From the Principal  

26th March, 2014

Term 1, 2014, is nearly at an end. We have had an extremely successful term. Our wonderful combined Grandparents and Harmony Day was a perfect example of our staff and community working together to celebrate our students work at school. We had an incredible amount of visitors to the school. Thank you to our community for their wonderful support and sharing the day with us. A thank you to the Senior Ladies Train Travellers Group and Penrith City Council for supporting this event, Ross Sinfield for his coordination, our teachers, staff and students for putting together a day for everyone to enjoy.

It appears we are in for some very wet weather over coming days. A reminder to all our families to pack wet weather gear so as students can stay as dry as possible.

Our NRMA Science show visit is next week and we are looking forward to this incursion. Parents are also welcome to attend the NRMA parent workshop at 2.15pm in our school hall.

A reminder to parents and carers regarding the safe dropping off and picking up of our students at York Public School, we ask that you please ensure that your child safely crosses the road with you. Our parking continues to be a problem and I have contacted the RTA regarding the possibility of a supervised crossing, but until we hear back I have included tips from the RTA below.

- Hold an adult’s hand - They might try very hard to observe all the road safety rules, but children are easily distracted, often too short to be seen by drivers, unable to identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.
- Talk with your children about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers posed by heavy vehicles which may be entering or exiting driveways.
- Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand: on the footpath, in the car park, when crossing the road.
- If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.
- After school, meet your child AT the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

For a free copy of the brochure, Safe school travel Tips for parents and carers, Stock No 4509 2292, contact the RTA.

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday April 1 and I look forward to another productive meeting.

Kelly Paton  
Principal
COMING EVENTS & PAYMENTS DUE

1st April  
NRMA SCIENCE SHOW – K-6 FREE  
*Parents workshop from 2.15pm (HALL)*  
P & C Meeting – 7.00pm

4th April  
P & C Disco  
K-2 5.30pm - 6.45pm  
3-6 7.00pm - 8.30pm

8th April  
Year 6 ANZAC Service – Penrith RSL

28th July  
Year 5 & 6 Camp – CANBERRA  
*Payment plans distributed*

2014 TERM DATES

TERM 1  29th January – 11th April  
TERM 2  29th April – 27th June  
TERM 3  15th July – 19th September  
TERM 4  7th October – 17th December

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of York Public Schools Zone Swimming representatives who competed at Sydney West last week. Chelsea Brown, Sydney Robins, Blake Sloane, Jackson Bartlett, Christian Pearce, Joshua Delanoue and Jaxon Edgar all competed exceptionally well.  
*A special mention to Jaxon Edgar who finished 4th in the 50m freestyle event, Well Done Jaxon!*  

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Wednesday was another successful Cross Country Carnival. It was pleasing to see all of our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participating in this event. Congratulations to the top six runners in each age group from the U8’s - U12’s who will be participating in the zone carnival which will be held at Jamison Park on Friday 9th May.

DEBATING CAMP

On the 18th and 19th of March, Claire Simpson, Chelsea Brown, Ella Homan and Danielle Foster attended Western Sydney Debating Camp held at Katoomba. It was two jammed packed days of learning how to write debates and rebuttals. Fantastic effort girls!

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

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BECOME A GOOD SPELLER

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Visit this website for tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

Find out 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: _________  

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