Well.....Elyse North, our very own effervescent music teacher has done it again!! Elyse co-ordinated another very successful Performance Night at the end of Term 2 to proudly show the many talents that we have at YAHS to a jam packed hall of over 200 parents, family and friends of our students. We must not forget her student and staff helpers who lurked in the dark shadows backstage who collectively made a very enjoyable night for one and all. Congratulations to all concerned 😊

We have decided to add another interesting dimension to our Newsletter and include a little bit about past students and where they are up to in their course in life along with focusing on the ‘Unsung Heroes’ of YAHS whose efforts often go unrecognised. In this issue we have put the Front Office Ladies in the spotlight so we can appreciate everything they do in helping to make YAHS a brilliant educational institution for our children. Each Newsletter will feature our hidden dedicated YAHS Gems!

Kerrie Johnston

Boarder Parent Handbook

Kate Hadwen has formerly been a children’s health researcher, has worked in various teaching, boarding and leadership roles in schools and will soon be taking up the Principal’s role at PLC in Perth, has been a boarder herself and supporting boarding students towards being happy and healthy in their new environments has become a life-long passion for her.

Having secured funding to better understand the current climate for boarders and their families in 2010 Kate began researching topics such as; transitioning activities, connectedness, safety, loneliness, homesickness and help-seeking in an attempt to understand how young people were experiencing boarding and how schools and families could support positive transitions and healthy outcomes for boarding students.

Through this study she began to realise parents of boarding students were equally, if not more effected by the transitioning of their children into boarding than were the children. Through interviews and focus groups Kate also listened to the wonderful suggestions parents made regarding how they uniquely supported their children through this transition and how they managed homesickness. Their stories taught Kate so much and she was inspired by their courage in the face of adversity.

Wanting to share this knowledge more broadly Kate approached a publisher who she had previously worked with to ask if the company would consider publishing a book for parents that provided them with the useful advice other families had shared with Kate regarding supporting children transition into boarding. Thankfully the publisher thought this was a great idea.

Kate’s Boarder Parent Handbook is anticipated to be published and available for purchase by approx. October 2015 so will be just in time for our new parents to acquire a copy prior to their children beginning their boarding experience at YAHS next year.

Kate will also be generously donating all the royalty proceeds to the Isolated Children’s & Parents Assoc (ICPA).

Kate can be contacted on 0448 068 541 or email at katehadwen@gmail.com for further information.

Next P&C Meeting

The P&C Meeting for Term 4 will be held at school on: 

Wednesday, 18th November 2015 at 3.30pm.

This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Transition program where we will be allocating our fundraising funds to the faculties within the school.
Grandparents Day

The school is going to run a special day for the Grandparents/Significant Others of our Year 7 students on Monday 7th September.

This will be a trial and if successful, may be extended to other years in 2016.

The aim of the day will be to allow the Year 7's to show off their school, their dorms and their school work to their invited guests.

The students have written their own invitations to those they would like to invite and look after their guests while they are here.

A detailed program is being prepared that will allow the students' guests gain an insight into the school and its environment. The P&C will be represented at this event.

Did you know...........?

Over the last fifty years the Old Yanconians have: constructed the school's War Memorial, assisted with School Council efforts to build the swimming pool, provided labour to develop the front ovals (1960s), assisted with fund-raising for the Giltinan Sports hall (gym) (1970s), removed the old school boiler (1983), and funded construction of the barbecues and seating on the front lawns as a bicentennial project. The OYU has provided financial support for students attending international sporting events, and is currently funding $70,000 towards Stage 2 of front ovals watering system installation as well as the provision of static exercise equipment around the gym.

