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Dear Parents,

The Role of our School Chaplain

Our school chaplain is Kristy Hooper and already Kristy has become a great support for both our children and our staff here at Youngtown Primary. In fact providing support is the core purpose of Kristy's role and one that she feels very privileged to be able to offer. She currently works on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons. This support takes many forms including being an active listener, providing helpful advice about friendships, dealing with grief, helping children resolve conflicts through restorative conversations, and running small group social skills and emotional resilience programs (sometimes working alongside our School Social Worker Susan Igglesden). Kristy also has the opportunity to provide extra learning assistance in the classroom and she is an extra support person in the playground. Kristy also provides valuable assistance with running our Breakfast Program where she helps Will and the team prepare and serve the food as well as mingling with the children. On top of all of this we are very fortunate to have Kristy taking a grade 5/6 options course where she shares her passion for dance and drama.

I would like to stress to parents that having your children participate in small group programs with Kristy is something that we will seek your consent for. However there are also many incidental occasions when Kristy may be involved in conversation to support or help resolve a conflict with your child in the same way that any member of our school staff may be involved. If you would especially like your child to work with Kristy or if you would like to discuss Kristy's role further please don't hesitate to contact Mr Bergamin or myself.

Grade 3/4 Excursion

Early on Friday morning our grade 3 and 4 children donned their gumboots and warm jackets to set out on a learning adventure across the North East farming belt of Tasmania. The day had been planned well in advance by our wonderful grade 3/4 teachers and Mr Bergamin. I invited Eloise, Samuel and Amy from Mrs Rainbows class to share their experience and assist in writing this piece for the newsletter.

The first stop was the Eco Forestry Centre in Scottsdale. This was Eloise's favourite stop where she learnt the names and many other things about Eucalyptus plants. She also

enjoyed the small movies that told historical stories of the region including the times of the Derby Tin Mine. From the Eco Forestry Centre they enjoyed a morning tea break at a local Scottsdale park before embarking on the next leg of their adventure.

The next stop was Winnaleah where Mrs Rainbow lives and it was her own property that provided the setting for learning about pigs, sheep, cows and turkeys! This was Amy's favourite part. She simply loved seeing the newborn piglets falling into their food bowl as they ate "like pigs". Amy recalls that it was so muddy that if you didn't keep moving your gumboots would sink and get stuck. After observing the pigs enjoying their lunch it was time for our travellers to enjoy theirs. Barbecued sausages and hamburgers were on offer and enjoyed thoroughly while sitting on hay bales near Mrs Rainbow's house. While some kept eating their lunch others enjoyed a short tour of the sheep, cows and turkeys from Mrs Rainbow's husband Lester. Soon it was back onto the bus and they were on their way to their third destination – a dairy farm.

The dairy farm was Samuel's favourite place. He is able to describe in great detail the machinery and process for milking the cows. He also enjoyed patting and even feeding the new-born calves. The children were given a variety of milk products to sample. However they had to wait until returning to school as Mrs Rainbow thought that milk products and travelling back on the windy road was not a good mix. It was well after 4:30pm when they arrived home looking tired and exhausted.

Engaging Adolescents - Parenting Course

This highly acclaimed course for parents of young adolescent children (from 10 year old up) is being offered here at school commencing this week! In fact the first of 3 sessions is on tomorrow evening at 7pm in our Performing Arts room. If you haven't yet registered your interest please let Tim van Winden or our office know before the end of the school day tomorrow. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear about an approach that promises to reduce the tension, increase your effectiveness and strengthen your relationship with your children.

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Science Competition Results

Earlier this term some of our primary students competed in the University of New South Wales Science competition. These competitions provide our children with the opportunity to extend themselves academically and, as always, our children did very well. I would like to congratulate every child who participated. Hayden Walmsley received a Distinction, and Sam Day, Sarah Robins and Aaron Barker each received a Credit.

Robotics Success

I would like to thank Mr Stuart Day and Mr Karas for enabling some of our children to participate in the Robotics Cup at East Launceston Primary on Saturday. Given that the group only commenced their robotics experience during this term their achievement at the competition was quite remarkable. The following is a report written by grade 4 student, Lucas Galvin-Ridge, who participated in the event:

On Saturday 11th of August 9 children from Youngtown Primary participated in a Robotics cup. They had 5 weeks to program a robot to follow a line. They had a great day. Whenever they had a problem they figured out what was the problem and tried to fix it. We even had one group from Youngtown Primary that made it to the finals. Students needed to work with a partner to measure light readings and program their robot to move around and over a variety of objects including a bridge and water bottle in a time limit. Teams received points for every tile the robot covered. It was a difficult challenge but one that we all enjoyed very much. We are now modifying our vehicles and our thinking to give us a great chance if we choose to enter the state competitions to be held in Hobart.

People who participated:

Sam Day, Samuel Fitch, Paige Hollingsworth, Mattieka Vanderhide, Seth Birchall, Hamish Lehner, Leonard Hazelwood, Hayden Wamsley and myself.

From Lucas Galvin-Ridge



*Troy Roberts
Principal*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 16 August 2012

1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly
Hosted by 1/2 B Lloyd

Friday, 17 August 2012

1:15 PM 5/6 Sport - Football @ St Leonards PS
Netball @ Mayfield PS

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

Monday, 20 August 2012

9:00 AM Dance Baby Dance

Tuesday, 21 August 2012

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Wednesday, 22 August 2012

7:00 PM School Association Meeting

Thursday, 23 August 2012

2:20 PM Grade 3 - 6 Assembly
Hosted by 3/4B Brady

Friday, 24 August 2012

11:30 AM Mass Dance Practice on netball courts
Parents are invited to come and watch and join in

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

Monday, 27 August 2012

3:15 PM Parent Transition meeting with Kings
Meadows High GP Room 3.15pm.

