



Dear Parents,

## Farewells to staff

It's that time of year for saying our farewells. We have a number of staff who will be either transferring to other locations or taking up temporary roles in 2012. This year we say farewell to the following:

**Ms Tania Cleaver** joined our team of teacher assistants at the beginning of this year. We have really valued the support she has provided to our children. She has a very calm and encouraging nature which enables the children with whom she works, to flourish. We wish her well as she continues this supportive role at Summerdale Primary in 2012.

**Mrs Angela Lohrey** will be taking a year's maternity leave and is expecting her second child early in 2012. Mrs Lohrey is a well-regarded kindergarten teacher and we expect that she will return to us in 2013. We wish her well for what will be a very exciting 2012.

**Mr Shaun Sexton** will be taking up a new leadership position with the East Tamar Federation for 12 months. This promotion is recognition of the excellent curriculum leadership he has provided to us this year. We wish him well with his new challenge - leading numeracy development for a cluster of schools.

**Miss Katherine Hudson** joined us at the beginning of term 2 to replace Miss Bennett. She has proven to be an excellent young teacher. Miss Hudson has led our introduction of Writer's Workshop and Writer's Notebook and we will miss her expertise next year. She will join the teaching team at Rocherlea Primary.

**Miss Belinda Stephens** will be leaving us to join the teaching team at Brooks High School. She is very well known to our school community for the outstanding contribution she has made over the past 8 years. In particular her passion for dance and drama has ignited a culture of performing among our children. We are also deeply appreciative of her coordination of such events as Wakakirri, Around the World and our Leaver's Presentation evenings.

**Mrs Ruth Holt** will also be leaving us to join the team at the Northern Support School. Mrs Holt has made a rich contribution to the learning of our children with special needs, working closely with families, teachers and teacher assistants to ensure the best possible outcomes. This is an area that she is most passionate about and we know she will continue to deeply enrich the lives of those children in her care.

## Other staffing news for 2012....

I am pleased to announce that Mr Nathan Karas will take up the AST position for next year, replacing Mr Sexton. Mr Karas has enjoyed the opportunity this term to further develop his leadership skills and expertise in science. We are fortunate to have him return to us in a leadership role where he can support our school's continued curriculum development. This of course creates a vacancy for a teacher for grade 3/4. We are currently in the process of pursuing a suitable person and will notify families who are affected by this as soon as we are able to.

## Grade 6 Leaver's Presentation

There were many things to be impressed by at my first presentation evening – the meticulous organisation by Miss Stephens, Mr Bergamin and our grade 5/6 teachers; our outstanding grade 5 hosts; the excellent music and dance performances. However what struck me most about the evening was the maturity and demeanour of our grade 6 leavers. They are certainly more than ready to take the next step of high school. So many grade 6 children were nominated for their achievements across a very wide range of disciplines. The following is a list of those few who won awards:

Ricoh Business English Literacy Award	<b>Jack Prosser</b> <b>Miller Biggelaar</b>
Ricoh Business Mathematics Award	<b>Jack Prosser</b> <b>Luke Day</b>
Glenara Lakes Assoc Science Award	<b>Benjamin Brown</b>
Forestry Tasmania Environmental Science	<b>Samuel Belbin</b>
Rosemary Armitage Thinking Award	<b>Billy Petersen</b>
Copy Vision ICT Award	<b>Luke Day</b>
Geoff Lyons Health and Wellbeing Phys. Ed	<b>Emily Harris</b>
Rotary LSSSA Award	<b>Fletcher Pinner</b> <b>Riley Turner</b>
Rotary LSSSA Award	<b>Taylor Marshall</b>
Ricoh Dance and Drama Award	<b>Ryan Beeton-Binns</b> <b>Peyton Claxton</b>
Kings Capital Chemist Music Award	<b>Jordan Smith</b>
Ricoh Visual Arts Award	<b>Rachael Dennis</b>
Helen Polley Geography & History	<b>Miller Biggelaar</b>
Teacher Registration Positive Behaviour Support Award	<b>Peyton Claxton</b>
Rotary YTEL Award	<b>Courtney Wells</b>
Youngtown School Association Outstanding Effort	<b>Jack Prosser</b>
Minister for Education Award for Community Spirit	<b>Lillian Blackwell</b>
Rotary for Lifelong Learning	<b>Peyton Claxton</b>

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### Leaver's Dinner

On Monday night our grade 6 children were accompanied by their teachers and teacher assistants (past and present) for a night they will always remember at the Abel Tasman restaurant. Together we sat down to a delicious 3-course meal punctuated by speeches and culminating in some music and dance. We all behaved well with great table manners, respectful banter and lots of posing! It was a pleasure to spend time with such a wonderful group of students!

### Basket Brigade

Thanks to everyone who found some items in their pantry to give to the basket brigade this year. The following email sums up how well your contribution was received:

*"Youngtown Primary truly is an awesome giving community!! A huge thank you to all who generously donated food items to the Basket Brigade and to all involved in the decoration of the boxes. When all donations were put together a total of nearly 6 tonnes of food and gifts were packed into a tremendous 323 hampers which have reached about 926 people in total. They were distributed in Launceston, Scottsdale and Hobart.*

*Thank you,  
Carolyn Day (for the Basket Brigade)"*

### Have a safe and happy holiday

From all of the Youngtown Primary staff I would like to wish all of our families a safe and joyful Christmas break. Enjoy the sunshine, the family time and some down-time! We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday February 15.

*Troy Roberts  
Principal*

### 2012 TERM DATES

**Term 1** WEDNESDAY 15th February -  
FRIDAY 1st June  
Easter: Friday 6th April - Sunday 15th  
April inclusive.

**Term 2** MONDAY 18th June - FRIDAY 7th  
September

**Term 3** MONDAY 24th September - Thursday  
20th December

### 2012 STUDENT FREE DATES

**Term 1** Tuesday 14th February (first day back)  
Monday 16th April (Mon after Easter)

**Term 2** Monday 18th June (first day back)

**Term 3** Friday 12th October (day after Show )



The school office will  
re-open from the  
08th February 2012,  
between 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Invoices for School Levies will be posted out in  
January and they will have all payment options  
and details listed.



### Message from Crossing Guard

Alicia Gibson from The Napier Street Crossing would like to thank all the parents that have taken the safer option of using the crossing now instead of crossing unsafely near Kinder. Thanks and have a safe & happy Christmas to all.

### Thankyou and goodbye

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and families for the privilege of working with you over the past eight years.

Youngtown Primary is an amazing school and community of people to work for and with. It is with immense sadness that I move on, however no doubt

I will see many of you in the supermarket ☺

May you all have a great Christmas and holiday time.

**Mrs Holt (Ruth)**



*The Staff at Youngtown  
Primary School would  
like to wish everyone  
a very  
Merry Christmas and a  
safe and Happy New  
Year !!*

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