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

So we have launched into Facebook. I must admit I was a conservative thinker in this area but have come to be an absolute convert.

**Some Important things to remember about Young North PS’s Facebook page:**

- A place to share and celebrate our school together.
- A platform to positively praise and comment on, and build up all members of our community. A pat on the back makes a big difference.
- A tool to share key messages about our school and promote a positive experience for those who may not truly know or have experienced Young North PS.

**It is not:**

- A place to pass negative comment or to resolve matters that are better addressed in person with those who can find a solution to any issues that arise. 'Don’t Facebook your issues face them' is the phrase often thrown around.
- A platform that we will use to communicate school events and administrative material. Skoolbag and the school newsletter is the place to go for this information.

**Student Privacy**

The school has worked very hard to afford parents the opportunity to consider their children’s participation in media releases by the school. The school always considers carefully the pictures and stories it presents about our school. Please have a look at the first few Facebook posts to get a feel for how this is occurring. Student enrolment forms have media opt in or out sections where you will have made a choice on enrolment. Further to this we included this again in our green “All in One” note that went out this year. If you have not sent this form back with your preference then we will continue to work in line with enrolment preferences as indicated. As I mentioned above, I was a Facebook conservative and do feel this is a great way to share and celebrate our wonderful children and their achievements in a really positive manner.

**Two Community Announcements to Remember**

1. Don’t miss the Community Kitchen details included in the Community Noticeboard section of this Newsletter and in notes that went home Wednesday.
2. Reduced priced winter uniform items will be on sale each Wednesday morning from 8:45am – 9:45am starting in Week 7 in the school playground at our pop up stall.

Kel Smerdon
Principal Young North PS
Sport Report

Districts Swimming
On Monday we have 20 students participating in the Young & Districts swimming carnival at the Young Aquatic Centre. We wish them all the very best and know that they will represent Young North with great pride.

Tennis Hotshots
It is great to see the Hotshots program has started with all students participating with great enthusiasm. Speaking to Col Maher, he has indicated that there are plenty of students with wonderful attitudes and plenty of potential. Keep up the good work!

Rugby League/Tag Gala Day
This Friday we have around 80 students from Years 3 to 6 heading to Keith Cullen Oval to participate in the annual gala day. The day is a non-competitive event and is designed to introduce students to the games of rugby league and Austag. We hope all the students have a great day and remember to pack plenty of water.

League and Austag Gala Day Reminder

When: This Friday 26 February
Who: For selected students Yr 3 -6
Transport: Walking
Time: 9:30 to 2:30
Needs: 1. Mouthguard (boys) 2. Sports and polo with footy jumper/sport shirts to be provided on the day by the school 3. school footy socks.
DON'T FORGET SUNCREAM, HAT AND WATER!!!

Mr Scott Druett
Sports Coordinator

From the Office

School Book Packs & Contributions
Thankyou to those parents who have promptly made payment. A reminder that if you have entered into a payment plan we look forward to regular payments being made.

Footy socks
Are running out fast as we head into this week’s League Gala Day. $5 available from the office.

Photos
School photos will be held at the end of this term. Please consider any uniform needs leading into this time. Order packs will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Year 6 T Shirts
The note for this year’s shirts went out this week. Cost will be $35 with deposits or full payment being taken now. Shirts will not be released until full payment has been met.

Moving into Year 7 2017 Year 6 students will receive their moving into Year 7 packs in early March with paperwork to be returned by 18th March.

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 have now been finalised and training is occurring each Mon, Wed, Thurs.

Speech Pathology
The school is exploring a partnership with a local speech pathologist to deliver individual and group speech pathology on a fee 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:

New Faces Around the School
You might notice a few new faces around the school in the coming weeks. David Lakin- is helping Mr Tierney as an additional groundsman. Mrs Katy Fogg- Has joined us as an additional Learning Support Officer on Monday-Thursdays 9am-2pm each day. Miss Ellie Ragg- Joins us from Sydney as an additional Disability & Learning Support teacher.

Our school is truly resourced with an amazing quality and quantity of staff. Our students are very lucky.
School Arts Programs

Our Dance, Drums, Choir and Guitar groups have all found their feet for 2016. As outlined in this year's expression of interest we really need students to make the most of these opportunities and commit to attending and paying for if a payment plan has been entered into. We look forward to seeing you perform throughout the year! There was some confusion surrounding eligibility of K-2 students for choir. Mrs Alexander and Miss Wise are happy to have junior student in the choir and will be sure to include them.

