

Youngtown News & Views



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Dear Families,

Exerciseprizeathon a Huge Success

Congratulations to our School Association fundraisers for coordinating such a successful event to kick-start their fundraising for the year. Not only did they encourage all of our children to walk and run numerous laps of our oval with great determination and enthusiasm, but they managed to raise significant funds that will enable us to fully purchase the new set of notebooks, which arrived this week. Your support in attracting sponsors is greatly appreciated and I would like to sincerely thank those parents who came along to help out over the two days.

Thank You Mrs Walker

This week will be Mrs Walker's final week teaching Mrs Lloyd's grade 1/2 class. We are very thankful to her for being available at quite short notice for the beginning of the school year and for being able to extend her time with us when Mrs Lloyd's recovery was a little delayed. As we knew she would, Mrs Walker has established a wonderful rapport with her class and will be missed by us all. She has developed the routines and expectations that will ensure the children of 1/2Lloyd don't miss a beat when Mrs Lloyd returns next week. I have no doubt that we will continue to see Mrs Walker in various roles within our school over the remainder of the year.

I Love Cars production

If you managed to get along to a performance of "I Love Cars" over the weekend then I'm sure you'll agree that it was simply fabulous. It was a highly entertaining production that provided an insight into the "blockie" culture that is unique to Launceston. The music, dancing, imagery and stage setting were excellent - very deserving of the positive reviews it has since received. What a privilege it has been for a group of our Youngtown Primary grade 5 and 6 students to be a part of it. They endured all of the hard work required to create such a polished performance and enjoyed the exhilaration that comes with performing alongside professional dancers to a highly appreciative audience. It's an excellent example of the real-world learning and community connectedness that we continually strive for here at school.

Of course such an opportunity wouldn't be possible without the extra commitment and passion from our dance/drama teacher Miss Stephens.

She sourced the opportunity through her own connections with Stompin Dance Company and was then willing to commit her personal time to see it through.

Please Consider:

Olivia Boer is a Masters student studying psychology at the University of Tasmania. As a part of her research she would like as many Youngtown Primary families as possible to participate in her research and she's offering the chance to win a \$100 petrol voucher. I know that there are many requests on families from all sorts of charities and survey companies and it is tempting to dismiss them. However this research directly relates to the social and emotional wellbeing of our children. The findings from research such as this supports us to better support our children. You will find attached to this newsletter a letter from Olivia outlining her research and how you can participate. All that is required in the first instance is to complete the consent form and return it to her via the pre-paid return envelope. Please consider supporting this.

Autism Awareness Month

This month is Autism Awareness Month and the more our community understands about autism the easier it is for autistic children to integrate successfully and the better supported their families will feel. To help your understanding about this condition which is affecting an ever increasing number of children in our community, there will be a small article included in our newsletter over the next four issues.

Your support is always appreciated...

I have a couple of requests of you to help us ensure that all children are safe and well here at school. The first one relates to your child's attendance - if your child is going to be away for any reason please let the office know as early as possible on the day. This helps us to account for everyone at the start of the day and prevents the need for our office staff to contact you.

The second request relates to the kindergarten entrance and play area. Please encourage your children (unless they are attending kinder) to stay clear of this area at the start and end of each day. Once kinder children are collected from class we would appreciate it if you could leave this area promptly so that it is clear who is still waiting on parents and still under the supervision of our teaching staff.

Troy Roberts
Principal

Exciting News!!!

Footsteps Dance Company is Visiting Youngtown Next Week

After such a positive response from our 'Free Taster Session' with Footsteps Dance Company last year, Miss Stephens has invited Sarah and her Dance Company to make the journey from the mainland to run a week of workshops for our students.

Each class will have a 1hr Dance class with Footsteps Dance Company each day, where they will learn dances that are specific to their age.

I am delighted to announce that on the evening Thursday the 14th of April, we will host 2 School Socials for our students where they can show off their new dance skills and share their routines.

The Socials will be held in the Big GP Room on Thurs April 14th. Parents can drop their children off at the Big GP Room, where students will line up at the side ramp ready to enter the Social. Parents are then able to pick up their children at the car park end of the Big GP room (at the steps, near the playground) at the conclusion of the social. Students can wear free choice clothes for the social and just need to bring their funky dance moves.

Miss Stephens

SCHOOL SOCIALS

Prep – Grade 2 (and 2/3 V)

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Grade 3 – Grade 6

6.30pm – 8.00pm



Grade 6 Students First Aid Programme

Throughout the Swimming and Water Safety Programme year six students have been involved in a pilot programme facilitated by Australian Red Cross. This programme is aimed at basic first aid principles with children learning the theory and then practicing. Children have covered simple bandages, CPR, and basic management of bleeding, asthma, fainting and shock. It is a wonderful life skill opportunity and the basis for students to continue more advanced First Aid in high school. Children will have the opportunity to be First Aid assistants in our school after Easter.



Exploring Parental Influences on Childhood Anxiety and Self-Efficacy

Dr Mandy Matthewson and Olivia Boer from the University of Tasmania's School of Psychology are currently conducting some exciting research about childhood anxiety. Students in grade 4 to 6 and their parents are invited to participate in this study. You can help us understand more about anxiety and how parents can help children deal with their worries. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Students will be given an information sheet and consent form with today's newsletter. Parents are encouraged to read the information sheet and mail the consent form in the reply-paid envelope if they can participate. Participating families can go into a draw to win a \$100 petrol voucher. We thank you for giving your time to support this important research.

