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

I must say this week’s quote around the difference between ‘obstinacy’ and ‘perseverance’ being that one is based on a strong ‘will’ and the other a strong ‘won’t’ made me chuckle. So often the most frustrating and challenging things about our children can actually be shaped as their strongest and most powerful strengths. In this case, the thing that allows your little one to dig their heels in can also be the power that ensures they are persistent and don’t give up. As adults, in our young ones lives we play such powerful roles in modelling the finer details of how our kids need to apply their thinking and efforts to ensure they use their strengths to make the most of them.

This week I enjoyed collecting all of the English books from all classes across the school. It was nice to see teachers so keen to quickly share what is going on in their rooms. Class book work is a great way to get a quick feel for what is happening in rooms and the effort and enthusiasm students and teachers are putting into classroom learning. It is also a great discussion starter for student and teacher feedback.

This is that time of the year when sleeping in is truly hard to fight off. I encourage students and parents to fight the urge and ensure students are maintaining what has been a great year of attendance for most this semester. Besides, our classrooms are warm on these cold days 😊.

Finally, I must mention who has caught my eye this week. When looking through student workbooks it was great to read some of our Kinder work. I know Mrs Alexander is very proud of Saja and Nicola’s reading and sound work lately and Mrs Johnson agreed when I mentioned that Sarah Abbas is going great guns. Congratulations!

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

University Linkage Programs

Effective modern day school work on partnerships beyond their boundaries. We are currently participating in two CSU University Projects: 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 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.

Cowra Dance Eisteddfod

A huge congratulations to the Young North Dance group who were placed second by just one point at last week’s Cowra Dance Eisteddfod. Miss Leanne and Miss Rafter were so proud of the group who received glowing feedback from the competition adjudicators. I’m never ceased to be amazed at just how good our kids can be when given a chance.

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.

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.

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

New Face About School

Just when you thought there were enough young sporty guys around Young North PS you find another one working at our school. This week, past Young North Captain, Patrick Schiller began working as a School Learning Support Officer. On a serious note, Patrick will be supporting Stage 2 learning and also supporting students in the playground with structured play. Patrick comes with Learning Support experience and also having recently played Rugby League for Penrith.

Mrs Eatock would like to thank everyone for their support of this term's Book Fair. The Book fair saw approximately $3000 worth of books purchased. Once final totals are calculated this will lead to the school being able to select approximately $1000 worth of books for the school library.
Mrs Eatock (Librarian / Social Skills Coach)
Make Up P&C MEETING
17th June
Tuesday @ 6:30pm
This year we have a fundraiser program and we need your help to organise and support our school's great P&C

National Consistent Collection of Data for Students with a Disability

Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with a disability. 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 data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process. The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students. All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy

Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached slip and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school. If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kind regards

Mr Kel Smerdon
Principal

Mortimer Shield Report

Last Wednesday, we sent a boys and girls team from Years 5 & 6 to compete in the annual Mortimer Shield League and Oztag Carnival. The boys played three games on the day. In the first they lost to Young Public before winning their second pool game against Murrumburrah. In the playoff for 3rd we lost to St Marys by 2 points in a thrilling encounter. In the Girls OzTag 3 games were played with one win, one draw and one loss. This was a great effort for a team with lots of newcomers.

On 17 May Shannae, Lauren, Mili, Patrick, Michael, Beau and Angus from our Leadership Team headed to CSU Wagga to attend the Grip leadership Conference with Miss Bunny and Mrs Killick. On the day we participated in a range of leadership activities and we got to work with lots of student leaders from local schools within the Riverina. It was an enjoyable day and we thank Miss Bunny and Mrs Killick for driving us.

Attending Student Leaders

Grip Leadership
Grip Student Leadership Conference

I do not wish my child (Name:_________________) to be included in the National Consistent Collection of Data for students with a disability.

Parents Name:_________________ Signature:_________________
What’s on in May / June at the Young and District Community Hub?

Art Classes: Young: 2hr sessions on fortnightly Thursdays using Acrylics. Experienced tutor, all materials supplied. $10 per person with tea/coffee provided - bookings essential. Take home an artwork each session!

Power and Passion Workshop: Young: One day workshop all about finding the power and passion within! Content includes anxiety management, resilient thinking, personal planning and goal achievement, how to say ‘No’ without feeling guilty and much more. Thursday May 29th from 9am-4pm. $30 per person-includes lunch, tea/coffee. Bookings are essential.

Ladies Day: Young: A fabulous day of pamper stalls, guest speakers, entertainment and socialising for women of Young and surrounds. To be held in the Catherine McAuley Hall on Thursday 12th June from 9am-3pm. All welcome - morning tea and lunch provided. Members $10per head or $15 for non-members. Phone or drop in to book your place.

Seasons for Growth-Young: For adults experiencing significant loss and/or change in their lives. Commencing soon. Please phone our friendly staff for more details/bookings.

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.

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.

*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
We love creating our own plays especially about our beetroot.

We are learning about our senses. The flower smelt pretty.

We love planting our seedlings.

I like visiting the chickens. They lay eggs.

The butterfly is pretty and it likes me.

We are learning hands on learning. We had fun experimenting to see how to care for our plants.