

Dear Parents,

Family Picnic

Last night's family picnic was a wonderful event – with numbers far exceeding previous picnics. Once again our School Association were working hard to ensure it all ran smoothly. They did very well to feed the long queues. Santa arrived just at the right time with more treats for us all!

Final Parent Sharing session - Art

Thank you to the many families who came through the school to observe our children's artwork yesterday evening. A focus on art – it's many forms, techniques, characters and history – has led to such a 'gallery'. Your presence was greatly appreciated by not only your children, but their teachers as well.

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. Mrs Fiona Reynolds from the ABC came to pick up the gifts on Monday morning. She was assisted in filling up her car boot by some of our grade 6 children.



Farewell to Pene Daniel

This week will be the final one for our school chaplain Pene Daniel. Pene has made a remarkable contribution to our school during her 3 years here as chaplain. She has a wonderful way with children and adults alike, and has played a very prominent role in the lives of a few of our families. Pene will undertake full-time work with Glenhaven – an opportunity for which she has been searching for, for some time. In her new role she will continue to do what she does best – care for those experiencing troubling times. We wish her well in the years to come.



Congratulations to Mr Sexton

Earlier this week Mr Shaun Sexton was notified that he has been promoted to an Assistant Principal role in the East Tamar Federation as a Senior Numeracy Leader for 12 months. This is a wonderful endorsement of Mr Sexton's outstanding leadership of literacy and numeracy here at Youngtown Primary over the past three years. We wish him all of the best with this new and exciting challenge.

Words of appreciation for Around the World performance

It is always very encouraging to hear such positive affirmation from our parent community. I have been inundated with words of congratulations and appreciation for the performance at the Door of Hope last Wednesday. I would like to share two that came in the form of emails:

*"We would like to congratulate Belinda Stephens, Lynda Colgrave and Sandra Seen for the wonderful performance at the Around the World Production. They did a wonderful job coordinating all the dance routines and the volunteers did a wonderful job with the costumes the children wore. The whole night was an absolute success and the children displayed maturity beyond their years. Congratulations also to the students for their great work that they did on the day. All the people involved deserve a big thankyou. Thank you all for a wonderful enjoyable evening!
Kerri and Tony Camino"*

and...

"Dear all,

Just a quick email to congratulate you and your staff at Youngtown Primary School for a fantastic performance at the Door of Hope. I think it exceeded everyone's expectations and no doubt there are some proud teachers and parents in the Youngtown area today.

Once again congratulations on a job well done, most of us realise that there is a great deal of effort that goes into a performance of that magnitude. Thank you very much.

Andrew and Yvonne Fullbrook"

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2012 Staffing confirmations

You are aware now of your child's class placement for next year. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding about how complex this whole process is. For some children the thought of a change can bring on some anxiety and so for some families this can be a difficult period. However we know that with plenty of support and encouragement children will overcome these anxieties and begin to look forward to next year with a feeling of optimism. 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 unresolved promotional positions within our learning services and so there is still potential for further changes.

Class Name/Code	Teacher
Kinder A	Jane Stevenson
Kinder B	Joscelyn Hewitt
Prep A	Jenni Walch Amanda Chilcott
Prep B	Helen Abernethy
1/2 A	Shirley Coombes
1/2 B	Janet Lloyd
1/2 C	Kim Nankervis
2	Tim Van Winden
3/4 A	Jo Brady
3/4 B	Nathan Karas
3/4 C	Phillipa Rainbow
5/6 A	Brad Colson
5/6 B	Rose Boxhall
5/6 C	Caroline Thow
Other Learning Areas/Roles	
Music	Sandra Seen
Physical Education	Lynda Colgrave
LOTE (Indonesian)	Sarah Shorter
Reading Recovery	Jan Nelson
Chaplain	<i>Vacancy</i>
Speech Pathologist	Rachel Chivas
School Psychologist	Anabel Hudson
Social Worker	Sue Igglesden
PATeam	
AST	Mario Bergamin
AST	<i>Vacancy</i>
Principal	Troy Roberts

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 14 December 2011

7.00 PM Grade 6 Leavers Presentation Evening at Punchbowl Christian Centre

Friday, 16 December 2011

Final Youngtown Yummies Day for 2011

Monday, 19 December 2011

6:30 PM Grade 6 Leavers' Dinner at The Abel Tasman

Wednesday, 21 December 2011

End of Term 3 for students

Wednesday, 15 February 2012

Term 1 commences



The school office will re-open from the 08th February 2012, between 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Invoices for School Levies will be posted out in January and they will have all payment options and details listed.

