Welcome to York Public School for 2015. We are looking forward to a happy and productive year.

Students returned to school well and the majority have now settled into their new classes. I would like to thank our school community for their patience while staff worked on organising our 2015 classes.

‘WELCOME TO YORK’ NIGHT - You are invited to attend the school on the evening of Tuesday 10th February to hear about the learning plans for the year ahead. Our P & C will be providing Tea and Coffee from 6.30pm-7.00pm and a combined information session for Kindergarten to Year 6 will be from 7.00pm-8.00pm.

While it is not a one to one meeting with your teacher it is an update on many aspects of school by our executive staff. They will talk parents/carers through PBL, new syllabus, assessments, excursions, assembly and our P & C President will also speak.

As this meeting will be a general presentation, if you feel that you need more of an individualised discussion with your child’s teacher you are asked to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. We will be having Parent/Teacher interviews at the end of Term 1.

Our times for lunch and recess have changed this year. Our new times are:

- 10:50am – 11:00am  Eating Time
- 11:00am – 11:30am  Play
- 1:25pm – 1:30pm  Eating Time
- 1:30pm – 2:00pm  Play

Our new assembly day for all students will be on Friday’s. Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a few practice assemblies and parents are invited to attend from Friday the 6th March, their assembly time is 9.00am – 10.00am and our Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will have their assembly from 2.00pm – 3.00pm beginning 13th February.

Our P & C have also met for the first time in 2015 on Tuesday night. We had a full house to start planning a very busy year at York Public School. It was great to see some new faces and we encourage parents to come along to a P & C meeting sometime. P & C meetings are usually the first Tuesday of each month (during school terms), the dates of meetings will be on term planners and a reminder placed on Facebook before each meeting.

We look forward to working with our school community in 2015.

Kelly Paton
Principal

NEW ASSEMBLY DAY – FRIDAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS (TIMES BELOW)

- Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 ..... 9.00am – 10.00am (beginning 6th March)
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 ..... 2.00pm – 3.00pm (beginning 13th February)
CLASSES AND STAFFING 2015

York Public School has a total of 23 classes this year and an enrolment of 569 students.

The school classes and teachers-in-charge are as follows:

K/6A Miss K Hurcum
KA Miss K Albronda
KB Mrs B Browne
KM Mrs S Meaney (AP – Early Stage 1)
KS Mrs R Saoushkin
K/1RA Mrs R Adlington
1G Mrs L Gray (AP – Stage 1)
1J Mrs B Jones – Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
   Mrs J Fenech – Wed
1/2R Mrs E Ritchie – Mon, Tues, Wed
   Mrs J Fenech – Thurs, Fri
2LL Mrs L Luke
2VG Mr V Govender
2YS Mrs Y Smith
3R Mrs S Ricketts
3W Ms K Wright
3/4/5LR Mrs L Robinson
4SG Mr S Grady (AP – Stage 2)
4TG Ms T Ginn
4ZL Mrs D Zoglmeyer – Mon, Tues
   Mrs K Linford – Wed, Thurs, Fri
5D Mr C Dodds
5H Mr M Hill
5/6B Mrs K Barglik (AP – Stage 3)
6BE Mr B Eggins
6BR Mrs B Robins

Additional Teaching and Support Staff in 2015 includes:

Ms K Paton Principal
Mr R Sinfield Deputy Principal
Mr N Minter Information Technology / Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher
Mrs A Binns Teacher Librarian
Mrs M Wood Reading Recovery Teacher
Mrs P Perriman Learning & Support Teacher
Mrs N Bartush Learning & Support Teacher
Mrs A Brady Learning & Support Teacher
Mrs A Cameron Vision Support Teacher
Mrs M Marscham Vision Support Teacher
Mr G Mackey Vision Support Teacher
Mrs L Dowton School Administrative Manager
Mrs L Byrne School Administrative Officer
Mrs E Ti’i Ti’i School Administrative Officer
Mrs B Wyngaard School Administrative Officer
Mrs J Lacy Canteen Manager
Mrs L Buchanan School Learning Support Officer
Mrs C Knight School Learning Support Officer
Mrs H Hosie School Learning Support Officer
Mrs M Cullen School Learning Support Officer
Mrs D Cranridge School Learning Support Officer
Mr D Pearson School Learning Support Officer
Mr B Cooke General Assistant
Mr J Priestly General Assistant

SCHOOL LEADERS

Captains Katie Connolly and Jack Hyde
Prefects Jaeann Clifton, Tori Coe, Mia Makin, Taylah Pollard, Ethan Elsner, Brodie Koopmans, Niklas Lusch, Hayden Schempp

Students will be receiving their badges at the Monday morning assembly on 16th February at 9.00am.
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

School Hours 8.55am – 3.00pm
Office Hours 8.30am – 3.00pm

Receipting - Daily 8.30am – 2.30pm

** EFTPOS IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE BUT CANNOT BE PROCESSED OVER THE PHONE **

Playground supervision commences at 8.30am. No child should be in the playground before this time.

