Dear All,

I would like to acknowledge the significant efforts of staff and students who made our Education Week open day highly successful. We were blessed with excellent weather which contributed to a wonderful day. On behalf of the students, teaching staff have asked me to pass on their appreciation to the parents who were able to visit the open classrooms and enjoyed morning tea in the quadrangle. Our concert was extremely well supported and provided a great spectacle.

Over the coming weeks some items may return to the stage to enable students to see their friends in action. At tomorrow’s primary assembly the rock band will perform their item again. Parents are most welcome to attend our weekly and fortnightly assemblies.

NAIDOC Week occurs next week and in addition to class based activities throughout the week, we are fortunate to have Rodney Freeman conduct dance workshops and present cultural talks and indigenous games for students. We decided not to charge students for these events as later in the term the Camp Quality 1000ks 4 Kids ride will be passing through Young and visiting our school. The Life Education Van visit is also fast approaching.

As you may be aware, some students who have been attending after school care at Annette’s Place may attend care at PCYC. We are currently investigating after school care options at Young Public School.

On a sporting note we would like to congratulate Ben Schofield for being selected in the Riverina team for PSSA Golf, and also congratulate our Mortimer Shield League Tag team on being narrowly defeated in the Grand Final. A comprehensive report about the Mortimer Shield will appear in next week’s newsletter.

Regards, Neil Muir

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP
On Thursday 24th July, 9 students attended a creative writing workshop conducted by author Mo Johnson. Mr Johnson explained the components needed to create stories. The students found the workshop an enlightening experience and inspirational.

BOOK FAIR
We are having Book Fair in the library on Monday 18th August. This is a great opportunity to purchase new books and at the same time support the library in fund raising for further resources. Families will also have the opportunity to donate a book to the library from the Book Fair. On the same day we will also be having a Book Character Parade for K – 2, so get out those costumes and dress up for the day as your favourite character. The students from the following primary classes may also choose to take part in the Book Character Day; 2/3L, 3D, 3M, 4B, 4C and 4/5N.
ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS) – RESULTS

A number of our students participate in the ICAS exams each year, giving them a taste of external exam procedures. Congratulations to the following students who have gained distinctions & credits in the science exam:

**Distinction**
- Emerson Hall, Kayla Gruber, Chloe Gruber, Harrison Zuzek, Liam Wymer.

**Credit**
- Isha Corkery, Emily Lamb, Thomas Rowntree, Charlie Tuckfield, Kate Davidson, Ellie Croker, Charlie Coddington, Archie Dwyer, Patrick Hislop, Henry Dowling, Niara Costello, and Harrison Cleverdon.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week will be celebrated in Week 4. Over 3 days the students will participate in a dance workshop, cultural talks and indigenous games with Rodney Freeman. On Friday, separate infants and primary assemblies will be held showcasing the skills learnt from Rodney’s workshops by our school’s Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students. There will no longer be a participation fee charged to students. Any money brought in before today has been returned to students.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL 2015

Enrolments are currently being taken for students who will commence Kindergarten in 2015. If you have any enquiries about your child commencing school or you wish to have a tour of our school, please don’t hesitate to contact the office for information or to make an appointment.

This term, our “Transition to School” program commences. Pre-schools and child care centres have been invited to bring their students for a visit to “big school” during the week commencing 25th August until 29th August. Pre-school children will participate in a morning session of Kindergarten activities with our 2014 students and have a tour of the school. They will join us for morning tea and a play in our playground. If your child is unable to attend these visits or does not attend pre-school or day care, please contact Ann Edwards (Assistant Principal Early Stage 1) to arrange a suitable time to visit.

On Wednesday 22nd October commencing at 7pm in the school auditorium, there will be an information night for parents and carers. Information will be given about our school, uniforms, our Early Start Program, routines and Kindergarten activities.

Early Start will commence in week 7 of term 4. Each child will be invited to attend two sessions to experience some typical Kindergarten activities, become familiar with the physical surroundings of our school and school routines. This program assists in demystifying “big school.” It makes commencing school in 2015 much easier for all parties concerned!

Please return your enrolment forms to the office so we will have a contact address to send you more information regarding these events.

By working together, we can make commencing school a very positive experience.

ORGANISE A REGULAR EYE EXAMINATION FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Did you know that, along with allergies and asthma, eye disorders are the most common long-term health problems experienced by children?

Good vision is important for a child’s educational, physical and social development. With approximately 1 in 5 Australian children either suffering from an undetected vision problem or requiring ongoing assessment, it is important to be aware of the possible signs of a vision problem to give every child the best chance of reaching their full potential.

Optometry Australia recommends that children have a full eye examination with an optometrist before starting school and regularly as they progress through primary and secondary school.

**Be aware of signs that may indicate a vision problem**

One eye turns in or out while the other points straight ahead, frequent blinking, red or watery eyes, frequently rubbing the eyes, poor hand-eye coordination, tilting head noticeably, covering or closing one eye, difficulty learning to read, holding a book very close to read, leaving out or confusing words when reading, squinting or straining to see the board, difficulty recognising familiar people in the distance, complaints of headaches, complaints of blurred or double vision.

Source: Optometrists Association of Australia

NUT ALLERGIES AT SCHOOL

This week, all Young Public School staff have spent several hours updating their CPR training, to ensure they are qualified to assist in the event of serious student illness or accident.

However, we do ask for parental assistance in maintaining a safe environment for our students here at school. We do have a number of students who suffer from serious life-threatening allergies, particularly to nuts. To help reduce the risk of a serious incident could parents please avoid sending students to school with nuts and nut products, such as peanut butter and Nutella. We would be very grateful for your assistance in this matter.
YEAY 1 EXCURSION WOMBAT STEW
On Friday 25th July, Year One ventured on an excursion to Canberra to view a Garry Ginivan Attractions production of ‘Wombat Stew’ at the Canberra Theatre Centre. The show was based on the children’s book by Marcia Vaughan and Pamela Lofts. There was lots of laughter and audience interaction with the cast. We then went to the National Capital Exhibition Centre at Regatta Point for lunch and visited the Build-A-Capital Lego Attraction. Fortunately, the fountain was working in Lake Burley Griffin and we enjoyed a terrific visit to our nation’s capital. Well done to our future leaders.

COMING EVENTS – please see the calendar on the school website for more information

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NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES
- **GRENFELL RUGBY LEAGUE OPEN MIC NIGHT** will be held on Saturday 9th August at 5.30pm, cost $15 per adult or $8 per child (12 years and under). Tickets available at CJ Anderson & Co or Louisa’s Locker. Please phone 0409 538 430 (Rita Mawhiney) or email grenfellopenmic@bigpond.com for more information.
- **BINALONG BUSH POETRY PRIZE WEEKEND** You are invited to submit a poem in the Binalong Bush Poetry Championships to be held on 12th to 14th September. Entry forms can be collected from the front office. Junior entries close 15th August, adult entries close 1st August. Ph: 6227 4377 (Robyn Sykes) for more info.
- **YOUNG SWIMMING CLUB** The Young Amateur Swimming Club’s coaches are holding a winter development day at Cootamunda indoor pool on Sunday the 17th of August. This is open to all current full members. The day starts at 9am, and the cost is $10 per family.

Neil Muir, Acting Principal
On behalf of staff & students at Young Public School
We are now offering 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.

Contact Julia on 02 6236 8305 / www.ccel.com.au