From the Principal

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

I can always tell by the amount of things that need to go in the newsletter just how busy school is. This week’s newsletter has some great shots of our students enjoying the amazing things that have filled our Term 1, 2015.

I wish everybody a great Easter as we enjoy the last few warm days before winter. I would like to thank the teachers for their hard work this term and for the extra hours they have put in to Futsal, Disco, Lambing Flat Festival, Harmony Day, Sports Carnivals, Interviews……. I truly enjoy working at a school where I absolutely know that our staff care deeply for our kids.

Congratulations to our Kinders (and their parents) for making it through your first term of school. You have grown up so much and I love coming down and seeing you as engaged and switched on school learners.

It has also been great to see some new faces on our staff settle in to life at Young North PS and I thank the community for helping welcome them into our school. I personally prioritise sourcing the very best staff available and feel that the addition to our school in 2015 have added value to an already great mix.

On a final note, there will be a range of works occurring in the school over the holiday break but I encourage the community to keep an eye out and ring the School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021 if you see anything of concern. The school is a closed site so there should not be trespassers on the grounds.

Have a great break and enjoy the eggs.

Best Wishes
Mr Smerdon
**Reminder: Skoolbag App**

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.

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**Harmony Day @ YNTH**

What a great day Harmony Day was this year with students rotating around Harmony themed activities with their buddies. Pictured to the right is one of the activities which saw students add their harmony day handprint to our harmony tree. Thanks to Miss Wise & Mrs Knapman for organising!

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**Go Blue for Autism 1 April & YNth PS**

What is Autism?

When someone has Autism Spectrum (ASD), it means that their brains are wired differently to other people. However the symptoms of ASD vary enormously from person to person. People with ASD find it difficult to interact socially and communicate with others. As they often have difficulty understanding what other people are feeling and what interests others, they might say the wrong thing.

They might talk for a long time about a topic they really like, as they are unaware that the topic is of no interest to others. They may not use gestures and body language, in the way that other people do. For example they may not use eye contact and may not smile. However, their ability to communicate can vary tremendously, with some people with Autism having no or limited speech, and others having extensive vocabularies.

Although people with ASD can find it difficult to talk to people and make friends, they still have the same emotions as anybody else and love to have friends, even if it’s hard.

People with ASD also like things to happen the same way. They might take the same route to school or the shops, or line up their toys in a particular order. If something is out of place or if routines change without warning, they can get upset or worried.

They may also be bothered by sudden loud sounds, bright lights or unexpected touch that do not bother others. They may become upset if someone hugs them or talks too quickly or loudly.

They often have intense interests in particular topics and may be extremely knowledgeable about their special interest areas. They can also have an amazing memory for detail.

Every person with Autism is different to another and has their own way of seeing the world, which makes them interesting and unique.

Don’t forget to wear something extra blue on the 1st of April at School!
Uniform - Photos coming up!
A reminder that the school jumper is Royal Blue. Parents are encouraged to purchase the school polar fleece or jacket available for order and quick delivery from the school office. We have seen a lot of plain navy jackets and also colourful jumpers arriving as the weather has turned. Please work hard to ensure students look smart in their lovely blue uniforms.

Easter Scripture Assembly
This year a short 15 minute service will be delivered in the hall at 2:30pm on Thursday, 2 April. Parents and community are welcome to attend.

Season For Growth & Drumbeat
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 have had a huge response to ‘Seasons for Growth’ (a grief based support program). Mrs Eatock will be running two sessions next term instead of the planned one.

SRC Letter Day
In Week 1 next term the SRC will be holding a fundraising ‘Letter Day’. A gold coin donation will allow you to come dressed as something beginning with the letters S, R or C. Funds raised will be directed to SRC selected projects.

New look IT Centre-Premier’s Reading Challenge
A reminder that the Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun with students from Year 1-Year 6. Students will be able to add their selected and personal choice books to their reading log through their student learning portal. Students will receive support with this during upcoming library sessions. Good Luck!

School Photos
School photo envelopes have already been sent home and can be returned to the Office prior to photo day or on the day of photos. NOTE: SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE IN WEEK 1 NEXT TERM! It is not a coincidence that the SRC ‘Letter day’ has been scheduled before photos to allow for students to wear their shiniest clean uniform for photos. Remember to wear logo shirts, shiny shoes and brush your wig 😊

Next P&C Meeting
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Tuesday 19th May 6:30pm
All Parents Welcome!

