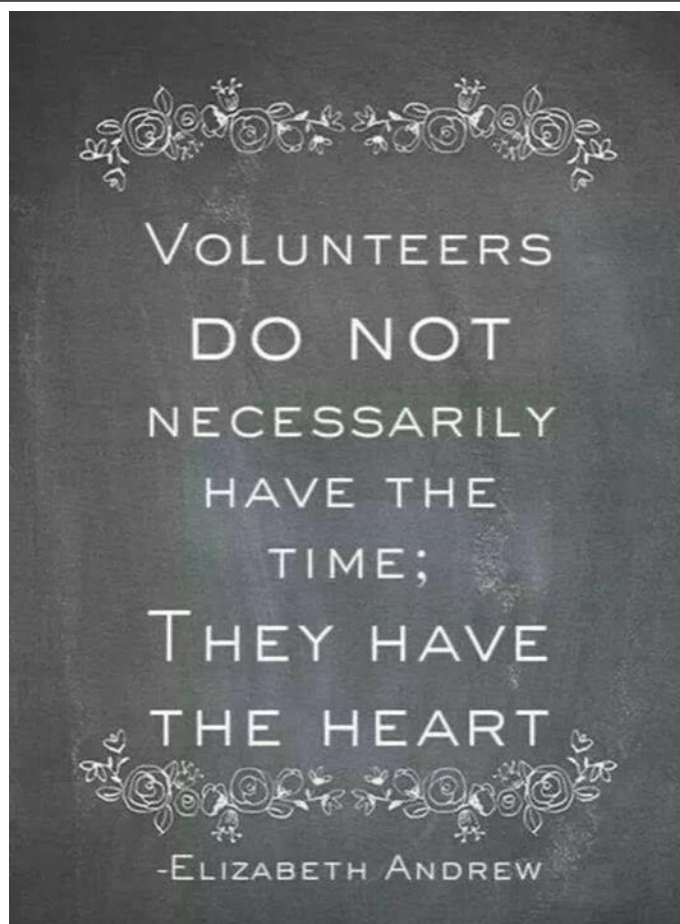


## GOVERNESS ... WHO? WHAT? WHEN?

**WHO?** A governess is someone who is employed by a family to help with the care and education of their children. The children attend school through either a Distance Education School (DE) or School Of The Air (SOTA).

**WHAT?** Roles of the governess are many and varied from helping with the care of the children to delivery of lessons in a home based schoolroom on rural, remote and very remote properties via leaflets and satellite lessons from either school.

**WHEN?** Now is the time to start exploring the idea of employing or becoming a governess as the new school year is just around the corner so ... if you are considering the governess option there is a fantastic website which is available to answer many of your questions at <http://www.governessaustralia.com>



## YAHS P&C Association Life Members

Douglas Milvane – 1990  
Julie Campbell – 2006  
Stacey Lugsdin – 2016

Carol Lane – 1991  
Di Gill – 2013

Wes Browne – 1991  
Kay Goldsworthy – 2016

### Six Undeniable Facts of Life

- 1. Don't educate your children to be rich:** Educate them to be happy, so when they grow up they will know the value of things, not the price.
- 2. Best wise words:** "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."
- 3. The one who loves you will never leave you because:** Even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.
- 4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human:** Only a few folks really understand that.
- 5. You are loved when you are born:** You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!
- 6. If you just want to walk fast,** walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!



### Student Injury Insurance

Did you know that the YAHS P&C Assoc annually pays for Student Injury Insurance for all our enrolled students through the P&C Federation?

This cover is not restricted to school operating hours but provides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week cover - even at home or at a family events. The cover isn't just for broken bones and ambulance trips but also covers dental and non-Medicare medical expenses and small property losses.

All school excursions/activities are covered and ambulance cover is Australia wide. Claims can be made directly through the P&C Federation. Visit the P&C Federation website for further information.

### Are you travelling to Sydney for medical appointments?

#### Do you need transport or accommodation?

**Country Care Link** has been assisting rural families since 1992. The Service provides support and hospitality to country people visiting Sydney for medical purposes. This no-cost service provides transport to country people who are attending medical visits or a hospital stay in Sydney. Transport is provided by trained volunteer drivers on either arrival or departure between the airport, railway or bus station and their medical appointment, hospital or accommodation. The service can also provide information on accommodation close to many hospitals in Sydney.

To book transport (48 hours notice preferred):

T: 02 8382 6434 or 1800 806 160

E: [transport@outreach.net.au](mailto:transport@outreach.net.au) or visit <http://www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au/service/country-care-link/> for further info.

### Centrelink Allowances Available for 2018

**Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)** – No Income Test and based on distance/Special needs criteria.

**Additional Boarding** – Parental Income Tested

**Second Home Allowance** – For parents needing a second home for their children to attend school.

**Youth Allowance** – Dependent and Independent criteria

**Student Start Up Loan** – For beginning Tertiary studies

**Relocation Scholarship** – Moving away from home for Tertiary studies

Visit [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or phone 132318 for further information.

### Final word for 2017.....

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 another great year in 2018 working together in supporting YAHS, our children and their educational opportunities.

See you all on the first day back **30<sup>th</sup> January 2018!**

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