Dear All,
I hope everybody had a restful and peaceful break over the Easter period. We come back to school for this week and next and then students commence school holidays.

There are 2 Staff Development Days to commence Term 2. Staff has been allocated the extra day to undertake training in implementing the new NSW Curriculum. Mr Muir, Mrs Edwards and Mrs McFadyen have received training and will take this second Staff development Day to pass this knowledge onto staff.

We will be addressing module 3 of the course and the topics include:

a. Exploring the new English K-10 syllabus and what Young Public School needs to do
b. Planning necessary to use the new curriculum
c. Implementing the new curriculum

In Week 3 of Term 2 students will once again participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment procedures. The program of assessments will be as follows: Tuesday 14th May – Language Conventions and Writing tests; Wednesday 15th May – Reading test; Thursday 16th May – Numeracy test; Friday 17th May – catch-up day to complete tests. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s participation in the NAPLAN process, please feel free to contact the school.

As we have discussed in previous newsletters, we continually investigate student safety. To this end we have focused on student and traffic safety around our school. One possible solution to reduce the traffic flow is for parents to park in the hospital shop car park. Parents can enter from both ends of Allanan Street. When using this option parents and students only have to cross one small street, Caple Street, then there are 2 marked crossings. This option could take a little more time for parents but it could be significantly safer for students, reduce traffic flow in and around Bruce Street, and make it safer for everyone using the area.

Just a reminder that the school car park is for staff, taxis delivering and collecting Support Unit students, delivery and maintenance vehicles. With this amount of car park traffic, we need to limit the amount of traffic through one gateway and entering into a cul de sac.

The School Welfare Committee has been working on developing a school advisory system for our school. Signs will assist students understanding out of bounds, walking and running areas of our school. One important aspect is that we will continue to have NO STUDENT MOVEMENT through the car park. Please assist us with this safety initiative.

Regards, Peter Blair

SCHOOL DISCO – TONIGHT THURSDAY 4th APRIL
Our disco will be held this evening, Thursday 4th April. The Stage 1 (Kindergarten to Year 2) disco 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – CATCH-UP DAY
The photographers will be at the school tomorrow, Friday 5th April, to take individual photos of children who were absent on our photo day last Tuesday. These photos will be taken from 9.30am until 10am.
CLOTHING POOL
The clothing pool will be open tomorrow, Friday 5th April, from 8.45am until 9.15am, and again from 2.45pm until 3.10pm.

TERM 1 VACATION DATES
Friday 12th April is the last day of Term 1 2013. Students return to school on Wednesday 1st May to commence Term 2 (Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th April are Staff Development Days).

CROSS COUNTRY – 2013
All students in Stages 2 & 3, plus 8 year olds in Year 2, will participate in our school Cross Country Championships to be held next Tuesday 9th April. Children will travel to the Young Golf Club by bus, leaving school at 9.30am and returning approx. 11.30am. The bus fare is $1.50 which is paid to the driver on the day. Students not wishing to run at a competitive level will be allowed to walk the course. Permission notes should have been returned to the school by last Tuesday 2nd April. We would appreciate parent helpers are required on the day – please contact Mr DeBritt or Ms Nelson if you are available.

CELEBRATING TOO WEEK
Next week Young Public School will be celebrating ‘Thinking of Others’ Week. Each day this week students will have the opportunity to try some different games and activities with their buddies, organised and supervised by our SRC members. On Friday of Week 11, 12th April, we will hold our TOO Week/Harmony Day assembly for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Family and friends are most cordially invited to attend this assembly. Students from some classes will perform items which reinforce our ‘thinking of others’ theme. Due to the number of items, the school band will not be playing at the assembly. Please note that this assembly will begin at 11.30am, not at our usual assembly time.

WOOLIES EARN & LEARN – RESOURCES AT THE SCHOOL
The school has received some wonderful resources (over $9000!) from the 2012 Woolies Earn & Learn Promotion. Thank you to the many families who dropped in stickers at the school to enable us to obtain the resources. A special thank you to Miss Leonie Parker for the time and effort she put in to coordinate this promotion.

COMMEMORATION OF ANZAC – SCHOOL CEREMONY & ANZAC DAY MARCH
• Commemoration ceremony at school – Wednesday 10th April
  There will be a special commemoration at our school next Wednesday 10th April at 10.45am in the quad. Mr John Walker will speak on behalf of the RSL. Parents are welcome to attend.
• ANZAC Day March – Thursday 25th April (week 2 of holidays)
  All students are welcome to participate in the commemoration of ANZAC on Thursday 25th April. Our school has been invited, along with all local schools, to march as part of the commemoration. We hope that many of our students will march on this day. Students are to assemble at 10.30am at Anderson Park and will then march to the Town Hall for the service. Students are requested to wear full summer uniform and should be collected from the Town Hall at the conclusion of the service. Staff will supervise students during the ceremony.

P&C NEWS
➢ P&C meeting. A reminder that this meeting will be held next Wednesday 10th April at 7pm in the staffroom – parents are most welcome.
➢ Mother’s Day Stall – Thursday 9th May. This popular fundraiser will be held on Thursday 9th May. Donations of soaps, mugs, tea towels, face washers etc. would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office. If any parents could help on the stall, please contact Angela Fitzpatrick on 0400 357 335. All presents are $5 each.
➢ IGA Scan Tags – Last year we set up the Scan Tag fundraising at Donges IGA. For all the new parents and families at YPS you can pick up your scan tag from the IGA main counter (there is a bucket with YPS on it), when you purchase your groceries you scan the tag and points go towards the YPS account. We can then use this in conjunction with the Student Representative Council to purchase sports equipment or fund projects the SRC feel are required. To date we have raised $243 for the school.
COMING EVENTS
Friday 5th April  Stages 2 & 3 assembly – 12.15pm
Clothing pool – open before & after school
Tuesday 9th April  Cross Country Championships
Wednesday 10th April  Commemoration ceremony – 10.45am in quad
P&C meeting – 7pm
Thursday 11th April  Stage 1 assembly (K-2) – 12.15pm (Item 2G)
Friday 12th April  TOO Week assembly – 11.30am
  Last day of Term 1 2013
Wednesday 1st May  Students return to school to commence Term 2 2013 (as there are two Staff Development Days)

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NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **PlayPower Workshop for Parents – Birth to 3 years.** To be held tomorrow, Friday 5th April, at the Young & District Community Hub from 10am-midday. Developed by the Benevolent Society this workshop includes activities, tips, development information, safety etc. Please phone 6382 6697 to register.

- **Country Rugby League Development Camp** from Monday 22nd April to Wednesday 24th April at Borambola Sport & Rec Camp. This camp is open for boys aged 12-16 – specialist coaching catering for all skill levels of players. Cost is $220. For further information please email ds Skinner@crlnsw.com.au

- **Children’s Art Experience** – sponsored by Young Society of Artists Inc. Classes for 8-13 year olds – 6 classes x 6 weeks – 15th May to 19th June (Wednesdays 4-5.30pm) at Art Room, Southern Cross Cinema. Cost $50. Limited spaces so please contact the tutor, Megan Holt, on 6382 7898.

- **1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course.** To be held at the Young & District Community Hub, 2c Campbell Street, Young, on 3rd, 10th & 17th May at 10am to midday. Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. Please contact Jenny Spring on 6382 6697 to register.

- **Sacrament of Confirmation – St Mary’s Catholic Parish, Young.** All Year 6 Catholic students are invited to this confirmation. Registration and parent info night is Wednesday 8th May at 7pm at the Parish Centre. Please call the Parish Office on 6382 2222 for more information.

Peter Blair, Principal
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