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

Next week our Kindergarten transition to school process begins for 2016. We look forward to meeting our new and excited faces as they attend the Open Day on Tuesday. As a school we have been working very hard on ensuring we develop really effective processes around students entering our school and also as they move on to High School. Transition for children is a very important time and requires them to be supported but also their parents and the receiving teacher. This three pronged approach to transition means students make a flying and happy start.

It was great to have Lorin Nicholson visit our school as our final PBL reward under the Star Card system. Mrs Kirkwood's report outlines the new and exciting system in this Newsletter. It is important to note that the move to our new system is simply to keep the reward system fresh and interesting for student, teachers and parents.

Lorin helped us consider that for people with a disability (and for us in general) the greatest barriers to our success are often what others consider we can’t do or what we let others tell us we can’t achieve. His strong relationship with his father and now his son also demonstrate that with support from one’s family there is almost nothing we can’t achieve. Lorin performed for K-2 and 3-6 students during two shows where he demonstrated his amazing guitar skills and shared with students his amazing story of persistence, resilience and enthusiasm. Lorin also performed at our HOOPS (Hilltops Community of Outstanding Public Schools) event that evening.

I would finally like to pass on my condolences to the families and friends of two dear friends of our school in the past weeks. Firstly, we were very sad to hear of the passing of Mrs Kaye Dinnerville. Kaye was a great supporter of our school and to Peter as Principal for so many years. Also, Mr John McGregor passed away over the weekend. John was always so positive about our school both within the community but also directly through council. This only increased while his grandson Mr Cant worked with us. We thank them both for all they contributed to Young North PS and once again pass on our deepest sympathies to their respective families.

Best Wishes
Mr Smerdon
Principal Young North PS
From the Office

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.

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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Great News! Our Education Week Book Fair sold $4000 worth of books. Scholastic will forward $997 of this to the school to use as credit towards book purchases for our library. Thankyou to everyone who supported the Book Fair and we can’t wait to see the new book on our shelves when they arrive.

Mrs Kirkwood (Book Fair Organiser)

Around the Grounds Sport Roundup

Young & District Soccer Carnival

Last Friday we had three teams participate in the annual Young & Districts Soccer Carnival. Our Year 3/4 team and Year 5/6 boys team both won three out of four games and played some wonderful soccer. Our Year 5/6 girls' team lost all of their games but showed improvement throughout the day. For many of these girls it was their first time playing soccer. Regardless of results, it was a pleasure for me, Mr Humphreys and Miss Bunny to accompany the students on the day. They displayed exemplary sportsmanship on the day and really supported each other. They did Young North proud.

Hotshots Tennis

It was wonderful to see Hotshots begin last Thursday for Kindergarten to Year 4. The students looked like they were all having a great time and learning some new skills.

Boorowa Training Begins

In other news, this week teams will start to be selected and begin training in preparation for the Boorowa Touch/Netball carnival in early Term 4. If your child is interested please ensure they get a note this week.

New Sports Uniforms

The school is currently working with P&C to purchase new multipurpose sports tops. They will be the same as our current Year 6 shirts with YNPS SPORT on the back. We hope this purchase will help our students look sharp across a range of events. We are also looking into the purchase of football shorts and socks to ensure our students in football events look sharp from head to toe.

Best of Luck Regional Athletics Reps

Mr Druett
Sports Coordinator

Enrolling Now for 2016

Kinder packs available from the office
PBL At Young North

The first class to be able to place the stickers on the Star Wall were 3/4T. The stickers replace our star cards and are placed on the stars. Once the star is full the whole school receives the reward. Congratulations to the Lucky Dip winners at the Primary Assembly last Friday and to Mrs Temoanaui, Miss Bunny and Mr Druett who won the teacher’s rewards.

Mrs Kirkwood
(Assistant Principal Engagement)

Successful $1000 Landcare Gant

Young North is proud to have received one of 25 Yates Junior Landcare Creative Gardening Grants Australia-wide. Landcare seeks to find potential programs that show innovative ways of creating a garden within their school or community. Grants are awarded to innovative, sustainable and environmentally conscious entries. A number of Young North students will buddy up with residents of Southern Cross Retirement Village and propagate native plants in old, reclaimed washing machine cylinders. Children will form friendships and share stories with the residents, beautify the retirement village patio area and learn about sustainability in the process. Great job Mrs Knapman who put our submission together!

