

# Youngtown News & Views



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Dear Parents,

## **Grade 5 and 6 Camp**

What an amazing experience our grade 5 and 6 children had during their camps last week. The incredible learning experiences that featured throughout the 3-day camps are still being discussed and built upon in class. For those children who attended the camp these experiences will become lifelong memories and will play a big part in consolidating their understandings about Tasmania's past. I attended the camp experience for two days and it was amazing – and I didn't get to experience everything on offer! Our children visited Parliament House and witnessed some live debating in the Lower House, they enjoyed Bonorong Wildlife Park, perused the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, cruised the Derwent aboard the Lady Nelson, visited the Eaglehawk Neck soldier settlement and created sand sculptures in the dark on Stewart's Bay beach.... and this was just the first day!

Up bright and early on day 2 our campers spent a whole day at Port Arthur engaged in brick-making, sending signals via the Semaphore system, cruising the harbour, visiting the museum and the Separate Prison, and hearing stories during a guided tour. That evening they joined the night tour where they heard more stories about life at Port Arthur. On their third day they spent time with Aboriginal Elders at Risdon Cove, participating in a range of activities before sleeping their way back to Launceston.

If you think that all sounds rather exhausting then spare a thought for Mr Bergamin and Mrs Shegog who experienced it all twice! I have heard from many parents and children since who have expressed their appreciation for the effort made by our staff to organise and implement a camp so full of historically significant experiences. I too would like to publically express my appreciation for the amazing commitment from our staff (and their families who were obviously affected by their absence). It is yet another reason why Youngtown Primary is such a special school to be a part of!

## **ANZAC March and Assembly**

Once again we will be commemorating ANZAC day by holding a special assembly. Mr van Winden's grade 3/4 class will host this tomorrow in the GP Hall at 2pm – parents are most welcome. Classes will lay wreaths and the ANZAC message will be shared.

Our school will also be participating in the march from Princes Square to the Royal Park cenotaph on ANZAC day. To participate children need to have returned a permission form today with. A reminder that those participating will be required to wear their full school uniform. For boys this means grey shorts, black shoes and their school rugby top or windcheater. For girls this means the summer dress, black shoes, and their rugby top or windcheater. Children will need to meet Mr Bergamin, Mr Karas, Mr Colson and myself at Princes Square at 9:45am – ready to march at 10:15am.

## **A Busy First Term**

I can't quite believe we are already at the end of term 1 – albeit a shorter term 1 than in previous years. Not only have the last 11 weeks flown by, but it seems that it has been a busier term than I have ever experienced before. Perhaps we just crammed 15 weeks of work into 11 weeks! Highlights have included our athletics carnival, winning the division 3 LSSSA athletics carnival, our grade 5 and 6 camps, commencement of our sports leaders and student leader programs, our parent/teacher discussions, our parent forum, our new rugby and polo tops, and our welcome back BBQ and Kinder Parents evening run by our School Association. Of course we also won another national award – this time for our approach to building better behaviour – prompting a visit from our Premier Lara Giddings and Ministers Brian Wightman and Michelle O'Byrne. On top of all these events our children have continued to engage in a range of rich learning experiences throughout the term in areas such as Science, History, English, Mathematics, PE, Music, Outdoor Education, Indonesian and Computing.

I suggest some rest and relaxation over the next two weeks of holidays as term 2 promises to be just as busy! Some features of next term include Dance Baby Dance (commencing on the first day back), our Cross Country carnivals, NAPLAN testing for all grade 3 and 5 children, NAIDOC Week (June 24 – 28), the School Association Book Fair fundraiser, and children will receive their comprehensive Mid-year reports on the last day of term.

Have a great holiday and we look forward to working with our families again in term 2.

*Troy Roberts*  
*Principal*

## **Meander Primary School joins Fat Tyres**

On Friday 12th of April, Grade 6 students (all 7 of them) from Meander Primary School came to join our Grade 5 Fat Tyres students for an afternoon of bike education. As part of our Grade 5/6 Options program, students are asked to 'give back' to the community in some way through their option.

The Youngtown students helped to mentor the Meander students in bike safety and road rules whilst making some new friends. It is hoped that during Term 4, Meander students will once again be able to join us for a more adventurous ride up through Kate Reed Reserve.

**Brad Colson**  
**Fat Tyres Teacher**



## **Launching into Learning at** **YPS**

There will be no 'chat n play' or 'let's move it' sessions over the school term break. Our sessions will begin again on **Wednesday the 15th May** (week 2 of Term 2).

Have a safe and restful break and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.



