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

I have been so proud to work at Young North Public School over the last few weeks (even more than normal). When caught up in the busy hum drum of day to day work it is easy not to take the time to reflect on all that has been achieved and the successful implementation of changes worked upon over recent times.

One of the big focus areas for us this year has been to refine and develop the Learning Support Team and its group of workers across the school. Young North spends nearly $250,000 a year on providing classrooms with extra Learning Support Officers. These people make up nearly a third of our staff and yet it is my opinion that schools have not necessarily capitalised on, trained and included Learning Support Officers effectively into their staffing team. Mrs Parker has been working on regular meetings and professional learning for our SLSO staff and teaching staff have been asked to work smarter and sharper in the manner that they utilise their SLSO.

Certainly what has been occurring in classrooms has me pleased, but another measure of how fantastic our SLSO team is was our Muscular Dystrophy Fete last week. Supported by Mr Collins and the SRC, our SLSO team were a huge driving force behind this event being such a success. Our community raised $2000 on the day which was the highest amount for any school in NSW this year and the second highest amount for any participating organisation in Super Hero Day 2015.

More and more I am being asked to provide evidence to show we are getting bang for buck with government funds. It is sometimes hard to use things like our MD fete, but clearly it was an example of how school funds are buying in great human resources and that those human resources are uniting students and our community to achieve great things for our students and for our community. Super (hero) job everyone!

Mr Smerdon
Principal Young North PS

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**From the Principal**

**Term 4 Dates to Remember!**

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**Quote for the Week – Working Interdependently**

“If a man is called a street sweeper, he should sweep streets as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and Earth will pause to say, Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.”

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**Rose Thompson Family Support Worker @ Young North PS Fridays**

Walk in or make an appointment @ the school office

Here to help with:
- Parenting tips, home finance, family relationships.
- Separation, legal proceedings, general family support.
Dream Cricket @ Young North

On the 22 October Young North Public School hosted Dream Cricket. This event is aimed at supporting students with a disability to enjoy cricket and is delivered as part of a wonderful partnership between the Rotary Club of Young and the Bradman Foundation.

Early Bird Program

Information sheets for students wishing to sit 2016 Selective High School assessments for 2017 Year 7 are available from the Office. We urge you to consider this process for your Year 5 child as Young High School now hosts the Aurora Distance Selective Education Setting. This is an amazing opportunity for students who possess above average academic skills. Both Young North PS and Young High School staff are only too happy to meet with you to discuss this option for your child. DID YOU KNOW THIS IS AVAILABLE @ YHS!!!!!

Kinder packs available from the office

From the Office

This is a busy time of year in the school Office with Mrs Trantino working through to 30/11 on school roll over and then Annual Financial Statement work being completed in early December. To help this happen smoothly could parents who have been forwarded refund cheques from the school please bank them as soon as possible.
Concert Movie

Thanks to Miss Wise and our helpful Office staff we have a limited number of 2015 School Concert Movies available. I know there were a number of families who asked if a DVD would be made available. Purchases can be made in person directly from the Office or can be made by sending in this coupon with $5.

Students Name and Class: 

Number of DVD required: 

Amount attached: 

Sport Report

Yesterday (4th November) we sent 5 teams to compete in the Milo T20 Blast cricket day. The day was held at Keith Cullen oval and saw our teams up against opposition from Young Public and St Mary's. The day was all about having fun and introducing students to cricket. They all had a fantastic day.

Young North is all about giving students the opportunity to learn and play new sports. Year 5/6 are currently participating in a Hotshots program at the Young Tennis Centre. It is a four week program that was funded through a Sporting Schools grant. In Week 5, Years 3 to 6 will participate in a four week cricket program for 30 minutes a week. It will be run by Nicola Browne, a former New Zealand player and development officer in the region. She will be teaching the students skills including throwing, catching, batting and bowling.

Save the dates for 2016 -
Young North Public School Swimming Carnival - Thursday 4th February
Young & Districts Swimming Carnival - Monday 29th February
RIVERINA SWIMMING IS MONDAY 7th MARCH
Scott Druett

Walkathon

A huge thanks to all of our students, staff and parents who helped make the walkathon a great event. This annual event helps raise funds to support school IT purchases. There are three prizes ($100, $50 and $25 Big W vouchers) to be drawn with students gaining one ticket into the draw for every $10 raised.

Mrs Cusack
Co-Ordinator

NEXT P&C MEETING This Week.
Term 4 - Week 7
17th November 6:30pm (Tues)
Those able to support please attend. We need you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE!!

October 29th: Groovy Grandparents Disco: Young Golf Club: get down and boogie with the grandkids at our Groovy Disco. $5 per family-great music, lights, photo booth, supper and prizes. Call for time and to register.

