

Dear Parents,

Bullying

Bullying behaviour is certainly one of the most commonly discussed issues in any school community and, because of its widespread effects, it has also been thoroughly researched throughout the world for at least the past 40 years. What experts agree on is that bullying behaviour is not a simple issue with a simple solution. It is a complex problem that requires a comprehensive approach. At Youngtown Primary we are committed to better understanding the problem of bullying behaviour in order to develop the most effective response. At the core of this drive is our belief that bullying behaviour is unacceptable.

Whilst there is some variance in what is accepted as bullying behaviour, we believe it is bullying when the behaviour is one-sided, there is an intention to hurt or dominate, and the behaviour is repeated. Disagreements, arguments, aggression during a given situation are behaviours that are also unacceptable, however they are not regarded as bullying behaviour. There are six types of bullying:

1. Physical bullying
2. Verbal bullying
3. Covert bullying
4. Social and relational bullying
5. Psychological bullying
6. Cyber bullying

I have included an attached sheet (from *Anti-Bullying Program, Teacher's Handbook, 2011*) that describes each type of bullying in detail. Of the list above cyber bullying is certainly the most rapidly growing type – it is particularly prevalent among girls. We find it particularly difficult to resolve as it often takes place out of school hours. Closely monitoring your child's access to social networking sites, text messaging and email will help prevent this.

One of the big obstacles to resolving incidents of bullying is that we do not know it is occurring. Indeed the fear of reporting bullying is one of the dynamics that provides bullies with their 'power'. Often parents or peers are aware of this well before it is reported to us here at school. Naturally we can only intervene when it has been reported and the earlier this happens the easier it is to resolve.

At Youngtown Primary we are increasingly adopting a Restorative Justice method for intervening with bullying behaviour. We believe that, as a place of learning and

nurturing, we must work with both the bully and the victim as there is valuable learning for both. We not only want the behaviour to stop but we want the bullies to understand the impact of their actions on others, take responsibility for their actions and determine how to prevent similar incidents occurring in the future. At the same time we want the victims to have a voice and share how the bullying actions have affected them personally and those around them.

Nurturing emotional intelligence is an essential focus for any intervention that aims to have a life-long positive effect. For instance children who bully often lack empathy (the ability to deeply understand how others feel), and therefore require more opportunities to hear how their actions have affected others emotionally. Similarly emotional resilience is a quality that can be nurtured for both bullies and victims with the right support and guidance. An ideal outcome is that the bully has no further inclination to bully others and the victim of bullying feels that they are safe from further bullying. Achieving this outcome requires a great deal of time, consistency and a close working relationship between the school and families. As always we highly value your support in working with us to achieve the best possible outcomes for children.



Chess Club

As a part of our range of recess and lunchtime activities I am running a Chess club at lunchtimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There has been much interest from students from prep to grade 6. We currently have ten Chess sets and I would like to publically thank Dawida Rose-Nel who sourced the sets and has kindly donated them to the school. I recently attended the launch of a new Launceston Chess Club for children that Mrs Rose-Nel has established and I was most impressed with the level of interest among families. I was also interested in the research that was presented about the benefits of playing Chess for children's intellectual, social and emotional growth. In fact studies indicate that regularly playing Chess can enhance overall academic achievement – especially in the area of mathematics. With this in mind it might be worth considering introducing your child to this game at home or by attending Mrs Rose-Nel's Chess Club!

Troy Roberts
Principal

GALA DAY !!

On Friday 20th July all grade 5/6 students will be a part of the LSSSA Gala Day. Each student will participate in one of the following sports:

Basketball with Tornadoes players at Riverside Primary.

Football co-ordinated by Scott Stephens at Windsor Park.

Street Dancing at Ravenswood Primary

Orienteering at The Tailrace.



MASS DANCE !!

On August 31st our grade Prep - 2 students will once again be a part of the Mass Dance held at the Silverdome.

This term in P.E. students will be learning the 10 dances that they will perform. I will give you more information during the term.

Lynda Colgrave
PE Teacher.

