The Anzac Day service held at school on 27 April was truly a most inspiring event to attend. As the students began their march in front of McCaughey the air was electric with only the sound of the gravel crunching under each purposeful step that I’m sure, echoed the same sound that would have been heard on the shores of Gallipoli 100 years ago.

The reverence and respect shown by the students and staff for the many lives that were lost during the wars – including the Ex-Yanconian’s, remembering their families and those that returned from war but were never the same mentally or physically, was absolutely spine chilling.

The rousing rendition of Requiem for a Soldier by Jasmine Boyland accompanied by pianist Nathan Morris was absolutely superb where one could be forgiven for thinking that a recording was being played.

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Next P&C Meeting

The P&C Meeting for Term 3 will be held on Saturday 29 August 2015 at 2pm.

Many thanks to Scott & Alison Hughes who have agreed to host this ‘Away’ meeting at the Deepwater Woolshed, The Bulls Run, Wagga.

More details to follow.

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Uniform Items

The School Canteen has the following new uniform items for sale:

Embroidered School Scarf @ $10 each

Embroidered School Truckie Caps @ $20 each

Oilskin Jacket
¾ length
Sizes XX - XL
REduced
To $100 each

Annual Canteen Allocations

Each year Jo Punch from the YAHS Canteen asks each Faculty at the school to submit their funding requests from her profits for the year. The 2015 funds allocated are listed below:

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TOTAL $40,869

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This was then followed by a truly heart rendering performance of the Song of Australia by Jasmine Boyland, Jessie Armstrong and Lindsay Mitchell who were accompanied by the school choir.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we congratulate Greg Press and Elyse North for co-ordinating such a superb performance and display of Yanco spirit. It is hoped many more parents are able to come to the school Anzac service next year, to witness this true Yanco tradition at its best and where it is guaranteed that your students will do you proud!

P&C President, Scott Hughes laying a wreath on behalf of the YAHS P&C Association

Kerrie Johnston

Heritage Committee
There are a number of buildings at YAHS that are in the process of being Heritage listed, as this process will be helpful in securing extra funding for repairs and maintenance of these buildings in the future.

Julie Shepherd is asking for any interested parents or members of the YAHS community to become involved in this process and assist her with proof reading the State Heritage Nomination.

Perhaps there may also be a parent out there who has some photography skills that could be put to good use in recording documents and details of the specific sites for the YAHS P&C records.

Julie can be contacted on: 0427 875 987.

Singlets for Sale
There are still quite a number of singlets still available for purchase that were especially printed for the 90 Year Gala Day Celebrations of YAHS in 2012 that unfortunately, did not go ahead due to a major flooding event in the Yanco region. These Bonds singlets are available in several sizes in either Navy or White as per the photos below @ $5 each + postage:

Please contact the P&C with your order

Marcus Oldham Scholarships
Commencing in 2016, Herefords Australia is proud to partner with Marcus Oldham to provide an annual Herefords Australia Agricultural Scholarship valued at $10,000. The closing date for applications for the 2016 Scholarship is 1 September 2015. Visit www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au for further information.

Federation of P&C’s Association of NSW Survey
A survey from the Federation of P&C’s Assoc is attached to this Newsletter inviting members to have a say where you think the Forum’s should be held for the Riverina electorate. Even if you are unable to attend, please take the time to complete the survey as your thoughts are still appreciated ASAP.

McCaughey Ball
The McCaughey Ball is almost here so hope all you Year 11 & 12 Beau’s & Belle’s have your formal attire as there will be prizes for the Best Dressed Belle & Gentleman.

A photo booth will be available for some fun poses, while a photographer will be on hand to take those formal snaps.

A lucky door prize is also up for grabs so remember you must be in it to win it – Be There!

Looking forward to dancing and socialising the night away on Saturday 13 June 2015.

Surplus Yanconian Year Books
The School has a number of surplus Year Books available for a gold coin donation. The Years available are: 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013
YAHS Robotics Team

On Saturday 9 May Miss Katherine Crnkovic, Dr Elijah Marshall (YAHS Science Teachers), Luke Howard, James Kearines and Matthew Young presented to the YAHS P&C Association on behalf of the Robotics Team to show what the team has achieved in robotics and what FIRST Robotics is all about.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) competition has been running in Australia for six years.

The YAHS robot, nicknamed ‘The Bulldozer’, had been created using the skills and experiences that had been picked up along the way. These included mechanics, physics, electronics, engineering, prototyping and programming.

The university students from Macquarie University came down to Yanco to help with the robots construction and willingly shared their skills and generously sponsored our first year. However next year we will need to fundraise to be able to compete.

The YAHS Robotics Team came Third in this International FIRST Competition and received the ‘Gracious Professionalism’ award, which is the equivalent of the ‘Best and Fairest’ award. For a brand-new team in their first year, this is an amazing accomplishment and sets the bar very high for Yanco into the future.

We are now seeking support from the wider school community to be able to continue our participation in this competition and are looking for support with engineering expertise, programming and IT support, computer-aided-design (CAD) assistance and montery funding for parts, electronics and competition entry. If any member of the wider school community can assist, please contact Dr Elijah Marshall at Yanco Agricultural High School.

Science Teachers Katherine Crnkovic & Eli Marshall, Luke Howard, Mathew Young & James Kearines with “The Bulldozer” Robot and their awards from the FIRST

Old Yanconians’ Union Inc

The Old Yanconians’ Union (OYU) was created in 1929 by a number of ex-students living around Sydney. At the time, YAHS only enrolled students in Years 7 to 9. Those wanting to matriculate and attend university had to complete Years 10 and 11 at Hawkesbury and then hope to matriculate to Sydney University.

The first meeting was chaired by Ernest Breakwell, the school’s first principal, who had recently been promoted to the Education Department’s Inspectorate. The meeting came up with the idea of a reunion in the form of a dinner. It also agreed on the name of the association: the Old Yanconians’ (not the Old Boys’) Union. Later on, graduates from the three Agricultural highs, also organised an annual dance called the Sodbusters’ Ball.

Eventually, the OYU moved its main branch to Leeton, where a lot of graduates from YAHS were farming. That made more sense at the time, given communications and transport. Sub-branches existed for many years in the Central-West (Forbes/Parkes) and Sydney.

The Sydney branch at first included recently matriculated students at university. Now days, it comprises retired gentlemen who meet for a lunch at the Masonic Club. Some of its members organise a dinner and tour of the Sydney Showground for visiting students from YAHS during the annual Royal Easter Show.

The main OYU branch meets in Yanco and became incorporated in the early 1990s. It produces one or two journals, annually. It organises a reunion to which all former students are welcome, along with former and current staff. The reunion is also attended by the current school principal, deputy principals and all the prefect body. Graduating students are encouraged to join at the end of their time at Yanco. The OYU has a website: www.oldyanconiansunion.org.au

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