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

Welcome back to Term 3. Another exciting term lies ahead with the creative arts taking centre stage for our students as the beginning of the year sporting season slows down a little. Cherry Jam will be hosted at the school in Week 3 and celebrates Public Education in Young. I know Mrs Alexander has been working extremely hard as part of the organising team and this event is another example of the extra time and effort staff at our great public school’s are prepared to put in to ensure our students are offered wonderful opportunities to explore, grow and display their talents.

I would also like to invite our community to share Public Education Week at the school on Friday. We will be holding an extended assembly, opening rooms and then sharing lunch. Book fair will also be running all day in the Library and parents and guests are encouraged to support this as it helps our school library remain a well stocked resource for our students.

While the year is only half way through it is the beginning of transition time for schools. Both Kinder and Year 7 events are commencing and I encourage all prospective Kinder parents to register their child at the school and complete enrolment forms as we have a very large group looking to start in 2016.

Don’t forget that our Expo day is on in Week 6 where new students and their parents will take a tour around our school with their special Young North passports and keep an ear out for our new school add on Roccy FM!

Finally I would like to welcome 13 new students and their families to the school who have commenced this term. We have had new enrolments from far and wide and we are really excited to welcome such lovely families and students into the Young North Public School community of learners. A special thanks to our school induction coordinator (Mrs Parker) who was working very hard to ensure our new students have settled in and made a positive start.

Young North P.S is certainly a school that is working hard to meet our communities needs and is indeed a school that is going places.

Best Wishes
Mr Smerdon
Principal Young North P.S

Quote for the Week- Working Interdependently

"How far you go in life depends on your being lender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have all of these."

George Washington Carver

Rose Thompson Family Support Worker @ Young North P.S Fridays

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

Walk in or make an appointment at the school office
ICAS Computer Results

Congratulations to the following students who received commendations in the recent University of New South Wales Computer & Science Assessment:

Chantelle Bourne
Credit - Computers & Distinction - Science

Amy Lamb
Distinction - Computers

Cherry Jam

What is Cherry Jam?- Cherry jam is a joint Young Public Schools Creative Arts extravaganza.
Where do I buy tickets?- Tickets are available from M&M studio in Boorowa Street.
When is it on?- Cherry Jam will have two public performances on the evenings of 29th & 30th July.
Where?- In the Young North PS Hall
What is Young North PS doing?- We have dance, choir and drum items listed for the show. If your child is performing they will need to be available both evenings.

Hotshots Tennis

Mr Maher will be running Hotshots tennis with K-6 students again this year. Notes were forwarded home to all K-4 students with the cost being a very affordable $10 ($2 a week). The school was also recently lucky enough to receive a government sports grant to the value of $2400 which will be used to run a Stage 3 Tennis program at the tennis centre in Young in Term 4 and includes transportation, coaching and equipment.

Melbourne University Speech Program

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Over the coming weeks we are lucky to be joined by University practicum teachers who will be working across the school. This exchange between our school is a win win for both parties as student teachers need to complete in school experiences as part of their degrees and this helps them become great teachers. As a school we benefit from sharing their new and enthusiastic ideas and also develop our own staff’s capacity and mentor teachers while reflecting upon their own practice as they help their students. It is important to note that teachers continue the classes existing programs and all teachers are supported in continuing normal school welfare procedures and expectations.

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2. Book Fair - On Friday in the Library.
3. Friday Open Day - 11:20am Assembly
   12:30 Open Classrooms
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Note: P&C meal deal needs to be ordered using the order form. Parents may order their lunch (BBQ Chicken gravy roll) with their child’s for pickup on the day or bring your own lunch to share.

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Reminder: SkoolbagApp

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.

From the Office

Just a friendly reminder to bring in your glue stick for Term 3.

Don't forget me.

Around the Grounds Sport Roundup

Term 3 has just commenced and already we have lots of things happening in sport. Last week, Lara Turner was called up as reserve to run in the PSSA Cross Country in Eastern Creek. Only getting the call up an hour before the race, Lara gave it her all and really enjoyed the experience. Well done Lara!!!

This Friday we have three teams competing in the annual Young & Districts Soccer Carnival. Our 5/6 boys and girls and a mixed 3/4 team will head to Gus Smith with Mr Humphreys and myself. We wish all the teams the best and hope they have a wonderful day. NOTE: Soccer Carnival Postponed - new date to be advised.

Next Wednesday our Year 3/4 league and Oz tag teams will venture to Harden to compete in the Trent Barrett Shield. We wish both teams well and can't wait to hear how they go. Thanks again to Trude Cummings for coaching the girls side all year.

