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

I woke to the news on Monday that I would be getting a massive pay rise! Many have asked me what I will be doing with the extra complexity based Principal salary and sadly my response has been that maybe the minister was embellishing the facts just a bit. However, our school continued to prosper in the new RAM funding model with significant additional funding and staffing to help our relatively small group of learners.

This is my segway into discussing your child’s reports for 2015. We have worked very hard to ensure that our reports are of the highest quality. Quite often I welcome new students into our school and look at their previous school reports to consider class placement etc. Often I am left wondering how poorly they are written, how little they say and how devoid of objective evidence they are. While it is nice to hear John is "a burst of sunshine in our room" this does not necessarily tell you whether he is working effectively with peers, remaining focused on task and building confidence as a learner.

On another note, I have spent much of my time of late working on securing fantastic staff for next year. Mrs Johnson will be moving on to Dalesford, Mrs Knappman is heading overseas, Mrs Partridge & Rafter will share a class, Miss T will be on maternity and Mr Humphreys will be relieving as Assistant Principal at Murrumburrah. While I appreciate this may have some people concerned, to be honest it is an exciting time to welcome and develop a whole new group of amazing talent that we have lined up for next year. You may remember only 4 years ago we started with 6 new teachers and they have become the faces you know and respect today. I take staffing very seriously and I know the new teachers for next year will be awesome! I know you will make them welcome as they move from all over NSW to join our school in 2016. I will of course fill you in on these are finalised.

Mr Smerdon
Principal Young North PS
Year 6 Items to Remember
25th November Young High School Orientation Day 2: Please return your green permission slip and blue 2016 YHS Swimming Carnival permission note to the Office. This is an important day and we expect students to represent our school appropriately. We look forward to positive feedback.
REMEMBER: Students need to organise their own transport for the day.
3rd December Year 6 Farewell- Attended by Year 5 (7pm) & Year 6 (5:30pm) and held at the S&C Club. Dress code is smart (but no need to go over the top). Cost for dinner and night of fun $25 (plus optional photo pack $5) to the Office. Please remember to return your RSVP and menu selection note ASAP.

Cherry Festival Float
COME RIDE WITH US AND SHOW OFF OUR FABULOUS SCHOOL Saturday 5th December!

From the Office
Can families please bring all teacher awards to the Office by Friday 27th of November (particularly Year 6) in order for them to be included in the final recognition assembly for the year.

Sport Report
In week 5, we sent several teams to Keith Cullen Oval to participate in the T20 Blast cricket gala day. The students who took part in the day had a great time and were buzzing with excitement when they arrived back at school. As follow up, each Thursday there are 30 minute sessions for years 3 to 6. Students are learning the skills of batting, bowling and fielding. I hope to see more Young North students out on the cricket fields next season.

Year 5/6 wrap up their Hotshots Tennis next Thursday at the Young Tennis Centre. It has been a wonderful few weeks and some students have really shown a lot of potential.

We wish Mr Collins well in Adelaide next week as he is coaching the NSW PSSA boys' basketball team at the Pacific Schools games.

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 - Sport Corordinator

NEXT P&C 2016.
A huge thanks to our dedicated P&C who this year have helped the school purchase shade shelters, sports uniforms and this week donated $5000 towards library resources and playground games centres!

What’s on at the Young and District Community Hub?
November - December 2015

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, photobooth, 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 $15 per p. Qualified teacher, take home a completed Art 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 from 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.
PACFETS: 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
Orders Due in by November 27th

Book Club is booming at Young North PS with new catalogues out now. Don’t forget that all Book Club orders help gain points for our school which can then be redeemed as book purchases for our school. Not to mention you get to buy great books at affordable prices that you can have a great time reading!

Mrs P Butcher (Book Club Organiser)

Enrolling Now for 2016

Classes are filling fast so please advise us if you will be leaving next year or if you know of prospective enrolments.

PBL Update (Repeat)

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

Triangle of Student Referrals, 2015

Red Zone - Students with 6 or more referrals
Low intensive, individual interventions

Yellow Zone - Students with 2 to 5 referrals
Targeted Group Interventions

Green Zone - Students with 0 referrals
Supportive Environment

Young North Public School
2011

Theory

Young North Public School
2015

Aboriginal Programs News

MGOALS HOOPS Excursion

Local Public schools have been working on an exciting new project in conjunction with our local AECG 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 areas aboriginal history and the contributions Aboriginal people have and continue to make to its particular geographic area. On the 9th November, indigenous students from YPS and YNTHPS visited and began to document local places of significance, with a view to develop content that will form part of our very own MGOALS site for Young.

Proud & Deadly Awards 2016

Each year the Local Aboriginal Education Consultancy Group (AECG) hold the Proud & Deadly Awards to recognise the efforts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students within our school communities. Young North PS looks forward to hosting the Young and Murrumburrah Proud & Deadlys at 10am on Tuesday, 25th November.

Community Noticeboard

BOOK SALE at St John’s Hall in Cloete Street Young

Friday 20th Nov - 9.30am to 5.30pm. Saturday 21st Nov - 8.00am to 12 noon. On sale will be a huge range of adult fiction, non-fiction and general interest books at bargain prices plus DVD’s, CD’s and vinyl records.

All children’s and young readers books will be 20 cents each.

Annette’s Place Preschool and Child Care Centre

Register your child now for a place at Annette’s Place in 2016 for our preschool, long day care, after school and vacation care. Surrounded by an all-natural environment and serviced by the school bus. Play, laugh and learn at Annette’s Place, (02) 6382 2645

Vacation Care

Annette’s Place Vacation Care Program starts 21st December with exciting and stimulating activities including excursions, sports days, art and craft led by qualified educators. Please call (02) 6382 2645. Centre closes 4pm 24th December and reopens 5th January 2016.

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.
Stage 2 Excursion Canberra

Students enjoyed a great day in Canberra where they saw the sights and visited Qestacon and the Dinosaur Museum. Don’t worry they all came back alive!
Students enjoyed connecting with some of our important businesses and services (Mile's Meats, Wilder Bakery & Young Fire Station) in town and learning about the people and places that help make Young a great place to live.
Students enjoyed sketching at Murringo Gap with Miss Cant, learning about Indigenous Artefacts with Aunty Enid, learning some traditional games and witchy grub hunting with Uncle Keith.

Aunty Enid sharing her wisdom and stories

Crystal and Cody - Lee take in the sights

Beautiful view from Tout Park