What’s on at the Young and District Community Hub
Feb/March 2015
Open Craft Club: All Welcome every Friday morning from 10am – 12noon commencing from 13/3. 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. $5 per person includes tea and coffee.
Trash and Treasure: Feb 28th at 8am! Lots of bargains, everything must go!
Engaging Adolescents: March evening sessions. Build your relationship with your teenager/s and learn how to have both casual and tough conversations that work for everyone. Gain understanding of what it means to be a teenager today and what are reasonable expectations.
Easter Hat Parade & Egg Hunt: book your spot now for our annual Parade and Egg Hunt. This year Parade will take place on April 1st and is open to all children aged 0-5yrs and their carers.
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 fort nightly Thursday 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 12/months to 4 years. Every Wednesday morning term 1:30pm – 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.
Special Needs Assistance Group (SNAG): Support group for families whose children have disabilities, learning difficulties and/or behavioural issues. Next meeting 19th March 1:30pm at the Hub. Existing members are invited to attend. For those wanting to join or enquire – Please phone Cathy on 6382 6328

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Mrs Kirkwood
Learning Centre Captain
**SEASON 2015 JUNIOR SOCCER REGISTRATIONS**

Soccer is the most popular sport in the world and is an ideal sport for fitness, health, strength and endurance. This year we are requesting that registrations be done online so as to reduce the amount of administrative time that is required to manually register players. Online registrations for this season are now available. Please go to the My Football Club registration page http://www.myfootballclub.com.au

We will however be holding 2 manual registration sessions to cater for those who are unable to register online. The first date will be Saturday 28th March between 10.00am to 1.00pm. The second and final date will be Saturday 18th April again between 10.00am to 1.00pm. The venue will be the Young S& S Club.

**Costs**

This is governed by the age you are turning this year.

- If you are turning 5, 6, 7 or 8 the cost is $70.
- If you are turning 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 the cost is $100.

Socks are $10 and Shorts are $20.

**Competition**

The competition will start off with a gala day on the 2nd of May and after 15 rounds of soccer, Grand Finals will be played on the 29th of August. We have age groups in the following divisions; 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 17.

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**Pamper yourself or a perfect gift**

**TERM TWO 2015 CHILDREN’S ART EXPERIENCE** Sponsored by Young Society of Artists Inc.

- **7 – 10 Year Olds** (Infants/lower Primary /lower secondary) 3 Classes x 3 Weeks
  - Starting Date: Thursday 7th May – 28th May 2015
  - Times: Thursday 4pm, to 5.30pm
  - Where: Art Room [Rear gate Southern Cross Cinema]
  - Cost: Upfront cost $40.00 [all art materials included]
  - Tutor: Megan Holt.

- **10 – 14 Year Olds** (upper Primary /lower secondary) 3 Classes x 3 Weeks
  - Starting Date: Thursday 28th May – 11th June
  - Times: Thursday 4pm, to 5.30pm
  - Where: Art Room [Rear gate Southern Cross Cinema]
  - Cost: Upfront cost $40.00 [all art materials included]
  - Tutor: Megan Holt.

Art Experience - During this six week program participants will be encouraged to build on basic painting and drawing skills. By exploring new techniques, tools and concepts Students will learn about tonal values, the colour wheel, observation and other key elements to help them create amazing artwork.

Limited spaces: Contact: Megan on 6382 7898 email kevandmeg@bigpond.com or contact Heather on 63823268 heather_ruhl@bigpond.com

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**TOY SALE**

Selling a huge range quality pre-owned toys at bargain prices

- Friday 17th April - 9.00am to 4.00pm
- Saturday 18th April - 9.00am to 12 noon

St John’s Church Hall - 19 Cloete Street in Young.

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**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.

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I have had a pleasant time settling in at Young North Public School and I have been very lucky to have such a wonderful class to help me do so.

This Term in 3/4T our big idea is cooperation. We have been extremely busy incorporating this theme into all subject areas. For writing, we have been learning about Persuasive and Narrative text types. We had a blast at our assembly, especially Zayd on that microphone 😊
In 5/6B this term we have been busy making our own puppets for our small groups plays in Creative Arts.

Along with the other 5/6 classes we helped to Clean Up Australia by picking up rubbish at a local park.

Several members of our class participated in the League and Tag League Gala Day against other primary schools from Young.