RuralBiz Training

RuralBiz Training offers good quality, good value training for farmers and rural communities. The following courses are offered:

- Agriculture: Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma
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- Conservation and Land Management: Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma
- Community Coordination and Facilitation: Diploma
- Education Support: Certificate III, Certificate IV and Diploma
- Governance: Certificate IV
- Horticulture: Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma
- Production Horticulture: Certificate IV, Diploma (Production Nursery Management)

These courses lead directly into a degree at University if desired and can still be offered externally, only having to attend the Uni campus once a semester. Traineeships are also available and can be completed on the students home farm.

RuralBiz Training is a fantastic, flexible post school option where you can gain a qualification whilst staying at home.

Phone 02 6884 8812 or visit www.ruralbiztraining.com.au for further information.

Parent Contribution

We would like to encourage parent contributions to the Newsletter and welcome any information on past students or perhaps some Old Yanconians’ may like to share some photos of their time at YAHS to highlight the way things were and the way things are now.

Old Yanconians’ Union Inc

Membership and Contact Details:
- Under 21’s Life Membership - $50
- Over 21’s Life Membership – $90
- Annual Ordinary Membership - $15

Perhaps parents may like to consider purchasing an Under 21’s OYU Life Membership for your child as a gift for their Yr 12 Graduation.

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Where Are They Now.....?

The response to our call out on Facebook recently asking past students of YAHS to let us know where they are up to in their lives has gone well beyond our expectations hence adding another page to this Newsletter to incorporate as many as possible.

We asked them to answer 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:

Ellen Dunger:

1. 2011
2. Studying Bachelor of Sport Studies/Communications (Journalism) at CSU Bathurst
3. Bathurst
4. Currently working as a Journalist for The Blayney Chronicle. Hope to gain a media position within the sports industry eventually. Also working part-time in the Blue Mountains taking out Trail Rides.

Royce Johnston:

1. 2013
2. Third Year Welding Apprentice
3. Wagga Wagga
4. Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes 2012

Luke Olsson:

1. 2011
2. Fourth Year Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Specialising in Nuclear Medicine)
3. CSU, Wagga
4. None known of yet!

Harriet Lugsdin:

1. 2013
2. Marketing & Sales
3. Hay
4. None yet!

Maddy Haddrill:

1. 2014
2. First Year of Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science with Specialisations
3. CSU Wagga
4. None
Where Are They Now Cont……?

Toby Serafin:
1. 2013
2. Studying a Bachelor of Applied Science in National Parks, Recreation and Heritage/Environmental Science. Work with disabled people and concreting
3. CSU Albury
4. Still single

Robert Ryan:
1. 2012
2. Second Year Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. Also a pilot for the same company.
3. Live in Leeton, work in Griffith
4. None

Eden Bradford:
1. 2011
2. Third Year Physiotherapy
3. Orange
4. Nothing else new!

Zoe Dunn:
1. 2014
2. Bachelor of Nursing
3. Armidale
4. None

Yael Shervashidze:
1. 2009
2. Professional Ballet Dancer
3. Magdeburg, Germany
4. None

Kelsie Rose Webb:
1. 2009
2. Speech Pathologist
3. Recently opened my own practice working out of Colour City Medical Practice, Orange
4. None

Madie Hammett:
1. 2011
2. Fourth Year Occupational Therapy
3. Bendigo
4. None

Demi King:
1. 2014
2. Bachelor of Communications and Media
3. Wollongong
4. None

Carrie Hammett:
1. 2013
2. First Year Early Childhood Education
3. Bendigo
4. Gap year as a Governess

Casey Smith:
1. 2009
2. Permanent position at Wesley Hospital, Auchenflower, Brisbane
3. Brisbane
4. None

Danni West:
1. 2011
2. Completed Bachelor of Science with Honours from Uni of Melbourne, currently studying a double degree: Doctorate in Equine Biomechanics through Uni of Dublin to combine with a Doctorate of Vet Science through Uni of Melbourne
3. Melbourne
4. Aiming to complete an Iron Woman Challenge in March 2016

Lachlan Pellow:
1. 2014
2. Council Worker
3. Temora
4. None

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