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Dear Families,

New Rewards for Positive Behaviour

This week is the beginning of our new 'token economy' that will elevate our focus on positive behaviour to a new level. Our Positive Behaviour Support Team – Mr Bergamin, Mr Van Winden and Mr Karas - have spent considerable time consulting, researching and creating our new system. Their work culminated with a highly professional presentation to staff last week that covered the underpinning theory and research, along with an insightful process for implementation. The new token economy, which replaces the raffle ticket system, involves students receiving a token when they are observed by a staff member displaying positive behaviour that is linked to our school-wide expectations or to a particular behaviour (social skill) that we are focusing on. When a staff member hands over a token they explain to the student why they have received it (we call this a praise statement). The number of tokens each child receives is recorded in their classrooms on a chart. Tokens can be traded in for a range of treats or products (we call these reinforcers). The minimum number of tokens required to trade in is 10. The more tokens children earn, the more rewards items they can redeem during the year. I have no doubt that your child will already be able to share with you what the various treats/products are. In fact they will be able to share much more detail about how it all works than I am able to here. We would like to hear your thoughts about how it is working for your child over the coming weeks. We are also very keen to find local businesses that may be able to contribute to our pool of rewards items.

YTEL speeches

Last Thursday afternoon I had the pleasure of hearing the speeches from the 22 students who have been nominated to be members of our grade 5/6 executive leadership team. We all know how challenging it can be to deliver a speech to an audience of any description, however speaking in front of your peers is about as daunting as it gets. I am pleased to say that all of our students overcame any anxiety that they may have been feeling to articulate their ideas with great clarity and confidence. It was wonderful to hear

new ideas they would bring to their leadership role and it was heartening to hear about the strong commitment they each have for improving our school. Helping other students, new ideas for raising money, and ensuring that school is a fun place to be, featured prominently throughout the speeches. The audience was made up of grade 3 – 6 students, who listened intently and immediately cast their votes. I would like to thank Mr Colson for his ongoing commitment to our leadership program and for his organisation of the election process. We all look forward to the election outcome and wish all our nominee student leaders all the best.

Unpacking our vision statement

Last week I shared how Youngtown Primary staff had interpreted the **second** sentence in the vision statement and reflected on our practice (what we are doing that is in line with the vision? and what else we can do to further align our practice with the vision?). Here is a snap-shot of what emerged with the **third** sentence:

We want every student to have a personal sense of direction and the tenacity to be a life-long learner who contributes to the global community in which they live.

In other words this means:-

We expect all students to be intrinsically motivated and driven with a passion to continue their learning throughout life in order to make the world a better place to live.

Examples of our current practice that reflect this are:-

- High interest programs for students (short courses, community projects, outdoor education, inquiry units)
- Consistent delivery of the curriculum through team planning and co-teaching
- Positive behaviour support
- High expectations about being a learner, being responsible and being safe
- Link with Singapore and teaching Indonesian
- A comprehensive school improvement plan

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New and improved ways of including this aspect of our vision in our daily practice could include:-

- Increase the use of technology for better links with the world beyond (Google Earth, Skype, Internet)
- Develop personal goal setting

Bookclub Bonus!

If you are purchasing books for your children I encourage you to peruse the bookclub catalogues that come home from time to time from Scholastic. Our school is well rewarded from your purchases with significant bonus rewards. For instance last year we earned \$3,754 worth of books – a fantastic way of keeping our bookshelves sufficiently replenished.

Troy Roberts
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 18 March 2011

Taekwondo using M.P 4.30-6.00

Monday, 21 March 2011

Whole school photos

Tuesday, 22 March 2011

Kinder B photos

Thursday, 24 March 2011

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
4 Bennett to host

Friday, 25 March 2011

Taekwondo using M.P 4.30-6.00

Monday, 28 March 2011

Water & Safety programme grades 3-5
28/3/2011 - 8/4/2011 (10 days)
Depart 9.20 3/4Karas & 5's from Colson & Thow
D: 10.20 4 Bennett & 3's from VanWinden
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Tuesday, 29 March 2011

No PE due to Swimming & Water Safety Program

Wednesday, 30 March 2011

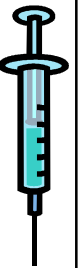
No PE due to Swimming & Water Safety Program

Thursday, 31 March 2011

Bindy on excursion with Options Dancers for "I love Cars" performance
Thurs 31th March - Sat 2nd April
4:00 PM A school Garden: How do I make it happen? A community session.



IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS **2011 SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME**



The Launceston City Council immunisation team will soon visit the school to administer immunisations for Kinder and Grade 6 students, who they expect may be due.

- Kinder: 4 year old boosters (if not given prior to school entry)
- Grade 6: Hepatitis B (2 dose course).
- Grade 6: Chickenpox (only required if not had the disease)
- Grade 6: (Girls only) Human Papillomavirus (3 dose course)

The team will be returning to the school later in the year to provide the second and third doses.

Consent forms have been distributed to children in the relevant grades. If you did not receive yours, please ask at the school. Please return your consent / non-consent form (completed in blue/black ink) to the school no later than **Tuesday 22nd March**, so your child may be adequately protected.

If your child is not in one of the targeted grades, but has missed a vaccination, you can pick up a "catch up" immunisation consent form from the school office. Please return the form to the office by the above date.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding immunisation, please contact the Launceston City Council Health Department on telephone: **6323 3208 directly, not the school office.** Thankyou.