HOME READERS

Students will be able to receive the rewards from our Home Reading Program on a Friday morning while Mrs Nankervis is away. Mrs Nelson will reward students and prepare home reading certificates to be handed out at assembly time, this will still be done from Mrs Nankervis classroom.

Keep up the great reading at home!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 12 July 2012

2:20 PM Grade 3 - 6 Assembly
Hosted by 3/4A Hemelaar

Friday, 13 July 2012

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room
4.30pm-6.00pm

Monday, 16 July 2012

9:30 AM Performance K-6 - Australian Folklore

Friday, 20 July 2012

1:00 PM 5/6 North v South Football & Netball

1:00 PM 5/6 LSSSA Gala Day

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room
4.30pm-6.00pm

Wednesday, 25 July 2012

7:00 PM School Association Meeting

Thursday, 26 July 2012

1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly
Hosted by 1/2A Coombes

Friday, 27 July 2012

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room
4.30pm-6.00pm

Tuesday, 31 July 2012

2:30 PM Athletics parent information session

Thursday, 2 August 2012

2:20 PM Grade 3 - 6 Assembly
Hosted by 5/6B Boxhall

FOUND

YOUNG BLACK MALE LABRADOR

Found in the Youngtown area near the football oval.

NO COLLAR BUT MICRO CHIP VERY FRIENDLY

PLEASE CALL 0409 534 775



ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

A three-session programme for parents and carers
at **Youngtown Primary School**

Victoria Street

on the 16th, 23rd and 30th of August from 7.00 to 9.00 pm.

Learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

Registration Fee

The course costs \$ 15.00 which covers the cost of the workbook.

Register for this course contacting **Tim vanWinden** at Youngtown Primary School on 6341 3222 or email at tim.vanwinden@education.tas.gov.au

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who's running it?

The trainer for this course is Tim vanWinden who completed Parentshop's Engaging Adolescents training in March 2012.

For more information contact Tim vanWinden at Youngtown Primary School!

- An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au



Our lunch-time Chess Club concentrating hard



Rainbow Colours

for Responsible Day

Free Dress Day: Friday 13th July

GOLD COIN DONATION

A STUDENT IN OUR SCHOOL CLAIMED A FREE
DRESS DAY AS ONE OF OUR
POSSIBILITY SHOP PRIZES

Students are to dress in rainbow colours
for **Responsibility** this FRIDAY 13th

reminder reminder reminder

WINTER WARMER RAFFLE

Hi all

**IF YOU HAVENT MANAGED IT ALREADY,
THE LAST CHANCE TO RETURN GROCERIES
IS TOMORROW
PRETTY PLEASE!!!**

For our winter fundraiser we have decided to have a
MONSTER GROCERY WINTER WARMER RAFFLE!!



It would be really appreciated if you could possibly bring in a non perishable grocery item which we will then put into a massive hamper to be raffled off!!

You don't need to spend anymore than two dollars and so that we don't end up with 300 cans of spaghetti etc. we have allocated each class a different variety of product as follows:

- Kinder classes - Lollies (snakes, mixed, jelly beans etc)**
- Prep Abernathy - Chips/Crisps (samboys, doritos, cheezels etc.)**
- Prep Chilcott / Walch - Biscuits / Crackers**
- 1/2 Lloyd - Packet Cake mixes**
- 1/2 Coombes - Tinned Vegetables**
- 1/2 Nankervis - Chocolate**
- 2 Van Winden - Tinned Fruit**
- 3/4 Hemelaar - Breakfast cereals, Spreads etc.**
- 3/4 Brady - Softdrinks or juices etc.**
- 3/4 Rainbow - Pasta, Rice, Noodles etc.**
- 5/6 Colson - Gravys, Casserole mixes, Herbs & Spices etc.**
- 5/6 Boxhall- Sugar, Flour etc.**
- 5/6 Thow - Pasta Sauces, Sauces , Oils etc.**

Please ensure that all products have a shelf life of at least the end of September and that they are all shelf stable, are unopened and free from damage.

Baskets will be available in classes for products to be placed in to!!

Thanking you very much in advance xxx

Also if there are any parents or friends that own or manage a business that would be able to donate a product or service to be added to this raffle it would be extremely appreciated!! These donations can be left at the school office!!

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact
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