2012 TERM DATES

- Term 1** WEDNESDAY 15th February - FRIDAY 1st June
Easter: Friday 6th April - Sunday 15th April inclusive.
- Term 2** MONDAY 18th June - FRIDAY 7th September
- Term 3** MONDAY 24th September - Thursday 20th December

2012 STUDENT FREE DATES

- Term 1** Tuesday 14th February (first day back)
Monday 16th April (Mon after Easter)
- Term 2** Monday 18th June (first day back)
- Term 3** Friday 12th October (day after Show)



YTEL Christmas Stall



YTEL will be holding their annual Christmas Stall for students to make special Christmas purchases. All items will be for sale for \$5 and under at the following times:

- Thursday 15th Dec** - 10:30 Kinder Stevenson
- RecessPrep
- Friday 16th Dec** - RecessGrade 1 and 2
- Monday 17th Dec** - 10:30 Kinder Lohrey
- RecessGrade 3 and 4
- Tuesday 18th Dec** - RecessGrade 5 and 6



Home for chooks needed
over holiday break.
Will supply grain.
6 Lovely girls, house
trained and laying!

Please contact the school office if
you are able to help.



COLES VOUCHERS

The promotion finished a few weeks ago but over the weekend I was sent an email that confirmed Youngtown Primary school's final tally was 77,749 vouchers.

With the help of Ella Morrison and Mikaela Smith the vouchers have been spent on a variety of equipment that is due to arrive in March 2012.

Once again a massive thank you to parents and our community for their support in this promotion.

Thank you
Lynda Colgrave
PE Teacher



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Pedder Patter Child Care Centres Inc

ABN 31 792 554 660

Do you worry about where your children are going to go after school next year? Pedder Patter has the answer for you! Our *After School Care* program is run from 3-6pm every day and is located within the school in the new drama/music room. Our professional and experienced carers will provide a stimulating and exciting program for your child to enjoy, incorporating both inside and outside activities.

So if your child enjoys keeping busy after school or would just prefer some quiet time before going home, after school care is for them. We provide afternoon tea and cater for children with allergies/intolerances.

For more information, please see Samantha after 3pm or call the Pedder Patter office on 63 449993. Enrolment forms can be collected from Sam, the School office or through Pedder Patter.

Please note: enrolment forms must be handed back to the Pedder Patter office before your child starts care.
We wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to welcoming new families to our program in 2012!



**Whole School
Production
DVD's for sale NOW
\$5.00 each.
Please order and pay
at Office.**



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Carols at the Bowl

Saturday 17th December, 2011. Carols start at 7.30pm, Punchbowl Christian Centre. Includes a performance by the 'Harmonic Minors and The Fellas'.

Bunnings Launceston Christmas Family Night!!

6.00pm to 8.00pm, Bookings essential, please phone 6345 2400. Free activities for all the family, Jumping castle, Balloon artist, slot car racing ice-cream van, face painting, loads of Christmas craft. Free sausage sizzle.

Free Photos with Santa

Gloria Jeans Coffees Kings Meadows, Saturday 17th December 10.30am - 1.30pm.

Become a Surfer for Life

Vegemite Surf Groms offers an 8 week program for a total of 12 hours of activities delivered by Surfing Australia Surf Schools. Every participant will receive a free Quiksilver t-shirt, rashie, towel, sun-hat, wristband and 2 great Wahu beach toys. Also included in the pack is a tube of VEGEMITE spread! Just visit www.surgroms.com for more information and to register. Greens Beach January 18th - 21st.

Holiday Program January 2012

Hey Kids Imagine learning to Fly..... For 4 - 8 year olds. Learn why Albert Einstein said "Imagination is more important than knowledge" For program, Booking and location details call Michael Anderson 0403 025 716.

Kidz R Us

School Holiday Program Thursday 22nd December 2011 - Tuesday 14th February 2012.

A large variety of activities offered every day. Please bring lunch, morning and afternoon tea, your hat, shoes and medication each day. 50 Glen Dhu Street, South Launceston. Phone 6343 4614, 0447 448 455 for more information and to book.

Holiday Tennis Clinic

Newstead Tennis Centre, 01st Feb - 3rd Feb and 8th Feb - 10th Feb. 9.00am - 11.00am each day. \$70.00 entire clinic or \$25 per day. Carswell Coaching phone 63261020 to book.

YOU need a Greencard in 2012



IF You are a student
AND You catch a bus other than Metro
AND You pay a fare

With the card you pay \$1.00
Without you pay \$1.30

If you already have a Metro Greencard you don't need to apply.

Get an application form from:
Service Tasmania **OR**
www.transport.tas.gov.au

Department of Infrastructure,
Energy and Resources



Student Banking



Reminder: In order to receive "Bonus Interest" you need to make a deposit every calendar month and no withdrawals. (Make a deposit in January at your local CBA.)

NB. New token "rewards" will be available in 2012!

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