Dear Parents and Carers,

The past two weeks have been very busy here at YCPS, and you will find some reports on these events throughout the newsletter.

I would like to especially thank everyone who was able to attend the Yerong Creek ANZAC service last Saturday. It was great to have so many students from our school marching, and being a part of the commemoration activities in the town. It was noted by one visitor how **VERY** well behaved our children were, despite the weather, which I definitely agreed with.

Another special mention must go to Rachael who spoke at the ANZAC dinner. Her preparation, powerpoint and delivery was outstanding; and everyone there would have definitely left knowing a lot more about her great, great uncle Percy Mulloy.

Last Wednesday we also had a visit from Melissa Tracey, an English Curriculum Advisor at DEC State Office in Sydney. The visit was aimed at gaining more insight into the needs of small schools and looking at ways we can be supported to ensure the highest learning outcomes for all our students. It was a very positive visit, and hopefully there will be more in the future. *She loved our school!*

Jess and I will both be at professional learning on Thursday this week and Narelle McRorie will be replacing us.

A reminder that the P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday 5th May at 7pm. I hope you can make it.

Be kind, work hard, smile often.

Jenni

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**New Shirts**

There has been a problem with the screen printing on the new shirts peeling off. It has been recommended to wash in cold water and line dry.

If your child has a shirt where this is happening please return to: Solid Rock Gear at 20 Fitzmaurice Street, Wagga, to have it fixed.

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**ANZAC completion**

The winners of our ANZAC visualisation task this year were:

- K-2 1st - Damien, 2nd - Emily
- 3-4 1st - Jessica, 2nd - Rylan
- 5-6 1st - Rose, 2nd - Rachael

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**Multicultural Public Speaking**

Last Wednesday we had our Public Speaking workshop day with Mrs Zita Denham. The day was extremely beneficial and all students gained skills at writing and delivering speeches.
The students in 3-6 will now work further on their speeches with the presentation of these to be during Week 7. From this 2 students in each Stage will be selected to attend the next level of the competition which will be held at Thurlgoona on Wednesday 24th June, Week 10.

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Senior Girl- Rachael
I was fortunate to be able to watch Rachael in the Senior Girls high jump and was amazed at her jumping ability 'smashing' the previous record!

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing will take place from Tuesday 12th May to Friday 15th May for all students in Year 3 and 5. A separate information sheet will be sent home to the families involved.

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3-6 Excursion
This year the excursion will be to Melbourne/Ballarat. It will be in Term 4 Week 2 (Monday 19th October –Wednesday 21st October). Students from Pleasant Hills, Boree Creek and Eurongilly will also be attending. The cost will be approximately $320.00 per person. In the next few weeks we will be collecting deposits to finalise numbers and then arranging a payment schedule.

Annual School Report and School Plan
The Annual School Report and the School Plan for 2015 -2017 are both available to view on the school website.

Catchment Kids
Our school is thrilled to be involved in this year's Creative Catchment Kids (CCK) program. This year, Kane, Damon, Rose and Rachael will represent our school. At a recent workshop the students were involved in a tutorial on how to
develop a school reader based on a Local Land Hero who is managing a pest species in our region. As well as completing a book this year, the CCK team will be involved in a field trip, a celebration event and a World Environment Day activity. The Creative Catchment Kids program is an initiative of Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, at Burrumbuttock and is supported by the Murray Local Land Services. Over 60 schools from the Murray and Riverina regions are involved in this engaging initiative.

**Opportunity Class 2016**

The website is now open for families who are interested in the Opportunity Class for Year 5 students in 2016. Parents can apply online [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement) from Monday 27th April to Friday 15th May. Please contact the school if you would like an information booklet.

**ICE-CREAM SALES**

Ice-creams will be available each Friday for $1.00.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

The school will be conducting a stall to sell gifts for Mother’s Day on Wednesday 6th May at 9am. Gifts available for purchase are:

- $2.50- Candles, Photo Frame, Magnetic Shopping List, Pens, Note Sets
- $3- Mirror, Oven Mitten, Heart Soap, Key Chains
- $3.50- Cosmetic Brush set, Coffee Cups

Some cards are available for 50c.

**Stewart House Donation Drive**

Envelopes have been sent home for the competition to win a $4000 Holiday Destination of your choice. Families can enter by placing a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope provided. This charity enables students to have a break away from their lives for 12 days. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support.

**Calendar – Upcoming events**

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Parent Tips

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.


Financial literacy
Does your child need help with business and economics? Here’s info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.


Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.