Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate students on their efforts for “School’s Clean Up Day” last Friday. Along with the removal of some old furniture and the fantastic efforts by Mr Watts with the gardens around the school, our school is looking and feeling great.

The second session for Kindergarten parents on how to help their children with their learning will be held in the library this evening. This evening’s workshop will be about HOME READING. It will commence at 5:00pm and will run for about 40 minutes. Thank you to our Kindergarten teachers for running this program.

Good luck to the 118 students participating in the Rugby League Gala Day tomorrow. Thank you to Ms Nelson and Mr Maxworthy for organising the teams, and to Mrs McAlister and Ms Benett who will be supervising on the day.

Yesterday we had a visit from State Library NSW representatives, who brought artefacts from Captain Cook’s voyage to our school. The team brought resources as part of a visit to regional areas and discussed how students and teachers can access these. They donated copies of some original documents to our school library and dressed students in replica clothing of early settlers. Students from Stage 2 re-enacted parts of the journey to “Terra Australis”. The actual shoe buckle that Captain Cook wore was shown to the students.

Good luck to Bradley Dillon, Darcy Dwyer, Lucinda Madden, Lydia Martin, Charlie Croker, Elisabeth Hall, Joshua Madden, Aaron Owens, Brodie Apps, Hermione Cobcroft, Kate Davidson, Sarah Dillon, Teodora Edgar, Hannah Keevil, Brock Sing, Clay Sing, Jai Allison, Ellie Croker, Lachlan Crouch, Will Martin, Sara Mason, Jake Norris, Darcy Sing and Georgina Wallace who will be representing our region at the regional swimming carnival on Monday.

Regards, Neil Muir

SWIMMING CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students on their success at our school swimming carnival held on 18th February. The champion trophies and ribbons were presented at last Friday’s assembly.

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Congratulations to the following students on their success at the Zone Swimming Carnival held on 27th February at Young Aquatic Centre. These students will represent Young at regional level on 9th March.

Junior Champions: Lydia Martin/Elisabeth Hall and Joshua Madden
Senior Champions: Brock Sing and Hermione Cobcroft

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, towels and hats in hot water. Please remember to check regularly, and if necessary, treat your child’s hair.

Thinking of Others

Be Honest, Show Kindness,
Respect People and Property
ICAS CLOSING DATE - FRIDAY 20TH MARCH
Information was sent home last week regarding the 2015 ICAS competitions. Please note that the order form must be returned even if you are paying online for your student’s entry. Closing date is 20th March 2015.

HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 20TH MARCH
Our TOO Week will be in Week 9, culminating in the Harmony Day assembly on Friday 20th March. Stage 1 students are participating in a colouring competition. Stages 2 and 3 are able to make posters or submit a poem or a piece of writing, which focuses on our “Thinking of Others” theme. This year posters will be completed on art paper provided by teachers. All entries must be handed in to class teachers by Tuesday 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.

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 are 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.

WEDNESDAY WITHOUT WRAPPERS
Winners for Week 6: 2C with just 4 wrappers and 5/6G with 20 wrappers. 😊
Tip of the week: Yoghurt, oats and berries make a delicious recess snack! Don’t forget an ice brick to keep it cool.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS
A reminder from Mrs Allison to return Meal Deal order forms as soon as possible. Chocolate Paddlepop cups have arrived and are back on the menu for $2.20.

P&C NEWS
MEAL DEAL: Friday 13th March. Meal deal order forms are due next Wednesday 11th March. Sunny Boy ice blocks will accompany a sausage in a bread roll and drink, which will be a cool refreshing change.
DISCO: Thursday 26th March. Kindergarten to Year 2 from 5.30pm - 6.45pm and Years 3-6 from 7pm - 8.30pm. Entry is $3/student. There will be a $5 special for K-2 which includes entry, drink and a selection of sweets.

There are a number of activities and fundraising events that the P&C is involved with during the year. We would like to call on people (or groups of people) to nominate themselves to be the coordinator of one of the activities listed below. The aim would be that you (with the support of the P&C) would be the main contact person for the event organisation. If you are interested in coordinating an activity and unable to attend the AGM please contact Sally Martin on 0400 782 477 or email yps.parentsassociation@gmail.com.

Over the past two years the P&C have worked to document information about the running requirements of each activity, this is now available on the YPS website under P&C Policies and Operating Manual.

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WHY I CAN'T SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT

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By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school... and in life? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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

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NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **READING, WRITING, SPELLING: MEET & NETWORK WITH YOUR LOCAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**
  
  Assessing students with learning difficulties and working collaboratively with families and schools to deliver intervention that works! Learn what the indicators are that suggest a student may benefit from these services, take home strategies and techniques ready to implement in the home or classroom. Presented by Jose Webber (Occupational Therapist), Janine Hobson (Optometrist) and Karen Trengove (Speech Pathologist).


- **1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE** will be held on 25th February, 4th March & 11th March at Young & District Community Hub. Phone Jenny Spring on 6382 6697 for more information.

- **HOLIDAY NETBALL CAMP** to be held at the Equex Centre, Wagga Wagga on 14th - 17th April. Players between the ages of 7-10 years: Tuesday 14th April; and ages 11-14 years: Thursday 16th April. An application form can be found on the academy’s website [www.ssa-nsw.org.au](http://www.ssa-nsw.org.au).

- **YOUNG JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REGISTRATIONS**: Saturday 7th & 14th March at Keith Cullen Oval from 9.00am to 1.00pm (new players need to bring a birth certificate). Catering to boys and girls of all ages. Registration is $30, which includes shorts. Register online by following the link on YJRL website or Facebook page.

Neil Muir, Principal