2015 DATES

Twilight Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 11th February
(Students will NOT attend school on Thursday 12th February in lieu of the twilight swimming carnival).

New Families BBQ 6.00pm
Tuesday 17th February
(Invite/Information letter sent home on Monday to all new families who enrolled after February 2014 and Kinder & Year 7 families)

School Photos Tuesday
24th February

P & C Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 3rd March 7.00pm Admin Building.

Engaging Adolescents Parent Course
The Young and District Hub will be running a free course for parenting adolescent children during March. This course will address many of the situations that parents find difficult to manage with young people and offers genuine strategies and support. A flyer for the course is included later in the newsletter.

Cricket Match—the Principal’s Seven
A team of seven crack female cricketers will be challenging a team of students from years 5 to 8 later this term. Insiders indicate that the team of female players have been practising their skills hoping to catch the students unawares. Students from years 5 to 8 need to speak with Mr Blomfield if they are interested in playing.

New families B.B.Q.
Next Tuesday evening at 6 pm staff will provide a delicious dinner to all new families to the school including our Kindergarten and Year 7 families. Staff will prepare some scrumptious salads to go with the BBQ. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss any issue with the transition from primary to high school or to kindergarten.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on February 24th. Students who are not in full school uniform will not be photographed. Last year we had some students who did not behave suitably for the class photo. Students who misbehave will be removed from the group photo. Students will be reminded of this prior to having their photos taken.

Wednesday 11th February 2015
K-12 Twilight Swimming Carnival
Starting 1.30pm   Finishing 8.30pm
Students will walk to the pool at 1.00pm except Kinder and Infant non-swimmers who will walk to the pool with their teacher at 3.00pm.

Please ensure your child has sunscreen, towel, bucket hat, sunglasses, rashie, a warm jumper, change of clothes, plenty of drinking water, food and money ($2.50 pool entry fee if you don’t have a season ticket). The SRC will run a BBQ and the kiosk will be open.

No student is allowed to leave the pool area unless the parent has advised the child’s class.
Swimming Carnival K-6
Tomorrow (Wednesday 11th February) is our school twilight swimming carnival. All students have received their permission notes. These notes should have been filled in and returned to the school.
Please consider the swimming events being entered carefully as there will be NO LATE ENTRIES at the carnival.
The carnival replaces a normal school day and it is expected that all students will attend and participate.
Infants students who can confidently swim 12 metres or more will walk to the pool with the primary/secondary students at 1pm. Infant non swimmers will walk to the pool at 3pm with their teacher. Please direct any enquiries to Mrs Angela Gay.

K-12 Borrowing from the Boorowa Central School Library and the Boorowa Remembers Writing and Art competitions.
Student borrowing has begun well. Many new interest books are now on display and are available for students who enjoy reading for pleasure and for those who are already jumping enthusiastically into their schoolwork, projects, homework and assignments.
A huge thank you to all those students who returned the books they borrowed to enjoy over the holidays. For those who have not returned yet please do so as soon as possible as all holiday loans are now overdue.
We have currently on display a large number of books that students may choose to use for the background research for their Boorowa Remembers writing and art competition entries. These books can provide inspirational stories, letters, poems and more and Mrs Eustace can help any students who need help editing and creating the best presentation for their work possible.

Borrowing times for Term 1 2015.
All students in K – 6 library classes have the opportunity to borrow both during their library lessons and every day along with Years 7 -12 during Break 1, 2nd half. We are also open for K-12 borrowing Tuesdays to Friday mornings from 8.40. (Please bring some sort of bag to help protect your books from whatever else you may have in your school bag. We can supply a plastic bag but these are not very environmentally friendly.)

P & C Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 3rd March
All parents are invited to attend. New faces and fresh ideas are most welcome.
I encourage all parents especially new parents to the school to come along and see first hand what our hard working P&C has achieved throughout the year for our school. Hope to see you there.
Kim Blomfield - President

Important Information for the Community
If you are concerned for a child’s well being you may ring the Department of Community Services on 132 111 or the Police on 131 444. Both phone numbers operate 24 hours a day.
REMINDER TO PARENTS
MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ADDRESS CHANGES FOR SCHOOL RECORDS

It is imperative that our school records on a child’s medical condition and address changes be kept up to date. If your child has been diagnosed with a severe medical condition that could impact on their wellbeing whilst at school then please inform the school admin office immediately so a suitable response plan can be initiated. If your family address has changed since 2014 the office needs this information A.S.A.P.

AFS Australia, world leader in High School Student Exchange to over 57 countries are kicking off their 2015 information sessions and invite you to come along and find out if a student exchange program is for you.

An AFS student exchange is all about excitement. New countries. New cultures. New friends. There are heaps of countries to choose from. If you want to experience something new, take the leap and join the hundreds of young Aussies who head overseas with AFS every year.

Students in years 10-12 can spend anywhere between 2 weeks to 11 months studying abroad, learning a language and becoming a part of a whole new culture. Learning by doing. You’ll be supported the entire way by AFS.

We will be running a free information session for you and your parents to find out more:
When: 11am Saturday 21st February 2015
Where: Bathurst Public Library, 70-78 Keppel Street, Bathurst

For more information and to register your attendance, head to www.afs.org.au/opendays or call the AFS Sending Team on 1300 131 736 or email ausafs@afs.org

GARAGE SALE
Garage Sale this Sunday 15th February. Follow signs on the rye Park road (not far from town). Items for sale include chest of drawers, beds, dining suite and chairs, coffee table and pushbike. All in good condition.

Boorowa Annual Show
6th & 7th March 2015

The art section at the Boorowa show has a wonderful reputation with lots of interest shown by all who visit the pavilion. More and more paintings are being sold every year.

Boorowa Remembers Art Competition will be held on the Anzac Day weekend in April. All paintings and drawings for the Boorowa Remembers Competition need to follow the theme “Lest We Forget”

Any enquiries regarding entry please contact Therese Crowe on 042 885 1234

The Boorowa Anglican Debutante Ball is to be held Saturday 16th May 2015 All interested debs please contact Jody Robinson 0429853260 or Greta Campbell 63853368 A.S.A.P.
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ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™
PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills 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 2015 from 6pm to 8pm

Learn:
✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
✓ New understandings of adolescence
✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can’t ignore

The course is FREE.
Light Supper Provided

Register for this course by contacting Young and District Community Hub on Ph 63826328

What parents have said…
A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who’s running it?
The trainers for this course are Jenny Spring (Coordinator of Family Chain/Family Worker) and Rose Thompson (Family Support Worker) both of whom have completed Parent shop’s Engaging Adolescents training.

For more information contact Rose or Jenny on Phone. 63 826 328

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Riverina TAFE is open for enrolments for 2015. Riverina TAFE offers qualifications, degree and post graduate qualifications that will give you a practical, career-orientated education to prepare you for professional practice. We are also very excited to be offering at the Young Campus Certificate II and III in Retail in a new innovative style. Call Riverina TAFE on 1300 138 318 or 02 6282 8500.

ISSUE NO. 1

Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been given out today to all Primary and Infants classes. There are some wonderful books in the catalogues and at great prices.

If you would like to order books as a gift for a child please attach a note to your order and you will be contacted when the books arrive.

Issue 1 book club orders are due back at school by Thursday, 19th February. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Cusack.

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