Dear All,

Thank you to those students for attending the ANZAC march and service on Saturday. I would like to commend our students for their outstanding behaviour during the march and ceremony. Our school was well represented with many students marching with the school and others marching with other community organisations. We also recognise the contribution of parents and staff who supported the Young community ANZAC service.

The Young Public School Commendation Scheme continues to reward positive behaviour within the classroom and in other school contexts. At today’s Stage One assembly some kindergarten students will be receiving their first commendation. Please remember to send in five yellow cards to receive a Teacher’s Award. Five Teacher’s Awards result in a commendation.

Regards, Edwina Wymer

**NAPLAN DATES**

NAPLAN examinations will be held on the following dates for Years 3 and 5:

- Tuesday 12th May Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13th May Reading
- Thursday 14th May Numeracy

Catch up tests will be permitted on 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th May. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding NAPLAN examinations.

**AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS (AEDC)**

Between May and July this year, our Kindergarten classes will be taking part in the AEDC. This is a nationwide census of early childhood development and it helps our school and community understand how children develop before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Communities.

The AEDC involves collecting data regarding physical health and well-being, social competence, emotional maturity, language, cognitive skills, communication skills and general knowledge.

The system used by the AEDC is a secure site and the information is kept secure at all times. For further information you can access the AEDC website at [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).
The census is voluntary and is not a school test. If you wish your child’s information to be excluded from the census, please contact your class teacher to sign the “Opt Out” form.

**SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN 2016**

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

There is an Opportunity Class situated at Sturt Public School in Wagga Wagga. All applications must be made online by visiting the following website: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). Online applications close Friday 15th May. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22nd July. For more information please contact Mrs Braham at Young Public School front office.

**RE MINDERS**

- **STUCK ON YOU LABEL FUNDRAISER:** Please use code YOUNGPUBLICSCHOOL when ordering Stuck On You labels to help raise money for students attending Schools Spectacular later this year. Go to [www.stuckonyou.com.au](http://www.stuckonyou.com.au) to order labels.
- **STEWART HOUSE:** Stewart House donation drive envelopes are due back to school no later than 15th May.

**CA NTEEN and P&C NEWS**

**Week 3 canteen special:** Next week’s special is wedges: plain wedges $3.50 or with a Pop Top $5.00. Wedges with sour cream and sweet chilli sauce are $4.50 or with a Pop Top $5.50.

A canteen meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May in the canteen. Please feel free to come along. Please contact Fiona if you are on the canteen roster and unable to make it.

**Mother’s Day Stall:** Our annual P&C Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7th May under the COLA. All gifts are $5.

**Mother’s Day raffle:** A Mother’s Day raffle will be held in conjunction with our Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 7th May. Some beautiful Mother’s Day baskets have been prepared with items generously donated by the community. Raffle ticket books need to be returned to the school by Tuesday 5th May. Tickets are $2 each or can be purchased in books of 5. Please support P&C fundraising, the money generated from the Mother’s Day fundraising will support the transport of students to and from horse-riding with RDA each week.

**Breakfast Program:** YPS P&C initiated a breakfast program last year, thank you to the efforts of Toni Holmes. Currently the Breakfast Program operates on **Monday and Thursday** mornings (8:30 to 9:15am). We are looking for volunteers to help make and serve breakfast on these days. A summary of the program is now located on the YPS website entailing information for your consideration. Nicole Freeman has offered to help coordinate the program for the rest of this year – thank you Nicole. If you are able to assist could you please let me know – what day and how often you are able to assist (eg once a fortnight, once a month) and we will make up a roster to be included in the school newsletters. This is a great initiative and is worth supporting, I hope you can assist us maintain the service to the students utilising it. You can contact me via email [yps.parentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:yps.parentsassociation@gmail.com) or phone 0400 782 477.

**TREKKING FOR NEPAL**

At our Student Council meeting yesterday the students were considering our fundraiser for term 2. We always encourage our students to “Think of Others” and our SRC members decided that they would very much like to assist the people of Nepal in the wake of the recent devastating earthquake.

