From the Principal

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

Wow what an amazing few weeks we have had at the school! Last Monday will be hard to top after the Variety Bash rolled in to town. If you didn’t catch the local paper coverage of the event we posted it on Skoolbag.

It is indeed a wonderful job being a Principal but even a little more special when you get to share events like this with your community and also put a big smile on students faces. How special it was for us all to share in Cooper’s flight in the helicopter and I am sure every member of the school feels he is a happy, friendly and caring recipient.

There are quite a few sporting and extra curricula events that have occurred and will continue to occur during the second half of this term. A big thankyou to staff who make these events happen and who organise them around regular school activities and also to the parents who jump in and offer their hands and wheels to help out wherever needed.

I would like to welcome the Leaver and Carius families who have recently joined the school as new to town families. We look forward to making you feel welcome in our school and also in the township of Young.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge some very hard working P&C members as well as some unofficial P&C helpers who have been putting in some long hours for our school and students recently. Not only have we had the Bash visit to cater for but they backed up for interval catering at Annie on Sunday. On top of this there was also the recent Mother’s Day stall and wood raffle.

Thanks so much for your efforts! Recently the P&C donated $10,000 to the school which will be used for the installation of the play equipment in the coming weeks. It will be great to see this example of your efforts in our school grounds for years to come.

Best Wishes
Mr Smerdon
Principal Young North PS
From the Office

Just a friendly reminder to bring in your glue stick for Term 2.

Don’t forget me.

Reminder: SkoolbagAp

You can download your free Young North PS IPhone or Android App 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.

NEXT P&C MEETING.
Next P&C
Tuesday 16th June 6:30pm
Those able to support please attend. We need you!

Reminder Stewart House Envelopes

Stewart House is a school/camp environment run by the Dept. of Education. It provides camps for students needing additional support and a break from their normal home environment. It has been a wonderful support to our students throughout the years.

The school cannot function without support and this is largely provided by teachers as well as donation form schools. We encourage you to find some spare change for this truly good cause and return it in the envelopes previously sent home or grab another from the office.

New Flash

Congratulations Miss Rafter on the birth of Ruby Rose-3.6kg at 10:00am on Saturday. Miss Rafter only left us a week ago!
We wish you and bub every happiness and look forward to seeing you both soon.

Around the Grounds Sport Roundup

What a fantastic day we had for our 2015 Athletics carnival on Friday 15th May. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day and to the 5 high school students who gave up their day to help. Well done to Lynch who was the winning house on the day.
Congratulations also to the following age champions:

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Local schools enjoying a friendly game in a recent soccer knockout event

39 students will now return to Gus Smith oval this Friday to compete in the Districts carnival. We wish them all the best.

We also have a boy’s league and two girl’s tag teams competing in the Mortimer Shield this Thursday 28th May at Keith Cullen Oval. They have been training at school during lunchtimes and sport and we hope they enjoy the day and are competitive.

Last Wednesday, all classes participated in an AFL clinic with representatives from Greater Western Sydney development team. All classes had a great time and we hope to see many of them participating the 5 week AUSKICK program between 4 and 5pm Wednesdays commencing on 3rd June on our school oval. If your child is interested please contact me for more information.

Outside of school, it is great to see we have once again entered two teams in the local junior basketball competition. It is a great opportunity for our students to learn the game and develop great skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing how they develop under the watchful eye of Mr Collins.

Mr Druett
Sports Coordinator
Events for Your Diary

High School Linkages for Year 6 - Will be held on Wednesdays this term in Weeks 6 to 10. Students will need to wear leather shoes in order to participate in certain activities. An activity selection note needs to be filled in and returned to Young North so that we can advise YHS of student preferences. A bus has been booked to transport all students attending each week.

Zone Athletic Carnival - Planned for Friday 29th May weather permitting.

Grip Leadership Conference Wagga CSU - Leadership team members will attend the Grip Leadership conference at CSU Wagga on 26/5/15. Thanks to Mrs Cass & Mrs Wilder who have offered to transport students with Mr Berry on the day.

CSU Future Moves - Thursday 28/5. As part of the school’s partnership with CSU our senior students will be working on the Future Moves Program again this year. CSU reps are aiming to familiarise and encourage students towards a tertiary education.

Mortimer Shield - Thursday 28/5. Don’t forget drink bottle, mouthguards, foot socks and sports uniform. Boys will be given jersey on day.

Upcoming Incursion

Notes will arrive shortly for a K-6 in-school performance looking at Australian Folklaw and history. Cost will be $4.00.

Show Details:
An informative and humorous look at the legends and heroes that make Australian Folklore. Using story, music, a vast array of props and audience participation from start to finish, Gerard Caffe brings Australia’s folklore to life. There is didgeridoo playing, sing-a-longs to some Australian classics and even a chance for students to test their sheep shearing skills, not with real sheep of course but these stuffed jumbucks prove just as feisty as the real thing. During the “dress the swagge” competition students meet Bob the swagge and are invited onto the stage to dress him in his hat, pipe, billy, tuckerbag and swag. It’s against the clock as each of the three volunteers compete for the fastest time.

Young Fire Station Open Day

Will be held on Saturday, 30 May 2015 between 10am and 2pm. Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, rescue tool demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and chat with firefighters about what they do. There will also be a vintage fire truck, jumping castle, sausage sizzle and drinks. There will be a colouring competition for kindergarten to year 3, please bring the finished colouring in to the station by 1pm for a chance to win a prize.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and with winter just around the corner, which is the worst time of the year for house fires, this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety. Visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au to find your nearest 2015 Open Day participating station and join us on Saturday, 30 May 2015.

