Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended the P&C meeting last night. It was very pleasing to have several parents of new kindergarten students come and share some ideas. The P&C meetings are held in the staffroom on the 2nd Wednesday of each month during school terms. The next meeting will be held on 11th March and will be our AGM. The meeting minutes will usually appear on the school webpage the day after the meeting.

It is lovely to see all our new kindergarten students settling in so well. It is rewarding to see in the first weeks of school, those students actively engaged in lessons. From experience we know that kinder students settle better if parents do not stay too long in the morning. Please make sure that children are safe and with their group of friends, then begin to stay for shorter amounts of time each day.

I would like to give a reminder that as students leave the school in the afternoon they refrain from playing on the equipment. Students near the primary equipment make it difficult for students catching buses to leave the grounds in an orderly manner. Students crossing the Campbell St crossing should walk along the path to the gate rather than stopping at the infants’ equipment.

Congratulations to our SRC representatives who received their badges at last Friday’s assembly. “Sweetheart Day” as mentioned below is an initiative of this year’s SRC.

Regards, Neil Muir

SWEETHEART DAY – TOMORROW, FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
Don’t forget to wear red tomorrow and to bring a gold coin donation to support the Heart Kids Foundation.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday, 18th February at the Young Aquatic Centre. Please sign and return the permission note as soon as possible. The cost will be $1.50 for the bus and $2.50 pool entry. Season ticket holders do not pay pool entry. All money is to be brought on the day.

WEDNESDAY WITHOUT WRAPPERS
Winners for Week 3: KE with just 22 wrappers and 4B with 20 wrappers.
Tip of the week: fruit is the easiest wrapper free snack. Why don’t you try a new fruit this week?
SCHOOL PHOTOS – CHANGE OF DATE: 17TH MARCH 2015

Please be aware that due to a clash of events (Year 4 excursion to Borambola) the photo date has been changed from 31/03/15 to 17/03/15. The catch up date is scheduled for 27/03/15.

A note from MSP:- Please take time to read the relevant instruction on the envelopes. A few matters to note: Don’t seal the envelopes inside one another, family envelopes are available at the front office on request, and please enclose correct money (no change given). Cash, cheques and money orders accepted.

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?
If so (or if you don’t really know), come along to the YPS Assembly on Friday, 20th February to find out. Following the band performance, tutors from Young Regional School of Music will give a brief talk and demonstration of various instruments. Enrolment/information packages will be available after this assembly with Mrs Coralie Long, our in-school music coordinator. Parents of younger students (K-2) will also be made welcome. Tutors will be available for a short time after assembly to talk with you. This activity will replace the information evening held in previous years, so make sure you attend this important assembly!

Mark Corkery – YPS band conductor
Liz Boland – flute/piccolo
Mark Brooker – vocal and brass
Matt Ricketts – brass (especially lower brass instruments)
Leisa Kenny – clarinet/saxophone
Stewart Bruce – as director

P&C NEWS
The annual P&C AGM will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 11th March in the staffroom. In order to be involved and vote at the AGM you must be a financial member. For any further questions regarding the AGM, please phone Sally Martin on 0400 782 477.

Coming events: meal deal, disco and the Easter Egg Raffle dates will be advised next week.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help in the canteen, your help will be greatly appreciated. Your names will be included in next term’s roster.

Slushies are approved by the Healthy Kids Association and are 99% fruit with added vitamins, no added sugar and zero fat. The sugar in this product with natural sugar derived from fruit. Slushies are $1.50, great for a hot day!

STUCK ON YOU FUNDRAISER
This year some Year 6 students from Young Public School are being offered the opportunity to perform in the Arts Council’s Schools Spectacular Extravaganza which will take place in Sydney. This is a wonderful experience and we are very excited to be able to offer this to our talented Year 6 students in 2015. It is hoped that fundraising will help to offset the cost of performing in this fabulous event for the families of the students selected to attend. For every order placed through the Stuck On You, a percentage will go towards supporting students from YPS to attend Schools Spectacular 2015. Please use the fundraiser code: YOUNGPUBLICSCHOOL when you order labels from www.stuckonyou.com.au.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHTS
The Kindergarten teachers will be conducting a number of information nights in regards to literacy and numeracy programs. These sessions will be held in the library at the following times:

