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

I would firstly like to thank parents for taking the time to meet with staff for parent teacher interviews last week. I would also like to thank the teachers for the extra hours they put in and the preparation they made for each interview. I trust you found that staff know your children’s learning style, they know where your child is at with regard to the learning continuum that school offers and that they are very keen to have a solid working partnership with each child’s parents. It is important to remember that, outside of yourself, your child’s teacher has probably the most significant impact on your child reaching their full potential. Effective teachers work with parents and effective parents work with teachers 😊.

Over the next few weeks there are a number of special events being held. I urge you to consult with the school calendar and add these dates to your diary ( or your IPhone).

The most exciting of these events will be the formal presentation of our Ministers-Cohesive School Community Award on Friday 21st March between 9:30 and 10:30 in the school hall. On this occasion we will be joined by ministerial representatives, community based guests as well as representatives from the award's selection committee. The P&C will also be present after the ceremony at the rear of the hall to share morning tea with guests and community members.

This week I was really excited to visit classrooms and see them exhibiting that happy hum of learning and thinking. I must say all of the 1/2 classes have ‘caught my eye’ this week as they have worked incredibly hard to implement our Stage 1 L3 approach. Sometimes the most amazing and rewarding things are the hardest to achieve. Congratulations to teachers and students for your persistent efforts!

Best wishes,
Kel Smerdon
Principal

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How2Learn Quotes for the week

“Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide.”

Napoleon

“To know that you do not know is the best.
To pretend to know when you do not know is disease.”

Lao Tzu

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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 at the school office
**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**

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**PBL Update**

This week I would like to remind parents of a few parts of our school welfare program. As you may be aware the school continues to have a highly regarded structure to proactive and positive behaviour and social skills development. Two parts of this program include:
- **Reflection** - Students are required to attend reflection if issued with a 'red slip'. We no longer look at this process as 'detention', rather an opportunity to have a guided opportunity to reflect upon, take ownership of and move forward from any poor choices. This is facilitated by a teacher who works through this process with students.
- **PTP** - The Positive Thinking Program is a structure level of support for students who have reached three 'red slips' in a five week period. This is a more serious level of support and requires parent consultation. Goals are set around problem behaviours and students are continually monitored until they can demonstrate that they have moved forward.
- **STAR CARDS** - Are used as on the spot recognition when students have demonstrated one of the school values. These cards do not contribute towards the school's teacher's award structure but do go in to the fortnightly draw at assembly and also contribute collectively to whole school rewards in our PBL box.

*Mrs Kirkwood PBL coordinator*

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**Congratulations Mr Collins**

Congratulations to Damian and Amy Collins on the birth of:

**Jack Charles Collins**

at 8:44am Tuesday 4.3.14.
Mr Collins is back on deck this week

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**Drop off & Pickups-Drive Carefully**

Please remember to drive carefully when dropping and picking up students from school. Rangers and police regularly patrol the school drop off zones so be sure to park responsibly and drive slowly. Important things to consider:
- **Afternoon Pickups** - Parents are expected to meet their child at either the William Street upper front gate (behind Miss Bunny's room) or from under the tree at the back gate. Please do not call your children across the road.
- **Change of Arrangements** - Please endeavour to provide a note if children have changed arrangements for going home. The office has been receiving a large amount of calls to give last minute messages to students.

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**Uniform**

The students are looking great in their uniforms to start the year. I have recently met with YES Embroidery and another supplier to discuss ongoing concerns re supply and also a conversation around pricing. We are also looking at twice a year bulk ordering. Please remember:
- **Hats** - Are in stock and $2 from the office. The consistency of a single hat makes the school look great.
- **Blue Shorts** - Plain Navy is our bottoms colour. Please do not purchase Canterbury or other varieties. The idea of moving to a plain navy colour was consistency and affordability for everyone.
- **Shoes** - The school shoe colour is black and it is preferred that sneakers be predominantly white. We know fluoro is in, but it does detract from our lovely two blues.

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**Rugby League Gala Day**

Congratulations to our recent Country Rugby League Gala Day teams. Students from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 represented the school in boys Rugby League and girls Oz Tag. All teams represented the school with exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship and we would like to thank the organisers for a fun day.

*Mr Druett -Sports Co-ordinator*
What’s on at the Young and District Community Hub?

