

Dear Parents, Friday's Feast

Wow – what another amazing Christmas feast we all enjoyed here on Friday! Every child and staff member in our school (that's nearly 400 people) sat at a table in the GP Hall to eat and chat together.



On offer was a wonderful selection of main courses, desserts and drinks – and the meals were more than most of us could make

our way through. What's even more amazing is that the meal was prepared and served by a spirited team of parents! On behalf of our school I want to say to that dedicated team of parents (captured in the photo below) that we are so grateful for your hard work and generosity –

you certainly managed to capture that Christmas spirit.

Whilst I'm thanking our parents I forgot to include two regular members of the Youngtown Yummies team in the newsletter last week – Alicia Freestone and Alicia Gibson – both of whom were also there helping on Friday.



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Farewells to Staff

It is that time of year again when we must farewell some members of the staff team here at Youngtown Primary.

Ms Joscelyn Hewitt

Ms Hewitt has been a member of the teaching team here at Youngtown for the past 14 years. Throughout this period she has been highly regarded by both her colleagues and by our parents as an outstanding early childhood educator. She was acknowledged for her exemplary practice with an 'Excellence in Teaching' award. Her teaching roles have included Literacy Support teacher, Prep, Prep/1, Grade 3/4 and kindergarten.

Ms Hewitt is well known for her capacity to develop children's creative capabilities and especially for her interest in promoting learning through play. On behalf of the Youngtown Primary School community I would like to thank Ms Hewitt for her continued dedication to our school over so many years. We wish her well for her new appointment at Glen Dhu Primary.

Mrs Joanna Brady

Mrs Brady has been a member of the teaching team here at Youngtown Primary for the past 15 years. She too has developed a reputation as an outstanding educator by her colleagues and the parents in our community. During her time at our school Mrs Brady has taken on many teaching roles ranging from Grade 2/3 through to Grade 6. Additionally she has worked as a Literacy Coach where she has supported other teachers in their teaching of literacy. She has also spent some time as a member of the leadership team last year. She is well known for her passion for visual arts and her expertise in literacy. I have certainly appreciated Mrs Brady's versatility and she will be missed by us all. On behalf of the Youngtown Primary community I thank her for her contribution to our school and wish her well for her new appointment at Longford Primary School.

Mrs Jayne Stewart

Mrs Stewart is well known to our school community both as a very supportive and active parent and as a member of our Administration Staff. Her energy and efficiency in every role she undertakes is a hallmark of her work. Since her twin daughters enrolled in February 1999, Mrs Stewart has worked tirelessly at making Youngtown Primary School a better place for both staff and students. On behalf of us all I congratulate her on her retirement.

Miss Kristy Hooper

For the past two years we have been fortunate to have Kristy on our staff team as School Chaplain. Kristy has worked alongside teachers to support children who are experiencing difficult circumstances and require some emotional or social help. Kristy has also taken on other roles such as supporting our breakfast program, Options Program dance teacher, and organising and running much of the program for the grade 6 Leaver's Dinner. Kristy has endeared herself to staff and students alike with her friendly and calm manner. We wish her all the very best in the next chapter of her life.

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Mrs Hayley MacKirdy

We have been fortunate to have Mrs MacKirdy back with us for a second year taking on various roles as a Teacher Assistant here at Youngtown. She is very popular with our staff and students. The children with whom she works benefit tremendously by Mrs MacKirdy's gentle and encouraging manner. We expect to see her back with us sometime in the future.

Rachel Fulford

It has been a pleasure having Mrs Fulford on our team of Teacher Assistants throughout this year. She has been highly committed to our school – going 'above and beyond' at times to ensure the best interests of those children with whom she works. We wish Mrs Fulford all the best for next year in her new job at St Georges School.

Grade 6 Leaver's Dinner

On Monday evening our grade 6 students were treated to a great meal and some entertainment at the annual Leaver's Dinner. For the first time this special event was held at the South Launceston Football Club. The children ate mannerly, talked exuberantly, and danced gracefully! A special thanks to our grade 6 teachers and to our chaplain Kristy Hooper for preparing the finer details of the evening. We are also most appreciative of the hard work that Mr Brett Gillow and his team at the football club put in to ensure that the night ran smoothly. We have already booked in for the same place and time next year!

