

Youngtown News & Views



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Dear Parents,

BER Recognition Assembly

On Monday afternoon Mr Geoff Lyons attended our assembly to officially open our new building facilities that were funded as part of the Federal Government's stimulus initiative. He encouraged our children to embrace and make the most of the new facilities available to them. He was very impressed by how far-reaching the funding for our school has been. Youngtown Primary received over 2.6 million dollars as a part of the Building the Education Revolution (BER) initiative. Many areas of the school have been enhanced. Refurbished areas include: the office/administration area; staffroom kitchen and staff toilets; resurfaced netball courts; resurfaced kindergarten outdoor play area; new shade structure for the kindergarten outdoor play area; new Teacher Assistant workspace. Additionally we have some impressive new spaces including: a library and ICT lab; new performing arts area; office spaces for specialist teaching staff; new toilet facilities for children and two new early childhood classrooms complete with shared toilet facilities and a secure outdoor area. Believe it or not – there's more to come. Mr Colson has worked with staff to develop an overall landscaping plan. This will include improvements to existing facilities and some new facilities. The first work to be completed from this plan is the new kindergarten fence and we are currently pricing concrete paths and plumbing work.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our recognition assembly. Particularly noteworthy was the outstanding audience skills on display by our children throughout the speeches and other items. Jack Prosser, Courtney Wells, Ella Morrison and Riley Farrow were superb hosts. The musical items and the drama item by Ryan and Alice from 5/6 Boxhall were very entertaining. In fact one of our invited guests wrote to me commending the quality of the performances and how wonderful our children were throughout.

Singapore Trip Update

Our travellers have been keeping us well updated on their Singapore experience via email, the Australian Group Travel website, and even a phone call yesterday morning from Mr Bergamin. They are all well and the experience so far has been even better than they had anticipated.

The itinerary has all gone nicely to plan and, thanks to a wonderful local tour guide "Mr Garry", they have managed to fit even more experiences into their days! So far they have spent time with Elias Park Primary children, had dinner at the Mint Museum of Toys, enjoyed the slopes at Snow City and toured the city aboard the Captain Explorer Duk. Though it is hard to imagine back here in Tassie (particularly given this week's cold and wild weather) – our travellers have experienced hot tropical conditions. By the time you read this newsletter the Singapore trip will be well over the half-way mark. We will fill you in on the remainder of their trip next week. They return to Launceston this Friday evening.



Our Singapore travellers wave goodbye just before their departure from Launceston Airport.



Congratulations Mrs Dalton

I would like to congratulate Mrs Wendy Dalton on winning the role of School Executive Officer at Kings Meadows High School for term 3. As you are probably well aware Mrs Dalton is a very highly skilled administrative manager. Her expertise and her leadership will be greatly missed by us all. I know that she will enthusiastically embrace the new challenges and opportunities of working in a larger and quite different school setting. She will remain with us until the end of this term.

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Bravehearts Program

Next Tuesday during the morning block our prep – grade 3 children will attend the 'Ditto Show' in our music/drama room here at school. The Ditto Show is a live 30-minute interactive show produced by an organisation called Bravehearts. It is part of a school-based program designed to empower children with the skills and knowledge about how to keep safe. It is a gentle non-threatening way to teach personal safety. Many schools in Tasmania are booking the show which is being funded for Northern schools by the Riverside Lions Club. Attached to this newsletter is a letter that provides parents of prep – grade 3 children with more details. You can also find out more at the following website: www.bravehearts.org.au

Neuroscience and Early Childhood Development

A key message from neuroscience is that **'the best learning happens in nurturing relationships'**. Loving, caring and supportive relationships are vital to healthy brain development. The environment children grow up in helps shape their brains. Toddlers and babies need to feel safe and secure and this comes from knowing that their cries, their needs will be predictably met. They have to learn to trust. Warm sensitive interactions are more effective at promoting brain development than a toy, CD DVD or TV.

"Babies depend on you for comfort in all forms – food, warmth, love, protection, connection. Respond to baby's cries consistently, warmly.

Be attentive and in tune with your child's bids for attention and communication; establish predictable daily routines.

Play with baby; make sounds, facial expressions and gestures for baby to copy.

Hold, cuddle, caress, affirm, talk, sing, and touch your baby.

Maintain a positive emotional relationship with your child – look into their eyes, reflect their smiles, share a cuddle....."

(p.29-30, Engaging Families in the Early Childhood Development Story)

*Troy Roberts
Principal*



YTEL FUNDRAISER JEANS for GENES DAY

Thankyou to everyone who supported this day, we raised \$262.00



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 11 August 2011

9:00 AM KMHS transition meeting with Grade 6's in G.P room 9.00-9.30
All 5's to have daily P.E
2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
5/6 Colson to host

Monday, 15 August 2011

YTEL Cup Cake Day
10:20 AM Grade 6's KMHS transition day 11.00-2.15pm depart @ 10.20 walk to & from KMHS.

