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Dear Families,

Our School Vision

Here at Youngtown Primary our vision statement provides a guiding light for the decisions that we make and for the practice that we employ. This statement is made up of four sentences that capture what we believe is our core purpose. To ensure that our vision continues to be a strong driver of our practice we must ensure that we not only continue to revisit this statement, but more importantly, that we continually review and refine our practice so that it strongly reflects our vision. On Monday February 14 all Youngtown Primary School staff engaged in this reviewing and refining process, literally one sentence at a time. We began by re-writing each sentence just to ensure we agreed on its meaning and to further tune us into what it should look like in practice. The next step was to identify aspects of our current practice (both in individual classrooms and at a whole school level) that are in tune with our vision and to generate new ways in which we might reflect this. What follows is a snap-shot of the thinking that emerged in relation to the first vision statement sentence:

We aim to inspire students with an inextinguishable drive for learning.

In other words this means.....

Our goal is to ignite and motivate with an ongoing passion and belief in the purpose of learning.

Or...

Not accepting "I don't know" as an answer because everyone can learn.

Examples of our current practice that reflect this are:

- Being passionate and enthusiastic about our role as teachers
- Being learners alongside the students
- Purposefully fostering an inquiring mind
- Staying abreast of current research and pedagogy
- Focusing on student interests
- Nurturing strong relationships

New and improved ways of including this aspect of our vision in our daily practice could include:

- Increased use of guided questions to encourage student ownership over their learning
- To make clearer to students the link between their education and a positive future
- To ensure that we plan for students to engage regularly in higher order thinking
- To nurture a 'can do' attitude
- Remain focussed on initial goal without deviating

I will share the work on the second sentence in our vision statement next week.

Scootering

It seems that we have many children in our school who have caught the scootering craze over the summer holidays. At present there are over 15 children who choose to scooter to and from school every day. In the interests of upholding our school-wide expectations about being safe and being responsible we ask the following of our scooter riders:

- ride cautiously – it's not a time for trying out new tricks!
- wear helmets
- walk alongside the scooter (instead of riding it) when inside the school grounds
- Store it under the deck area with the other scooters

School Banking Bonus!

Yesterday at our lunchtime assembly our School Association Chairperson, Lisa Tatnell, was presented with a cheque for \$300 by Shelley Daines and Theressa Parker from the Commonwealth Bank. This generous contribution to our Association is the result of our involvement in the School Banking Program and is a part of the Commonwealth Bank's "80 Years of School Banking" celebrations. Our School Association also receives various funds throughout the year based on the number of new savings accounts that are opened through the school and also for the deposits that are banked into these.

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School Association

On Wednesday evening I had the pleasure of meeting a number of our parents at the School Association meeting. It was a great insight into the many aspects of school life that our association is involved with. These include fundraising activities, organising hot lunches each month, running the uniform shop, committing many hours to ensuring that our school banking program continues to grow, assisting school staff to access various community grants, discussing and providing valuable insights into the many issues that arise throughout the year. As you can see there are many ways to become involved with our school through the association and you will be warmly welcomed by the committee. It is also a great way to meet with other parents in your local community. The next association meeting will take place on March 23rd at 7pm in the school staff room. This meeting will coincide with the AGM. There are two positions becoming vacant – Treasurer and Fundraiser Coordinator. Nomination forms are available at the office.

*Troy Roberts
Principal*



We would like to say a sincere Thank you to the following ladies for their wonderful assistance in weeding and tidying the Outdoor Classroom.

A great job ladies.

**Cindy Belbin, Lauralea Timoko
and her Mother Margaret and
Rachel Harrop.**

BALLS, BALLS & BALLS !!



Wanted for Outdoor Classroom
old Bowling balls or Lawn
bowls for a garden project.

If you have any please leave at
the Office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 3 March 2011

2.20 PM Assembly Grades 3-6
5/6 Thow to Host
6.30 PM School Association welcome to Kinder
Families, Wine & Cheese Night.

Friday, 4 March 2011

4.30 PM Taekwondo using MP 4.30 - 6.00

Thursday, 10 March 2011

5.00 PM Welcome back to school picnic 5 - 7pm

Friday, 11 March 2011

4.30 PM Taekwondo using MP 4.30 - 6.00

Monday, 14 March 2011

Eight Hour day holiday, No school

Friday, 18 March 2011

4.30 PM Taekwondo using MP 4.30 - 6.00

Monday, 21 March 2011

Whole school photos

Tuesday, 22 March 2011

Kinder B photos



PBS Raffle Students Acknowledged:

Congratulations to last week's students
for meeting our school wide expectations.
Campbell Rodda, Billy Petersen, Caleb Chapple,
Peter Cooper, Will Springer, Jacob Smith,
Aaron Barker, Jasmine Burns

School Association News

A big thankyou to everyone who attended our meeting on Wednesday evening. It was great to see all of you there.
Stay tuned for some exciting events coming up this term.



