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

In this week’s newsletter we have included lots of events for you to put in your diary. Our students certainly are lucky to have so many engaging and educational extra-curricular activities happening for them.

As the weather warms up it is swimming time. Included in the community noticeboard is registration information for summer swim school provided by Sport and Recreation. While school runs a two week program for beginning swimmers later this term, we strongly encourage you to consider this cost effective way over the school holidays to ensure your children are water safe.

Another fun local activity to support is the Young Youth Council’s Cherry Chase being held on 16 November. The school will be joining St Marys and YPS in a walking team (being led by yours truly) and is also manning a halfway support station. I am really keen to support the Youth Council as I feel it is an avenue for the town’s youth to have a collective, non school centric voice. Wear your school sports uniform and bring along the family for a great day out. Post event entertainment and sausage sizzle is available at Chinaman’s Dam.

I have begun to field a few question regarding staffing and school structures for 2015. I always endeavour to get things organised well in advance. However, I have not been provided with school funding information at this stage so cannot make concrete decisions at present. At the end of the day the school’s focus will continue to be on 1. High quality staff 2. Student centred systems and structures 3. A focus on continued school improvement and innovation to meet our community needs.

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

How2Learn Quote for the week

“Don’t be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps.”
David Lloyd George

“One must have the adventurous daring to accept oneself as a bundle of possibilities and undertake the most interesting game in the world – making the most of one’s best.”
Henry Emerson Fosdick
**This Thursday: 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:** 30th October PRIOR to 12.30pm to hear the whole school join the choir in an amazing performance of an amazing song.

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**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 it’s school communication devices. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Mr Turvey at Young High School.

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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. Join Mr Smerdon in your sports uniform by send back the paper enrolment or enrol online.

**More information and online registration is at** www.cherrychase.com.au

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**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

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**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.**
Tuesday 18th November @ 6:30pm

P&C Email List: Contact Emma Bigwood to be included at thebigwoods@bigpond.com
We are keen to raise funds for new play equipment. We need your help!

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
New stock available Thursday

Playgroups
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

Upcoming School Incursions
30 Oct- Music Count Us In 12:30pm in the hall parents welcome.
4 Nov- Walkathon, Get busy we are raising funds for our play equipment.
7 Nov- Responsible Pet ownership visit being presented to K-2.
12 Nov- Lifesaving Visit, Water safety beach style.
14 Nov- CSIRO Notes have been sent out cost K-4$2.50 / $4.00 Yr 5&6
Wk8&9- Swim School

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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<td>Friday 21/11</td>
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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

Coming Soon Skool App
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.

Playgroups
"DID YOU NOTICE? THE MORE MINUTES CHILDREN READ PER DAY THE MORE Fluent THEIR READING BECOMES FROM 5 MINUTES TO 15 MINUTES PER NIGHT THERE IS AROUND A 200% INCREASE IN WORD EXPOSURE OVER ONE YEAR!"
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)

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.
What has been happening in PBL

• Mrs Carrie Eatock has recently been to Tier 2 training. She will be in-servicing the staff on Wednesday at the whole school staff meeting. Tier 2 is the next phase that the school will be implementing over the next year. Tier 2 targets interventions and builds supportive structures for students who are at risk of academic and behaviour challenges. It was amazing to hear the positive feedback that presenters gave our school; having heard of our data and school progress. At a regional level Young North PS continues to be referred to as a lighthouse school.

• Mrs Kirkwood presented an information session on PBL at the Kinder Orientation outlining the school’s journey through PBL with a focus on the systematic changes that have taken place within the school over the past few years.

• NEXT whole school reward = TARGET/ we are aiming for...... CRAFTERNOOOON!!!

• We have been working on induction and orientation programs that help support our students and their parents to enter their new school successfully. Our school leaders help with this process by taking students on a PBL tour and students are also assessed by Learning Support staff to ensure learning programs are in place to meet their needs from Day 1. New Kindergarten students Mia and Benji recently took their PBL tour 😊.