Dear All,

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the Under 11s and Open Rugby League Trials held at Robertson Oval, Murrumburrah. We took 16 students to the trial - the boys played well. Students made the District PSSA Under 11s and Open Rugby League. All the boys displayed excellent skills and great sportsmanship. As this was a trial and not a game as such, a number of boys had to swap teams to see who was the best in different positions. Congratulations to the following boys on their selection:

Under 11s - Liam Carney, Cody Hall, Ben Baker, Benedict Bonsembianente, Harry Fitzpatrick, Sebastian Casella
Open - Henry Berry, Jack Staff, Jacob Lucas, Tom Fletcher, Bailey Steed, Will Hills.

Thanks to Brad Pettit and all parents who provided transport and support on the day. Mr Pettit managed and coached the Open providing a set of jumpers when needed.

Yesterday saw our school based ANZAC service as part of our school and community values. We encourage students to participate in this extremely important ceremony recognising sacrifice and commitment of Australian service people and our community. Reid Noyes is to be highly commended for his moving performance of The Last Post & Reveille. Our band was also capably conducted by Year 6 student, Cameron Steele. Year 1 performed ‘Danny Boy’ with skill and feeling to make our ANZAC ceremony very meaningful.

Thanks must go to Mr Muir for his excellent organisation of the ANZAC ceremony, and Mrs Reimer for her Stage 1 choir.

It also serves as a reminder that the Young Community ANZAC ceremony being held on April 25. Information appears later in the newsletter.

Tomorrow sees the culmination of our Thinking Of Others (TOO) Week with a whole school assembly at 11.30am. Family and friends are most cordially invited to attend this assembly. Students have participated in a weeklong program in the class, reflecting on the need to think of others. This assembly also builds on the buddy class initiative as students from across the grades stage their performance.

**Gold Award to parents for participation!** We have had many parents attending our school functions and I would like to recognise and thank them for their support, attendance and participation in assembly, school functions and fundraising activities.

A final reminder about the School Development Days to commence Term 2. As previously discussed, the first TWO days of Term 2 are school development days. During 2013 the Department of Education and Communities has asked us to take the second day and a number of staff meetings to prepare staff for the introduction of the new NSW curriculum. The outline of the day was provided in last week’s newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and parents for a productive and committed Term 1. I hope that all parents and students have a safe and rewarding time with their children over the coming holidays. Students return to school on **WEDNESDAY MAY 1**. Regards, Peter Blair

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**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 (under staff supervision) for the service. Students are requested to wear full uniform and should be collected from the Town Hall at the conclusion of the service.

**FOUND ITEMS – READING GLASSES**

Two sets of children’s reading glasses have been handed in during Term 1. Please see Mrs Braham at the front office if your child has lost a pair of reading glasses.
HEAD LICE
There has been a number of incidences of head lice in several classes over the past few weeks. The school holidays provide a good opportunity for parents to check and treat, if necessary, their children’s hair. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

P&C NEWS
- **Easter Raffle.** A big thank you to all the families who donated Easter eggs etc. towards this raffle. Your support was greatly appreciated.
- **Next P&C meeting.** Will be held on Wednesday 8th May (Week 2 of Term 2).
- **‘Back to School’ Trivia Night.** Claim the date – **Saturday 1st June.** The P&C committee is organising a fun filled trivia night. Please pencil the date in your diary. Event details will be provided when school resumes in Term 2.
- **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.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES**
- **Young Tennis Centre School Holiday Coaching (Hot Shots Tennis Program).** Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April from 8.30am until 12.30pm. Cost is $125/5 days or $30/day. For bookings please contact Col Maher on 0438 228 364.
- **Karen Leez School of Dance** is currently taking enrolments for Term 2. Classes in tap/modern jazz/hip hop, ballet and contemporary for ages 3+. Karen Leez School of Dance also offer exams in ballet, modern jazz and tap. For enquiries please contact Karen Mills on 0413 071 753.
- **Young Basketball Association** will be conducting two registration and team nomination afternoons for the 2013 season. They will be held on Tuesday 7th May and Tuesday 14th May at the PCYC between 4pm and 7pm. The competition will commence on Tuesday 21st May. The cost for Under 8’s & 10’s is $80/player; for other age groups $100/player which includes registration, hiring of courts and competition running costs.
- **Harden Gold Trail Colonial Festival** to be held on Sunday 21st April at the Murrumburrah Showground from 10am-4pm. Entry by donation. A full day of activities for the whole family – gold panning, re-enactments, colonial games, etc.
- **‘Bubblewrap & Boxes’** – school holiday fun! The production will be staged at the Wagga Wagga Civic Centre on Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th April at 11am. For bookings please phone 6926 9688.
- **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.
- **STS Student Exchange** is seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. For more information please call 1800 263 964 or email stsf@people.net.au

Peter Blair, Principal

**PLEASE NOTE – VACATION DATES**
- **Friday 12th April** 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 on 29th/30th April)