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

What a wonderful event last Friday's Cohesive School Community Award Presentation and Harmony Day Celebrations was. Not only was it nice to receive our prize but it was another opportunity to pause and celebrate the great things about our school. Yesterday I received this in an email from the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson:

Dear Mr Smerdon

Please pass on my thanks to all the students, staff, and school community of Young North Public School for making me feel so welcome during last week's school assembly - what a wonderful assembly it was! The dance routines, the rhythm of the drums, the presentations... it was just terrific, and I enjoyed it very much.

Harmony Day is a special day of the year. It was such an honour for me to be able to present the school leaders with the Cohesive School Community Award on this special day on behalf of the Minister for Education. I look forward to mentioning the happy news about Young North’s success in achieving the award in State Parliament in the near future.

Young North Public School is quite clearly moving from strength to strength with the Positive Behaviour Learning system that you are employing. Congratulations again, and I look forward to future visits to the school.

Best wishes
Katrina Hodgkinson

I must also squeeze in a quick 'who has caught my eye' this week. Ethan Falzon has shown what a mature senior student he is of late and it has been wonderful to see him extending himself into supporting the Lambing Flat performance and how excited he was to pay for camp. Great to see such a positive leader who is sharing his love of learning and school!

Best wishes,
Kel Smerdon
Principal

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### Term 1/2 Dates to Remember

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### Term/2 How2Learn Quotes for the week

"Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success." — Napolean Hill, author

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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 @ 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

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:

Teacher's Awards- These are formal and collectable awards that form part of the school's banner system. Five of these make a banner, 5 banners a medallion, 5 medallions a platinum award, 10 medallions a gold award.
Commendation Letters- At the end of each term all staff are given the opportunity to recommend students for a commendation letter. These will arrive in the mail at the end of each school term.

Mrs Kirkwood PBL coordinator

The school will be issuing first aid slips to students who receive first aid attention in the office but are well enough to stay at school. Of course more serious incidents will be continued to be referred to home immediately as is currently in place.

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

Stewart House Drive
Envelopes are included with this newsletter. This is a fantastic charity that has directly supported our students.

Trent Barrett Shield
Students will travel today to Harden for the annual Trent Barrett Shield Carnival this week. The school will be fielding boys league and girls oz-tag teams. We wish the teams well and thank parents for transporting our students to the event.

Mr Druett - Sports Co-ordinator

School Photos
School Photos will be held in the last week of school on Wednesday 9 April. School/Family photos are available by collecting the slip from the office. Please note: The P&C is organising a Term 4 family portrait fundraiser in Term 4 so you may wish to wait and get some family shots taken together.

Uniform Orders
In this Newsletter I have attached order forms from two school uniform providers. We have been approach by another local company who wish to supply uniforms. Suppliers will service families in the following ways:

YES Embroidery:
1. Shop Front sales as normal
2. Twice a year order form- email, fax or drop it in to the store. (Pay on delivery- Pick up at store)

Ask Printing:
1. Twice a year order form- deliver to the school office. (Pay on delivery- pickup from school)
2. In between purchases next day delivery to school (collect slip from the office and pay on delivery).

Note: ASK are the only provider continuing to supply the zip tri colour jacket. YES is currently still selling existing stock.

Term Two 2014
CHILDREN'S ART EXPERIENCE
Sponsored by Young Society of Artists Inc.
8 – 13 Year Olds
6 Classes x 6 Weeks
Starting Date: 14th May-18th June
Times: Wednesdays 4 pm. to 5.30 pm - Where: Art Room [Rear gate St Cross Cinema]
Cost: Upfront cost $60.00 [all art materials included]
Tutor: Megan Holt.
Participants must be junior members of the Young District Arts Council an extra cost of $5.50

Free Bus to the Easter Show
Who: Cowra Community Transport
When: Tuesday 15th April,
From: Cowra via Boorowa and Yass
Time: Cowra 6.15am Boorowa 7.15
Depart: from the show at 4.00pm
Call: by no later than 11th April
Barbara or Kiara on 6342 4900

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What's on at the Young and District Community Hub?  
March/April 2014

Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Parade: Young: Get together at Carrington Park for Preschool aged children and their carers on 3rd April from 10am. BYO Rug and Morning Tea....Wear your Easter Hat and take part in a parade and hunt for hidden EGGS! Please advise us of your attendance to ensure we've enough eggs to go around!

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 - alternating day/evening classes - phone to book. 12yrs+

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

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!*Please call in and see us at 2c Campbell Street Young or phone 63826328 to book for all activities (catering and space limitations) or for information

WHATS 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.

PCYC Holiday Programs

PCYC KIDZCARE folders are available from the school office. Inside is information about the great holiday programs available at your PCYC in Young.

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)

NEXT P&C MEETING

P&C meet on.
20th May 6:30pm

Last meeting saw a great fundraising plan developed for the year!

Harmony Week Events

This year we will be celebrated Harmony Week with a range of exciting events. Students completed both in class and special event activities culminating at the end of the week with our awards ceremony. We would like to thank parents and community members who joined us during the week and also students who were so sensible and keen to share the celebration of our great multicultural country.

Mr Humphreys- Coordinator

Well Done Mili

Last Friday, Mili Felix-Vonarx travelled to Griffith to try out for the Riverina PSSA Tennis Team. Mili had a great day and was selected as number 2 player for the Riverina. She will be travelling to Newcastle in May to represent our area. Well done Mili and best of luck!

Junior Boxing

Ph:02) 6382 5392
Fax:(02) 6382 4719
The Young Sports Stadium, Lachlan St Young, NSW 2594
young@pcycnsw.org.au

Wednesday 4pm-5pm

Cost: $5 dollars per class

plus membership ($16.50 snrs $11 Jnrs)

For More Info Contact club on details below

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Here are a few of our favourite things ... 

Top 5 things to do:

😊 **Computer time** - we are learning to ‘log on’ independently. Mathletics and Rainforest Maths teach us important number facts in fun way.

😊 **Story Time** - we really like being read to. Mr McGee and the Biting Flee is one of our favourites. We are learning to be great readers too!

😊 **Puzzles** - we love to do challenging puzzles. Everyone in KJ enjoys jigsaw puzzles!

😊 **Sport** - we are gearing up for the Cross Country and have fun keeping up with Mrs Johnson. ‘Teepees and Indians’ is the game we like best.

😊 **Writing** - our “On the weekend” writing is improving and we are learning new words every week.