I start my principal section with apologising for the confusion regarding our school gates. I would like to clarify the reasons for the decision, and inform our community that this is not a temporary move, but one that will be followed from this week onwards. Not all gates are locked. Our two pool gates are open, as can be seen in the photo below and parents are able to come freely in and out of school throughout the day using these gates. We ask that everyone keeps these gates closed. Our new kindergarten students are still establishing their school routines and for them, and a couple of our older students, our risk management strategy has necessitated all gates being locked, except for the pool gates mentioned earlier.

The staff at York Public School have raised concerns about our students safety in the top car park of an afternoon due to traffic moving in and out. The issue was also raised by the P & C at our meeting this week. The car parks are for staff and contractors of the Department of Education and Communities only. These gates are locked during the day and will not be opened until 3.15pm when all students have exited our school. I hope this information clarifies our school's position.

On a more positive note, we have been thrilled with how York Public School has hummed along with our teaching and learning programs. I am continually impressed with our students' work ethic and commitment to their learning. It has also been wonderful to see our parents involved in our events such as our swimming carnival. We also had a very productive P & C meeting this week, planning our 2014 joint events.

Next week we have 'Jollybops' visiting our Year One and Two students, and the following week we will have our Grandparents Day which is run in conjunction with our Harmony Day celebrations. Our school is looking forward to sharing this event with our wider school community.
COMING EVENTS & PAYMENTS DUE

10th March  NO MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY
12th March  JOLLYBOPS INCURSION Yrs 1 & 2 
             Payment due - $6.00
18th March  GRANDPARENTS / HARMONY DAY
19th March  CROSS COUNTRY
21st March  YEAR 6 INTO 7 – EOI FORMS DUE
1st April   NRMA SCIENCE SHOW – K-6 FREE

** ICAS ASSESSMENTS – Due Tuesday 8th April **

** Notes went home on Tuesday afternoon for the YEAR 6 CAMP TO CANBERRA – if you wish for your child to attend, please send back the permission form and the $50.00 deposit **

SWIMMING CARNIVAL & DISTRICT SWIMMING

The swimming carnival was a great success and it was fantastic to see all of our students getting into the spirit, wearing their house colours and supporting their house groups. We had a few school records broken – Great work & well done to Joshua Delanoue.

We would like to congratulate the following students who competed in the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday – Joshua Delanoue, Blake Sloane, Jackson Bartlett, Harrison Parkes, Jaxon Edgar, Ben Homan, Riley Pollard, Bothe Hinman, Ty Stansfield, Nicholas Amey, Christian Pearce, Chelsea Brown, Ella Homan, Sydney Robins, Talia Schempp, Emma Crowther, Summer Robins, Danielle Alcock, Taylah Pollard, & Jessika Dekruif. They proudly represented York Public School and we are lucky enough to have the following students going off to the Zone Swimming Carnival at Homebush on March 20th – Boys 4 x 50m Senior Relay – Blake Sloane, Joshua Delanoue, Jackson Bartlett and Christian Pearce, 50m Free (12) & 50m Fly (12) – Chelsea Brown, 50m Free (10) – Sydney Robins & 50m Free (8) – Jaxon Edgar. GOOD LUCK!

KINDERGARTEN BUDDIES

This term Year 6 have been buddied up with our new kindergarten students. It has been a wonderful experience for all the students. A number of times during the week the Year 6 visit kindergarten where they read to the students and play reading and number games with them that help consolidate the work being covered in class.

We have a group of Year 6 students holding dance lessons at lunch time in the hall and others showing them safe and enjoyable playground games they can play.

The Year 6 have also worked with the students on making finger puppets and presently they are constructing marble run activities with them. In the coming weeks all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be beginning peer support.

CLOTHING POOL

Thanks to many of our families who have donated school uniforms that their children no longer need, your donations are always appreciated.

Prices for items are: Jackets & Dresses - $6.00
          Shirts & Shorts - $5.00
          Hats - $1.00

CHANGE OF DETAILS

As you would be aware it is very important for the school to have the correct contact details for families. This includes mobile numbers, address details and emergency contacts.

Please forward change of detail forms to the office as soon as possible.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to all of our families who have paid their voluntary contribution, your assistance to York Public School is appreciated. It is never too late to pay this amount. The voluntary contribution remains unchanged from 2012 and 2013 and is set at $20.00 per student or $40 for a family of two children or more.

CHANGE IN HOW YOU RECEIVE THE ‘YORK YABBER’ …..

From Term 2 we propose that the YABBER will be emailed to you. Could you please return this slip to school at your earliest convenience for your details to be added to the email listing.

Family Name: ______________________    Email Address: __________________________________________

If you do not have an active email account and would still wish to receive a paper copy, please fill out below:

Youngest Child Attending York Public School Name: ______________________    Class: ___________