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

It has been a challenge getting the newsletter out this week. This is always the busiest time of the year and we have a number of scheduled events, newly arriving events, cancellations and clashes. I would like to thank staff and parents who are always so patient and organised. I encourage you to look at this week's calendar and make the necessary adjustments.

Last week we held our annual Athletics Carnival. I have included some photos from the day and also a picture of our 2014 age champions. Congratulations to students for their efforts and behaviour on the day and a big thanks to Mr Druett, Miss Rafter and everyone who helped make the day run smoothly. It is quite a big job to organise a carnival. I would also like to thank the Hennessy students who, at short notice, arrived to help on the day.

It is also that time of the year when parents are considering their Year 7 placements for next year. I must say I took the time to attend Young High School's Open Day a couple of weeks ago. I went with the mindset of a prospective parent and must say I came away very impressed. I personally feel Young High goes about its business of educating and caring for its students in a humble manner. As Gen Y & X parents we are more than ever consumers. Having worked in Northern Sydney where the competition is fever pitched, I saw sad signs for education where the gloss and spin of marketing often overshadowed genuine day to day opportunities offered to students. While Young High School does not spend money on radio advertisements and yes they don't wear ties that often (except Mr Duran and Mr Turvey), they have invested considerable effort in quality welfare programs that are transparent, have developed diverse further education linkages that exceed by far any other educational institution in town and their staff clearly care about all kids. Overlaying that, I do not hesitate in stating that it is good for our town to have competitive and vibrant schools that drive each other to better things and also, who work together for the greater benefit of our youth while giving opportunity in an equitable and shared manner to the students at the school. When considering your high school please take the time to visit and really look at the school when it is running.

Best wishes,
Kel Smerdon
Principal
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

Uniform Orders
Thanks to all students who are looking great in their winter uniforms. Newly ordered items through ASK Printing will be available within a week. Things to remember:
1. Long and Short Polos available at School from the Office
2. We have two suppliers of Uniform YES and ASK Printing with order forms for ASK available from the office or website.
3. BOTTOMS are PLAIN NAVY! Please don't buy white striped pants.
4. JUMPERS are royal blue. Polar fleece jumpers are available from $27 and jackets are $55. Please do not buy navy or black.

University Linkage Programs
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Aspirations- Is an enrichment based Maths and Science program being run in conjunction with the Hennessy College.
Future Moves/Sky Stories- CSU have also targeted Young North for a bridge to further education partnership. University and school, staff will participate in development sessions and then this will link back to all of our Stage 3 students through an in school joint learning project. The aim of this Federal Government funded program is to encourage students to aspire to higher level learning and career options.

Canteen News
1. We have introduced Vilis pies and sausage rolls (Halal) to the menu in the canteen this term. Pies are $2.50 and Sausage Rolls $2.20.
2. When ordering your child’s lunch, please write your child’s name, class, items to be ordered and total included on the order bag.
3. Orders need to be placed into the order boxes to allow staff to have time to prepare. Thanks for your support.

First Aid Slips
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.

Cowra Dance Eisteddfod
Next Tuesday, the Young North Dance Group will represent the school at the Cowra Dance Eisteddfod on the 27th May. Students will need to wear the agreed black costume and arrive at school for 7:30am makeup. A bus funded by the school will transport the students to and from Cowra. Students will be accompanied by a teacher and arrive back to school at lunchtime. Parents wishing to attend the performance can purchase tickets at the venue on the day. The approximate performance time will be between 9:30-10:30am.

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

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

The Annual Book fair is on next week in the Library. Mrs Eatock is available for:
Parent Purchasing
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before and after school as well as Tuesday 8:30am-2:00pm
Students
Students will have a chance to purchase on Tuesday during class time.

Young North Basketball Teams
We are very excited to have two Young North Basketball teams representing us in the local town competition each Tuesday at the PCYC. Mr Collins has generously given up his time to coach Year 3&4 as well as the Year 5&6 teams. If you cannot make the game it is polite to let your team know.

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We apologise for the mix up with last week's P&C meeting. Susan was away in Canberra and Mr Smerdon was filling in for Mr Collins coaching our basketball teams and arrived 10 minutes late. We are holding a makeup meeting this coming Tuesday 27 at 6:30pm

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with a disability. Letters will be sent home soon.

NOTE: This data gathering includes students who require learning adjustments to reach normal stage outcomes. Your child’s inclusion in this gathering does not necessarily mean your child has a disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with a disability/students requiring learning adjustments. Better data will help the Government plan for students with a disability and students who need additional support at school.

The school encourages you to include your child as we hope our participation in this collection will support increased school resourcing and equity in funding.