Tuesday, 16 August 2011

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

Thursday, 18 August 2011

Youngtown Yummies day

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



Home Reading Program



Congratulations to our wonderful Youngtown Readers.

50 Books

Eva Murrell, Samuel Tatnell, Jack Hodgetts, Euan Rose-Nel.

100 Books

Josh Belbin, Noah Tatnell, Zaide Simmons, Emily Watts-Heazlewood

150 Books

Brady Colgrave



CUP CAKE DAY Monday 15th August

On Monday 15th of August, Bella Smith, with the support of YTEL, will be supporting the RSPCA Cupcake Day. Students will be able to purchase cupcakes for 50c to help raise funds.

These will need to be ordered and paid for in class on Friday 12th August, Teachers will mark on the class sheets provided. They will then be delivered to classrooms on Monday.

Donations of dry dog and cat food would also be welcomed and these could be delivered to the school office on Monday 15th August.



Prep/1 Abernethy 's Speckled Frogs !!



Book Club News!

Issue 5 forms have now been sent home they are due back **Tomorrow Thursday 11th of 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,
0418364861

Hi My name is Ollie and I am going to tell you about a special man called Lorin Nicholson

We had a special guest Lorin Nicholson come to our school recently.

Lorin Nicholson is one of the best guitarists in Australia and he is legally blind. He came to Youngtown Primary School last week to motivate and encourage us to overcome challenges. We liked how his dad helped him out a lot. He helped to teach us that we can achieve anything in life. He encouraged us to let everyone play even if they have a disability. Lorin's simple but powerful messages remind us that blind people can achieve more than you think they just need the support.

Lorin Nicholson was the first person to ride a pushbike over 400km across three mountains from Perth to Sydney. He had lots of pressure from bullying and teasing. He showed us what a nice man he is by his skilful music.

During his presentation some people got called up to wear special glasses that had tiny holes to show them just what it is like to look through the world with only 8% vision. The glasses had ten layers of spray paint covering them. Lorin had a sad beginning but a successful life. The song we enjoyed most was the man from Snowy River.

This article was part of YPS presentation on the City Park Radio last week.

Youngtown Yummies

A big thank you to all who took the time to complete our feedback form, it's great to have other ideas and opinions. Although we didn't have a huge amount of assistance offered we have decided to proceed and will be offering Youngtown Yummies packs next Thursday with a few of the new ideas that we have taken on board.

Envelopes will be coming home Monday... If there are any other parents or grandparents that would be interested in helping please do not hesitate to give Erica a call on 0439 795 898.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

Hadspen Playgroup's Shopping Extravaganza

Come along and invite your for a night of shopping and fun! Saturday 27th August from 4.00pm - 8.00pm at the Australian Italian Club. Entry is \$3.00 including tea, coffee & supper. For more information phone Jodie 0427609013.

Second Story Youth Theatre

Enrolments are now open for young actors in grades Prep - 7 to perform in SSYT's end of year major production.

Theatre is a fun, challenging and rewarding activity that develops creativity, confidence, communication skills and great new friendships. SSYT is gaining widening recognition for producing skilled and professionally minded young actors, with our recent ten Days on the Island Festival production receiving standing ovations. Programs are directed by professional artists and participant numbers are capped to ensure quality tuition and individual attention. If you would like to receive more information please contact Jane Johnson on 0402 634 820 or email jane@mudlarktheatre.com.au.

Multiple Birth Association - Tasmanian Branch

The next Northern Branch meeting is TUESDAY August 16th from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Topic: Guest Speaker A Sleep Coach from Walker House Parenting Centre. Free to TasMBA members, \$3 per family for non-members. Location is Tresca Community Centre, Exeter. We will offer a selection of toys and an excellent indoor and outdoor play area, drinks and treats for parents/carers. For more information please phone Katie 0417 146 529.

Launceston Swim School

Holiday program! 5th September - 17th September 2011, between 10.00am - 12.00pm (every 1/2 hr). 5 or 10 day programs, beginners to advanced levels. Cost \$67.50 for 5 days or \$135.00 for 10 days. Please phone 6343 3565 for more information or to book.



Student Banking

Congratulations to the following students for gaining their certificates for regular banking (since the token system was introduced in 2010)

GOLD (30 deposits)

Thomas Bergamin
Tate Zacharyga
Mikaela Smith
Talita Rohde
Leah Fullbrook

SILVER (20 deposits)

Joshua Chugg

BRONZE (10 deposits)

Bryce Stone
Ella Zacharyga
Kiara Rigby
Sophie East
Jayden Dakin
Jamilee Johnston
Jye Walmsley
Maggie Robins
Jake Elmer
Lilly Boon
Amy McCormack
Jonte Lee



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.

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.

Thank you in advance for your support,
Lynda Colgrave
PE Teacher

THIS WEEKEND COLES AT NEWSTEAD ARE OFFERING DOUBLE POINT VOUCHES

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