School Uniform for 2014

As you know we will be moving completely to our new school colours and uniform in 2014. This year has been a transition year where both the old and new uniform colours have been accepted as a part of the uniform. However from the beginning of the 2014 school year only the new uniform garments will be acceptable. I trust that you will fully embrace this change so that all of our children can feel the level of belonging that a school uniform promotes. Uniform sales will take place over two days in January – the 29th and 30th.

Generous Donation to our Music Program

A few weeks ago we received a very generous donation of a music keyboard from grade 6 student Sarah Pennicott and her family. Mrs Seen is very excited to have such a great addition to her instrument collection and I would like to say a big thanks on behalf of the Youngtown Primary community.

Grade 6 Leaver's Presentation Evening

Once again a large gathering of parents, family members and friends joined with invited guests to witness our grade 6 students be acknowledged for their achievements at Youngtown Primary. We were all treated to outstanding musical performances including Taiko Drumming, Tasmanian Aboriginal Dances, our school choir, and a musical ensemble that involved every grade 6 student. The quality of these performances was simply stunning and I commend the following people for working with our students to make it all possible: Mr Mark Brown from PCYC, Mr Danny Gardner (Aboriginal Education Worker) and his brother Josh, and our music teacher Mrs Sandra Seen.

I must also thank and acknowledge the outstanding organisation of this event by Mr Mario Bergamin and Mr Brad Colson. I know that there were many other staff members who played important roles to ensure that it all came together – the result was an evening that will always be remembered by our grade 6 leavers and their parents.

Every grade 6 student was nominated for their achievements across a very wide range of disciplines. The following is a list of those few who won awards.

Peter Gutwein English Award	Brenna Middlecoat
Ricoh Business Mathematics Award	Samuel Fitch
Glenara Lakes Assoc Science Award	Samuel Fitch
Brian Wightman Sustainability	Jasmine Chapple
Rosemary Armitage Inquiry Award	Melina Fullbrook
CV Office Choice ICT	Paige Hollingsworth
Inner Wheel Club KM Health & Wellbeing P.E.	Jacob Godman
Youngtown Rotary LSSSA Award - Male	Bailey Wells
Youngtown Rotary LSSSA Award - Female	Telyshia Jones
Kings Capital Chemist Music Award	Brenna Middlecoat
Ricoh Visual Arts Award	Kahlia Monk-Morcom Mattieka Vanderheide
Helen Polley History Award	Kahlia Monk-Morcom
Youngtown Rotary Student Leader Award	Jasmine Chapple
Michael Ferguson Positive Behaviour	Sarah Robins
Parent Association Application & Academic Achievement Award	Samuel Fitch
Minister for Education Global Citizen for Thinking Globally	Sarah Pennicott
Andrew Nikolic Responsible Learners	Bella Smith
King & Crown Scholarship KMHS	Melina Fullbrook

Happy Christmas everyone!

Troy Roberts
Principal



"Students who have recently received 60 Token Certificates"

Congratulations to the following students:

Addisen Burton	Cody Clayton
Thomas Dawson	Anna Day
Connor Dransfield	Millie Colson
Felicity Johns	Ethan Rose-Nel
Lachlan Shellard	Brandon Smith
Jake Bockholt	Alissia Cox-McKinnon
Isaac Daley	Kaleb Dobson
Liam Dyke	Lucas Freestone
Callum Green	Mackenzie Hughes
Eliza Johnson	Blake Jones
Addison Keegan	Caidyn Leeder
Stella Menzie	Abbigale Midson
Ryan Polutele	Ethan Robson
Zach Schluter	Eppi Smith
Mia Stone	Jake Walkem
Taylah Walters	Codey Whitehouse
Sebastian Pinkard-Menzies	

2014 Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday	8.45am - 9.15am
Tuesday	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Thursday	8.45am - 9.15am
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Friday	2.30pm - 3.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP SALES DAY

The uniform shop will be open prior to school on the following days/times:

Wednesday 29th January 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 30th January 8.00am - 3.00pm

2014 LEVY STRUCTURE

CLASS	Stationery component	TOTAL LEVY
Kinder	\$40.00	\$169.00
Prep	\$43.00	\$186.00
1/2	\$63.00	\$231.00
3/4	\$65.00	\$250+ \$27 Learn to swim \$277.00
5	\$80.00	\$274+ \$27 Learn to swim \$301.00
6	\$80.00	\$280.00

DVD GIVE-AWAY

In December 2011, Youngtown Primary School put on a performance at the Door of Hope titled "Around the World".

