

Dear Parents,

Thank You to our Volunteers

One of the many wonderful features of our school community is the incredible generosity extended to our school by parents and other community members. In particular I would like to acknowledge those people who donate some time regularly or at particular times when it is needed. This act of volunteering provides so much extra support to our children and also enriches their experience here at Youngtown Primary in many other ways. On Thursday we will be celebrating our volunteers at a special morning tea where we will also have the chance to thank them personally. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has spent some time helping out at school – many of whom are not listed below. To those listed below who provide some of their time to us on a regular basis – thank you!

- Breakfast Program:- Will and Elizabeth van Winden, Janet Lehner, Dawida Rose-Nel, Dawn Blackwell
- Youngtown Yummies: - Lisa Tatnell, Peta Reitsma, Erica Dobson, Tammy Claxton, Katherine Stebbing, Carolyn Day
- Crossing Guards:- Albert Huizing, Alicia Gibson
- School Banking:- Karina Brooks, Kerrie Camino
- Uniform Shop:- Tracie Pearce, Danielle Hodgetts
- School Association Executive: - Lisa Tatnell, Kim Barker, Peta Rietsema, Erica Dobson, Yvonne Fullbrook
- Outdoor Classroom – Cindy Belbin
- Glenara Lakes Reading Volunteers:- Bruce McCormack, Helen Burgan, John Piper, Vivienne Buckley, Toni Maloney, Geraldine Cameron, Helen Cohen, Jacqueline Horne
- Scholastic Book Club – Lisa Tatnell
- Robotics:- Stuart Day

The continuing story of Glenara's wildlife habitat

The award-winning partnership between our school and Glenara Lakes residents in creating a wildlife habitat continues on. A few weeks ago 17 of our children accompanied Mr Colson, Mr Bergamin and Mrs Shegog to plant 70 more trees and shrubs along the northern banks of the lakes. They were joined by Tamar NRM facilitator, Mike Poole and Glenara Lakes Sub-committee members, Terry Childs, Alan Jones, Susan Judge, and Barry Lumley and Southern Cross Care coordinator – Stephanie Bellinger. Together they learned the most effective methods for

planting and the importance of protecting the plants with protective guards. We will continue to work on this ongoing project throughout 2013.

ABC Giving Tree

Thank you to everybody who placed a Christmas gift under our tree this year. It was yet another great example of the generosity that characterises the Youngtown Primary community. A representative from ABC Radio came to pick up the gifts on Monday morning. He was assisted in filling up his car with gifts by some of our grade 6 Student Leaders.



Petfest Competition Success

Children from Mrs Coombes' grade 1/2 class this year entered in the Petfest school competition which focussed on 'caring for our pets'. Organised as a part of the Royal Launceston Show, Petfest is run by the Royal National Agricultural and Pastoral Society (RNAPS). The competitions included a quiz, colouring in and creating a poster. Congratulations to the following children who won ribbons:

1 st place:	Sara Hazelwood, Ruby Grice, Evan Harrop
2 nd place:	Will Springer
3 rd place:	Loki Middlecoat, Sharya Sharda, Jake Elmer, Ruby Grice, Phoebe Fahey, . Harley Petty, Jake Elmer

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Grade 6 Leaver's Presentation

Our biggest assembly of the year was yet another wonderful evening at the Punchbowl Church. Under the direction of Mr Bergamin the meticulous organisation of the showcase event ensured that our grade 6 leavers were appropriately honoured. Mr Bergamin was well supported by the grade 5/6 team, Kristy Hooper, and Mrs Seen, and our outstanding grade 5 hosts. The quality of the musical performances was a big highlight and the manner in which our grade 6 leavers attended to their formal responsibilities throughout the evening was simply fantastic. They are certainly more than ready to take the next step of high school. Every grade 6 student was nominated for their achievements across a very wide range of disciplines. The following is a list of those few who won awards:

Ricoh Business English Award	Monique Brooks
Ricoh Business Mathematics Award	Kaleb Goldfinch
Glenara Lakes Assoc Science Award	Georgie Garland
Forestry Tasmania Sustainability	Brock McKenzie
Rosemary Armitage Inquiry Award	Jesse Cameron
Peter Gutwein Digital Technologies	Ella Morrison
Geoff Lyons Health and Wellbeing P.E.	Bowen Pearce
Rotary LSSSA Award	Blake Cassidy
Rotary LSSSA Award	Cate Lehner
Kings Capital Chemist Music Award	Jesse Cameron
Ricoh Visual Arts Award	Blake Shaw
Helen Polley History Award	Owen DaRos
Rotary Youngtown Student Leader Award	Chloe Boon
Michael Ferguson Positive Behaviour	Nicholas Groer
Youngtown Parent Association Application & Academic Achievement Award	Owen DaRos
Minister for Education Award for Community Spirit	Jacob Collins
KM Inner Wheel Lifelong Learning	Cate Lehner

Sharing of food from lunchboxes

Here at Youngtown Primary we have a school-wide rule that children are not to share food from their lunchboxes with other children – this includes trading food items. It is there to support parents who want to monitor what their children are consuming at school and it also ensures that there are no causes for conflict. It would be greatly appreciated if you could reinforce this rule with your children.