Nepal attracts people from all around the world – people who visit that country in order to take part in treks through the mountains. Our SRC decided an appropriate fundraiser would be for all students to participate in a “trek” down and up Campbell Street next Wednesday, 6th May.

The SRC are asking all students to bring a gold coin donation, wear school uniform and participate in this event next Wednesday. We are hoping that their efforts and presence along this main road may draw the attention of many people to the plight of the Nepalese children and their families.

Money raised will be donated to the Red Cross Appeal for Nepal.

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

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NON SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **JUNIOR BASKETBALL** will commence on 12th May, with nominations closing 5th May. Nominations to Martin at PCYC (under 12 yrs $100, 12 yrs and over $120). Players must be a member of PCYC to play (5). All teams must have their own referee and coach. Please phone Martin Langfield at PCYC on 6382 5392 for more info.

- **KICKSTART SOCCER** is a program designed for children with a disability aged 5 to 12 years who would like to participate in a team sport and learn to play soccer in a structured, fun environment. The focus of the program will be on skill development, active participation and having fun. Parent/carer participation is vital for this program to run successfully. Depending on each child’s needs and abilities, parents or carers will be asked to participate in the program with their child or at the very least, remain at the field for the duration of the session (approx. 45 min).

  The program will be conducted at Gus Smith Oval Young beginning on Saturday 23rd May in conjunction with the junior soccer competition.

  Cost is $30 which includes the use of a playing shirt. Socks are $10 and shorts $20, which can be purchased at the club house when registering. Registrations will be held at Gus Smith Oval on Saturday the 9th and 16th of May from 9am to 11am. For further information about the program please contact Leonie Dunn on 0404 159 645 or email kickstartsoccer@younglionssoccerclub.com.au

- **DO YOU KNOW YOUNG CARERS?** If you know children who you think may be young carers, there is something you can do to help. Catholic Community Services can help by offering free support, education and respite – letting kids be kids! Phone Chris McGlynn on 0498 005 408 / 02 5303 0650 or email ChMcGlynn@CHCS.com.au

- **TRIPLE P – POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM**: If you are raising a child with a disability aged 2 to 12 years and live in NSW, from mid-2015 you’re eligible to receive two years of free parenting support. This evidence-based support is available through a world-first research trial called the Stepping Stones Triple P (SSTP) Project. The project has been funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is being managed by the University of Sydney. To register, please email fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au or call (02) 91114 4060.

- **KAREN’S FAMILY DAY CARE** - I have one place available on Wednesday for a child between the age of 3 months and 6 years. The place can be used for a parent who is working, studying or just wanting a day to themselves. I am registered with SWRFDC (Ph: 6924 1017) which enables me to claim your child care rebate. I run a home based child care service that works with families to offer a safe, secure and nurturing environment that inspires children to learn through play based experiences. Operating for 16 years, I hold a Certificate III in Children’s Services, Senior First Aid Certificate and more. Phone Karen on 02 6382 6903 or 0417 698 892.

- **THE GRANDPARENTS WORKSHOP**: a free workshop which includes topics such as pregnancy and birth, breastfeeding, SIDS, first aid and safety in the home, recognising post natal depression and looking after yourself as a grandparent. When: Friday 29th May between 9.30am and 2.00pm at the CWA rooms, Lovell Street, Young. Phone Wendy Fisher or Catrina Richens at Young Health Service on 6382 8700 for more info.

- **BEN HALL FESTIVAL, FORBES** will be held from Saturday 2nd May to Tuesday 5th May. Go to www.forbes.nsw.gov.au or phone 6850 2300 for more information.

- **TALKING ABOUT HAVING A CONVERSATION**: are you worried about someone? Have you noticed changes and get the feeling that “something is not right?” Find out how to have the conversation. Join Hilltops Prevention Network for a conversation and a free coffee at Art of Espresso on Wednesday 6th May from 5.30pm.

Edwina Wymers, Relieving Principal
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