PBL At Young North

The school is working hard to develop our second level of PBL which is targeted at enhancing the school’s capacity to run intervention programs that will support students who require more specific intervention than that which is provided by Tier One whole school programs. We are also working on a reboot to school incentives and celebrations to keep things fresh and exciting! Watch this space and also keep an eye on the paper for an upcoming PBL school feature.

Seasons for Growth - We have had a huge response to ‘Seasons for Growth’ (a grief based support program). Mrs Eatock has commenced running two sessions each week instead of the planned one. Students have been prioritised and we have developed further groups that will occur across the remaining terms of the year.

Drum Beat - Mr Berry has this week commenced ‘Drum beat’ which is a social skills based drumming program. The Learning Support Team has targeted students who can be supported with additional social skills coaching through this energetic and engaging program.

Yoga - This week two targeted groups began twice weekly Yoga sessions. These groups are being funded by the school. The groups have been selected by the learning support team with a focus on using Yoga to help with managing anger, anxiety and emotions as well as enhanced body and muscle awareness. Success of the program (being delivered by highly qualified Danette Watson) will be evaluated at the end of the term.

PAVE Project - The school recently hosted the training component of our partnership with Macquarie University. School staff will be supported in the implementation of the Cool Kids Anxiety Program which will initially be targeted at students as part of the universities research project but we also hope to expand the Cool Kids now that staff have received training.

Mrs Kirkwood (Assistant Principal Engagement)

Did You Know

As discussed earlier the school is receiving a range of performance data to support school decision making. We thought this was one you might like to see!

This provides an indication of the amount of growth being achieved by students at our school from Year 3 to Year 5, after adjusting for the characteristics of our school and its students. The curved line represents the growth of the average student. The measure uses an average of Reading and Numeracy NAPLAN scores for each year.
**Upcoming Events**

- **12th May**: Open Day at the Hub. All community members are welcome to come along, meet the friendly staff and enjoy refreshments from 9.30am.
- **13th June**: Members Only Morning Tea - A thank you morning tea for all existing Hub members. Please phone 3682 6328 or email to RSVP or enquire about joining.
- **20th & 21st June**: Family Fun Weekend for adults experiencing significant loss and/or change in their lives. Sessions will be held over 2 Saturdays from 10am-4pm at the Hub. Please phone 3682 6328 or email for more details/bookings.
- **11th July**: Art Therapy Day: Open to all who would benefit from a day of fun and learning. Leave the worries behind! Art is a great way to de-stress, express yourself and our qualified facilitators will explore a number of creative mediums on the day. Activities, morning tea & lunch provided. No experience necessary, bookings essential.

**Pre-sessional Activities**

- **Cake Decorating**: 1hr fortyfivesessions. $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. $10 per person with tax/offer provided. Take home a completed art work each session!
- **Young Carers Group**: Kurni No Child group for young people caring for a loved one with a disability, chronic illness or mental illness. Fortnightly Thursday meeting/activities.
- **Music and Movement**: For parents/carers and their people aged 12mths to 4 years. Every Wednesday morning term 9:30am to 10.30am during school terms. $2 per family.
- **Open Art & Craft Group**: Harrows Wednesdays, Young Fridays: Choose from either the Harrows Hub every Wednesday or Young Hub every Friday. Both groups run between 10am - 12noon. Join in with a group of like-minded folk while you work on a project brought in from home or make use of the Hub materials to create something on the day. $2 per person includes morning tea.
- **Keeping Safe in Mind**: A 2.5 hr course for separate parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. Develop a greater understanding about how to support children following family separation. Please call to register your interest.
- **Computer Group for Seniors**: Join us every Friday 2pm-4pm for computer basics at just $2 per person.

**The Grandparents Workshop Free**

**Babies haven’t changed but our knowledge has!**

Today many grandparents are providing care for their grandchildren either on a permanent basis or in a child minding capacity. Since your own baby was born, there have been many changes in how we care for women in pregnancy and birth and how parents care and nurture their new baby.

Young Community Health Centre will be running a group for new or existing grandparents designed to give grandparent the latest in health care information with regards to looking after babies and young children.

**Topic will include:**

- Changes in pregnancy and birth
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- SIDS
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**Looking after yourself as a grandparent.**

*This is a free workshop!*

When: **Friday 29th of May** between 9.30 and 2.00.

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For more information or to register, phone Wendy Fisher or Catrina Richens at Young Health Service on 6382 8700.

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**YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL presents in conjunction with YOUNG SHIRE COUNCIL**

**TONY HOANG**

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

AT YOUNG TOWN HALL

**ENTRY IS FREE**

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME**

**Light supper at 6.30pm**

**Guest speaker commences at 7.00pm**

Tony Hoang grew up in the drug capital of Australia, and was a gang member and drug dealer for almost a decade.

With 13 friends dead, six of which were murdered, Tony became compelled to share his story in the hope of inspiring youth off the path of destruction he was once on.

It was this so impacting it has been featured on the television shows ‘Gangs of Oz’ and ‘Once Upon a Time in Calabasas.’

Through his presentation, Tony will inspire motivation to achieve goals, challenge destructive mindsets, engage those at risk to rethink their path of destruction and share strategies for healthy and positive relationships.

**For more information, please call Young High School on 6382 1166**

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Thanks to staff and community for helping ensure our students enjoyed another great day.
Thanks to staff and the P&C for helping make this special day happen. Great job Variety Club!
We have been learning our sounds and doing lots of related science, art and music.

Fabulous fat frogs!

Quarrelsome queens!

Our marvellous mums!

Sensational snow!

Interesting insects!

Lovely lava lamps!