Youngtown Primary School is excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn

Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

Last year we were able to buy some excellent equipment including light sensors and robotics equipment (Bee Bots) currently being used in our grade 1-2 classrooms. We were also able to buy lots of equipment for the outdoor and indoor programs in Prep, Kindergarten and Outdoor Classroom. Each classroom also received access to digital microscopes, cameras and Lego for wet weather activities.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to successful participation in the program this year. A collection box has been set up at the school office and it would be great if you could please let your friends and family know about our participation. If you have any questions, please ask at school office.

## **School Association Meeting**

**TONIGHTS MEETING HAS BEEN  
CANCELLED!!**

NEXT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
MEETING WILL BE HELD  
WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY  
7.00PM IN THE STAFFROOM



***Congratulations to Zaide Simmons for reaching the goal of 50 reading sessions in the Home Reading Program.***



## **Mothers Day Stall**

The Youngtown Student Leaders will be holding a Mothers Day stall on the first Thursday and Friday of Term 2. Students will be able to purchase items at the following times:

Kinder Stevenson: - Thursday May 9 at 10:00am  
 Preps: - Thursday May 9 at recess  
 Grade 1 and 2: - Thursday May 9 at lunchtime  
 Grade 3 and 4: - Friday May 10 at recess  
 Kinder Hewitt: - Friday May 10 at 12:15pm  
 Grade 5 and 6: - Friday May 10 at lunchtime

All items will be under \$5 with many to choose from.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Thursday, 18 April 2013**

9:00 AM Jenna Bayes conducting Prep Hearing & Vision Screenings  
 2:00 PM Whole School Anzac Assembly  
 3-4A vanWinden to host  
**3.00 PM Last Day of Term for students**

### **Friday, 19 April 2013**

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - **Student Free Day**

### **Monday, 6 May 2013**

START OF TERM 2

### **Wednesday, 8 May 2013**

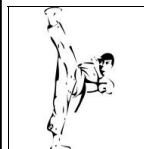
No Launching into Learning today

## **Uniform Shop**

Please remember to have your new jacket order form in by Thursday 18th April last day of school term.

We have had a very small number of Rugby Tops returned with faulty buttons or seam issues. Please if you have any concerns return your Rugby Top to the ladies in the Uniform Pool on Tuesday 7th May (first week back next term) to be rectified. The Uniform Pool will be open 8.30am - 9.30am

***Thank you  
 Tracie Pearce  
 Uniform co-ordinator***



## **Taekwondo available**

Taekwondo is held in the schools GP room on Fridays.

*Tiny Taekwondo 4.30 - 5.00pm (4-7 year olds)*

*Junior & Seniors 5.00 - 6.00pm*

Please contact Judy on 0419 382 331 for further enquiries.

*Taekwondo teaches children confidence, concentration, respect, self defence and improves learning skills.*



## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### **Tasmanian Multiple Birth Association**

The Tasmanian Multiple Birth Association is the leading service and support provider for Tasmanian multiple birth families.

Run by volunteer multiple birth families, TasMBA aims to offer friendship, resources, strategies and support to new and existing members. We provide positive opportunities for all multiple birth children and their families to meet at events across the state, including playgroups, pram walking, social outings and more.

*Playgroup & Parent Support:* 3rd Tuesday each month at Ravenswood Child & Family Centre, 10.00am - 12.00pm.

*Pram Walk Puff n Chat:* 1st Wednesday each month Roundhouse Carpark, Inveresk 10.00am - 11.00am.  
[www.tasmba.org.au](http://www.tasmba.org.au)

### **Art Classes for Children**

Sandra Petersen is a registered teacher offering After school, Saturday mornings and School Holiday Art classes. Beginners for fun to serious art students catered for in appropriate groups. Please phone for more details 6326 3609.



## Prep vision and hearing screening

The Child Health and Parenting Service will be visiting the Youngtown Primary School to perform the vision and hearing screening program for Prep children on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of April.**

All children in Prep will receive a consent form to be filled in and signed by parents/guardians.

**Please return this form to school by the 16<sup>th</sup> April for collection** to ensure that your child is tested as the nurse will not be able to return to the school after the screening day/s.

Results will be sent home to parents on the day of screening.

**Jenna Bayes**  
**(Child & Family Health Nurse)**



We will be holding a Book Fair from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of May to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of May. There will be more details to follow early next Term.

The funds raised will go back into your child's class in the way of resources to assist with their learning.

If you would like to help with this fundraising or have any questions please contact Lisa Tatnell on 0418 364 861 or email to [tatfam@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tatfam@bigpond.net.au).

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