Book Week @ Young North PS

Young North Public School will be celebrating Book Week from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August (Week 7). As part of the celebrations we will be holding a Book Week Character Parade on Friday 28th August at 9:30am in the School Hall. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Costumes are not expected to be elaborate or purchased. You can recycle, borrow or even make them. As part of the celebration we also ask that all students bring a gold coin donation for the Make-A-Wish foundation. The foundation is now in their 30th year and has granted over 8,000 wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. Make-A-Wish wishes give seriously ill children hope for the future, strength to face the challenges of their illness and joy from their incredible wish experience. Parents are more than welcome to attend the Parade. We look forward to an exciting fun day.

Premier’s Reading Challenge Reminder

Please complete all online Student Reading Records by the 21st August so it may be validated by the 28th August. All students completing the challenge will be eligible for a PRC certificate in Term 4.

Open Day

When: Tuesday 18th August
Time: 10:00am-11:00am
For: All 2016 Kinders & Friends

Reminder Guitar Day & Teacher Swap

Parents are advised that guitar lessons have been swapped from Thursday to Tuesday. Mr Mark Corkery will be taking over the groups.

Sports Grant $2400

This week the school was presented with a $2400 cheque after our grant application to provide Stage 3 tennis instruction at the Tennis Centre was approved. The money will be utilised to support transport, instruction and equipment. Thanks Mr Druett for preparing our application! Sporting Schools is an Australian Government initiative delivered by the Australian Sports Commission.

The Sporting Schools programme is committed to helping sport, schools and communities work closer than ever before to grow sport activity in primary schools. Its key purpose is to encourage more children to do more sport activities and games, and empower schools to help them do that.
Last Wednesday Lorin Nicholson came to our school to talk about his life. He is blind and also rode his bike from Tamworth to Port Macquarie. He has made four albums and has made it to the finals of the Tamworth Music Festival playing the guitar. He said, "Never give up and the only person stopping you if you think something is impossible is you". My favourite part of the performance was when he got Wade to put on his special glasses. My favourite song that he played on the guitar was The Man from Snowy River.

Extracts from Zoe and Yasmin's Reports 3/4He
This week Year 1 students were lucky enough to participate in the Young North PS “Great Billy Cart Build”. Miss Wise was so excited to have Cowra Bunnings supply billy cart kits for our students which were pre cut by their staff. Students then worked in teams with volunteer parents, community members, Men’s Shed representatives and Bunnings workers to assemble their racing machines. What an amazing activity!
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

South West Regional Family Day Care
Excellent Children in Home

South West Regional Family Day Care now has vacancies in YOUNG

If you require Fulltime, Casual, Before and After School care or Vacation care please ring 0262921017 for an enrolment pack.

Approved Providers Across WBA Council
fix@aeec.morgan.as

SAV E THE DATE
Mercy Care Centre
Hollywood themed Masquerade Ball 6pm 7 November 2015 - funds raised will go toward the refurbishment of the Hennessy Day Centre and the Paediatric Gym.

It is that time AGAIN! This year the School Concert will be held at the end of the term. It is called “Moments in Time”. This concert incorporates our Creative Arts program that is mandatory in the school. All the classes have been working extremely hard to produce some quality performances. WE are planning to have a Matinee Performance for other schools and preschools (Wednesday 16th August) and also a night Concert for all the parents on Thursday 17th August (Week 10). Set times and tickets will be on sale closer to the date.

COSTUMES: To make it the most cost effective, equitable and EASY for all the classes we are asking all students to bring in $10.00 for costume hire. Some classes will require students to wear underclothes like bike pants and a plain t-shirt as undergarments. A note regarding hair, make-up and underclothes will be sent out later on in the term. Please fill out the form below and return your $10.00 hire fee promptly to the front office.

SCHOOL CONCERT

MOMENTS in TIME COSTUME HIRE

☐ I have enclosed $10.00 for my child __________________________ in Class __________

Signed: __________________________
Date: __________________________

Young Carers Group

Do you help care for someone in your family with a disability, mental illness or chronic illness?

Are you aged between 9-14 years and living in the Young District?

There are other young people who understand all the ups and downs of being a young carer.

Meet with others, relax and have some fun!!!

When: Every Second Thursday 3.30 – 4.30
Where: Young & District Community Hub
2c Campbell Street Young
Phone: 6362 4217 for more information

Afternoon Tea & Activities Provided