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

Wow! There are certainly some bugs around at the moment that are impacting on our students and staff's capacity to get to school. We encourage everyone to look after their health and get some lovely sunshine over the weekend.

I know there were some very excited Stage 3 students who headed off on camp this week. I was just speaking to Mrs Kirkwood on the phone and she passed on that they enjoyed their visit to Taronga Zoo and are endeavouring to make the most of Milson Island even if the weather is not the greatest.

It was exciting this week to see some of the school improvement works begin this week. More details are included later in the newsletter but, it is hoped that the majority of works will be completed by mid next term. There will be some disruption around the school but we will work to ensure this has a minor impact on learning for students.

This week I would like to mention the work being done at the school by the St Vincent DePaul volunteers who are running our Monday and Wednesday morning ‘Breakfast Program’. Students are able to visit the canteen and grab a free breakfast on these days and saff have noted the improved student engagement. We would like to once again thank the wonderful volunteers who make this happen. Young is lucky to have such dedicated and empathetic community members.

Best wishes,
Kel Smerdon
Principal

How2Learn Quote for the week:
"You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers.
You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions."
Naguib Mattuou (Nobel Prize Winner)
**Uniform Orders**

Thanks to all students who are looking great in their winter uniforms. 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.

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**School Staffing**

The school’s third Assistant Principal position went to advertisement last Wednesday. Applications will close Wednesday 3 September with interviews to be conducted shortly after. Mr Cant will also be re-joining Young North PS commencing Term 4 when he takes over 3/4P. We look forward to seeing him on his return from his work in the UK.

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**Young North Basketballers**

Our two teams representing in the town basketball competition have been improving each week and have continued to represent the school with great sportsmanship as well as great skills. Mr Collins has been proud of their wins of late but we will stop short of boasting 😊. Once again it is clear that when our kids given opportunities they make the most of them and show they can achieve great things.

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**Aboriginal Cultural Celebration Day & Mural**

In Week 9 we will hold our Aboriginal Cultural Celebration using grant funding from NAIDOC week Federal Grants. We are also working on a beautiful mural that will be painted at the end of the Primary Cola. Very Exciting!

Aunty Enid - YNth PS Aboriginal Linkage Officer

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**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

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**Make Up P&C MEETING**

Tuesday 16th September @ 6:30pm

P&C Email List: Contact Emma Bigwood to be included at thebigwoods@bigpond.com
ICAS Results
This year has been an outstanding year for the school in the ICAS University Assessments. After handing out some outstanding Computer and Science results already this year we have just received some great Writing and Spelling scores. While we have decided that we will include Distinction and High Distinction results in the newsletter we pass on our congratulations to all students for their efforts as there have also been a number of credits and merits achieved this year.

Jesse Cummings
Distinction - Writing

Chantelle Bourne
Distinction - Spelling

Monsters in My Wardrobe
Notes will be going home this week for Week 9’s visiting K-6 performance. Details below:

“Monsters in My Wardrobe is a story about facing your fears and looking at things from another perspective. It is also a story of things not always being as they seem. Mark Pennaz’s approach to children’s theatre is imaginative, evocative and stunningly beautiful. His ability to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary is inspiring. In Monsters in My Wardrobe, something as everyday as a wardrobe becomes his set, bursting with secret doors, pop-up monsters and magical effects”

For further details of the show you can visit: http://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au/spt/shows/2014/MonstersInMyWardrobe.php

Netball & Touch Foooty News
Our school Touch Football teams recently played Murrumburrah PS in the girls knockout, narrowly losing 3-2. The boys played YPS at home going down, in a toughly contested match.

Our netballers also lost in the Riverina Finals to a powerhouse Tumut PS.

We would like to thank the parents and teachers who supported our teams this year. It has been an outstanding year of Sport at YNth PS.

Enrol Now for Kinder 2015
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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Canteen Update

1. DISCONTINUED LINE NO MORE MINI-POTATO TOPPED PIES AVAILABLE
2. Choc Paddle Pops are back $2
3. Students using Foreign money- We have recently had quite a few students endeavouring to use foreign currency at the canteen. It is probably in their best interests to use Australian currency as our foreign exchange rates are ridiculous.
4. Lunch orders are to be placed in boxes before school with Names, Order Details and Correct Money. Brown lunch bags can be purchased for 10c.
5. Fresh for kids sticker cards are now available. Get your fruit now.

Book Week Poet

Last week we celebrated Book Week with a special performance by well known local poet, Greg Broderick. Students were engaged as Mr Broderick shared some of his favourite poems. Mrs Eatock also helped students get into the Book Week spirit spending the last couple of weeks sharing the Book Week selected winners for 2014. Thanks Mr Broderick for joining us!

Exciting Things Happening at Young North PS

Wiradjuri Language Begins
Next week, our Stage 3 students will begin a weekly half hour lesson on Wiradjuri language. This program is being offered to us by YHS staff supported and delivered by approved language educators. An exciting cultural opportunity for our kids.

Library Upgrade- We are looking at developing a modern concept for the learning needs of the school. The library will receive new carpet, wireless connectivity, new furnishings and storage layout as well as the creation of a computer nook. The library will also be externally painted. Works have begun with cabling and IWB in place.

Upgrade Teacher Car Park- This has been a long standing need to alleviate teacher parking needs in the street and help parents access drop-offs that are closer to the school gate. It will also help with a nicer street frontage on William Street.

Landscaping behind 3/4P- The area to the left of the ramp is a drainage issue and is also used for passive seating during summer. Retaining and landscaping has begun. Some tree removal was necessary for safety reasons. If funds allow we will also look to purchase seating and play equipment.

Floor covering to 3/4 block hallway- The 3-4 block will be resurfaced in the same manner as the K-2 block. Both blocks will have bag storage purchased as well.
**What's on in July/August at the Young & District Com. 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. 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 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 brainstorm ideas for safe, fun playtime. No cost. Day or evening.

**Computer Classes:** Young: All levels of computer skills from a basic introduction to learning to use online software. Family Friendly. 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!

**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!

**For More Info Contact club on details below**

**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

**RECONCILIATION 2014 - Year 3+**

Parent Information Night will be held on **Wednesday 30th July at 7pm in St Marys Parish Centre.**

It is for parents only and if you then wish to Register for the Sacrament you will need to bring a copy of your Child’s Baptism Certificate and the cost is $25-00.

**SOUTHERN CROSS CINEMA**

Southern Cross Hall, Main Street, Young

**Community Noticeboard**

**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)

**Junior Boxing**

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

**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.
Young North PS recently held its Expo Day which marks the commencement of its extended transition to Kinder Program for 2015 starters. We have worked hard to develop a program that meets the needs of all three stakeholders in the transition process. After all, it is transition for the students but it also the beginning of a new experience for parents as well as the school who is meeting the starters’ needs. The program is comprehensive including a range of short and long taster sessions for students building to full days coupled with parent information workshops.

New Kinders are pictured with their school passports which they had stamped as they toured around the school and experienced the exciting things they will be part of when they start school. The tour included a visit to the school farm to collect the day’s eggs, some time in the IT lab, watching some of the school’s social skills programs, a dance and drum group performance and some time meeting their kinder teachers.

We look forward to the next phase of our transition program occurring on 3 September when classroom taster sessions begin along with our first corresponding parent workshop.