

# Youngtown News & Views



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Dear Parents,

## Welcome Back

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and summer break together. As I have travelled around the state with my family I have met up with many families from our school community, many of whom have taken the opportunity to go camping. This is such a great way to get our children outdoors and to limit their time with technology. Of course camping also requires a great deal of family cooperation and organisation – a great way to spend time together!

No doubt the earlier start to the school year will take some adjusting, however I believe the new four-term system will better support your children in their learning throughout this year. The earlier start to the year has certainly not impacted on our children's enthusiasm for resuming school. There was a wonderful feeling of excitement and anticipation yesterday morning as children settled into the routine of school. Thank you parents for preparing your children so well for a smooth beginning! I would also like to thank our entire school staff (our cleaners, groundsman, admin team, teacher assistants and teachers) who have spent the past week or more setting up our learning environment. With so many changes of classroom for our staff this year it has been a huge undertaking.

## Welcome to new staff and families

This year we have the pleasure of welcoming three new families to the Youngtown Primary community. Jackson George will join Mr Sundra's grade 4 class, Jordan Ockwell, joins Mrs Rainbow and Mrs Young's grade 3 class, Tayla Ockwell joins Mr Colson's grade 5 class and Michael Chugg will be in Mrs Brady's grade 6 class. We are also thrilled to welcome back Damien McCarron (grade 6) and Joshua Chugg (grade 3). Welcome also to Mr Sundra who joins us to teach our grade 4 class, and to Mrs Lohrey who returns to us after a year of Maternity leave. Mrs Lohrey will take our Launching into Learning programs and also teach on grade 2 each Friday. We are also pleased to welcome back Mr Sexton who is returning to us after a year in a leadership role with a federation of schools.

## Uniform Update for 2013

I would like to thank you for your patience as we transition into our new polo tops and rugby tops. I know that many families are still waiting on their orders and we are hopeful that these will be delivered without much more delay. I would especially like to thank our parent volunteers who have devoted many hours of their time to ensure that our uniform supply problem has the least possible impact on our transition. In fact they spent considerable time phoning families on Monday to advise that some uniform orders were available for picking up. Consequently, in spite of the delay with the supply of our new items we still have many of our children wearing the new polo tops. I have lost count of the number of parents who have come forward to share their delight with the design and quality of these tops. As you know this year is a year of transition where children are able to wear either the newly designed uniform garments or the previous garments. The blue shirts, grey shorts, and girls summer uniform remain as a part of the Youngtown uniform. Throughout this term there will be a process undertaken by our uniform committee to introduce a new jacket and girls winter uniform.

## After school care

Once again Peddar Patter Child Care Centre will operate an After School Care program located in the music room. The long term viability of this service is dependent upon the number of families who make regular use of it. There are currently places available and I invite you to find out more by phoning Peddar Patter on 6344 9993.

## Upcoming events.....

### School Association Meeting

Next Thursday (Feb 14) the School Association will hold its first meeting for the year in the staffroom here at school beginning at 7pm. You are most welcome to attend. One of the items for discussion will be a proposal to change both the names of, and the number of houses. At present we have two houses – Waratah and Bluegum. Our physical education teacher Mrs Colgrave would like to see the profile of houses increased and we believe a school of our size would be better served with three houses instead of two.

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### **Welcome to Kinder evening and Family Picnic/BBQ**

Our School Association also traditionally host two important events at the start of the school year. The first to occur will be a 'Welcome to Kinder' wine and cheese evening for all kindergarten parents. It is an opportunity to hear about the kindergarten learning program, to tour other areas of our school and to meet with other kindergarten parents. This will take place at the kindergarten rooms and you will receive an invite advising the date and details.

The second event will be the Family Picnic/BBQ which will take place here on the school grounds on Thursday February 21st between 5pm and 7pm. I encourage you to come along and enjoy the opportunity to meet teachers, staff and fellow parents.

### **Crossing on Napier Street**

Unfortunately we will not have a crossing guard at the Napier Street crossing this term. In light of this please remind your children about the importance of crossing this street between the flags. It would also be greatly appreciated if parents could also model this practice by crossing between the flags also.

*Troy Roberts*  
*Principal*

### **2013 Term Dates**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 5th Feb - Friday 19th April  
(Easter Friday 29th March-Tuesday 2nd April)

#### **Term 2**

Monday 6th May - Friday 5th July

#### **Term 3**

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th Sept

#### **Term 4**

Monday 14th Oct - Thursday 19th Dec

### **Student Free days 2013**

Wednesday 27th February (Launceston Cup)

Thursday 28th March

Friday 19th April

Monday 22nd July

Friday 25th October



### **School Banking**

School Banking will commence next Friday (15th February). There will be new rewards to collect by redeeming your tokens.

If you have any questions or wish to open an account for your child please leave your name and contact number at the office and I will return your call.

