

Dear Parents,

## Here we come Singapore!

Finally the wait is over for our 9 grade 5/6 students who will join Mrs Nankervis and Mr Bergamin on a 6-day, jam-packed trip to Singapore. Whilst the trip is yet to begin all of the planning is over and I know that this in itself has been a valuable part of the experience. The families of the children travelling have funded the entire experience which includes not only their travel and accommodation costs, but also specially designed tops to wear throughout and many souvenir items to present to their Singapore hosts. It has been wonderful to see this group of parents rally together to support the experience, organising many fundraising opportunities and devoting a great deal of time to these. Remarkably they managed to raise in excess of \$3,000.

Our travellers depart this Saturday and return to Launceston on Friday August 12. They will enjoy a nice balance of sight-seeing and cultural emersion. The impetus for the trip was to experience some time at our sister school – Elias Park Primary. Ours students will spend the majority of two of their days working alongside children during classes at Elias Park. Not only will they gain first-hand experience of the school culture, but they will also strengthen the connection between our two schools, ensuring continued liaisons into the future. The itinerary is filled with wonderful experiences and has been continually shaped by Mrs Nankervis and Mr Bergamin for the past 5 months – including a very late-minute change to enable our travellers to see a display of the Terracotta Warriors (from China) which will be on display in Singapore during their stay. We wish them a very safe journey and look forward to hearing all about their experiences.

## Four Term School Year to be implemented

Yesterday the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr Nick McKim, announced that Tasmanian schools will move to a four-term school year from the beginning of 2013. This decision follows recommendations from an Advisory Group that was convened to investigate and consult on the preferred term model. With this change occurring in 2013, there is plenty of time to work through any issues to thoroughly prepare for a smooth transition to the new term model.

The Department of Education will provide more details during term 3. I believe that the new model will better support student learning with reduced term sizes and a shorter break over summer.

The proposed term dates for 2013 are as follows:

<b>Term 1:</b>	4 Feb – 19 April (Easter break: 29 March - 2 April)
<b>Term 2:</b>	6 May – 5 July
<b>Term 3:</b>	22 July -27 September
<b>Term 4:</b>	14 October – 19 December

## Neuroscience and Early Childhood Development

A key message from neuroscience is that **children are born ready to learn**. Early experiences are very important because this is a period of rapid brain development. A combination of genetics and early experiences will shape how the brain grows, learns and functions. The brain develops sequentially and cumulatively, and (best of all) continues growing throughout life! To ensure the best possible start for your children try adhering to the following recommended parent strategies:

*“From birth provide baby with sensory, social, warm emotional experiences, share gaze, vocalisations, touch. Play games with baby that help establish self-regulation (peek a boo, sensory, tactile games, rocking, talking, singing, picture and word books).*

*For toddlers ... listening and moving to music, movement, walking, running, balancing, climbing, rolling, balls, push/pull toys, books.*

*For pre-schoolers, games that strengthen social emotional development and abstract thought – pretend and role play, group, turn-taking, humour, language, drawing, ball games, rhyming and word games, stories” . (p.28-29, Engaging Families in the Early Childhood Development Story)*

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### Children involved in live Performances

Once again this year many of our children have been able to experience the thrill of performing live to a large audience. What's more they have been able to work alongside experienced adult performers and witness just what goes on back-stage and how much work goes into the rehearsal stage. On Thursday night a group of our grade 5/6 children participated in the production of Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat. It was an amazing experience for those of us in the audience and certainly a very enlightening experience for our children. Next week a group of our grade 4 children will also have the opportunity to perform live when they take to the stage as a part of Newstead College's production of Peter Pan. They will perform 3 times including on Wednesday when all of our grade 3/4 children will be there to see it. I would like to thank parents for supporting your children's involvement and to Mrs Seen for her meticulous organisation and her willingness to give so much of her time.

*Troy Roberts*  
*Principal*



### OUTSTANDING SCHOOL LEVIES

All those families who still have fees outstanding are required to have them paid by 31st August. If the accounts are not paid by this date, they will be lodged with a collection agency for further action.



### YTEL FUNDRAISER JEANS for GENES DAY

**THIS FRIDAY**

On Friday 5th August YTEL will be holding a Jeans for Genes day. For a gold coin donation, students can wear their favourite jeans with their uniform.

### REMINDER EXCURSION NOTICE

On Wednesday August 10th all grade 3/4 classes are going to Peter Pan; The British Musical at the Princess Theatre.

This performance is a Newstead College production and we have some grade 4 students performing. We have been asked by Newstead College to be seated by 9.00am. To do this we will need to depart school by 8.40am.

All students will need to be at school by 8.30am on August 10th next Wednesday, please add this date to your diary!