November 10th: Teddy Bears Picnic: Bring your lunch and teddy bear and join in the fun and games. 11.30am-1pm at Carrington Park with a special appearance by the ‘Hub Bear’. Family Fun - All welcome.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Art for Kids: Fortnightly classes for kids aged 7-14yrs. Join us on Tuesdays between 4-6pm for $15p.p. Qualified teacher, take home a completed Art Work each session!

Open Craft Club: All Welcome every Friday morning from 10am-12noon. Join in with a group of like-minded people while you work on a project brought in from home or make use of the Hub materials to create something on the day. $2 donation.Tea and coffee provided.

Computer Group for Seniors: Join us every Friday 2pm – 4pm for computer basics at just $2 per person.

Cake Decorating: 3hr weekly sessions on Tuesdays. $20 per person includes morning tea. Ideal for beginners – experienced teacher, come and learn a range of techniques to decorate beautiful cakes!

Art Classes: 2hr sessions on fortnightly Thursdays using acrylic paints. Experienced tutor, all materials supplied. $15 per person with tea/coffee provided. Take home a completed art work each session!

Young Carers Group: 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 and activities.

Music and Movement: For parents/carers and little people aged 12mths to 4 years. Every Wednesday morning form 9:30am – 10:30am during school terms. $2 per family – All Welcome!

Keeping Kids In Mind: A 5wk (2.5hrs) course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. Develop a great understanding about how to support children following family separation. Please call to register your interest.

FACETS: A Support group for families whose children have disabilities, learning difficulties and/or behavioural issues. Monthly meetings-come along for information, social times and to meet others with similar life journeys. Please phone Cathy for info.

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 & Evening sessions available.

Please call in and see us at 2c Campbell Street Young or phone 6382 6328 to book for all activities.

Or find us on Facebook - Young Community Hub
Aboriginal Programs News

Local Public schools have been working on an exciting new project in conjunction with our local AEGC and broader Aboriginal community. MGOALS is a modern web based platform for communities to develop a web based presence that outlines the importance of an area’s aboriginal history and the contributions Aboriginal peoples have and continue to make to its particular geographic area. On the 9th of November indigenous students from YPS and YNTHPS will visit and begin to document local places of significance with a view to develop content that will form part of our very own MGOALS site for Young. Watch this space!

PBL Update

It’s that time of the year when we harvest our annual PBL data and reflect on the progress our school is making. I have included below the 2011 benchmark, target and 2015 triangles for your reference. It was pleasing to see that this year we made a small growth in a year that is traditionally a decline phase for most PBL schools. The 2015 data probably doesn’t yet reflect our work this year on Tier 2 interventions that should start to flow through next year with less students appearing in the yellow zone. This year has seen a big focus too on the induction and orientation of new students into our culture as we value the process of ensuring that new students quickly understand the high expectations and supportive culture of our school. Great job everyone on another fantastic year!

Mrs Kirkwood
PBL Coach
KIDS YOGA. Health & Vitality. Social-Emotional Intelligence. Improved Sleep. Better Focus & Concentration. Improved Peer Relations. Ages 7-12. School terms, Wednesdays 4-5pm at the Yoga Tree Studio, Millard Centre, Young. $10/class payable for full term. For more info or to register, visit danettewatsonyoga.com or call Danette 0419242053.

Guitar lessons after school
Is your child interested in learning the guitar? If so, phone Holly on 63844233 after 6pm for further details.

ACE iPhone Repairs
Glenn Smith
Owner-Technician
ABN: 97 117 880 694

All iPhone, iPod Touch 4th gen & iPad screen replacements + All iPhone internal repairs

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Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Young
Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes.

That’s why the Roads and Maritime Services (formally RTA) has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers. To help parents in supervised learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become a safer drivers.

A FREE RTA parents’ workshop will be hosted by David Riches on Tuesday November 3 at the Young Federation Motor Inn from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Early bookings are essential, so phone on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE
Mercy Care Centre Hollywood themed Masquerade Ball 6pm 7 November 2015 – funds raised will go toward the refurbishment of the Hennessy Day Centre and the Paediatric Gym.

TOY AND CLOTHING SALE at St John’s Hall in Cloete Street Young Friday 6th Nov – 5pm to 7pm
Saturday 7th Nov – 8.30am to 12 noon.
Huge range of toys, games, jigsaws, nursery items and children’s clothes.

Young Post Natal Depression and Anxiety Awareness Week Pram Walk
Wednesday 18th November 2015.
To commence at Big W carpark at 10.00am and conclude at Arboretum Park for BBQ and resources.
The school is lucky to have two highly skilled Learning Support Teachers (Mrs Cusack and Mrs Parker) who are supported by a great Learning Support Worker Team (Mrs Miller, Mrs Nicholson, Ms MacDonald, Mrs Martin, Mrs Cullen, Ms Smithers, Mrs Reeves, Mrs Hyam and Ms Leonard). Not to mention, we have a great team of volunteers and helpers who also help a huge range of students in a variety of ways each day at our school.