Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Young North P.S.

Welcome back to Term 4 2014! It is great to see the car park all finished and the library is looking great. It has been a busy time at the school and the students and staff have been incredibly flexible as works have been happening. Once again we are very thankful to have Mr Tierney who is the world’s best General Assistant and saves the school thousands of dollars with his building skills.

Last week we began the term with two days of kite making generously offered to us by the organisers of the Harden Kite Festival. I must admit I was surprised at just how much fun students and staff had in the making and the flying of their products. It reminded me of the simple pleasures in life and how often we forget to do those time old classic activities with our children, activities that cost us very little. Our visiting helper Michael passed on that it was one of the most pleasurable experiences he has had working with children.

This Friday is the annual Boorowa Carnival. Please don’t forget to wear sunscreen as the weather can be quite hot (not that you would know it as I type this with the rain pouring down and the freezing cold). The canteen will be Closed on Friday as regular volunteers will be in attendance and as school numbers will be low.

As we move through Term 4 I will be busy working on the next three year strategic plan. In my first three years at Young North we as a community have achieved so much. I look forward to thinking about the next three years where we:
1. Meet the huge changes happening in our educational system
2. Make sustainable and build on our current culture
3. Continue to have at the centre of our business respectful and empathetic relationships that ensure we continue on a path to excellence.

Should be easy ☺

Best wishes,
Kel Smerdon
Principal

Rose Thompson Family Support Worker @ Young North PS Fridays
Here to help with:
home finance, family relationships, separation, legal proceedings, general support

Walk in or make an appointment @ the school office
Mobile playgroups are held in the hall each week as outlined below. Preschool socialisation is shown to greatly support children's development and readiness for school. On top of that you get to chat to some other grown ups while the kids leave you alone for a while 😊

Koori Playgroup - Even Week Thursdays 9:30-11:30
Playgroup - Odd Week Wednesdays 9:30-11:30

**School Staffing**
We are very excited to announce that our new Assistant Principal starting in 2015 is Mr Nicholas Berry. Mr Berry is currently teaching in the Northern Territory and will bring a wealth of new ideas and skills to our school. Mr Berry is also a very accomplished cricketer. We also welcome Mr Cant back to Young North PS. It is clear that it is cooler in the UK as he has grown some extra facial warmth. Once again I feel so fortunate that our school continues to attract the very best teaching talent available from near and far.

**Young North FUTSAL Teams**
This week Mr Druett, Mr Cant and Mr Humphreys selected interested players to participate in the PCYC FUTSAL competition. The school supported each players with $30 from the $65 entry. We really want our kids to get out and about and be active. In recent years we have subsidised the guitar, dance, basketball and FUTSAL teams. Our teachers are volunteering their after school hours to coach the students. I think it is important for the community to continue to realise that we are a school that does its very best for our kids.

**Reminder: Boorowa Carnival**
Bus Leaves: From school at 7:30 am returns approx 4:30pm
Teachers Going: Mr Cant, Mr Humphreys, Mrs Alexander, Miss Bunny
Wear: Full school sport uniform including blue hat and sunscreen. It is important to look sharp on these days as we often get comments.
Behaviour: On your best. Last year we received wonderful feedback. This includes spectators. Remember it is a fun day for all.

**South West Slopes School Banking**
Student banking packs available from the office.

**HOT NEWS**
**SCHOOL LONG & SHORT POLOS AVAILABLE DIRECTLY FROM THE OFFICE. In Stock now!!**
Short: $27 Long: $30

**Summer Hats**
Term 4 means ‘No Hat Shade Play’
Don’t forget that the school hat is a navy blue bucket hat available at the Office for the cheapest price in the universe JUST $2

**NEXT WEEK! Let’s all get there!!!**
**Tuesday 21st October @ 6:30pm**

P&C Email List: Contact Emma Bigwood to be included at thebigwoods@bigpond.com
Thanks to Emma for her work on the Cookie Dough Fundraiser and to everyone who made purchases to help raise funds for our school. Great Job!

In Celebration of Mental Health Month, we invite you to join us.

Come as you are & accessorise in your own unique style... Wear a signature piece (hat, scarf etc) and Be YOUnique.
Talk part is trivial, exciting and lucky door draw.
When: 1 November 2014
Where: Young RSL Club, Dunas St, Young
Time: 6:00pm
Admission: $5.00 — Includes hot creative meal
To RSVP or for further information please contact the Young and District Club on 0403 429 002
The school will soon implement the Skoolbag mobile phone app. This will be available free of charge to all parents who use iPhone or Android phone devices. Our intention is to trial the app for 12 months and then evaluate its effectiveness for our school context.

2016 Selective High School

Students in Year 5 2014 who wish to sit the Selective School placement tests for 2016 Year 7 can collect information packs from the front office. Parents are advised that Young High School now has the capacity to provide a virtual selective high school class using its in-school communication devices. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Mr Turvey at Young High school.

Online Commentary

In recent months there have been a couple of incidents where our parent community have used social media such as Facebook to make negative commentary about the school. We would like you to consider the following points:

• If you have a concern or complaint the school is more than happy to hear about it and deal with it. Is having a rant online actually fixing the problem and do you have all of the facts?

• If false information and defamatory comments are made in writing the school and/or teacher is within their rights to take action against such comments. This is increasingly happening. Please be careful.

• We feel that parents, students and teachers own our school. Passing negative comment is hurting something we all have ownership of.

