From the Principal

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

Last Friday I spent the day with local Principals working through the new management plan processes. As you can imagine some of it was riveting stuff. However, there were more than a few moments where I couldn’t help reflecting upon our school and being thankful. Thankful that we have a unanimously focused staff who work for all kids. Thankful we have a parent community who know and understand what it is we are trying to offer our students. Finally, I am thankful for the opportunity that our profession affords teachers. The opportunity to work with kids every day and support them to be the best that they can be.

As I reflected upon our next three years the following three strategic directs form the basis of our planning:

1. **A challenging, engaging and inclusive curriculum**
   - Purpose: To enhance student learning experiences and ensure we develop critical thinkers and empowered life-long learners who are literate and numerate while also developing students who will be socially, creatively, environmentally and culturally responsible and aware.

2. **Excellence through: Respect Responsibility & Empathy**
   - Purpose: To enhance community capacity to develop a supportive and dynamic school culture where the values of respect, responsibility and empathy are taught, modelled and promoted to all in order to ensure a high quality approach to student well-being and a productive whole school culture.

3. **A commitment to outstanding teacher quality and performance**
   - Purpose: To ensure that quality teaching is evident in every learning environment and that teachers are supported and challenged to continually improve their teaching skills and performance through a variety of learning, sharing and connecting opportunities.

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**Your feedback**

Kel Smerdon (Principal)

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**Term 1 Dates to Remember!**

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| 4 Feb      | 1. P&C 6.30pm*  
2. Drums/Dance |
| 5 Feb      | 1. Zone Swimming  
2.SED visit  
3. Drums/Dance |
| 6 March    | 1. Drums/Dance  
2. Stat Lib visit  
3.2-3:30pm |
| 7 March    | Rivierina Swimming |
| 8 March    | School XCountry  
P&C Mtg 6.30pm* |

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**How2Learn Quotes for the week**

The more that you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you’ll go.

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

Here to help with:  
home finance, family relationships,  
separation, legal proceedings, general support

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**Walk in or make an appointment @ the school office**
The students are looking great in their uniforms to start the year.
Hats- Small hats in stock Week 5 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 fluro 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.

Uniform

Dance, Choir, Drums & Guitar

Dance- Has begun 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 last week. Drums-Tuesdays Guitar-Thursdays

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

Guides Celebrate ‘World Thinking Day’

This Friday Guides and Brownies will be wearing their uniforms to school to celebrate World Thinking Day and celebrate the great things the organisation has done to develop young girls and women for over 100 years.

Out & About- Falzon Fellas

It is great to get positive feedback from the community about the great things our students do in school and also outside of school. I recently heard from Kris Behler regarding the Falzon Fellas who are busy preparing for the Boorowa Show at Wyona Alpaca Stud.

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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Tuesday 17th March 6:30pm

We are really looking forward to a strengthened P&C with lots of new faces and membership.

New Kinder Parents Welcome! AGM held over to this meeting.

New look IT Centre

1. Mrs Kirkwood would like to remind students that everyone needs to have a library bag to help our books stay safe in transit.
2. Unreturned Books are currently being followed up. Your support returning them to school is much appreciated.

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**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 44 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

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**Skoolbag Ap**

You can download your free Young North PS Iphone or Android Ap now! Young North Skoolbag is not just for parents. It is a great way for ex students, grandparents and friends of the school to keep in touch with all of the exciting things happening at our school. Skoolbag will currently allow you to:
1. Receive Alerts - reminders and important information
2. News feeds- Newsletters and good news about our school.
3. Administration- copies of school notes and the ability to report student absences is also available.
This year our class room theme is the jungle. As I met my 2015 class I could only think my quiet owl theme would not fit. I felt that my wonderful class are more like monkeys. They love to have fun jumping from one activity to the next. They are inquisitive and they like to be involved in all areas of the curriculum including Music, Drama, Maths, HSIE and they are really involved in Science where they have been predicting and exploring the outcomes. Through this enthusiasm we have already seen growth in reading and writing, their pencil grip has developed and most are now trying to write their name. I am so proud of their achievements in such a short period of time however, I think I should jump into this jungle theme myself so I can get some of their energy, so I can keep up. As a team KA as a whole is looking forward to a fun learning journey in 2015.