Dance Baby Dance Performance at Door of Hope.

Friday, 31 August 2012

Mass Dance Event at Silverdome Prep - 2
4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room

Monday, 3 September 2012

9:00 AM Prep screening with Jenna Bayes

Tuesday, 4 September 2012

9:00 AM Prep screening with Jenna Bayes

Thursday, 6 September 2012

1:40 PM Whole School Assembly
Hosted by 5/6A Colson

1:45 PM Whole School Assembly
5/6 classes to host

Friday, 7 September 2012

3:00 PM LAST DAY TERM 2

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

Monday, 24 September 2012

8.30 AM FIRST DAY TERM 3



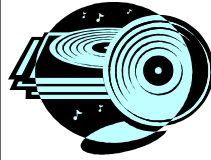
JOIN US FOR OUR MASS DANCE PRACTICE

The Mass Dance is fast approaching and all of our Prep - 2 children are working hard to learn the 10 dances.

On Friday 24th August at 11.30am on the netball courts (weather permitting) we will be having a practice of all the dances.

Parents are invited to come along and join in or watch us practice.

**Thank you
Lynda Colgrave
PE Teacher**

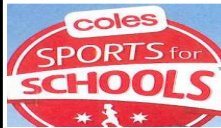
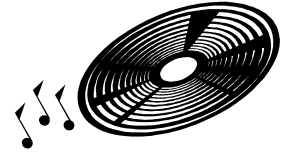


OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CAN YOU HELP???

We are looking for old LP's either size 33's or 45's.

If you have any we can use please leave at the school office.

Thank you



To all those people who have been collecting and are still collecting Coles vouchers, thank you.

This promotion finished yesterday so could everyone please have all vouchers to school by

Thursday 16th August.

Thankyou again for all your support!



"Students who have recently received 60 Token Certificate"

Congratulations to the following students:

- Wil Bevan*
- Courtney Wilmot*
- Joshua Belbin*
- Fletcher Young*
- Chloe Barnett*
- Brodie Burns*
- Jake Elmer*
- Ruby Grice*
- Evan Harrop*
- Sara Hazelwood*
- Harley Petty*
- Shaurya Sharda*
- Zaide Simmons*
- Will Springer*



HELP !!

If anyone knows any information regarding a Red ute which was ran into on Napier Street last Wednesday, 8th August by a green van.
Pleas call Lauren on 0423 015 718.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

September School Holiday Care

At 59D Amy Road, Newstead. "Join us and have great fun" The program is from Monday 10th September until Friday 21st September. 8.00am - 6.00pm. Book now by phoning 6341 1555.

"Are you a girl aged 5-17? Do you love adventure, making friends and having fun?"

Launceston Girl Guide units (aged 5-10, 10-14 and 14-17). Nights vary depending on units, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Girl Guides is about achieving goals, improving communities, and growing in confidence. For more information contact District Leader Julie Miller on 0408 130 850.

St Giles - Walk with ME

1st September 11.30am, Civic Square to City Park, registration opens 9.30am, good health activities and food.

On Tour "Wash your face in Orange Juice"

With legendary kids performer Peter Combe at Princess Theatre, Launceston on Saturday 01st September at 1.00pm. Tickets \$10.00. Supporting St Giles, for more information please phone Peter Darrow at St Giles on 6345 7333.

Tim Blair Run for Kids

Tim Blair will run 100kms Launceston to Devonport on Friday 24th August. You are invited to join the fundraising effort by either a donation or participating in the Run for Kids even on 25th August. To register or more information www.rundevonport.com.au

World Suicide Prevention Day

Monday, September 10th

A community gathering for people who have been bereaved by suicide will be held at the Tamar Rowing Club Rooms (near Tamar Marine) from 11.30am – 1.30pm. Sausage sizzle, gold coin donation appreciated. Community transport from outlying areas may be available. Contact: Wendy French 0408 133 884 or Garry Rafferty 6336 5155. All welcome.

Light a candle on World Suicide Prevention Day

If you are unable to attend an event but would like to show your support, you can light a candle near a window at 8pm on September 10th to show your support for suicide prevention, to remember a lost loved one and for the survivors of suicide.



Book club news!

Book Club Order forms will be distributed this week.

They are due back next Thursday 23rd of August .

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

Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell, 0418364861

LAUNCESTON SWIM SCHOOL Intensive Swimming Program September School Holidays

Give your child a great start to swimming for summer

Monday 10th to Friday 14th - 5 Day

Monday 10th to Friday 21st - 10 day

Classes available for children aged 4 years up of all abilities.

Contact Launceston Swim School on 63433565 for more details



Need to Relax? Try Tai Chi

New Tai Chi Classes for Beginners (starting Wed 8th Aug) 10:00am – 11:00 and 11:00am -12:00pm on Wednesdays 10:00am – 11:00am every 2nd Saturday (11th and 25th August)

All classes at Kings Meadows Community Health Centre (McHugh St. Kings Meadows)

Just come along or contact Grant on

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or email
ironlotusrelax@gmail.com

