



Dear Parents,

Arts Focus this term

For the remaining six weeks of this term children will be learning about visual arts as a part of their inquiry-based learning. Visual art is another vital area of our curriculum as it provides another unique medium through which children can thrive. Through visual art children further develop their problem solving skills – recognising that there are often multiple solutions to a problem. They develop an appreciation of differences in respect to perspective and individual taste. Most importantly visual art enables children to develop their personal confidence through self-expression.

Of course visual art has featured in every child's experience here at school throughout this year and is integrated across many curriculum areas. However this inquiry-based focus will engage them in some deep learning about techniques, art styles and renowned artists. In particular the units will cover the following:

Prep – Children will explore aspects of tone, texture and colour. They will experiment with different materials and explore different techniques and their inspiration will be the animals they see at Tasmania Zoo and Hagley Farm.

Grade 1 and 2 – Children will explore the art forms of portraits, landscapes and still life using such materials as paint, pencil, paper and photos. They will draw their inspiration by studying a range of picture books. They will be encouraged to compare their work with other artists.

Grade 3 and 4 – Children will develop their understanding of print and collage techniques by studying a range of children's illustrators and renowned artists.

Grade 5 and 6 – Children will study the work of an Australian artist or group of artists. They will develop appropriate vocabulary for describing artwork and apply this to their appraisal and interpretation of a range of Australian artwork. They will produce their own work after experimenting with the particular technique of the artist they have chosen to study.

The best part of this inquiry unit will be our opportunity (yours and mine) to view the final creations which will be on display throughout our school. Parents and friends are invited to wander through the classes perusing children's

artwork between 3pm and 4pm on Tuesday December 18. This will be immediately followed by our end of year family picnic here in the school grounds. Once again our School Association will be offering a barbecue and there may even be an appearance by the jolly fellow in red!

Uniform Feedback

Over the past fortnight we have received many comments about the new uniform items that will be transitioned in next year. The vast majority of these comments have strongly endorsed the new design and new colours – many parents are clearly pleased to not have to wash with bleach. I have also had parents express their gratitude for the uniform committee who gave up so much of their time to research the many options available. Of course there are also some for whom the colours are not to their personal taste and again I thank those parents who have expressed this view in a respectful way. We continue to welcome your comments and should you wish to share your thoughts please come and talk with a member of the leadership team – Mr Karas, Mr Bergamin or myself. I know that our School Association Chairperson Lisa Tatnell would also be happy to discuss the process that was instigated by the Association.

Attendance – why regular school attendance is so critical

I recently came across some research that highlighted the importance of regular attendance at school. The impact of missing a day per week or more is quite startling as shown on the following graph. It shows the amount of missed learning time over the years of compulsory schooling if the frequent non-attendance becomes a long-term pattern.

Days absent	Total days	No. of terms	No. of years missing
1 day per week	451	9	2 years 1 term
1.5 days per week	676.5	13.5	3 years 1.5 terms
2 days per week	902	18	4 years 2 terms
3 days per week	1353	27	6 years 3 terms
5 weeks per term	1127.5	22	5 years 2 terms
Average 5 days per term	220	5.5	1 year 1.5 terms
Average 10 days per term	440	11	2 years 3 terms

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According to the Principals Australia Institute website the long term effects for children who regularly miss school include:

- Gaps in knowledge and understanding from missing basic concepts
- Loss of opportunities for play, social interaction and friendship development
- Lack of continuity resulting in feeling less secure within the school environment
- Increased likelihood of leaving school early

Generous donation of toys

Youngtown Primary School would like to warmly thank Birchalls Launceston for their generous donation of toys that we received last week. It was a wonderful surprise when Justin Lee a parent within our school delivered three boxes of items from the St Albies toy fair. We are able to use the items to promote positive behaviour within our possibility shop each Thursday. The fluffy animals are proving a hit with our younger students!

Harley Nominated for Junior Sports Award

Congratulations to Harley Crawford on being nominated in the year's Examiner and IGA junior Sports Awards. Harley has been selected as a finalist in the Male Individual category. He will attend the Awards Recognition Dinner on Tuesday November 20th where his achievements will be recognised amongst the other finalists in each category. Olympian Tristan Thomas will be the inspirational guest speaker during the night and Harley is looking forward to learning more about how he moved on his path towards success as an olympian. We wish Harley every success!!

Troy Roberts
Principal

Whole School Student Free Dress Day Friday 23rd November

We would like our students to wear something starting with the letter S, W, or T. This is to reinforce the whole school message of Stop, Walk and Talk when dealing with any problems in the playground.

Youngtown Student Leaders will be on the look out for the most creatively dressed students and a *gold coin donation* will be need on the day which will go back into our Possibility Shop to promote positive behaviour.