• Schools are not built on policies and procedures. They are built on relationships. It is not appropriate for teachers to make negative comment about students and community online. The staff at Young North care very much about the students. They volunteer after hours, spend their holidays at school and lots of their own money on classroom resources. Making public negative comment damages teacher enthusiasm, self esteem and your relationship with them.

• Getting the best out of our school requires us to build up not tear down. When working with children we know that positive praise reinforces positive behaviour. When was the last time you made a positive remark about Young North PS or your child’s teacher on social media. I know when this happens teachers get a great boost of enthusiasm and confidence.

Recently NAPLAN data was released. Growth data is the measure of students movement from over the two years between testing and is the fairest measure of a school’s and an individual’s performance. I would like to celebrate the school’s outstanding results in 2014. Underneath these graphs were some amazing individual stories with students achieving results double and triple the states.
ICAS Results
Congratulations to Amy Lamb who recently achieved a Distinction in the NSW University Mathematics Competition. Amy Lamb has been producing some fantastic academic results this year.

End Term 3 Disco Fever

Young Girl Guides High Tea Garden Party Fund Raiser
When: Saturday, 8th November 2014
2 - 4.30 pm
Where: Sheehan Lane, Blackett Ave, Young
Tickets: $25 Adults
$20 Pensioners
$10 Children

Wear your garden party hat and watch the Bonsai demonstration, enjoy the music performed by the Young Regional School of Music, and have a beautiful family photo taken at the photo booth. A silent auction will also be held on the day.

Ticket Sales: Adele Pardy - Loveography
184 Boorowa Street, Young
younggirlguidesdistrict@gmail.com

Community Noticeboard
Music Count Us In

We are excited to be a part of a National Project where all schools in Australia have the opportunity to sing the same song at the same time. The project is called ‘Music Count Us In’. The song is ‘Paint you a song’. For more details please visit musiccountusin.org.au. We would also like to ask for you to:

PLEASE JOIN US AT YOUNG NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL ON 30th October PRIOR to 12.30pm to hear the whole school join the choir in an amazing performance of an amazing song.

Enrol Now for Kinder 2015

If you have a child who will begin Kindergarten in 2015 now is the time to enrol. The Early Bird transition Program is outlined below. We look forward to seeing you!

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Run, Cheer or Volunteer

The Young Youth Council is organising the Cherry Chase Fun Run to be held on Sunday 16th November. There is a 5km or 10km event and everyone is welcome to participate. You can run or walk it and there will be great entertainment after the run. Get your friends and family together and support this wonderful local event by running, cheering or volunteering. More information and online registration is at www.cherrychase.com.au

Young North PS has been asked to man one of the ‘Cheer Stations’ along the path. We are looking forward to supporting the Youth Council and encourage you to register to run or come along and cheer with us at the school’s station on 16th November.
Country Children's Early Learning
Family Day Care
Family Day Care is growing in Young. We now have 4 Educators offering Long Day Care for children aged 0-5 years and Out Of School Hours care for children up to 13 years. Enrol Now and have your child cared for in a home.
Contact Julia on 02 6236 8305 www.ccel.com.au

YOGA at Young North PS
Led by: Emma Falkenmire
Where: YNth Library
For: All levels
Contact: emma1492@hotmail.com or 0407018106
Days: Sunday 5:00pm and Wednesday 5:30pm sessions
Cost: $4.00 (bargain)

Kid's Church
There is a fun and exciting Kids' Church program running each week at the Presbyterian Church for children from Preschool age all the way through to the end of Primary. We have a great time learning about God, looking at the bible and understanding God's big plans for the world - through games, craft, acting and worksheets. Come and join a number of other YNPS families who already come along to Kids' Church. It's for everyone and there is no cost. We meet at 9.30am each Sunday morning (except in school holidays) at the Presbyterian Church (Corner of Lynch and Lovell Sts). Morning tea follows at 11am.
If you want more information contact Tim or Susan Ravenhall (6382 4411) or check out our website: www.kidsfirstaid.com.au

Kids First Aid:
Parents, Grandparents, anyone wanting to become confident in dealing with any of the top 10 children's emergencies. A 3hr course developed & presented by Paramedics, combining real life situations with the facts you need to respond in an emergency. An entertaining & educational experience.

Men's Health Matters
Monday 13 October 2014
6.30pm – Country Club, Harden

Stephen Carroll
Contact Kay Nash 0409 485 933
**Learning Support**

Mrs Parker, Mrs Cusack, our School Counsellor Mrs Ives and our many SLSO’s (School Learning Support Officers) form our school’s Learning Support Team.

During the morning session Mrs Parker and Mrs Cusack work in our 1/2 classrooms to support our L3 Literacy Program.

Small groups of children in need of additional support with numeracy, literacy, phonemic awareness and speech are assessed and programs are developed to be implemented in a small group environment.

MULTILIT is an effective and intensive program being implemented at Young North for individual students in need. SLSO’s spend 30 minutes per day, up to five days per week working on word attack skills, sight word recognition and oral reading.

MINILIT is a new program that we have adopted this year that is being instructed by SLSO’s in a small group situation.

ESL (English as a Second language) and Indigenous students identified as being at risk of not meeting national benchmarks are catered for through additional learning support.
In Week 1 all students had an amazing time building kites with Michael our special visiting kite maker. We would like to thank the 'Harden Kite Festival' committee who supported this program. Isn't it amazing to see how much joy came from kids getting building and active.