We still have DVDs available from the Office if anyone is interested. They are free of charge, but must be collected by the end of Thursday.

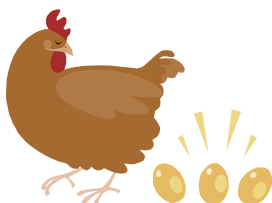
ADMINISTRATION HOLIDAY HOURS

The Office will close for Term 4 on **Friday 20th December at 12.30pm** and will **re-open** for 2014 on **Monday 13th January**.

ADOPT A CHOOK FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

We have four chickens looking for a temporary home during the upcoming school holidays. They would need to be collected tomorrow and kept until the end of January.

If you are able to assist please contact Mario Bergamin at school on 6341 3222.



BREAKFAST CLUB!

There will be no Breakfast Club Tomorrow, Thursday 19th December

Thank you to everyone who helped this year.

LAST DAY ASSEMBLY

**TOMORROW 19th DECEMBER
12.00NOON IN THE MULTI PURPOSE ROOM**



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

CLEANING & HOUSEKEEPING OPORTUNITY

The operators of RELBIA LODGE are seeking assistance with cleaning and housekeeping.

We are looking for people who may want some part time work primarily between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm but also on some occasions be available outside those hours.

Experience in the industry would be an advantage but consideration would be given to those who are willing to undertake bed making, vacuuming, cleaning floors, bathrooms and kitchens etc.

We are catering for the higher end of the accommodation market so care and an eye for detail are essential.

If you are interested please contact:

Philip Bowden, Business Manager, Relbia Lodge
by phone on 0419 871 478.

LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL

Launceston City Council is seeking feedback from the community on its draft Play Spaces Strategy. You're invited to log onto our online community engagement www.yourvoicemyourlaunceston.com, and add your comments and ideas to each of the forum topics. If you have any questions, our on line co-ordinator will answer them. Or, if you prefer, just take the quick poll and the 5 minute survey.

Its quick and interesting and we would love to hear your comments.

2014 TERM DATES

Term 1

Wednesday 5th Feb - Wednesday 16th April
(Easter Friday 18th April)

Term 2

Monday 5th May - Friday 4th July

Term 3

Tuesday 22nd July - Friday 26th September

Term 4

Monday 13th October - Thursday 18th December

Student Free Days 2014

Thursday 17th April

Monday 21st July

Friday 24th October

*The Staff at Youngtown
Primary School would like to wish
everyone
a wonderful
Festive Season and a
safe and happy
Holiday !!*



Biggest Biggest Game of Cricket Kids Registration

A star-studded testimonial match for former Test captain and Ponting Foundation co-founder, Ricky Ponting will be played on 30 January 2014 at Aurora Stadium in Launceston.

Ricky Ponting invites all children to play in his own Biggest Biggest Game of Cricket on the Aurora Stadium ground immediately prior to the Tribute Game. If your child would like to participate in the Biggest Biggest Game of Cricket please register at www.ticketmaster.com.au

Numbers are limited to 1,000 children

All proceeds from the game will support the Ponting Foundation's Biggest Game of Cricket fundraiser for distribution to the Tasmanian health system to support all Tasmanian children with cancer and their families.

HELP WANTED IN THE UNIFORM SHOP!

If you have a spare hour or two to help out in the Uniform Shop, on the following Back to School sale days, could you please phone Erica on 0439 795 898.

Wednesday 29th January 2014

12.00noon - 3.00pm

Thursday 30th January 2014

8.00am - 3.00pm

*Thank you,
Erica*

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