PBS Raffle Students Acknowledged:

Congratulations to last week's students for meeting our school wide expectations.
Campbell Stebbings, Cara Dakin, Connor McLachlan, Livai Drui, Samuel Hartland, Leonard Hazelwood, Kyle McKinnon, Kaleb Goldfinch, Thomas Bergamin, Aaron Barker, Ubaid Irfan, Joshua Harris, Thomas Rice, Bailey Wells, Nick Groer, Georgie Garland, Telyshia Jones



Say Cheese

**MSP Photography are
on the way!**

**School Photo Day is :
Monday 21st March - Whole School
Tuesday 22nd March - Kinder B**

HAVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL MEMORIES
CAPTURED FOREVER.

Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP envelopes and remember these helpful points.

- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all of your children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as change is unable to be issued. Cash, credit cards, cheque and money orders are accepted.

Please feel free to contact MSP Photography direct if you have any queries.

**MSP Photography
Ph: 03 6231 5880**

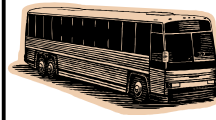
E: argyle@msp.com.au

Have your say – 3 Terms of 4?

Access TASSP&F's online survey at www.parentsandfriendstasmania.asn.au or via direct link through <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TASSPFsurvey>

(NB – when forwarding this to your community you may need to press “enter” at the end of the link to make it “live”)
Respondents can only reply once to the survey from each computer. If this is a problem because there is more than one user for a computer please contact Cassy at our office.

Closing Date for responses – 1st April 2011



Reminder to children regarding bus stop use

Parents, could you please remind your children of the following tips, in regards to bus stop use:

- Always use existing road crossings where available to reach your bus stop.
- Get to your bus safely and with plenty of time.
- Note that earphones reduce your awareness of your surroundings and what is going on around you. Stay alert and beware of cars and other traffic.
- Be aware that private properties near bus stops belong to other people. Leaning or hanging school bags on fences can cause damage.

When waiting for your bus, you are in the street and people are watching your behaviour and your respect for others. They may be making judgment about you and your school.



"Harmonic Minors" Children's Choir

Does your child love to sing?
Rehearsals for the choir are held every Tuesday at 4pm till 5pm and new members are most welcome!!

The choir is all inclusive and non-competitive with an emphasis on having funlots of movement, dance, costumes and contemporary 'pop' songs culminating in several public performances throughout the year!

Rehearsals incorporate a gentle approach to good vocal practice and technique and are held at the Masonic Centre, 39 Brisbane Street.

If your child is interested please contact Steph Sowerby on 0415 638354 or for further details sowhow2@westnet.com.au



LOST BASKETBALL

Last week a student lost a faded orange basketball. If you have found this ball could you please return it to the school office.

Thank you.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Guitar Lessons for Beginners 6-8years

Learn guitar in a small group environment with one of Launceston's most experienced teachers. Classes are 50 minutes and also incorporate the use of percussion instruments, music games, movement to music and lots of fun activities offering the perfect balance to keep young children interested and motivated. Phone 0407 344 107

Second Storey Youth Theatre

The Youth Theatre Island Exchange Project

The next generation of theatre-makers from two islands 'on the edge of the earth' take to stage to perform two empowering theatre works that reflect their dreams, their homes and their islands.

Second Storey Youth Theatre (Tasmania) present

Chasing a Sound Like Rain: this lyrical and frank play by Carrie McLean explores the complexities of growing up on an Island, our search for identity and our connection to home. Set in the caves and forests around iconic Mole Creek, the show features stunning performances and design, and original live music performed by emerging local band *Thieves* (fresh from their performance at MS Fest 2011).

Theatre Newfoundland Labrador Youth Theatre (Newfoundland) present

With Cruel Times In Between: a portrait of Newfoundland culture seen through the writings of one of Newfoundland's most beloved writers, Al Pittman. The show is a beautiful kaleidoscope of prose, script, songs, poetry and stunning artwork featuring this amazing island, its culture, community and landscape.

Presented as part of Ten Days on the Island 2011, this is honest, gutsy, raw, funny, beautiful work by young artists (suitable for persons aged 14 years and above).

The Annexe Theatre, Launceston: 30 March-1 April @ 6pm.

Bookings: Theatre North on 6323 3666 or tendaysontheisland.com (or you can purchase tickets on the night)

School Association News

Our AGM and General meeting will be held next Wednesday 23rd March.

The positions of **Treasurer** and **Fundraising co-ordinator** are now vacant. Any one wishing to nominate for either position, can collect a nomination form from the office and return it to there.

For this **Terms fundraiser** we will be holding an **Exercise-a-prize-a-thon (Iapathon)**. The sponsorship forms need to be returned to the office by Monday 28th March.

Any one wishing to help out on the day please contact Peta on 0408 585 201 or Erica on 0439 795 898.

A Thank you note from Shireen.

*Dear Friends,
Thank-you so very much for the stunning gift I received from the School Association. It has pride of place in our sitting room where it matches the decor perfectly (did someone have inside information there?!!)
I wish you all a wonderful 2011 and look forward to catching up really soon. Thank-you for the privilege of working with a team who I consider my extended family.
With much appreciation, Alureen X*

Dates for the Diary

AGM and General meeting.

Wednesday 23rd March 7.00pm in the Staffroom

Exercise-a-prize athon

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th of March
During PE lesson time

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