From the Principal

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

Welcome back to Term 3 after a long, cold and wet break. I fully appreciate how it felt to have the kids at home as I had my three boys for the holidays and they were climbing the wet weather walls too 😊.

Last week we held our annual review meetings for students with a disability. I always enjoy this day as it helps put into perspective the processes and work we do with both our students and their parents. With the Hub class, our wonderful Learning Support Officers, Support Teachers, Rose and gifted classroom teachers we are indeed a lucky school who has the capacity to meet our full set of student needs. It was also great to reflect on the innovative and inclusive measures our school has embraced to build stronger parent partnerships and the extra mile that our staff are prepared to go to get a positive outcome. I know the regional representative enjoyed hearing about how our school works and requested to visit and spend some time seeing what happens in the rooms. A day to stop, celebrate and be thankful.

Sam Cawthorn spoke at the Town Hall again this year in the area of resilience and mental health. Some points he makes that I always love to consider:

1. 'Through crisis comes opportunity'. How can you embrace the challenging times in your life as opportunities to see the world differently and move on with greater understanding.

2. 'Bounce Forward not Bounce Back' - Isn’t truly great resilience the capacity not only to bounce back to where you were when knocked down but the capacity to bounce forward to an even better place. Sometimes we focus so much on getting back to what we had that we miss the opportunity to bounce forward to something even more wonderful.

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

Melbourne University Speech Programs
Once again this year we are fortunate to be able to offer to our students in need a four week Speech and Language partnership with Melbourne University. The clinic is coordinated by Barbara Dodd a retired speech pathologist and university lecturer. The clinic commenced at the beginning of Term 3 and runs for four weeks. There are two training speech and language students who will work with school identified students four days per week over the four weeks. They will work with students that we have identified as possibly benefitting from additional support with speech, language and literacy. The first week will focus on assessing our students. Parents are most welcome to attend assessment sessions and meet the teachers, but this is not essential. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact myself at school or Barbara Dodd on 63824571 or 0402328095.
Kind regards,
Gillian Cusack
(School Learning & Support Teacher)

Riverina Athletics Moved Again
Due to predicted extreme weather conditions the Riverina Athletics Carnival has been moved to 4/8. Attending students should have received notification in a separate note but this has changed again to 4/8.

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.

Make Up P&C MEETING
Tuesday 19th August @ 6:30pm
Please keep and eye out for this Year’s Fundraising & events:
Term 3:
1. Commonwealth Games Parent and Student Meal Deal Week
2. Early Term Thee- Pie Drive
3. Late Term 3 Cookie Dough Drive
4. 6/9 IGA Community Day BBQ volunteers
Term 4:
1. 16/11 Cherry Chase Fun Run supports drink station
2. Mid Term 4 Family Photo Fundraiser

P&C Email List: Contact Emma Bigwood to be included at thebigwoods@bigpond.com

Mrs Partridge Maternity Leave 3/4P
As you might well be aware Mrs Partridge will be having a baby mid Term 3. She anticipates working through to Week 3 of Term 3 when her class will be taken over by a great young teacher who is new to the area Miss Caitlin McMillan. In Term 4 we are excited to have Mr Cant return from the UK to take over 3/4P. It is also our hope to have Mr Cant continue on into 2015. We wish to ensure that parents are aware that much time and effort has gone in to ensuring that the quality classroom programs presented by Mrs Partridge maintain continuity during her leave and that the very best staff have been sourced. We also see benefits for students having the experience of some really keen and dynamic teachers who can challenge them in a variety of different ways in Mrs Partridge’s absence.

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

SOUTH WEST SLOPES CREDIT UNION
**Staffing of 3rd Assistant Principal**
Through enrolment growth the school has been lucky to secure a 3rd Assistant Principal. This position has progressed to open merit selection. A panel has been formed with a teacher, director choice, Aboriginal community and parent representatives. The job will be awarded before the end of the term. There are plans in place to accommodate this position based on both internal or external applicants being successful through the process. The Department of Education has very strong guidelines to ensure a transparent process to select the best applicants for positions and we look forward to achieving this for the school.

**Positive Parenting Course @ Young North PS**
The school has worked really hard to get a provider to deliver this program within the school so that it is accessible for parents. We really encourage everyone to come along and gain from this highly regarded program. There is something in this for all parents and we will even provide a cuppa and some food ☕. We are hoping to network with Mission Australia and other providers to encourage them to use the school as a location for future programs. We encourage you to attend.

**ICAS Computer Results**
Riley Falzon
Distinction

Amy Lamb
Distinction

Chantelle Bourne
Distinction

**Education Week Commonwealth Games**
**Sports Day Tuesday 29/7**
This Week is Education Week and to celebrate we will be holding a Commonwealth Games Sports Day. We apologise for previous communications which had the incorrect date. The event will include:

Sports & Games on the Oval 11:30am-12:30pm
Open Classrooms 12:30-1:00pm
Meal Lunch 1:00-2:00pm

Note: parents and children are welcome to order the meal deal using the note that went home this week.

Event Organisers
Miss Bunny & Mrs Partridge

**Enrol Now for Kinder 2014**
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>Enjoy the Young North Christmas Concert with your child</td>
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Internet Access to Staff

The Department of Communities has clear guidelines surrounding staff communication with parents and students using web based technologies. Staff have had a number of occasions where students and parents have requested Facebook, Instagram or alike links to their personal accounts. It is not the staff’s intention to be rude but this falls outside of employment guidelines and any such requests have to be declined. To avoid embarrassment we request that community respect this position.

Canteen Update

DISCONTINUED LINE NO MORE MINI-POTATO TOPPED PIES AVAILABLE

Exciting Things Happening at Young North PS

Hall Sound System Upgrade

Did you know that over the holidays we have had nearly $15000 of work completed in the hall to upgrade the schools sound system. For those who attended last year’s concert it was obvious that the front of hall output was not enough to cover the large space. Midpoint speakers have been mounted along with a strong base. It sounds GREAT!

PAVE Project

The school has recently entered into a partnership with Macquarie University to support them with research into student welfare based initiatives that work. We will be trained and supported with the ‘Cool Kids Program’ which focuses on Anxiety interventions. This is a great mutually beneficial partnership as we can help with some valuable research but we also add another great program to our school welfare toolkit.

Tennis Hot Shots

The school is continuing its fun and engaging sport and fitness programs with the ‘Tennis Hotshots Program’. We have been lucky to have the support of Mr Maher and also some school staff who help ensure our kids have a continued access to tennis skill development.

Congratulations Class Captains for Semester 2

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**What’s on in July/August at the Young and District Community Hub?**

New—Commencing late August: Keeping Kids in Mind: A 5wk (2.5hrs) course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. Develop a greater understanding about how to support children following family separation. Participants must participate in a pre-group phone interview prior to the course so please call to register your interest.

Special Needs Assistance Group (SNAG): Support Group for families whose children have disabilities, learning difficulties and/or behavioural issues. Next meeting 31.07.14 at the Hub. Existing members are invited to attend while anyone wishing to join/enquire should phone Cathy on 63826328.

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!

Music and Movement: Young: For parents/carers and little people aged 12mths 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. Day or evening.

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*

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

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**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)

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**Junior Boxing**

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

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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.
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Note: Event times are subject to change. Please check the official school calendar for the most up-to-date information.