

Youngtown News & Views



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Dear Parents,

Help us to create the Youngtown Primary of the future!

All parents of our school are invited to be a part of a very special forum that will help us shape the future for our school. Whilst we are a very high performing school with a wonderful reputation for providing a rich learning experience for our children – it is our desire to take our school to a whole new level over the coming few years. To drive our future directions we need a very clear vision about what our school should look like in the future. To help us shape this vision we must have our parents and our children – our key stake-holders - engaged in this process. The parent forum will be your chance to share, in a small group, what you value about our school, what you aspire for in relation to your child's education, and what your ideal school would be like.

The Parent Forum will be held here at school in our GP Hall on Monday March 25 from 7pm and finishing at 8:30pm. Teachers will be present to facilitate the evening and there will be supper to help keep our neurons firing on all cylinders! Don't panic - you will not be asked to speak in front of the whole group. Please put this date aside, make arrangements for child care, and come along for a wonderful night.

2013 Student Leaders Announced

It is my pleasure to announce to you our Grade 6 Student Leaders for 2013. Overall there were 28 grade 6 children who nominated to become student leaders. Each of these children delivered a fantastic speech to the grade 3-6 students. The quality of our candidates was outstanding and it was tough that there were only 12 places. After an election that involved all grade 3-6 children and school staff, the following children were voted in as this year's leaders:

Ebony Lawson, Jamilee Johnston, Jasmine Burns, Bailey Wells, Jasmine Chapple, Jacinta Whitehouse, Anabel Thomson, Melina Fullbrook, Dominic Newman, Samuel Fitch, Brenna Middlecoat, Sarah Robins.

Our student leaders will receive their badges at tomorrow's 2.00pm Primary Assembly in the GP Hall. They will meet weekly to develop their leadership skills and to plan for the various roles they will play in our school. They will also attend a leadership conference with leaders from other local schools on Friday March 22.

Launching into Learning

The very first sessions of our Launching into Learning programs began today. Mrs Angela Lohrey will be running these sessions on Wednesdays in the kindergarten classroom. 'Chat and Play' is the morning session running from 9:30 – 11:00am. This is for children from birth to 3 years old and their parents. The cost is \$4 per family. 'Let's Move It' runs from 11:30 – 1:00pm and is for children who are 3 or 4 years old (but not yet attending kinder). The cost of this session is \$3 per family. For more information please contact our office for a pamphlet. We would also like to hear of any families with young children in the Youngtown area who may not have had any prior contact with our school.

Athletics Carnival

On Monday we held our athletics carnival at South Launceston Football ground. It was the first time our carnival had been held at the beginning of the year and it was also the first time we had grouped children into three houses. On all accounts it was a highly successful event! Mrs Colgrave had again organised proceedings in such a way that children were busily involved in all sorts of physical pursuits from beginning to end. She had also organised the best weather we have had for many years. Having three houses (Blue, Red and White) certainly heightened the atmosphere and once again children's support and encouragement of one another was superb. Thank you to the many parents who came along and helped out or supported their children and we are also very appreciative of the Kings Meadows High students who came along for the day to help out. The winning house was announced during line-up today and this year the honours went to RED house.

Our Talented Young Scientists Recognised

Mr Bergamin attended the Tasmanian Science Talent Search Awards Ceremony in Hobart on Sunday and following is his account of the day:

The Tasmanian Science Talent Search celebrates quality science teaching and learning in all Tasmanian schools through the recognition of outstanding work in a variety of fields.

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Youngtown Primary has supported this initiative through our science teaching by engaging and motivating students into thinking and developing their scientific understandings. Some of our students have entered their work in this competition during 2012.

On Sunday 3rd February our Special 2012 Award Winners were acknowledged in a celebration at the University of Tasmania – Hobart. Families travelled to Hobart for this special presentation.

The following students:

Lawson Springer, Lily Jones, Tahlia Vanderheide, Joshua Belbin, Caleb Chapple, Colby McKercher, Mackenzie Connell, Thomas Bergamin, Connor Quarrell, Hannah Crawford, Grace Gillow, Cody Davenport and Samuel Tatnell were presented with their awards.

The Tasmanian Science Talent Search 2013 has a theme of Celebrating quality science teaching and learning. We look forward again to our students representing Youngtown Primary in their scientific understandings.



Some of our students receiving their award with Dr Marj Colvill.

*Troy Roberts
Principal*



Say Cheese

**MSP Photography are
on the way!**

**School Photo Day is :
Tuesday 26th March - Whole School**

HAVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL MEMORIES CAPTURED FOREVER.

Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP envelopes and remember these helpful points.

- **Online ordering is now available:**
Logon to www.msp.com.au and click on ORDER ONLINE.
Place your order using the online system
 - Family /sibling photos cannot be ordered online
 - Family discount cannot be claimed for online orders
 - Record your Reference Number on your child's envelope
- **Do not seal envelopes inside each other.** You can pay for all of your children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes and family discount forms are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as change is unable to be issued. Cash, credit cards, cheque and money orders are accepted. Credit cards can only be used for payment when ordering online
- All children should return their envelope on photo day whether they are ordering photos or not.