"Students who have recently received 60 Token Certificate"

Congratulations to the following students:

Mackenzie Connell
Skye Cox
Cain Goldfinch
Jack Hodgetts
Lily Jones
Annemarie Lourens
Eli McGinniss
Talita Rohde
Liam Rose-Nel
Jacob Barker
Emily Watts-Heazelwood
Abbey Chapple
Thomas Dawson
Monique Hawkins

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

Uniform Shop SALE !!

Hats	2 for \$15.00
Polo Tops	2 for \$20.00
Windcheaters	2 for \$30.00
Polar Vests	2 for \$20.00
Jackets	2 for \$60.00
Trackpants	2 for \$25.00
Beanies	2 for \$5.00
Skorts	\$10.00 each
Girls Grey Trousers	2 for \$50.00

**All items will be for sale next
Tuesday 20th November
8.30am - 9.30am**



Book club news!

This will be your last chance to purchase books this year, so why not fill those christmas stockings with the joy of reading.

Issue 8 Book club forms have gone out this week and are due back
**Next Thursday 22nd of November
by 3pm.**

If you would like to collect the books yourself please write on order, "leave at office".

Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 15 November 2012

- 10:00 AM 1-2A Excursion to Allan's Nursery
Students walking
1:30 PM 1-2C Excursion to Allan's Nursery
Students walking
1:40 PM P - 2 Assembly
Prep B, Chilcott/Walch to host
POSTPONED

Friday, 16 November 2012

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

Monday, 19 November 2012

- 9:15 AM Prep A & B excursion to Tasmania Zoo,
Tailrace Park & Inveresk Museum
Depart school 9.15am Leave final venue
2.30pm

Tuesday, 20 November 2012

- 9:30 AM Grade 6 immunisations

Wednesday, 21 November 2012

- 1:40 PM P - 2 Assembly
Prep B, Chilcott/Walch to host

Thursday, 22 November 2012

- 2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
3/4C Rainbow to host

Friday, 23 November 2012

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

Wednesday, 28 November 2012

- 7:00 PM School Association Meeting

Thursday, 29 November 2012

- 1:40 PM P - 2 Assembly
PrepA Abernethy to host

Friday, 30 November 2012

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

Monday, 3 December 2012

- Fire Safety Program commences in GP
Room For Preps - Grade 6's

Thursday, 6 December 2012

- 9:15 AM Prep A & Prep B Excursion to Hagley
Farm School Depart school - 9.15am
Leave venue - 2.30pm
2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
3/4A & 3/4B Hemelaar & Brady to host
7.00 PM Presentation Evening at Punchbowl
Christian Centre



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Relationships Australia

123 Magic and emotion coaching (parent workshop)
Parenting the under 12 year old, starting Wednesday
21st November 6.00 - 8.00pm at 6 Paterson Street,
Launceston. To register please phone 6336 7000.

School Banking CAN YOU HELP???

Due to our long serving student banking co-ordinator Karina Brooks leaving us at the end of this year, we require someone that would like to assist in this area each Friday morning. If you can be of assistance, can you please leave your name and number at the office or call in and see us Friday mornings between 9.00 - 11.00am, in the room near the main office.



School Banking

Congratulations to the following students achieving a silver certificate (20-30 deposits) this year:

Rhiannon Camino
Kieren Tatnell
Samuel Tatnell
Noah Tatnell
Isabella Colson
Noah Colgrave
Millie Colson
Cohen Walsmley
Laura Ellis
Emily Watts-Heazlewood
Brady Colgrave

Hayden Walsmely
Laura Springer
Joshua Belbin
Lawson Springer
Jye Walmsley
Christopher Boon



Cricket Tasmania T20 Blast Centre – Launceston

Saturday 24th November at Youngtown Oval
(future games will be held at NTCA Ground 2 when it's ready)

8:15am to register/pay on day, Games begin at 9am -10am

- Games just like the T20 Blast Schools Cups that were held in early November, but with a few rule changes to make it even more exciting and fun!
- Search for Club - 'Cricket Tasmania' at www.t20blast.com.au when you register
- Register and Pay \$99 online (or come along on first morning) which gives participants an 8 wk roster - 4 weeks prior to Christmas, 4 weeks in Feb 2013, participant pack includes Hobart Hurricanes exclusive offers, Hat and a Top
- Enquiries: Call Simon at Cricket Tas. North Office - 63367020
- Participants can come along solo or even better - Bring teams of six from your school/club if possible (8-10yrs) or (11-12yrs), Boys teams, girls teams or mixed teams are appreciated – Get a Mum/Dad to help umpire and be your team manager!

Be part of the T20 Blast action this summer and you could meet one of your Big Bash League Heroes on the ground at Blundstone Arena before a game starts! All centre teammates could be there too!

Sign up today at www.t20blast.com.au and HAVE A BLAST!

School Uniform Shop

Wanted size 14 School Jacket.
If you can assist please contact
Tracie on 0417 445 455.

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