March 2013

Art Classes: Young: 2hr sessions using Acrylic Paints. Experienced tutor, all materials supplied. No experience necessary and at the end of the session you’ll have a completed work to take home! $10 per person with tea/coffee provided.

Music and Movement: Young: For parents/carers and little people aged 15 months to 4yrs. At the Community Hub each Wednesday morning from 10.15am-11.15am during school terms. Gold coin donation.

Cake Decorating: Harden: All welcome – Beginners to Experienced. Learn to apply fondant and decorate in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Wednesdays 3hr sessions $20 per person with Morning Tea Provided.

Seasons for Growth: Young: For people experiencing significant loss and/or change in their lives. Seasons will be held over 4 consecutive Wednesdays commencing on 19th March from 10am-12.30pm at the Hub. Phone for costing/bookings.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Course: Harden, Boorowa and Young Sessions

An end to arguing! Resolve conflicts positively and quietly, develop your child’s tolerance for frustration, set clear expectations for your child and learn simple strategies to keep you sane! No cost.

Play Power Workshops: Harden, Boorowa and Young: Talk over the benefits of play, learn how infants grow and develop, use everyday moments to connect to your child and brain storm ideas for safe, fun playtime. No cost-little ones welcome.

Computer Classes: Young: Join us each Friday afternoon for computer basics. For people aged 50yrs and over. Gold coin donation.

Young Carers Group: Young: Fun, No Cost group for young people caring for a loved one with a disability, chronic illness, mental illness or drug/alcohol problem. Fortnightly Thursday meetings.

Toy/Book Libraries: Young: $5 yearly membership fee per family. Keep the kids interested by changing up play time or treat yourself to a good read!

Next P&C Meeting
P&C meet on: 18th March 6:30pm
We are really looking forward to a strengthened P&C with lots of new faces and membership.

Harmony Week Timetable

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WHAT’S ON AT YOUR PCYC

Monday
- Baton Twirling
- Tae Kwon Do
- Mixed Martial Arts

Tuesday
- Karate
- Boxing 4 Fitness
- Futsal

Wednesday
- Tae Kwon Do
- Laser Tag
- Mixed Martial Arts

Thursday
- Archery
- Boxing 4 Fitness
- Social Soccer (mums and dads)

Private Speech Pathology - Helping All Children to Succeed!

Is your child having difficulty in learning how to spell and read? Is your child’s speech still unclear at times or does your child have difficulty with comprehension? Perhaps your child struggles to tell you information and stories in well formed sentences? If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions, your child may have a speech and/or language disorder. Speech Pathology can make a difference for these children. Children can be helped to succeed and feel good about themselves with their peers and in the classroom. Karen Trengove is now providing speech pathology services in Cowra and Young as part of her Learn2Communicate Speech Pathology consultancy. Parents are encouraged to contact Karen via phone 0458 413051 or email info@learn2communicate.com.au for a free phone consultation. There are no waiting lists and Speech Pathology services are recognised by all major private health funds. Most children are now also eligible for limited Medicare rebates for services.

Purple Day

Wear: Purple to School
On: Wednesday 26th March
To: Support cancer research
Gold Coin Donation

Wake Up & Read Show

An exciting and funny in-school K-6 visiting performer will attend the school on 24/3. Separate permission notes will shortly arrive. Don’t miss out ☺️
We’re off to a wonderful start on our learning journey in 1/2K.

We have been writing about interesting weather, including Dust Storms and Tornadoes. In the computer lab we’ve been practising Mathematics skills with Mathletics and learning to touch type on Typing Tournament.

We studied and recreated the artworks of Jim Dine using his style of watercolours and repeating patterns of heart to celebrate Valentines Day.

Wordtoons have been helping us remember our spelling words. This week we turned the word ‘dog’ into a
INVITATION

2013 COHESIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARD PRESENTATION

Young North Parents & Community

Young North Public School proudly invites you to attend the presentation and celebration of

YOUNG NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
2013 COHESIVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL AWARD WINNER

When: 9:30am 21 March 2014
Where: Peter Dinnerville Hall
Young North Public School
William Street Young

RSVP: kel.smerdon@det.nsw.edu.au
63822579 by 14 March

A SCHOOL THAT'S GOING PLACES

YOUNG NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL