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

Welcome back! I must admit I kind of like the short first week to the year as it helps me go like crazy for a few days and ensure everything is in place, take a break and then hit the ground running in Week 2.

I have attached a few important things to this Newsletter that you might like to hang on to or put on the fridge.

1. School Book Pack and Contributions form
2. Staff Map and Photo page
3. Details of Important notes that need to be returned -General permission
   -Band, Guitar, Dance and Aerobics Team
   -Year 3-6 University Competition forms
4. Term 1 Calendar (note Terms 2-4 on their way just being finalised)
5. 2016 Canteen Price List

I would also like to extend a welcome to Mr Bauhammer, Miss Derwent, Miss Symons and Mr Happer who begin work at our school this year. I trust you will all make them welcome as they settle in and bring their fresh ideas and varied talents to our great school.

Over the holidays you may have noticed that there were builders on site. We are excited to see the second phase of our disability works being completed. A range of new entries, ramps, stairs and a second disability toilet have been installed making the entire school up to building code for disability access.

Furthermore, the library renovations will be completed in Week 3 with new shelving in both the library and storeroom being installed. K-2 veranda spaces will also have bag storage and workstations installed to support more effective use of the verandas as learning spaces. Finally, the existing timber retaining walls below the primary playground ramp as well as the wall and ramp leading to the library will be bricked and improved. Phew!

To our new families, we welcome you to the greatest school in the universe and to our existing families we look forward to to another great year.

Kel Smerdon
Principal Young North PS

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**Quote for the Week**

"Let us consider an alternative style of thinking, which we can call 'creative thinking.' It is playfully instructive to note that the word 'reactive' and the word 'creative' are made up of exactly the same letters. The only difference between the two is that you 'C' [see] differently."

John Quincy Adams, U.S. President

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**Term 1 Dates to Remember!**

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**Changes & Additions to Calendar:** Aerobics Team Thursday Lunch Don’t forget your joggers
Wk 5 Recognition Assembly shift to Thurs - Gala day clash

Note: Parent teacher Interview will be Week 7 Mon-Wed. For your diary.

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

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

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**Phone:** 02 6382 2579 **Fax:** 02 6382 3002
2016 Book Packs and School Contributions
(as included in 2015 reports)

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These books are very competitively priced as they are GST free with an additional school discount.

Please note - These packages include all the Back Books the children will require throughout the year.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

1: Child $45.00 2: Children $50.00 3: Children $75.00

These funds directly impact upon the learning environment and resources of our school.

Note: Parents can make a payment plan in person at the Office. Books will not be forwarded to students until a first payment is made. Young North has incredibly low fees and levies and your support meeting these (from the back to school bonus) is much appreciated. We are not a charitable organisation and thus shortfalls need to be met from school budgets that reduce our capacity to subsidise programs in other areas eg arts, IT and PBL etc. The small amount of student welfare funds allocated to the school are used to support student access to extra curricula programs and crisis needs. These funds are not sufficient enough to pay student levies and fees which are more than provided for in the Back To School Bonus allocation.

NEXT P&C Meeting AGM
Tuesday 6:30pm
16 February in the Admin Building
We look forward to welcoming new faces to our team in 2016. Don't be shy!
School Aerobics Team

Miss T is volunteering her time while on maternity leave to train and manage the ‘Young North Aerobics Team’. A training squad will see 10 dedicated team members travel to Sydney to compete in the state schools aerobic challenge this year. Miss T is a seasoned campaigner in this area having taken previous school teams to National level. Selected members will need to commit to the team’s commitments for the full year as once our team is entered names cannot be changed. Training will also be held each Thursday lunch.

Premier’s Sports Grants Tennis & Bball

We were once again lucky enough to receive a Premier’s Sport Grant this year! We will be using funds to cover our Hotshots tennis program this Term which will now be free for all students. We are also looking into a basketball program for later in the year which will utilise the remainder of our grant funds.

Book Covers for 2016

A handy suggestion for this year’s book covering. Mrs Trantino tried them out this year with her girls and they come highly recommended. What’s more the school gets a little bit out of each purchase. Worth a look with examples at the Office.

School Arts Programs

Dance, Drums, Choir, Guitar

Once again we will be running Dance, Drums, Choir and Guitar programs for students from Year 2-6. Expressions of interest should be made on the note being forwarded home this week. Fees for dance, drums and choir will be $100 for the entire year. We are seeking parental support in ensuring students commit fully to these groups for the year to ensure they and the school benefits from this investment. Once again these program will be heavily subsidised by the school as we value giving our students a chance to develop in these areas through affordable and accessible pathways. Payment plans can be entered into but a deposit needs to be made and a terms payment needs to be met prior to the next term commencing (eg $25 needs to be paid for each term).

School of Music Tuition

Students who wish to be tutored in other instruments on private arrangements with the school of music can easily be accommodated in our new music room. Please initially speak to the school of music regarding bookings and then liaise with the school to support your lesson.

Speech Pathology

The school is exploring a partnership with a local speech pathologist to deliver individual and group speech pathology on a few paying basis. Young & District Speech Pathology can offer services in school for:

1. Groups 1-2 students-$20pp/30 minutes
2. Groups up to 5 $15pp 30mins
3. Individual $50 30mins

Normal fees for such a service would be $60-$80 for 30mins and the above mentioned fees can be claimed through private health funds. Our intention would be to groups students where relevant as a way of extending from our Melbourne University target program each year.

Please return this slip to Mr Smerdon
Yes we are interested in this service. Student Name: Class: “

Buddy Bench

Our new Buddy Benches are installed. This joint P&C and school idea provides another PBL based support for student welfare within our school. Students will be taught when and how to use these benches so that they can help make our playground an even friendlier place for our students. Thanks to Mr Tierney for his work getting them finished for the start of the year!
**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.

**The Great Host Family Hunt is on again!**

World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year-old girl or boy.

Our students come from countries such as Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile and are arriving in July 2016. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our fantastic Australian hospitality and lifestyle.

Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist.

Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas.

To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!

1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au  www.wep.org.au

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**Annette’s Place Preschool and Child Care Centre.**

Register your child now for a place at Annette’s Place in 2016 for our preschool, long day care, after school and vacation care. Surrounded by an all-natural environment and serviced by the school bus. Play, laugh and learn at Annette’s Place. (02) 6382 2645
Watch out Kinders About

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Parenting the Anxious Child

This seminar looks at strategies parents and carers can learn to best help settle and manage their child’s anxiety. It also assists parents and carers in gaining a better understanding of the causes of anxiety and the types of anxiety. Some types of anxiety we discuss are social, separation, generalised, specific phobias and post-traumatic stress anxiety.

DATE: Thursday 17th March, 2016
TIMES: 10:00am to 12:30pm or 3:30pm to 6:00pm
LOCATION: School Hall
Young High School,
(follow the signs from the Campbell St drive entrance)
Resources and support material provided

Presenters:
Narelle Bird – Senior Relationship Educator
Selina Brandy – Aboriginal Community Development Worker

To make a booking, or for more information please contact the High School Office on 6382 1166

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