2013 Staffing confirmations

I am able to confirm the following staffing allocations for next year and whilst I am hopeful of minimal changes to this, there are still teacher placements within our learning services and so there is still potential for further changes.

Class	Teacher
Kinder	Jane Stevenson
Kinder	Joscelyn Hewitt
Prep/1	Jenni Walch Amanda Chilcott
Prep	Helen Abernethy
1	Janet Lloyd
1/2	Shirley Coombs
2	Kim Nankervis
3	Pip Rainbow
3/4	Tim vanWinden
4	To be announced
5	Brad Colson
5	Rose Boxhall
6	Caroline Thow
6	Jo Brady
Other Learning Areas/ Roles	
Music	Sandra Seen
Physical Education	Lynda Colgrave
LOTE (Indonesian)	To be announced
Literacy Support	To be announced
Launching into Learning	To be announced
Chaplain	Kristy Hooper
Aboriginal education Worker	Bonnie Starick
Speech Pathologist	Rachel Chivers
School Psychologist	Anabel Hudson
Social Worker	Sue Igglesdon
Leadership Team	
AST	Mario Bergamin
AST	Nathan Karas
Principal	Troy Roberts

Don't forget to be here on Tuesday!

Next Tuesday at 3pm classrooms will be open for parents and friends to view the many and varied artistic creations of our children. Please don't feel restricted to just your child's classroom! You're welcome to visit any class to see the wonderful artwork on display. Immediately following this at 4pm will be our family end of year BBQ/picnic. We hope to see you there!

Troy Roberts
Principal

SPORT CARNIVALS 2013

2013 is going to be a year of change for sport at Youngtown Primary School. We will have the athletics carnival in Term 1, Cross Country in Term 2, Swimming and Water Safety *and a* Swimming carnival for grades 3 - 6 in Term 4.

Due to all the changes we have also looked at other areas of our carnivals that could be updated. We would like to create more of an atmosphere at our carnivals by putting more emphasis on our houses. In order to get more children involved in the carnivals (more relay runners, more tug of war participants), it has been proposed that we change our current two house format to three new houses. The house colours would be red, navy blue and white and we would rely on our school community to help us name them.

We are inviting any parent feedback over our three house proposal to be directed through an email to Troy Roberts (troy.roberts@education.tas.gov.au).

RED SHORTS

If there are any grade 6 students or grade 3-5 students (who are changing to our new navy sports shorts) that would like to donate their old red sports shorts to our L.S.S.A. uniform pool, could you please give them to Mrs. Colgrave.

Thank you and we look forward to your feedback.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 13 December 2012

11:00 AM Grade 5/6 Colson excursion to QVMAG
Royal Park Leave venue 1.00pm

11.00 AM Volunteers Morning Tea

Friday, 14 December 2012

Reports go home

12.00 PM Special Youngtown Yummies

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

Monday, 17 December 2012

6:00 PM Grade 6 Leavers Dinners at the Abel
Tasman

Tuesday, 18 December 2012

3.00 PM Art Inquiry Sharing Sessions
3.00 -4.00pm
Youngtown Primary End of Year BBQ

Wednesday, 19 December 2012

11:30 AM Prep A & B Excursion to Evandale Park
Leave venue 2.00pm

Thursday, 20 December 2012

12.00 PM Whole School Assembly
3.00 PM Last Day of Term for students

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



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Holiday Tennis Coaching Clinics

Wednesday 30th Jan 2013 to Friday 01st Feb 2013
9.00am - 11.00am each day. Cost \$70.00 for each clinic or \$25 each day. Newstead Tennis and Squash Centre, Olive Street. Coaches Carswell Coaching, TA Club Professional Coaches. Enquiries or enrolments Carswell Coaching ph 6326 1020 or 0417 390 261. School tennis coaching for 2013 enrolment forms will be distributed when school returns next year.

Student Banking

Thank you to all our Student Bankers for their consistent depositing this year. Not only does the school benefit from your hard efforts (commission to the school association) but you receive bonus interest of 4%, providing you remember to bank at least once every calendar month and make no withdrawals.

NB: Remember to bank at your local CBA branch during January!

CBA have promised "exciting new rewards" to be available in 2013!

Student Banking Co-ordinators

Schoolkids Bonus

Starting from 1 January 2013, the Australian Government is introducing the Schoolkids Bonus which will help eligible Australian families and students with kids at school pay for expenses such as uniforms, books, excursions, specialist lessons and fees.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return – and you get the full amount upfront.

You will receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a student in primary or secondary school, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit A
- Youth Allowance (student)
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment*
- Parenting Payment*
- Special Benefit*
- Education allowances under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus.

* Pending the passing of legislation through Parliament

From January 2013, you will be paid the Schoolkids Bonus in January and July.

Each year, eligible families will receive:

- \$410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of \$205) and
- \$820 for each child in high school (paid in two instalments of \$410).
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If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A, you will also receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.

More information

Website: humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus or
Phone: 13 6150

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