The Back to School Picnic will be held next Thursday the 10th of March on the grassed area near the netball courts at school from 5.00 – 7.00pm.

BYO picnic and blanket for a great family occasion. Hope to see you all there.

The positions of Treasurer and Fundraising Co-ordinator are now vacant. Anyone wishing to nominate for either position can collect a nomination form from the office.

Dates for the Diary

**Welcome to Youngtown evening
(for kinder parents)**
Thursday 3rd of March 6.30 - 7.30pm
in the Kinder classroom

Back to school picnic
Thursday 10th March 5.00-7.00pm

AGM and General meeting.
Wednesday 23rd March 7.00pm



Book club is back!

All orders are due back by **Tomorrow** Thursday 3rd of March at 9am.

If you would like to collect the books yourself please write this on the order. The books will then be left at the office for collection.

Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell, 0418364861

Pedder Patter

After School Care

Dear Parents,
After School Care is off to a great start. The carers Samantha and Ike have been running a successful program that involves activities such as art & craft, puzzles, blocks, board games and outdoor time. We also provide afternoon tea and we would love to see your children there.

Thank you

Uniform Shop!

Orders are now being taken for tracksuits and winter skirts. Payment must be made at time of order please. Orders will be taken up to Tuesday 8th March, 2011.

Winter Skirt \$65.00 - \$70.00

Tracksuit Jackets \$48.00 - \$50.00

Tracksuit Pants \$28.00 - \$30.00

Volunteers are needed to run the uniform shop. If you can assist please see Danielle or Kim on a Tuesday at the Uniform Shop.



STUDENT BANKING

Congratulations to all the students who are off to a good start with their regular banking for 2011.

Keep saving those tokens for rewards!

Did you know that, not only does the school association receive \$5.50 as commission from C.B.A for every \$100.00 that students deposit, but also \$5.50 for each new account that comes through the school. Total commission received for 2010 was \$404.47.

New account application forms can be collected from the school office, or ask the Banking co-ordinators on a Friday.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Carswell Tennis Coaching

Children interested in having tennis lessons at school 1st Term are to report to the tennis court area on Thursday 3rd March at 8.30am. Spare racquets available if required. For enquiries phone 63261020 or 0417 390 261.

Second Storey Youth Theatre,

Enrolments for 2011. SSYT is an established and respected youth company that has been committed to nurturing the creative talents of northern Tasmania's young people for the past 11 years.

NTJSA Soccer Academy

Become part of the NTJSA Soccer academy, it is a program designed to improve the skills and development of any aspiring soccer player.

U10 Boys & Girls - Monday 4-5pm

U13 & U14 Boys 7 Girls - Monday 5-6.30pm

U11 & U12 Boys & Girls - Tuesday 4.30-6.30pm

All sessions are run concurrently with school terms and are held at Churchill Park. For further information on this great program please phone 6331 9111.

Multiple Birth Association

The Multiple Birth Association Northern Branch will meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Tresca Community Centre, Exeter, from 10.00am - 12.00pm.

The aim of the group is to recognize the unique situation that we find ourselves in and to provide support, discussion, friendship, education strategies that will make all our lives more enjoyable. Come along to our informal coffee morning and chat where parents, carers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed environment. Cost is Free to TasMBA members \$3 per family for non-members. For details contact Katie 0417 146 529.

YMCA 2011 Activities

Something for everyone, Tiny Tots Playtime, Pre-Kinder Playcentre, Playball & Games, Gym Fun, Gym Skills, Trampolining, Basketball Rosters, Fencing, Taekwondo, School Holiday Programs, Little Giant Basketball. Programs for 1 to 13years. For more information please phone 6344 3844.

Bedwetting

A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796.

Support for those affected by suicide

Circle of Hope are holding a morning tea on 5th March at 10 - 11.30 am at the Kings Meadows Community Health Centre, McHugh St. All are welcome to this informal and supportive gathering. For more information : contact Wendy French 0408 133 884 or standby@parakaleo.org.au or Garry Rafferty 6336 5155 or garry.rafferty@dhhs.tas.gov.au

YPS STUDENT FREE DAYS FOR 2011

- Monday 16th May
- Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd July
- Friday 7th October

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