Mr Druett
Sports Coordinator

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your local primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre. It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

Repeat: Govt Schoolkids Bonus Payments

Uniform: When purchasing uniforms with your payments please consider the following:
- Pants are PLAIN NAVY. Parents are asked not to purchase striped or branded pants. We moved away from our increasingly expensive tracksuit pants to a plain colour to ensure we remained consistent and affordable. It doesn't make sense that students are now wearing expensive Canterbury and alike.
- We appreciate the need for layering in the colder months. If we could endeavour to keep jackets, scarves, beanies etc blue in colour it would be much appreciated.
- The school's jumper is royal blue. Please do not purchase navy jackets/jumpers.

School Contributions/ Book Levies: Mrs Trantino recently resent invoices for Book Levies and school contributions. These items are an expense incurred by the school in good faith that items will be paid for. As you can see at the top left of the page our levies and contributions are only a small part of the Govt Schoolkids bonus payments. I feel that these funds are intended to go towards uniform and school expenses. As a school we subsidise a range of programs like dance, drums, visiting shows, sports etc. If we don’t get our levies and contribution amounts in then funds from these programs will need to be redirected and therefore reduce student opportunities.

CURRENT OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS
School books $1450 Contributions $5000

Book Club

Book Club is booming at Young North PS. We recently processed $800 worth of orders for our students. 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)
**From the Stalk: Young North PS Baby News**

In Mrs Partridge has returned from maternity leave to Young North on 2J with Mrs Johnson at the commencement of Term 3. This job share has been planned to ensure maximum continuity of learning for students with Mrs Partridge being very experienced in Stage 1. Mrs Martin (Learning Support Officer) will continue to work in the room with both teachers.

Mrs Johnson: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Mrs Partridge: Thursday and Friday

If parents have any questions please catch Mr Smerdon for a chat.

Out- As you may be aware Mrs T is very excited about the birth of her second child due 30 November. We have already booked Mrs Bennett who knows the students in 3/4T well and is looking forward to joining us.

PS Miss Rafter is enjoying mummyhood and Mr Smerdon’s Henry just turned 1. 😊

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**PBL At Young North**

The students have nearly completed the final reward on our Star Card Rewards Box which is an inspirational speaker visit. Mr Smerdon has booked Mr Lorin Nicholson to speak and play his guitar to our students in Week 4 as outlined on this page. We are also looking forward to Mr Nicholson speaking at our community evening and encourage everyone to join us.

Students are encouraged to work hard to help us make this deadline. Be sure to bring in all of your Star Cards as after Week 4 we are moving to a fresh and exciting new set of challenges for our school. The PBL team have been working on this in a secret cave in a secluded location so that no one will know what our next challenges will be. Stay tuned for more details.

Mrs Kirkwood
(Assistant Principal Engagement)

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**Lorin’s Message.**

“Lorin’s list of achievements in music, sport, education and business are quite remarkable, however what makes his successes even more extraordinary is that he was born with Retinitis pigmentosa and has been legally blind his entire life.”

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**Friday 31st July**

Young North PS Library
**Please come and support this Library Fundraiser**

Note: Students with parents not attending Open Day will be given a chance to purchase in the morning session

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**Enrolling Now for 2016**

Kinder packs available from the office
excited to welcome Mrs Partridge back from maternity leave. She will be our teacher on Thursdays and Fridays. During that time she will be teaching us English, Mathematics especially shape and measurement, Science, PD, Health and Sport.

On her first day we were excited to ask questions that we had prepared in our grammar lesson the day before. We wanted to find out about Mrs Partridge, her teaching and baby Sophia.

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**2J are**

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**Have you taught Year 2 before?**
Yes I have. I taught a Year 1/2 class.

**Do you like teaching art?**
Yes I do. I like teaching drama too.

**What class do you like teaching the most?**
Every class I’ve taught will say theirs. They all have had lasting memories for me.

**Are you looking forward to teaching 2J?**
Of course! I’ve heard great things about this class.

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**How old is your baby?**
Sophia is eleven months old.

**Is your baby cute?**
We all think our babies are cute. Mine is the cutest!

**What does your baby eat?**
All types of food. At the moment her favourite is lasagne and yoghurt mixed with apple and pear.

**How is your baby going?**
Sophia is madly crawling. She took two steps to Tim and I yesterday.

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**Do you like cooking?**
I love baking. Choc chip cookies, brownies, cupcakes, anything really.

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**Are you going to miss Sophia?**
Of course! But teaching 2J will make it a lot easier.
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.

Community Noticeboard

Guitar lessons after school
Is your child interested in learning the guitar? If so, phone Holly on 63844233 after 6pm for further details.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives Schools the chance to earn new educational equipment. So start collecting your stickers now and place in Young North's collection box in store.