Morning Recess 10.50am – 11.30am
2nd Recess 1.30pm – 2.00pm

TERM PLANNER

The term planner is attached to this newsletter. A planner will be sent home each term with the youngest student in each family.

A copy of the planner is also available on our website and on our Facebook page.

NEWSLETTERS

Every family will receive a copy of our first newsletter for the year (this edition). Then each newsletter will only be available via email or our website. Please email york-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or inform the front office if you would like to be added to the newsletter distribution list.

We will also put a link to each newsletter from our Facebook page.

FACEBOOK

York Public School has a Facebook page – York Public School

As shown above it is advisable to ‘like’ our page and when on a computer (not mobile device) click on the pull down arrow next to ‘liked’ and click on ‘get notifications’. You will then be prompted of posts on our page and be kept up-to-date with activities and news at York Public School.

Please respect this page – no negativity is greatly appreciated.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture for 2015 will begin on Thursday 12th February. Students will be attending scripture groups based on the information provided to the school on student enrolment forms. Please inform the school in writing, if this information needs to be updated.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photo day will be Tuesday 3rd March. On this day advancedlife will be taking class, individual and family photos.

They will then return on Friday 13th March for our whole school photo and individual photos of any students who were absent on photo day. Photo envelopes will come home with students as soon as they are delivered to the school.

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.

A separate note was handed out today to each family with the contact details the school currently has, we ask that you please check these details and if there are changes which need to be made, please forward this note back to school with changes made in RED / BLUE PEN.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

It is now time for us to request the payment of the voluntary contribution by parents and carers for 2015. The voluntary contribution remains unchanged from 2012, 2013 & 2014 and is set at $20.00 per student or $40.00 for a family of two children or more.

What is the Voluntary Contribution about?
It is a small amount that we ask parents to generously provide that permits the school to provide important and additional resources to enhance student learning. The voluntary contribution form is on our family details note handed out with this newsletter to each family.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 3-6

Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 26th February at Penrith Pool. The permission note was handed out this week, if your child did not receive one they are downloadable from the York Public School website – http://www.york-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. All children in years 3-6 are expected to attend.

Please ensure you tick ONLY ONE box in the allowed to swim section.
MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
If your son/daughter requires medication whilst at school a medication form needs to be filled in. **Medication cannot be given without this form.** These forms are available at the office.

If your child requires antibiotics 3 times a day, please consider administering it at home before school, after school and after dinner. As medications are accidently left at school.

** We can no longer apply any forms of creams to scratches and bites we apologise for any inconvenience**.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTS OR NUT-BASED PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL
Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction to a range of substances and foods that may cause serious illness or death.

Foods that may cause an anaphylactic reaction can include fish, shellfish, milk, wheat-based products or eggs. However, the most prevalent and potentially most serious cause of a reaction is peanuts, tree nuts, products containing nuts and shellfish products.

A significant number of students at York Public School have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis.

It is because of this reason that parents and carers are strongly requested to refrain from sending foods to school with their child that contain nuts or nut-based products.

Students with anaphylaxis can have a severe reaction by merely touching the hands or the desktop of a child who has touched and eaten a nut-based product. Peanut butter, packets of fruit and nuts, Nutella and many lollies, snack bars and sweets will contain traces of nuts.

Help us to protect ALL of the children by complying with this request. If you have any further queries about this matter, please contact the school on 4731 6577.

SCHOOL BANKING
Our banking day for 2015 will be on a **Wednesday**.

Banking Begins – **WEDNESDAY 11th February**

Children will give their banks books to their teacher first thing in the morning and these will then be forwarded our banking volunteers in a class bag.

CLOTHING POOL
Thanks to many of our families who have donated school uniforms that their children no longer need.

Our **NEW** clothing pool hours are Monday 8.15am–9.15am and Friday 2.00pm–3.00pm at the hall.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs once again this year. Twice a term during the school year we will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You will find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. We recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2.00).

It is easy to order. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer and return the order form to the office with CORRECT CASH or credit card receipt number in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name and class on it. This is to be put in the **MONEY CHUTE** located in the front office. The books will arrive back at school around two weeks after the close off date.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is no obligation to order. We know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

The latest book club is due back to school by **Friday 13th February**.

If you have any queries regarding Book Club, please see Mrs Binns in the library.