Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week with sports convenors running awareness days for AFL, rugby league and netball. These days have come a long way in recent years with a stronger emphasis on skills development, fun and fitness which are all necessary in a young person’s life. The first of the gala days and representative fixtures are also upon us.

I took time to sit in on a Footsteps dance session this week. They are really well organised, choreographed and engaging which creates students motivation to participate. The level of listening, watching, concentrating and application will surely benefit student development.

Mrs Reimer mentioned that we have had 40 applicants for the junior choir. They are preparing verses of 'Danny Boy' to perform at the school ANZAC ceremony.

School photos are next Tuesday (2nd April) and this year, as described on the packs, there are portrait and class group photos as a response to parental request over a number of years. If you need to know what time a particular group is being taken, could you please phone MSP directly as Mrs Braham or I may not know their exact schedule. URGENT: To be in class group photos, students must be here by 9.10am. As group photos will only be taken once, students must be here. People who have music lessons etc. should ring MSP 0438 166 215 to check times.

One of the joys of principalship is being able to see, hear and listen to the Kinder to Year 2 students as they come to see me for their Principal’s stickers. I sense their pride and recognise their achievement as they detail their work and have those interesting little chats about their class and learning.

This has been an excellent media week for Young Public School with Monday’s paper reflecting the special opening of our school’s fitness area and in Wednesday's had the students enjoying the special dance program ‘Footsteps’ with some lovely photos of our students watching intently and listening as they undertake learning a new dance. The paper also featured successful ex-students continuing to achieve with their tennis with Young High School. Well done everyone.

As you may have read in the last newsletter, due to food safety regulations, our canteen can no longer heat food brought to school. There are a number of health and safety issues concerning re-heating or heating food that has been in bags. Please be advised that after Easter we can NO LONGER HEAT or REHEAT food. If this causes concern please call Mr Blair. However, gluten free hot food items will be available on the Term 2 menu. Please also ask that children remember to order their lunch when they arrive at school as we cannot ensure that they will be able to get what they wish for lunch. For late lunch orders that cannot be supplied, students will be able to have a sandwich. The Term 2 menu will be forwarded to parents in Week 11 and be available on the website. Please also be aware that the canteen cannot accept foreign coins. The bank returns them and we cannot cash them in. If students bring foreign coins, we cannot accept them and will have to provide items that match their money.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everybody an enjoyable break. I hope those celebrating Easter recognise and enjoy its significance. This is a great time to rest and enjoy family time. Then we are back for a week and a half before we have the term break.

Regards, Peter Blair

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – TUESDAY 2nd APRIL

A reminder that our school photo day will be held this Tuesday 2nd April. Envelopes and money are brought to the school on the photo day and handed to the photographer. All students need to be in full summer uniform – thank you.
SCHOOL DISCO – THURSDAY 4th APRIL
Our first disco for 2013 will be held next Thursday 4th April. The Stage 1 (Kindergarten to Year 2) will be held from 5.30pm to 6.45pm, and Stages 2 & 3 (Years 3-6) from 7pm until 8.30pm. Entry is $3/student; there is a $5 special for the Stage 1 disco which includes entry, drink & selection of sweets. Please collect your child promptly at the end of their session. Please note that any student who has had 2 or more detention/suspensions this term is unable to attend.

P&C NEWS (contributed by Sally Martin)
- **Helpers for the disco (4th April).** We need approx. 6 people for the infant and primary discos to assist in running the canteen for the children. If you are able to assist, please reply to yps.parentsassociation@gmail.com
- **P&C meeting – date change.** Due to a short and busy week next week (disco Thursday evening), the P&C meeting will be postponed to the following **Wednesday evening (10th April)** at 7pm in the staffroom.

**COMING EVENTS**
- Friday 29th March: Good Friday – public holiday
- Monday 1st April: Easter Monday – public holiday
- Tuesday 2nd April: School photo day
- Thursday 4th April: School disco – 5.30pm & 7pm
- Friday 5th April: Stages 2 & 3 assembly – 12.15pm

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**NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES**
- **Jackeroo Ranch – Horse Riding (Autumn School Holiday Riding Camps).** Held from Sat. 13th April-Sat. 20th April, and Sat. 20th April-Sun. 28th April at Bingletree Station at Upper Turon. Five to six hours/day are devoted to horse activities – other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, camp fires etc. Please contact Pattie Hudson on 6337 7173 for more information (evenings are best).

Peter Blair, Principal

**EASTER HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY TIPS** (extract from Regional SchoolBiz Newsletter)
As the Easter long weekend approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for holiday trips. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over the long weekend. Here are some useful road safety tips you can take in to make sure your journey is a safe one:
- Don’t set off on a long trip at the end of a day’s work
- Sleep well before travelling. Don’t drive at times you would normally be asleep
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones

Double demerit points apply to all speeding and seatbelt offences from Thursday 28th March to Monday 1st April inclusive.

Have a safe and happy Easter!