Please feel free to contact MSP Photography direct if you have any queries.

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Launching into Learning at YPS

This year we will be offering 2 sessions on a Wednesday:

Chat and Play:9:30-11:00am

This session is for children from birth to 3 years.

Cost: \$4 per family

Let's Move it: 11:30am-1:00pm

This session is for children who are 3 to 4 years of age (and not yet attending Kindergarten)

Cost: \$3 per child

Both sessions will begin on Wednesday 6th March 2013.

Please bring a smock, sun hat, and a snack (or lunch for Let's Move it) and drink.



We look forward to seeing you soon!

Angela Lohrey



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 7 March 2013

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
5A Boxhall to host

Friday, 8 March 2013

9:00 AM Solid State Circus performance

Thursday, 14 March 2013

1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly
2A Nankervis to host

Monday, 18 March 2013

9:15 AM Kinder - grade 2 Athletics Carnival at Youngtown Primary

Thursday, 21 March 2013

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
6A Brady to host

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

9:00 AM Tanya Harper conducting Cultural Workshop with Aboriginal students

Thursday, 11 April 2013

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

Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival

A big thank you to Brett Gillow and Nigel Freestone for spending hours and hours marking out the lanes on the oval.

Thank you to Kellie Gillow, Alicia Freestone, Dawida Rose-Nel, Lynette Austin, Carmen Lee, Donald Lehner, Michael Harris, Jane Bergamin, Dale Colgrave, Kings Meadows High students, Youngtown staff and anyone else who helped to make Monday's carnival such a great day for Youngtown Primary students. Also thank you to all those parents, grandparents and friends of our students who were there to watch.

Our students dressed in their new house colours, participated with pride and sportsmanship and cheered for other members of their house. It was fantastic to see all the red, white and blue in the grandstand. Red house had their noses in front for most of the day and after all the points were tallied over night for the long jump, cannon stomps, relays and tug of war they managed to stay in front and won the carnival with 818 points. It was very close for second and third, with blue house finishing on 747 points and white on 742 points.

We can now look forward to naming our houses ready for the Cross Country carnival in May.

**Thank you,
Lynda Colgrave**



CAMP IS 5 WEEKS AWAY!!



The Grade 5 & 6 students will again this year be travelling to Hobart/Tasman Peninsula.

Grade 5's 8th - 10th April 2013

Grade 6's 10th - 12th April 2013

Another notice was sent home last week with a medical consent form, if you haven't already could you please return by this **Friday 8th**.

Also a reminder that the camp component of the levies must be paid before Monday 4th April to ensure participation of your child.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Launceston Boxing Club

Are holding a fundraising Car wash and BBQ Saturday 9th March at the Italian Club carpark Prospect from 11am \$5 small cars \$10 4wd's.

Australian Red Cross

Red Cross is urgently seeking volunteers for the Community Visitors Scheme to visit residents living in homes in Launceston who have few friends and family to visit them.

It only takes half an hour a week to make a real difference in someone's life. We urgently need volunteers now, so if you can spare an hour a fortnight to bring joy to an elderly person and enrich your life too, please give Stephanie Payne a call on 6326 0408. Full training and support is provided by Red Cross.

South Launceston Hockey Fun Day

All ages invited to the Sth Launceston "Suns" Hockey Club Saturday 16th, of March. 10.30am - 12.30pm, sausage sizzle to finish. At St Leonards Hockey Centre. \$2.00 per participant. Contact slhcesecretary@gmail.com

Well done to all of the students in 1-2 Coombes for being the first to share at our first Early Childhood Assembly on Thursday 21st February. It was terrific to see students sharing their work with others while using a microphone and Power-Point. Thank you to all of the parents that supported our school and their children during the assembly. It was wonderful that our Prep children could feel so welcome and supported in the process.



School Association News

Our next meeting which is our AGM and a General meeting will be held NEXT **Wednesday 13th March.**

The positions of **Treasurer** and **Fundraising co-ordinator** are now vacant. Any one wishing to nominate for either position, can collect a nomination form from the office.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Just to inform every-one about our Rugby Top arrival. We are waiting for delivery and as soon as they arrive we will call you for collection.

In the meantime if your child is in need of a jumper to get them through come into the Uniform Shop Tuesday morning and we will try to help you.

Also if you are waiting for polos we are doing our best to fill orders as quickly as we can.

The process has been slow but gradual and we really do apologize for the inconvenience. Winter girls uniform and a new jacket is in the process of being organized and you will be notified of updates in school newsletter.

Thank you for your patience and support
Uniform Committee



Outdoor Classroom

We would just like to remind you of our blog site. This site is updated with photos and what is happening each week in the Outdoor Classroom.

There is also a link that can be accessed from the school web site.

<http://youngtownoutdoorclassroom.blogspot.com.au>

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