Olivia Boer



Book club news!
Issue 2 forms are due
back at school by

Tomorrow Thursday 7th of April at 9am.

If your child places an order they have a
chance to win a
lucky ticket valued at \$5, \$10 or \$15.

We had a student from 1/2 Lloyd and a student
from 2/3 Van Winden
win a \$10 ticket last issue.

If you would like to collect the books yourself
please write on order "leave at office".
Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell,
0418364861

Bank of the Future Drawing Competition

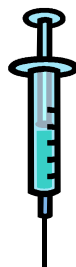
Please note: Entry forms are to be handed in
to Kings Meadows, Commonwealth Bank
Branch by this Friday, 8th April 2011.

The competition is open to all Youngtown
Primary School Students.



2011 SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF
DATES:**



Due to students attending 5/6 camp the
immunisation dates have been changed.

1st Visit: Monday 23rd May (Kinder & Gr 6)

2nd Visit: Monday 20th June (Gr 6 Girls)

3rd Visit: Tuesday 18th October (Gr 6)

If you have any concerns or questions regarding
immunisation, please contact the Launceston City
Council Health Department on telephone:
6323 3208 directly, not the school office.
Thankyou.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 7 April 2011

1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly
Prep/1 Abernethy to host
1/2 Lloyd singing an Indonesian song

Friday, 8 April 2011

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-Purpose Room

Monday, 11 April 2011

School Workshops - Footsteps Dance
Company workshops for all classes this
week

Thursday, 14 April 2011

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

SOCIALS

5.30 PM Prep - Grade 2 (including 3 VanWinden)
6.30 PM Grade 3 - 6

Friday, 15 April 2011

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-Purpose Room

Monday, 18 April 2011

5/6 Camp 18-21st April - Hobart

Thursday, 21 April 2011

1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly
1/2 Lloyd to host
Easter Break 22/4 1/5

Friday, 22 April 2011

Easter - Good Friday

Monday, 25 April 2011

Anzac Day

Tuesday, 3 May 2011

9:00 AM 3/4 Rainbow, 3/4 Karas, 4 Bennett & Mrs
Colgrave walking to Alma
Street fro cross country practice

Wednesday, 4 May 2011

9:00 AM 5/6s & Mrs Colgrave walking to Alma
Street for cross country practice

Thursday, 5 May 2011

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

Friday, 6 May 2011

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, 7 May 2011

School being used as Polling Booth

Monday, 9 May 2011

8:45 AM Cross Country Primary Carnival 3 -6
2:00 PM Cross Country ECE Carnival at
Youngtown Primary



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Easter Family Night, Thursday 14th April, 6-8pm

Come into Bunnings for an evening of Easter fun. We'll have an Easter egg hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny and lots more. Refreshments will be provided.

For all bookings, or more information on our Easter activities, ask in-store or visit bunnings.com.au. Bookings are essential.

A day for our girls - 18 years old and over

A seminar with Dannielle Miller 10th May 2011 at the Punchbowl Christian Centre, 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

Danielle is a highly respected and experienced educator, author and media commentator on issues affecting teenage girls. If you are interested in attending the session please contact Lorraine McNamara 0400 144 969.

School Association News

A big thankyou to everyone who took part in the Exercise-a-prize-a-thon, from staff and students to parents who helped out over the 2 days. Stay tuned for some results next week.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th of April at 7.00pm In the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Dates for the Diary

General meeting.
Wednesday 20th April 7.00pm in the Staffroom



April is International Autism Awareness Month



Autism is a lifelong developmental condition that affects what an individual sees, hears and senses. This results in problems of communication, social interaction and behaviour. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurological condition that occurs on a continuum. This means that symptoms can occur in many varieties and with varying degrees of intensity. Some people might have a diagnosis of Autistic Disorder; others might have a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome or High Functioning Autism; while others may have a diagnosis of Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) or otherwise referred to as atypical autism.

While each individual person with an ASD is unique, they each share 3 core characteristics – people with an ASD may have difficulties in social interaction; communication; and lack of flexibility in thinking and behaviour. These difficulties arise from the way that the information from their senses is processed, stored and retrieved by the brain. It can create confusion, frustration and anxiety with everyday activities and often accounts for the unusual behaviours that occur.

This condition is lifelong and can have a significant impact on the life of a family. Parents often face enormous challenges understanding, supporting, and raising a child with an ASD. This job is often made all the more complex by a lack of community understanding and awareness of the condition, with parents regularly enduring critical comments or unfair assumptions about their child's behavior or their parenting.

Whilst great strides have been made in ASD research, a cause is yet to be found. With 2005/06 data, the estimated prevalence of ASD in Australia was one child in every 160. Subsequent research puts this closer to 1 child in every 100. It is no longer considered a low incidence condition. On these estimates, every 20 minutes in Australia a person is diagnosed with an ASD.

There are students in your school community who have an ASD and this information is provided to increase your understanding of the condition with the view to enabling you to help and support those children and families living with this complex condition.

During April you will find more information in your school newsletter about ASD as an invitation to be Autism Aware.

For more information call 1300 288 476 or visit <http://www.autismtas.org.au/>

Be Autism Aware.



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