**Regards**  
**Grade 2/3/4 Team**



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Thursday, 4 August 2011

1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly  
Prep/I Abernethy to host

#### Friday, 5 August 2011

Taekwondo using Multi-Purpose room 4.30-6.00pm

#### Monday, 8 August 2011

2:00 PM BER - Opening Ceremony by Mr Geoff Lyons (MP)

#### Wednesday, 10 August 2011

8:40 AM Grade's 2/3, 3/4A, 3/4B & 4B attending "Peter Pan: The British Musical" at the Princess Theatre  
1:05 PM Kinder A Excursion to the Music Tree

#### Thursday, 11 August 2011

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly  
5/6 Colson to host

#### Tuesday, 16 August 2011

12:00 PM Grade 1/2 Lloyd & 1/2 Coombes Society & History excursion

#### Thursday, 25 August 2011

1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly  
1/2 Lloyd to host

#### Thursday, 1 September 2011

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly  
3/4 Karas to host

#### Friday, 2 September 2011

End of Term 2



## Coles Sports for Schools is Back!!

Once again Coles will be running their Sports for Schools program where they will give out vouchers at the register. Please bring these to school and place in the box near the office.

Originally the program was not due to start until the 11th August, but you may have already noticed that they began giving out the vouchers last Friday.

This program was very successful for our school last year, with all classrooms receiving new sports equipment. I am hoping that we are able to use the vouchers from this year, to add to the classroom kits and get new equipment for PE lessons.

Coles have advised us that this year we will need to count our own vouchers, so it would be a big help if all families could.... **PLACE THEIR VOUCHERS IN AN ENVELOPE AND WRITE HOW MANY VOUCHERS THERE ARE ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE.** That would save my two helpers, Ella Morrison and Mikayla Smith and myself a lot of time. (You can imagine how long it would have taken us to count our 45,000 vouchers from last year.)

***Thank you in advance for your support,  
Lynda Colgrave***



## ***Jetstar Travel Voucher***

Congratulations to Helen Button the winner of the \$500 Jetstar Travel voucher from the Singapore Raffle.

Thankyou to everyone who purchased tickets from the YPS Singapore children .



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to ask for your support. Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than \$5 million worth of educational resources for Primary and Secondary schools all over Australia, including ours!

From July 18<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping docket. All you need to do is cut off the point section of the docket and bring them to school. The Woolies special collection box is located in the foyer. You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster at school or online at **[woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)**

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more...

There's no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!



**Help Woolies to help our school.  
Start collecting Woolworths  
Earn & Learn Points today!**



## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### **Meander Learning**

Personalised Home based tutoring and Learning support for students form K-12. Qualified K-12 teacher. All aspects of literacy and numeracy. Individual, tailored programs. Home tutoring, we come to you! Please contact Tim O'Shea on 0400 119 744 or [tim.oshea@meanderlearning.com.au](mailto:tim.oshea@meanderlearning.com.au)

### **YMCA Little Giants Basketball - Just for 5 & 6 year olds kids!**

Starting Term Three—Tuesday 20th September  
3.30 - 4.15pm

Ever wonder what basketball was about? Come along and give this a go.

Enjoy ball games, ball skills & fun drills to get you started in this great team sport.

No competition ... just for fun!

**Book your place now! 10 week session = \$50.00**

**PHONE YMCA ON 6344 3844**

[www.ymcalaunceston.org](http://www.ymcalaunceston.org)

### **McDonald's SuperSaturday**

The new Northern Grandstand at Aurora Stadium is now complete. Fans are able to watch the Hawks train from this brand new facility at Aurora at the McDonald's Super Saturday 6th August.

2011 HawksNest merchandise and membership will be available to purchase and Rotary will host a delicious sausage sizzle.

Lovable larrikin and club mascot Hudson 'Hawka' Knights will be in attendance along with many other fun activities, including face painting, giveaways and a players signing session.

**3pm Saturday 6th August**

**Aurora Stadium, Launceston**

**Cost FREE**

### **Grade 6 Taster Days Prospect High School**

Prospect High will be conducting a number of Taster Days for our feeder schools: Summerdale, Glen Dhu, Hagley and West Launceston. They will be on the following days: Wednesday 10th August, Tuesday 16th August and Wednesday 17th August 2011. The program will give students a taste of high school and we consider this a valuable experience. For further enquiries please contact Sandra DePaoli or Josh Shepherd on 6344 4744.



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Forestry Tasmania **Tree seedlings to improve school environment**

*1 August 2011*

A donation of tree seedlings from Forestry Tasmania enabled our school to take part in National Tree Day celebrations.

Students helped with the planting of the seedlings in the school grounds and it's hoped they will be able to care for and watch them grow into maturity as they do themselves.

National Tree Day is supported throughout Australia by Planet Ark and the Assistant Manager of Forestry Tasmania's Perth nursery, Carlton Cox, said 45,000 seedlings had been given away to schools and community groups during its involvement over the past five years.

More than 12,000 trees were donated this year.

"The confines of some school grounds has resulted in the biggest demand being for smaller shrubs this year and we've had to ration some requests.

"But the shade and natural environment they will create will make schools even more pleasant places to be."

Mr Cox said the growing trees might even fit into the learning curriculum with a couple of scientific aspects possible for study.

"As they grow the seedlings not only help beautify their surroundings but they also provide habitat for native animals and capture carbon," he said.

*Contact: Tony Scott*

*Community Liaison Officer – Bass District*

*0428 393 792*

## **School Association News**

**Youngtown Yummies Feedback Form** is coming home with todays newsletters, could you please take the time to fill in and return by Friday. Thankyou



### **Book club news!**

Issue 5 forms have now been sent home they are due back at school next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 9am.

If you would like to collect the books yourself please write on order, leave at office.

Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell,  
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