Dear All,

Thank you to all parents and our community for attending last Tuesday’s presentation night. It was a wonderful culmination and acknowledgment of our students, school and school community’s achievements. I would like to thank Mrs Wymer and Mrs Gibson for preparing the student councillors for the evening. Thanks also to the office staff for their hard work over such a busy period. The induction for the student council and library monitors will occur on Friday 5th February at 10:45am.

Just a reminder: students finish school next Wednesday 16th December. Students in Years 1-6 will return on Thursday 28th January, and Kindergarten students will commence on Friday 29th January.

As mentioned at presentation night, we thanked Mrs Gibson, Mrs Edwards and Mr DeBritt for their commitment and support to students at Young Public School over many years. I would like to wish them all the best in their retirements.

Tonight sees our last discos for the year with a Christmas theme. The stage 1 disco will commence at 5:30pm and will conclude at 6:45pm. The primary disco will commence at 7:00pm and will conclude at 8:30pm. Thank you to all staff who supervise and to parents for helping on the canteen. Entry is $3/student. There will be a $5 special for K-2 which includes entry, drink and a lolly bag.

With regard to the canteen, it was decided to seek tenders. An advertisement can be found in our local paper over the next week. Alternatively the canteen may be run on a volunteer basis, depending on both the response to the tender ad, as well as the number of volunteers. Thank you to all volunteers who have assisted this year and those who have offered to help. A decision about the running of the canteen will be made during the holidays.

As this is our final newsletter for 2015 I would like to thank students, staff, parents and members of the community for your support throughout the year. I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday break.

Regards, Neil Muir
Thank you for supporting our students on their special night.

KINDERGARTEN STARTING TIMES
This week a letter will be sent to your address stating the time that your child begins school in 2016. Times are staggered to allow parents/carers to meet their child’s teacher. If you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Ann Edwards, Assistant Principal.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL – MONDAY WEEK 11
We would just like to remind Year 6 parents and students that the dress code is smart casual. Most students like to dress up a little, however we do not encourage students to come in “formal” attire, spend the afternoon prior to the celebration at the hairdressers, or to wear makeup. We encourage the girls to avoid strapless/shoestring strapped dresses or heeled shoes as they will be dancing the night away. Girls usually wear neat casual dresses, or skirts and blouses, whereas the boys usually don a casual shirt and trousers or shorts. It is not advisable for boys to wear suits as they get hot. It is important for students to wear clothes they will be comfortable in. For the same reason it would be best if shoes have been worn in. Please remember no thongs are to be worn on the night and scruffy old joggers are not recommended.
Thank you.

The evening will be conducted as follows: 6.00pm – 6.30pm drinks in the library for students, staff and parents; 7.00pm – 10.00pm in the YPS auditorium for students and staff. Cost $25.

EARLY STAGE 1 & STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS CONCERT – TUESDAY WEEK 11
On Tuesday 15th December, commencing at 10am, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Christmas concert for 2015. This year’s concert is titled “Christmas with the Aliens”. The performance will run for approximately 20 minutes. The concert will be held under the COLA.
Children in Year 2 have been selected to play various parts. Your teacher will advise you if your child has one of these parts and what costuming is needed.

All other children will form the choir. Each child should wear colourful Christmas clothes and tinsel in their hair.

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS -
School holidays will commence on Thursday 17th December. School will resume for Years 1 – 6 students on Thursday 28th January 2016, with our new Kindergarten students starting on Friday 29th January 2016. See below for more information regarding Kindergarten.

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

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THANK YOU & GOODBYE FROM MRS FIONA ALLISON – CANTEEN MANAGER

Unfortunately this will be my last newsletter. It's been a great three years. To the volunteers, THANK YOU for all of your help. Some of you have been called in at the last minute and covered for me. Your help is greatly appreciated. I hope volunteers continue to help in the canteen as it's about the kids. The canteen is a place where they first learn to be responsible with money.

Over the past three years I have seen the canteen go through a change, where volunteers are scarce due to the cost of living. If you can spare any time, even a lunch break to help the kids, please do so.

I have made some great friends and will stay in touch. Thank you: to the staff for making me feel welcome, especially Ray Watts and Jenny McDonald.

To the kids: you are all fantastic, well-mannered children, and I hope the parents of this school community volunteer for you.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and a happy new year!!!

CANTEEN NEWS: NO LUNCH ORDERS ON WEDNESDAY, OVER THE COUNTER PURCHASES ONLY.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY TIPS (extract from Regional SchoolBiz Newsletter)

As Christmas holidays approach, 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 24th December to 3rd January inclusive.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED IN WEEK 1 2016

If you can volunteer, even one day a year, please contact Mrs Braham at the front office. The canteen relies on your support, please keep our canteen open!

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NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **PCYC HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES.** Holiday cricket sessions: 5th January and 13th January from 1pm to 12.30pm, cost $2. Holiday touch football development session: 6th January from 10.30am to 12pm, cost $2. Holiday ultimate Frisbee: 14th January from 1pm to 2.30pm cost $2. Holiday laser tag: 20th January from 12.30pm to 2pm, cost $5. Holiday netball skill development session: 21st January from 1pm-2.30pm, cost $2.
• YOU ARE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Don’t be alone on Christmas Day, come along and enjoy fellowship and friendship at Hennessy Trade Skills Centre, Dundas Street from 11.30am to 2pm. Please book for catering purposes by 17th December (if possible), Phone: 6382 2222 (St Mary’s Parish Centre).

• SOUTH-WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY YOUNG SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES & SUMMER READING CHALLENGE: Board Game Fun, Tuesday 12 January 2pm-4pm; Mr Maker Craft, Thursday 14 January 10am-12pm; Digital Apps for Kids, Tuesday 19 January 1pm-4pm; and Back 2 School Craft, Thursday 21 January 10am-12pm. Please register for holiday activities to ensure availability. Phone: 6382 1886.

• SPORT & RECREATION’S SWIM & SURVIVE LESSONS WILL BE HELD AT YOUNG AQUATIC CENTRE SOON. Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for pre-schoolers (price excludes pool entry fee). For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive.

• OPEN GARDEN: SANTA’S PLAYGROUND UNDER LIGHTS will be held on Saturday 12 December at 1 Sheehan Lane from 5pm to 10pm. Cost $5 per person or $15 per family. All proceeds to Young Community Chest.

Neil Muir, Principal
On behalf of staff & students at Young Public School

Assembly: Friday 4th December
We are now offering After School Care at Young Public School, Monday to Friday from 3.10pm to 6.00pm. Visit Raylene at the YPS library or phone her on 6382 7580 to discuss the program. CCB & CCR approved.

Contact Julia on 02 6236 8305
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