Save the Date: School X Country

When: Tuesday 5th April, Week 11
Where: Young Golf Course
Who: 8yrs to 12+

Uniform Shop Opening

Every Wednesday
March the 9th 8.45 - 9.45
(Next to Canteen)

Pre Winter Sale
Fleece Jackets $22
Size 4-16
Long Sleeve Shirt $22
Sizes 6-16

Congratulations
Mr Tierney

Mr Tierney celebrated his 60th birthday with staff this Wednesday.

Easter Hat Parade Advanced Warning

24th March Week 9
4 weeks to get your Easter hat made….eat the eggs off it…..replace the eggs...
A School That’s Going Places

The department shares lots of information with me around school performance. Below are a couple of examples that I thought you might like to see.

This year we lodged 289 students as our census figure for 2016. Projected enrolments into 2017 see us moving to the 300 mark. We are currently a few students off being able to form another class and this week will be forming another temporary (with a view to permanent) Multi-category Disability Class. To be know as Hub 2.

Our value added (growth) in combined literacy and numeracy Yr 3-5 shows us in 97th percentile.

Copy of descriptor from DEC BI data Tool:
This graph provides an indication of the amount of growth being achieved by students at your school from Year 3 to Year 5, (after adjusting for the characteristics of the students) later referred to as value-added. The (curving) dotted line represents the growth of the average student. The measure uses an average of Reading and Numeracy NAPLAN scores for each year. This is a fair, reliable and accurate indication of school effectiveness that is widely used by schooling systems in Australia and internationally. Our current data places us at ‘Excelling’ level on the School’s excellence framework. This is not to be sneezed at.

K-2 Weather Shed

I think my email to Asset Management read- “Houston we have a problem” after recent surveys revealed our K-2 weather shed was actually located entirely on what was the old school quarters land, but is now privately owned. The likely solution will be the relocation of the weather shed to a new location and the moving of the fence to its correct boundary position. Basically this will see both fences straightened out to meet at the intersection of the path near the play equipment. I apologise to the little gathering of community who frequent this area in the afternoons for any inconvenience. We will be sure to help you move to the new location when construction is finished.

Jump Rope for Heart

Students should have received sponsorship forms for Jump Rope for Heart this week. Students may complete the sponsorship process using the traditional paper format or can now go online and enter their sponsor details using the link below.

http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Young-North-Public-School-YOUNG-NSW-122488

The official ‘Jump off’ will be scheduled for Friday of Week 7 so get skipping to help raise funds for the Heart Foundation and also to get fit yourself!

Junior AFL in Young

The Young Saints AFL club are proud to announce the establishment of Junior AFL in Young. The Saints have entered 2 teams in the CWAFL competition: Under 12 years & Under 14 years

Training has commenced at Miller Henry oval Burrangong at 5pm Wednesday afternoons. Girls and boys of all sporting backgrounds are encouraged to come and try Australia’s own game. Our game is fast, safe and loads of fun to play.

Parents/kids wanting more information are encouraged to phone:
Patrick Webb 0400 373 936
Geoff Harmer 0457 341 719
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.
NRMA Visit
Thanks to NRMA and local Police for conducting this week’s Road Safety and bus awareness program. Kinder students learnt how to keep safe when travelling home.

PBL Reward Day
Students enjoyed cooking with their buddy class this week after we reached our first whole school PBL reward event for the year. Thanks Miss Cant and for helping organise it with the help of staff.
What a great start to the Year in 5/6Dr. We have been very busy in all subjects. In English, we have been learning the art of writing persuasive texts. We have been arguing (happily of course) about such things as homework, junk food, gun laws and school uniforms. In maths we are working hard on whole number, addition and subtraction as well as learning our times tables.

In Science we are learning all about deserts. In particular, we are learning about why they are classified as deserts and how plants and animals adapt to survive there. History has us learning all about Australia and how it became a nation.

In sport, we have begun the 6 week Tennis 'Hotshots' program and have been learning about volleyball. The tennis has been fun and has revealed some very talented tennis players in 5/6Dr.

We have also had the opportunity to catch up and meet our buddies in KW. We learnt a wonderful alphabet song with them and can't wait to share it with everyone at this week's recognition assembly.

We look forward to the year ahead and all the challenges we will face as a class.
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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OPPORTUNITY - DIVERSITY - INCLUSIVITY

Tuesday 15th March 2016
2:30-6:30
Take a guided tour to see the outstanding opportunities and resources, including our comprehensive and diversified curriculum, YHS has to offer.
Meet our friendly school team, including the executive staff, current and former students.
Enjoy a free sausage sandwich cooked by our state finalist boys’ touch football team.
Relax on the deck of our new Hospitality Trade Centre while indulging in afternoon tea.
Experience the creative culture of YHS with Music, Dance and Drama performances throughout the day.

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