Thursday 19th February 5.00pm – 5.30pm  “Language, Learning & Literacy” (L3)
Thursday 5th March 5.00pm – 5.30pm  “Home Reading”
Thursday 12th March 5.00pm – 5.30pm  “Targeted Early Numeracy” (TEN)

All interested parents/carers are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS (submitted by Mrs Belinda Graham, teaching librarian)
Welcome to a new school year, I am looking forward to seeing all the students in the library this year. We are continuing with our system which was trialled last year with our library computers. 5 computers have been made available for homework and research only. Hopefully this helps those students in Years 3 – 6 who don’t have access at home or would like to complete school work in the mornings when the library opens at 8.50am or at lunch time. Friday is open again to infant students at lunch time. A library bag for students is much appreciated as it helps to protect our precious books, some wonderful waterproof library bags are now available.

HOMEWORK TIPS
• Reading and problem solving are good activities for your child to do at home
• Play is an important part of children’s learning
• Homework reinforces what your child learns in class. Ask them about class activities.
• If your child is having difficulties with any homework activity, speak to his/her teacher.

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

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NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **MILO T20 BLAST CRICKET** registrations will be commencing on Wednesday 11th February at Hall Brothers Oval, Young from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. Cost: $99 for 8 weeks (includes a participant pack – no equipment needed). Contact Liz McPherson on 0410671 256 for information or sign up at [WWW.T20BLAST.COM.AU](http://WWW.T20BLAST.COM.AU).

- **KEEPING KIDS IN MIND** is a 5 week (2.5hrs) course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. Develop a greater understanding about how to support children following family separation. Please call 6382 6328 to register your interest in this course.

- **PCYC BLUE LIGHT POOL PARTY** will be held at the Young Aquatic Centre from 6pm to 9pm on Saturday 21st February. $5 entry includes pool entry and a sausage sandwich.

- **YOUNG’S FAMILY FUN DUCK DAY** will be held on Sunday 22nd February from 10am at the Young Aquatic Centre. Entry by gold coin donation, novelty events, duck race, market stalls, face painting and more.

- **YOUNG CRISIS ACCOMMODATION CENTRE CHARITY NIGHT, VALENTINES DAY BOLLYWOOD BALL** will be held on Saturday 14th February, 7pm at the Empire Hotel. Tickets are available from Gilberts. Entertainment by the Phat Boys, all profits and proceeds go directly to the YAC, assisting men, women, youth and children in crisis.

- **YOUNG & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC HONOURING YOUNG’S WW1 SERVICEMEN & WOMEN.** If you would like to pay tribute to servicemen & women from Young and District who served in WW1, we encourage you to contact Young Family History Group to contribute your family member’s details which will be displayed as part of a visual presentation at the Young Town Hall for ANZAC Day 2015. More information from Mrs Brahame at the front office or youngfamilyhistory@bigpond.com.

- **ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS PARENT COURSE** is a parenting skills course for resolving teenage behaviour problems. A three-session program for parents and carers at Young & District Community Hub (2c Campbell Street, Young) on 4th, 11th & 18th March from 6pm to 8pm. Ph: 6382 6328 for more information.

- **HOGS FOR THE HOMELESS RIDE** Come and meet one of your favourite NSWRL Blues Stars, Brad Fittler, Ian Schubert and Nathan Hindmarsh and raise money and awareness for Father Chris Riley’s Youth Off The Streets. On Tuesday 3rd March, the Young Services Club will be holding a FREE Q&A session for kids from 5pm-6pm, followed by an adults’ event ($10 per person including finger foods).

- **RIVERINA INSTITUTE OF TAFE** is open for enrolments for 2015. They offer qualifications, degree and postgraduate qualifications that will give you a practical career-oriented education to prepare you for professional practice. We are also very excited to be offering at the Young Campus Certificate II and Certificate III in Retail in a new innovative style. Call Riverina TAFE on 1300 138 318 or 6382 8500

- **YOUNG LIONS SOCCER CLUB YOUTH LEAGUE** will be holding an information session and try outs for the 2015 Youth League (representative) team on Friday 20th February from 5pm-7pm and on Saturday 21st February from 4pm-6pm at Hall Brothers Oval. Youth league may be boys, girls or mixed, 10-16 year old age groups are invited to participate. Travel will be required, due to commence in April this year. Please contact Scott Lacey at youthleague@younglionssoccerclub.com.au for more information.

Neil Muir, Principal
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