**Thank you,**  
**Kerri Camino**  
**Banking co-ordinator**

### **School Association News**

The first meeting for the School Association will be held next Thursday 14th of February at 7.00pm in the staff room. All welcome!

### **Dates for the Diary**



### ***Welcome Back Picnic/BBQ***

Thursday 21st February

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Sausages, Hamburgers & Drinks  
will be available to purchase.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Thursday, 14 February 2013**

7.00 PM School Association Meeting, in staffroom

#### **Thursday, 21 February 2013**

5.00 PM Welcome back picnic/bbq

#### **Monday, 4 March 2013**

8:15 AM Grades 3-6 Athletics Carnival at South Launceston Oval - Students to meet staff at the oval

#### **Friday, 8 March 2013**

9:00 AM Solid State Circus performance

#### **Monday, 18 March 2013**

9:15 AM Kinder - grade 2 Athletics Carnival at

Below is this term's PE timetable which will commence next week. Could you please ensure your child wears their sport shoes as we will be completing time trials in preparation for the Athletic Carnivals.

*Thank you for your assistance,  
Lynda Colgrave  
PE Teacher*

## **P.E. Timetable Term 1 2013**

Time	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 9.40	<b>2 A</b> - Nankervis/Lohrey	<b>5A</b> - Boxhall	<b>KA</b> - Hewitt
9.40 – 10.20	<b>1-2A</b> - Coombes	<b>5B</b> - Colson	<b>3-4A</b> - vanWinden
10.20 – 11.00	<b>1A</b> - Lloyd	<b>4A</b> - Sundra	<b>3A</b> - Rainbow/Young
Recess			
11.30 – 12.10	<b>PA</b> - Abernethy	<b>KB</b> - Stevenson	<b>6A</b> - Brady
12.10 – 12.50	<b>P-1A</b> - Chilcott/Walch		<b>6B</b> - Thow
Lunch			

### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013**

The grades 3-6 athletics carnival will be held at the South Launceston Football ground on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>. The carnival will begin at 8.30am and finish around 1.30pm. If there are any parents who are able to help could you please leave your name at the office or email me ([lynda.colgrave@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:lynda.colgrave@education.tas.gov.au)).

The Kinder – grade 2 carnival will be held at Youngtown Primary on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Tabloid events will be from 9.15am to 11.00am and races will be starting at 11.30am.



## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### LAUNCESTON YOUTH THEATRE ENSEMBLE ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2013

LYTE's 2013 theatre season is looking tremendous and this is your opportunity to become involved.

Established in 1999, Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble (LYTE) nurtures the creative talents of young Tasmanians (6-18 years), through inspiring theatre workshops and productions.

Being a member of LYTE is a fun, challenging and rewarding experience that develops creativity, confidence, communication skills, fabulous new friendships and helps young people realise their full potential. LYTE also runs a highly popular and fun introductory theatre program, designed specifically for Grades Prep-1.

Formerly known as Second Storey Youth Theatre, LYTE is recognised, by both the community and arts industry, for producing skilled, passionate and professionally minded young actors.

LYTE is a company for everyone, those who may wish to become actors and those who may not. No previous experience is required.

We'd love the opportunity to welcome you to our ensemble. For more information please contact Jane Johnson on 0402 634 820 or at [jane@mudlarktheatre.com.au](mailto:jane@mudlarktheatre.com.au) or visit us at [lyte.virb.com](http://lyte.virb.com)

### TASMANIAN POLYTECHNIC

**Unsure of future work/study pathway?**

**Join our FREE Course**

**Skills for work or further training  
(do units or full course)**

**Commencing: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.30 – 2.30

And Friday mornings

Includes: computing, career planning,  
**first-aid**, study skills, achieving goals  
and boosting confidence.

**For further information or to enrol please ring  
Julie 6336 2730 or Cheryl 6336 2708**

## Mind Moves Chess Club



### A CHESS CLUB FOR ALL KIDS

(5-18yrs) with a special invitation to GIFTED,  
AUTISM SPECTRUM and ADHD kids

**Venue:** Windsor Community Precinct Health and Wellbeing Centre, Community Hall- Area 3, 1 Windsor drive, RIVERSIDE.

**When:** **Mondays** during term time.  
**First club night** is on **MONDAY the 11<sup>TH</sup> of February**

**Time:** 6pm – 7pm

**Cost:** \$30/term or \$5 per session (Term 1 = 8 weeks)

Chess has many proven benefits. To find out more, come along and join us.

Coaching is offered to beginners, intermediate and more advanced skilled players.

Don't miss out, limited spaces available!

For more information or to register, please visit our website: [www.mindmoves.info](http://www.mindmoves.info) or contact Dawida Rose-Nel on 0417981770.

E-mail: [dawidarose-nel@hotmail.com](mailto:dawidarose-nel@hotmail.com)

You need to check this mate!!



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