Students have now completed the first lessons related to anti-bullying and know that they all have something bigger than a bully – their mouth. We encourage students to use their mouth to tell the bully to stop and to talk to their teachers and parents about bullying.

The School policy defines bullying as repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies. **Conflict or fights between equals or single incidents are not defined as bullying.**

Good luck to the students who will represent Yanderra at the Razorback Cross Country on Friday 23rd May. The event will be held at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park. Students need to be at the park by 9am. Miss Southwell will organize students at the event.

Friday 23rd May is Walk Safely to School Day. On this day across Australia students are encouraged to walk to school. This simple activity improves student health, provides an understanding of road safety and helps to care for the environment. If you need to come by car, park the car away from the school and walk together, do the same on the way home. Take the challenge and download the app at walk.com.au. Remember active kids are healthy kids.
On Monday 26th May, students from Year 1 to Year 6 will participate in the StartSmart program. Students in year 1 and 2 will be challenged to make practical spending and saving decisions in a range of real life situations with the help of Captain Super Cents. Year 3 and 4 students with the help of Coach Cash will be guided through a series of activities that introduce them to credit and keycards and the need to earn money while year 5 and 6 will consider tips and tricks to improve their financial habits.

Congratulations to Sive, Laura, Ryan B, Dominique, Liberty, Gabrielle, Amelia, Malcolm and Tianna for achieving their Principal’s Award. It is rewarding to see students following our positive behaviour system.

Please visit the school’s website to view the latest photos from school events.

Reconciliation Week
National Sorry Day begins Reconciliation Week on Monday 26th May. All students celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. This year the theme *Lets Walk the Talk*, hopes to create opportunities for people across Australia to have their voices heard. Students will participate in the Wollondilly Reconciliation Art display to be held on Friday 30th May and Saturday 31st May at the Tahmoor Community Centre – Youth Hub.

Year 4/5 and 6 Bush Camp
Please be reminded that the deposit and note to attend the overnight camp in November must be paid by Friday 16th May. This is a great opportunity for students and I encourage parents to support this camp. If you have any concerns regarding the Camp please contact the office. Late payment cannot be accepted.

A new Canteen Menu for Term 2 and Term 3 is attached to this newsletter. Pies and corn have been added for winter.
Canteen News
Thank you to parents who have volunteered to work in the canteen during Term 2. On Wednesday 21st May we will have an Italian meal day. The meal deal will consist of spaghetti bolognese, garlic bread, drink and dessert. Please make sure the note is handed in by Monday 19th May. A new Canteen Menu for Term 2 and Term 3 is attached to this newsletter. Pies and corn have been added for winter.

Community Meeting
Our last get together was well attended by parents and we were able to discuss matters relating to maintenance, fund raising and student learning. Money raised from the cross country barbecue will be used to purchase new basketball backboards and rings. Parents will follow up the donation of a water tank from Wollondilly Council to allow the school to replace the water tank behind the toilets. Mrs Langbien explained the Anti-Bullying program that students will be completing.

Thank you to Mrs Crandell (fondly known as Kaylee’s grandma) who donated the knitted slouch beanies for the Mother’s Day stall. We are sure that nearly every mum in Yanderra will have received a beanie on Sunday and now nearly every student has a beanie for winter. Thank you to Mrs Irwin, Mrs Luckman, Mrs Julius and Ms McMahon for organizing the stall and ensuring that students were able to purchase a special gift for mum, grandma or nana. The stall raised $283.90 for the school.

Positive Partnerships
Positive Partnerships supporting school age students on the autism spectrum are offering a free 2 day workshop and information session for Parents/Carers. To be held at Campbelltown Catholic Club on Tuesday 3rd June and Wednesday 4th June 2014 from 9am to 3.30pm. If you are interested in this workshop please visit the website; www.positivepartnerships.com.au The Positive Partnerships Info line number is 1300 881 971.

School Jackets
If you would like to order a school jacket please see the school office to fill out your order, the cost is $35.00 sizes 6-16.
2014 Assembly Awards Term 2

Week 1
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Charlotte
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Daniel
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Jack

Library
Charlotte G., Cody, Mikayla

Week 2
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Mikayla
Encouragement Award:
Katie

2/3
Achievement Awards:
Timothy
Encouragement Award:
Jason

4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Brandon Mc K.
Encouragement Award:
Olivia

Library
Lilly, Tuniaya, Eliza, Ryan H.

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY