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

Wow! What an amazing start to 2015 we have had. Student enrolments are around 270 which is our highest enrolment in ten years since the St Marys site relocation drop from around 300 students to 270 odd at that time. We welcome all of our new to school families including our kinders for 2015. It is wonderful to see our local students and families engaging with and embracing their great local school. We look forward to working hard in 2015 to continue to this relationship.

I will keep the newsletter portion short this week as I have attached a number of pieces of information for you to read and return. This includes the all in one note which needs to be returned for all students individually.

This year we have welcomed Mr Berry as our new assistant Principal and Mrs Temoananui who will be teaching 3/4T. Miss Rafter will be working in the roll of mentor teacher to ensure differentiation of curriculum is working smoothly in all rooms before she leaves for maternity leave in Term 2. Mrs Partridge is due to return from maternity leave in Term 3 and will job share with Mrs Johnson 2 days a week as Mrs Johnson begins a move to a new start in Victoria in 2016. The familiar faces of Mrs Knapman who will transition into the important role of Kindergarten teacher and Miss McMillian in Year 1 has joined us on class this year. The school has worked very hard to maintain and prioritise the highest quality staff. We also manage staff transitions effectively with student learning at the centre of our decision making.

We worked very hard at the end of Term 4 last year to have planning in place for a smooth start and it has been wonderful to watch classrooms humming along. The students are lucky to have such a dedicated and talented school executive, administration staff and of course classroom teachers.

Finally, I apologise for the building site inconveniences but essential ramping upgrades are almost complete and this is a great asset to our school, especially if you are driving a pram around.

Best wishes,
Kel Smerdon
Principal
Uniform

The students are looking great in their uniforms to start the year.

Hats - Small hats in stock Week 4 and medium hats are on order. $2 from the office. The consistency of a single hat makes the school look great.

Blue Bottoms - Plain Navy is our bottoms colour. Please do not purchase Canterbury or other varieties. The idea of moving to a plain navy colour was consistency and affordability for everyone.

Shoes - The school shoe colour is black and it is preferred that sneakers be predominantly white. We know fluoro is in but it does detract from our lovely two blues.

Polos - Available from the office.

Suppliers - We have 2. Purchase in store from YES or order through the school from ASK.

Textbooks and Contributions

Thankyou to those parents who have already paid for books. Mr Smerdon endeavours to be a reasonable and fair person (as best he can) and should you have difficulty making a payment it is hoped that you will approach him directly to sort out a payment plan. It is noted however, that no payment plan will be entered into until outstanding invoices have been paid in full. It is important to remember the School Kids Bonus is $422 a year. Our combined school fees and book costs are approximately $100 per student. Parents are also advised that some students will work on adjusted learning plans and thus receive a different year level text. Texts form part, not all, of the student learning at school. There is no point giving students text books that are beyond their ability. If you have any concerns at all please see Mr Smerdon.

Leadership Team

Our 2015 Leadership Team and House Captains (pictured below) have commenced in their positions for the year. We look forward to a great year with them as our student representatives.

Dance, Choir, Drums & Guitar

Dance - Begins next week on Tuesday for interested students Year 3-6.

Choir - Has commenced on Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs Alexander & Miss Wise for Year 1-6 students.

Drums/Guitar - Permission and payment slips should be returned with lessons commencing in Week 3. Initial applications are for Years 3-6 with possible expansion to Year 2. Drums-Tuesdays Guitar-Thursdays

Note: Annual fees will be $80 this year. This is subsidised heavily by the school. Our kids are lucky to get this wonderful opportunity at this price!

Drop off & Pickups - Drive Carefully

Please remember to drive carefully when dropping and picking up students from school. Rangers and police regularly patrol the school drop off zones so be sure to park responsibly and drive slowly. Important things to consider:

Afternoon Pickups - Parents are expected to meet their child at either the William Street upper front gate (behind Miss Bunny's room) or from under the tree at the back gate. Please do not call your children across the road.

Change of Arrangements - Please endeavour to provide a note if children have changed arrangements for going home. The office has been receiving a large amount of calls to give last minute messages to students.

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House Captains
New look IT Centre

2015 will be an exciting adventure for the students at YNPS. We not only have had a refurbishment in the library but a new learning direction has also been created. Students will be participating in Library lessons that develop skills and knowledge about books that will also foster a love of reading. In addition to this, Information Computer Technology (ICT) lessons will also be taught explicitly throughout the year. I see this opportunity as developing a thriving centre of learning that keeps up with burgeoning growth of digital information. I am looking forward to teaching all the students at YNPS and take this as a great opportunity to be involved in their learning in 2015.

Mrs Kirkwood
(Asst Principal & Librarian/ICT Teacher)

Class Visits

Monday: 1M
Tuesday: 5/6b, 2W
Wednesday: 5/6b, 3/4T, 2J, KK, KA
Thursday: 5/6D, 3./4C, 3/4He, 1W

*Students in the Hub will visit the Library with their homerooms.

Borrowing BOOKS.

Borrowing will start in Week 1. The students will be allowed to borrow if they have no OVERDUE books from 2014. Students will have the opportunity to borrow books during their class visit time and also at Lunchtime. Books are due back after a 2 week period.

2015 Swimming Carnival Champions

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Winning House: Lynch
Zone Carnival: Friday, 27th February

NEXT P&C MEETING
P&C will reconvene in 2014 with its AGM.
17th February 6:30pm
We are really looking forward to a strengthened P&C with lots of new faces and membership.
New Kinder Parents Welcome!

Engaging Adolescent- Parenting Course: Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

A three-session program for parents and carers of YOUNG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HUB
2c Campbell Street, Young
on 4th, 11th & 18th March 2015 from 6pm to 8pm

Young & District Family History Group Inc.

Would like to pay tribute to those servicemen & women who served in WW1.
We would like to put together a collection of A4 pages recognising those who served in any way & present this as a visual presentation at the Town Hall for ANZAC Day 2015.
If your family member has a connection to YOUNG we would love to hear from you. Your family member may have been born here in Young & then enlisted or they may have made Young their home after their service & become part of the Young community.
Any information compiled & supplied to YDFHG as part of this presentation could be used in a booklet form at a later date.
Email – youngfamilyhistory@bigpond.com
Closing date: Tuesday 31st March 2015
For further information please contact Bec Oehm on 02 63826080 or at YDFHG by email youngfamilyhistory@bigpond.com

Community Noticeboard

Young & District Family Fun Duck Day
Sunday 22nd February 2015
10:00am
Face painting
Jumping castle
Kite & Balloon show
Horse & cart ride
Entry by gold coin
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PCYC Young

Movie Night Fundraiser
Costing $10 to a viewing of the latest block buster. Proceeds will go to the PCYC with proceeds going towards a new dance and karate space.
When: Tuesday 3rd February
Where: Southern Cross Cinema
Selling $10
Open to the public.

PCYC Young

Water Diviner

Charity Night
Valentine’s Day Bollywood Ball
Saturday 14th February 2015
7pm
The Empire Hotel
Guest DJ, Prakash
Valentine’s Day Bollywood Ball
Tickets available at $25 each or a couple at $50
Dress code: Smart casual or Bollywood but don’t forget your dancing shoes.

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Watch out Kinders About

2015 Kinders are making a great start at 'Big School'.

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