Dear Parents,

Young Public School's garden initiative moves forward with Mrs Wymer’s class installing a worm farm. This is the next phase in reusing food scraps and producing usable garden compost and fertiliser. Students are busy preparing garden beds and selecting plants.

Over the years we have been monitoring our school’s trees and have had a number pruned and/or removed. Mr Watts and I have recently inspected the trees along Bruce and Allanan streets, these were planted in the 1970s. We noticed there are three trees that have suspect limbs or trunks, these have been cordoned off and will be dealt with in the near future. Some of these trees do extend onto the footpath. Please exercise some awareness and care.

Our kindergarten students are settling in well and recently kindergarten staff have been released from class to carry out Best Start assessments for students. The results of these assessments form the basis of a Best Start report which will be forwarded to parents in the near future. It provides parents with some baseline data that will highlight student progress over the course of the year. If you have any questions about the report please contact the school.

The technology committee will soon be underway, allowing us to investigate the impact of technology and social media on primary school aged children. We hope to hold a parent information evening with guest speakers and we will keep parents advised via the newsletter or website.

It has come to our attention that students are throwing away whole lunches. It would be appreciated if parents could assist us by highlighting the importance of eating a healthy lunch and discussing your child’s preferences to avoid possible food wastage and ensuring students are not hungry during lessons.

A big thank you to all who participated in Clean Up Australia Day. The students cleaned up both inside and around the school perimeter with great enthusiasm. Thank you to parents for supplying gloves and garbage bags, we couldn’t have done it without your assistance.

Regards, Peter Blair

CELEBRATING TOO WEEK

In a couple of weeks Young Public School will be celebrating Thinking Of Others week. Each day during 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 the Friday of week 8 (21st March) 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. Please note that this assembly will begin at 11.30am, not at our usual assembly time.

In addition, competitions have been organised to reflect our “Thinking of Others” theme. Stage 1 students are participating in a colouring-in competition. Students in Stages 2 & 3 are able to make posters or submit a poem or piece of writing which focusses on this theme. All entries must be handed in to class teachers by Monday of Week 8 (17th March). If a student produces their entry at home, it needs to have a signed statement on the back saying that the work was totally the child’s effort.

MEDICAL REMINDER

Should your child require antibiotics or other medication to be administered at school, please see Mrs Braham at the front office to sign the necessary form. Arrangements will then be made with Mrs Summerfield for storage and instructions for administering the medicine.

HEAD LICE

There have again been a number of incidences of head lice in various classes. Please check your child’s hair regularly. You can do this by combing inexpensive conditioner through dry hair with a nit comb and wiping
on paper towel (this enables you to easily see lice and nits). If lice or nits are found, the hair will need to be treated before your child returns to school. Don’t forget to wash bedding and towels in hot water.

RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY REMINDER
Just a reminder that the Rugby League Gala Day is tomorrow, Friday, 7th March from 9.15am to approximately 2.30pm at Keith Cullen Oval. Transport cost is $1.50 (to be paid as you get on the bus).

P&C NEWS
Meal Deal – Wednesday, 12th March. $5 due by Monday 10th March. No lunch orders on the day.
P&C Annual General Meeting – This meeting will be held on 12th March at 7pm in YPS’s staff room.
Canteen – Apple & blackcurrant poppers and fish are items that are no longer available, however apple and blackcurrant drinks will still be available in the Orchy brand.
President’s Message - Next week sees the P&C AGM, at this meeting I will be standing down as president after two years, however I will remain involved in P&C activities. It is a timely opportunity to share the key roles and responsibilities for the P&C positions (see below). The P&C is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the school and our children’s education and growth. I would like to thank all the families and staff for your support over the past two years. If anyone is interested in taking on a P&C executive position, I would be more than happy to answer any questions – I can be contacted on 0400 782 477 (Sally Martin).
The P&C comprises of the following positions, PLEASE CONTACT YPS SCHOOL OFFICE OR SEE THE NEWSLETTER SECTION OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE for information on each position responsibilities:
- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

RIVERINA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Good luck to the following children, who have progressed to the Riverina Swimming Carnival at Albury on the 10th March: Alice Hayes, Tilly Metcalfe, Liam Wymer, Lucinda Madden, Darcy Dwyer, Lori Smith, Hannah Keevil, Sam Williams, Hermione Cobcroft, Imogen Noakes, Brock Sing, Brodie Apps, Ellie Croker, Jai Allison, Jasper Cobcroft, Kate Davidson, Clay Sing, Annabelle Richens, Harvey McGregor, Will Martin, Tessa Watson, Georgia Richens, Henry Dowling, Sarah Dillon, Lachlan Crouch and Georgina Wallace.

TRIPLE C FOR CHANPHAMA (contributed by Harry and Patrick, SRC)
On the 19th of March, Young Public School will be holding a Triple C for Chanphama Day to raise money for our sponsored child, Chanphama Sybounthiem. The first C stands for casual clothes – meaning we can wear non-uniform. The next C stands for colouring in competition. This will cost students 50 cents to enter the competition. The last C stands for counting. If you enter the competition you will be estimating the number of jelly beans in a jar. This will also cost 50 cents to have a guess. We hope to see you on the 19th of March ready to support Chanphama with a gold coin donation and money for the colouring competition and jelly bean counting contest.

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NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **COUNTRY CHILDREN’S EARLY LEARNING/FAMILY DAY CARE**
  We have vacancies for 2014 in Long Day Care for children aged 0-5 years and Out of School Hours Care for children up to 13 years. Enrol now and have your child cared for in a home.


- **PCYC BLUE LIGHT DISCO REMINDER** – tomorrow 7th March from 6pm-8pm. $5 entry includes sausage sandwich and a drink. Children from ages 5 – 12 years are welcome to attend.

Peter Blair, Principal