Dear All,

Pictured right is John Walker, Mayor of Young Shire Council, presenting the runner-up prize for the Lambing Flat Schools’ Competition as part of the Lambing Flat Chinese Festival held last weekend. Many thanks to the students who supported this event and to parents for bringing their children.

Congratulations to the students who were successful at today’s cross country. The district cross country will be held at Young Golf Club on Thursday 7th May.

Please ensure that you are keeping children in your care safe when arriving and departing from school. Remember that watching children is never enough. Keep your children safe by holding their hands as you cross any road. A child’s perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is generally not sufficiently developed to properly cope with the road environment until they are at least 10 years of age. Children need adults to set a good example and to supervise them closely in and around traffic, including roundabouts, traffic lights and car parks. More info at www.kidsafensw.org.

Regards, Neil Muir

SCHOOL DISCO – TONIGHT, THURSDAY 26TH MARCH
A reminder that our school discos will be held TONIGHT. Kindergarten to Year 2 will be held from 5.30pm - 6.45pm and Years 3 - 6 will be held from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Entry is $3/student. There will be a $5 special for K-2 which includes entry, drink and Killer Python lolly and a Pop Top.

SCHOOL PHOTO MAKE-UP DAY – FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 8.30AM
Our school photo make-up day will be held on Friday 27th March from 8.30am to 9.30am in the auditorium.

K-2 EASTER ASSEMBLY AND HAT PARADE – THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
Our Easter assembly will be held on Thursday 2nd April, commencing at 11.45am under the COLA. It will be a colourful event with lots of Easter songs and year groups performing various items. The P&C Easter raffle will be drawn during the assembly. Children are asked to make their Easter hats at home. On the day, children will be able to wear casual clothes to school. There will be a parade of hats at the end of the assembly.

During the day, a number of classes will visit local community organisations to spread the joy of Easter. KE and 2G will visit Mercy Care, 2R will visit the retirement village and 1C will visit Mount St Joseph’s.
SCHOOL INVOICES

School invoices were sent home today. A reminder, that it is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting $ Make A Payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions (family payment), subject contributions, excursions, sales to students (text books, apparel etc.) and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category titled “Other”. This is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. “Other” can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make A Payment you must complete all boxes with a green asterisk (student’s name, date of birth, parent’s name and contact details).

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2016. If you would like further information, please phone the school or speak to Mrs Braham at the front office. If you would like a tour of the school, please arrange an appointment by phoning 6382 2453.

CACTEEN AND P&C NEWS

Canteen – Beef burgers and Paddle Pop cups will no longer be available for the duration of the term. On the last day of school (Thursday 2nd April) chicken burgers, nuggets and slushies will not be available.
Easter Raffle - Each year the P&C holds an Easter raffle (drawn at the Easter assembly). Donations of Easter eggs/bunnies for Easter raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them at the front office. A slip can be found at the end of this newsletter to obtain raffle tickets. Raffle books need to be returned to the school by Tuesday 31st March. Tickets are $1 each or can be purchased in books of 10 from Mrs Braham at the front office. Please support P&C fundraising, the money generated will go towards shaded areas in the infants’ playground.
IGA Scan Tags – In 2012 scan tag fundraising was set up at Donges IGA. It has been used to purchase Easter Eggs for all the Stage 1 children and hampers for other raffles. There is now a new, improved system where each person/family has a scan tag and you can nominate to allocate your points gained from purchases to one or more groups – EG. 50% to YPS and 50% to the Junior Rugby Club or 100% to YPS. If you don’t have an IGA scan tag you can either call in to IGA and speak to a staff member or the P&C can help facilitate the process by filling out the form, which can be collected and returned to the front office. Please return forms to YPS by Tuesday 31st March, cards will be sent home next term. Over the years we have raised over $500 for the school!

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thursday 2nd April is the last day of Term 1. School holidays will commence on Friday 3rd April (Good Friday). Students will return to school on Tuesday 21st April to commence Term 2 (Monday 20th April is a staff development day).

EASTER HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY TIPS

As the Easter long weekend approaches, 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 to ensure 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 players with headphones

Have a safe and happy Easter!

Easter Assembly & Hat Parade: Thursday 2nd April at 11.45am
COMING EVENTS – please see the calendar on the school website for more information on coming events

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NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **KIDS YOGA** commencing next term. Held each Wednesday from 4pm-5pm for ages 7 – 12 years at Yoga Tree Studio in the Millard Centre. Please phone Danette Watson on 0419 242 053 or go to www.danettewatsonyoga.com.

- **JACKEROO RANCH HORSE RIDING CAMP** will be held from Saturday 4th April to Saturday 11th April and Saturday 11th April to Sunday 19th April for horse-mad children aged from 6 to 16 years. Shorter stays are possible if not fully booked. Please phone Pattie Hudson on 6337 7173 for more information (nights are best).

- **RELAXATION MASSAGE BY KALEIGH SMERDON.** $60/hr. Studio located at Wambanumba, Murringo Road, Young. Please phone Kaliegh Smerdon on 0427 672 780 for appointments.

- **YOUNG TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR COACHING CLINIC** will be held Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April from 8.30am to 12.30pm daily. Bookings and enquiries directed to Colin Maher on 0438 228 364 or 6382 1416.

- **PCYC YOUNG KIDZ CARE PROGRAMME** is now available from YPS front office or PCYC. Ph: 6382 5392 for bookings.

- **PCYC BLUE LIGHT DISCO** will be held this Friday 27th March from 6pm – 8pm. Ages 5 to 12 years are welcome to attend. $5 entry includes sausage sandwich, drink and lucky door prize entry.

- **TOY SALE:** selling a huge range of quality pre-owned toys at bargain prices. Friday 17th April from 9am to 4pm and Saturday 18th April from 9am to 12pm at St John’s Church Hall, Cloete Street, Young. Please phone Kaliegh Smerdon on 0427 672 780 for appointments.

- **YOUNG GOLF CLUB** is holding junior golf lessons from Monday 13th April to Thursday 16th April for children aged between 9 and 17 years. Cost $60. For more information please contact Phil Cartwright (PGA) on 6382 1543.

- **WAGGA CIVIC THEATRE PRESENTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN WITH PERFORMERS FROM 360 ALLSTARS.** Body Percussion, circus, BMX, live looping and beatboxing workshops are available. Go to www.civictheatre.com.au.

- **2 DAY HIP HOP DANCE WORKSHOP** with Centennial from Stricklii Fresh will be held on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March at the Marie McCormick Hall from 10am to 4pm each day. Registrations essential, for students from Years 4-6. Ph: Sally Atkinson on 6380 1239 or Mrs Braham at the front office for a registration form.

- **CHILDREN’S ART EXPERIENCE, SPONSORED BY YOUNG SOCIETY OF ARTISTS, ART CLASSES** for 7 –10 year olds from Thursday 7th May to 28th May from 4pm – 5.30pm in the Art room at Southern Cross Cinema. 3 classes x 3 weeks. $40 (all materials included). 10-14 year olds from Thursday 28th May to 11th June from 4pm – 5.30pm in the Art room at Southern Cross Cinema. 3 classes x 3 weeks. $40 (all materials included). Tutor: Megan Holt. Please contact Megan on Ph: 6382 7898, email kevandmeg@bigpond.com or Heather on Ph: 6382 3268.

Neil Muir, Principal
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