**SRC Fluro Day**

*When: Friday 6th June*

*Why:* This year the SRC are aiming to support a service to community project by raising funds to support the building of a half basketball court in Rotaract Park.

*Cost:* All donations are gladly accepted

*Wear:* Anything fluro and bright.

Thanks for your support!

Mr Collins and the Student Representative Council

**National Consistent Collection of Data for Students with a Disability**

**St John’s Toy Sale**

*When:* Friday 30th May

*Time:* 8:30-12noon

*Where:* St John’s Church Hall

*Selling:* Quality pre-owned toys and children’s books at bargain prices

*Enquiries:* John 0427 260 833

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**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

*When:* Friday 6 June

*Time:* 6:00pm

*Where:* Young PCYC

*For:* Ages 5-12 years

*Canteen available*

*Lucky door prizes*

*Free Sausage Sandwich*

*NO ALCOHOL DRUGS OR PASSOUTS*

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**Mortimer Shield**

The Annual Mortimer Shield Competition will be held at Keith Cullen Oval next Wednesday. The selected Stage 3 students will walk down at 9:00am with Mr Druett. Best of luck to our teams!

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**Keeping Our Kids Safe**

**Parent Drivers On Excursion**

All parents who drive students on excursions are required to supply the Office with a copy of their Drivers Licence, rego papers for the vehicle to ensure occupants are covered by insurance.

**Visitors to the School**

All visitors to the school are required to sign in and out at the office for evacuation and safety purposes. If you are volunteering you also are required to have a working with children check. Office staff are only to happy to support you with this.

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Invited school leaders will attend the Wagga, Grip Leadership Conference next Tuesday. Students are reminded that they need to be at school for a 6:45 departure and will not return until approximately 4:30pm.
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

Support with Energy Bills

Electricity and gas costs form a large part of household bills. Are you:
- Having trouble managing your energy needs and bills?
- At risk of having your power disconnected?
- On an energy retailer’s hardship scheme?

Call the national Home Energy Saver Scheme (HESS) Freecall Helpline on 1800 007 001 to find out how HESS can assist.

HESS is delivered through existing not-for-profit organisations that provide general financial counselling services to individuals and focuses on working with households to improve their financial and energy management practices and engagement with the energy market.

The Australian Government funded HESS program will cease on 30 June 2014.

Junior Boxing

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

Song Writing Workshops

Country Music star and ARIA award winning artist Allan Caswell will be here at Southern Cross Cinema in Young on Thursday May 29 running singer/ songwriter workshops as well as performing a concert. He will be running two workshops both 2 hours long from 2-4pm in the cinema and then 4-6pm.

The cost per workshop is $20 and kids from 10yrs and older are encouraged to come along. Allan has asked if you could bring your own notepad and pen as well a musical instrument if you have one and any original songs. The workshops are also open to adults.

For those wanting to go to both a workshop and the concert at 7:30 in the cinema the same night, the cost is $30.

Looking for work – part time or casual?
Our employers need staff now!
We currently have jobs in the hospitality, labouring and retail sectors. If you, or a friend have a disability, illness or work injury, please phone Deena on 6382 3222 for further information or a friendly chat.
Students from 5/6K have been working with the 'Comic Life' program to support their literacy and creative technology skills.

**THE GREAT ADVENTURES OF...**

**olaf and smurfett**

Smurfett found a snowman, in a snowy forest, and she is realising that she wishes he could talk, because she has never had a friend before. As she is lonely and she will never meet...

Wish this snowman could talk...

Talk to me!

Best friends forever!

On Tuesday Smurfett decided to go and see the snowman when she arrived she thought she could make it Olaf, so she took him home and named him olaf.

And thought they could be friends and then something suddenly happened.....

So when Smurfett got home with Olaf he said hello, and Smurfett did not know who space and Olaf said it again and this is where they became best friends when Olaf started talking...

When they started talking, they became best friends. This shows Smurfett and Olaf being best friends and they are sitting and talking about these friendship.

Super Marshy!

Super Marshy looked in the forest of trees

One day Super Marshy was in the middle of a video call.

The queen has been hidden... by Dr. Kizboe, the evil cat genie!

He was off to save the puppy queen, Zoe Russell...

Super Marshy flew all over town, finally finding the queen in an old tree.

And now to this day forward, the queen and Super Marshy are best friends.

Thank goodness I found the queen.
What a beautiful sunny day! Thanks to Miss Rafter & Mr Druett for their organisation and to everyone who came and helped make the day such a great success! Congratulations to McLerie who was this year’s winning house and to age champions pictured below.