

Dear Parents,

Kids Hope Mentoring

A part of our school mission is:

'To harness the influence of school, parents, and the broader community as the means through which children achieve their full potential.'

In last week's newsletter I shared some recent research which confirms the very significant impact that parents have on their child's learning. This week I would like to draw your attention to a wonderful initiative in our school that draws on other people in our community who can also play a significant role in supporting our children to be the very best they can be. The Kid's Hope Mentoring program has been developed through World Vision and involves a partnership between a local church and a school. In our case the partnership is with a church based in Kings Meadows called 'The Branch'. Our School Chaplain, Elizabeth Poland, is a member of The Branch and has become the coordinator of this mentoring program. At present we have 10 trained mentors who give up an hour of their time each week to spend with one of our children who we believe (in consultation with their parents) could benefit from the experience.

Currently our mentors spend time with their students doing such things as craft, woodwork, and providing support with classroom learning. Grade 6 student Hamish spends time each week with one of our mentors, Detlef Murach (or Mr D to Hamish). I recently found them outside at the chook shed repairing a damaged wall. Hamish and Mr D meet every Wednesday afternoon and so far they have fixed school bikes, played some sports games together, built with Lego and explored the insides of a computer. Mr D also helps Hamish with his reading. Hamish says that he has plenty of fun with Mr D and looks forward to his weekly visits. Mr D works away interstate every fourth week, however he still catches up with Hamish via Skype.



Hamish & Mr D repairing a damaged wall outside at the chook shed.

Generous Donation of Books

Earlier this week one of our grade 5 students, Michael and his mother Karen, arrived at school with a very large bundle of books for our school library. The books are all in 'as new' condition and include an impressive selection of fiction and non-fiction. This donation provides a very significant boost to our library resource and we are very thankful to Michael and Karen for such generosity.



Michael with the books he and his mother Karen donated for our school library

Exercise-A-Prize-A-Thon

Once again our School Association will be running this highly successful and popular event to raise funds for our school. In particular the funds raised will go towards a make-over of our shaded courtyard area. Whilst the event was scheduled for this week, due to dodgy weather reports and sickness (of our key organiser) this event will now take place next week. You should have received new times via a flyer that went home with children on Monday. Please be aware that even these revised times may be subject to late changes. To ensure that you are kept well abreast of any changes please look at your child's communication book for any updates.

Helping children adjust to separation

Within our school community there are many families who are living with the reality of a separation. As a school we are always here to help in whatever way we can with a range of supports available to children. This includes providing some advice in how to best help children cope in these circumstances. Some parents may find the following information useful. It is taken directly from the KidsMatter website:

Family breakdown affects parents and children differently. For parents, separation signals the end of their relationship and a change to their role as a parent. While children will usually continue a relationship with both parents, there are often big changes and strong feelings.

While some children will talk about their feelings, most will show how they feel through their behaviour. Some children become more anxious or angry. Others try really hard to be good because they're worried about their parents or concerned that the parent who has care of them will leave them too. These are reactions to the sense of loss and powerlessness that most children feel when their parents separate.

Here are some tips to help children cope during a family breakdown:

- Reassure your children that even though you will no longer live together as a family, they will not lose your love and care.
- Once living arrangements have been discussed, explain to your children where they will be living. If they will spend some time with each parent, explain how this will work in practical terms – when and how they will travel between the two homes, where they will sleep and how they will get to school.

- Try to maintain your children's normal routines as much as possible. When routines need to change, try to make the transition as smooth as possible. This helps children feel safer.
- Provide extra support after your children return from a visit with their other parent to help them settle in.
- If you start a new relationship, recognise that it's likely to be a difficult time for your children. Counselling can help to make the transition easier for children and adults.

Troy Roberts
Principal

Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 23 May is Walk Safely to School Day

Please join us on Friday at 8.15am South Launceston Oval.

Walk to school with your friends. Students will be accompanied by staff on the walk back to school.

A Hot Milo will be available back at school for those students who participate.



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY SERIES

The series is for primary school students only this year but all ages (older students, adults) are also welcome to participate in any of the 3 races offered.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF RACES

24 May

Grindelwald (near Lakeside Chapel, enter off eastern side of Alpine Crescent), 1pm

31 May

Waverley Primary, 1 pm (includes Northern All Schools Championships)

14 June

St Patrick's College 1pm

28 June

Low Head, (Progress Association Golf Course) 1pm

12 July

Heritage Forest (Conway Street) 1pm

2 August

Queechey High 1pm

If you are interested in participating please see Mrs Colgrave for more details.

CAR WASH Saturday 31st May



9.00am-12noon, in the school car park.

\$5 small car, \$10 large car, \$5 vacuum

Money raised is to support the Knox family. Car wash is being run by the youth from the Branch Christian Community Church.

Contact Elizabeth Poland 0429 949 389 for more information.

Nothing beats a WARM CUPPA at the CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL!

Youngtown mums will be serving warm drinks at the Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Please show your support and help us raise much needed funds for our wonderful school

Coffee/Tea: \$2.50 Hot Chocolate: \$3



BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 going home this week. Please return to school by next Thursday, 29 May. Enquiries please contact Lisa Tatnell 0418 364 861

Cross Country Carnivals

The Kinder – Grade 2 carnival will be held at 12.00 on Tuesday 27th May at Youngtown Primary.

The Grades 3-6 carnival will be held at the Alma Street Park on Thursday 29th May at 9am. If there are any parents who are able to help out at a checkpoint at the Primary carnival, could you email me as soon as possible on lynda.colgrave@education.tas.gov.au.

Thanks

Lynda Colgrave
PE Teacher

Outstanding Levies

A reminder that outstanding accounts are due for payment before the 30 May 2014.

Outstanding levies at this date will be referred to the Department of Education to lodge with an Independent collection agency.

Payment methods are; BPAY, Service Tasmania, or payments of cash, EFTPOS and cheque can be made in person to the school office. Credit Card payments can be made either in person or over the phone (03) 6341 3222.

Note: If you believe you are eligible for Student Assistance for the 2013/2014 year please obtain a STAS form from the office. **STAS closes 5th September 2014.**

JUMP

fitness & personal training

together with



will be running

Kids Boxing & Cardio Fun Bootcamp

When: Sunday 1st June
Where: Jump Fitness and Personal Training
Time: 2.30pm – 40 min Duration
3.30pm – 40 min Duration
4.30pm – 40 min Duration
Pick one of the above time slots when booking
Cost: \$ 10
Age group: 5- 12 years

All funds will be donated to Give Me Five for Kids

Bookings Essential.
Contact DI at JUMP Fitness & Personal Training 0488 555 311
or email: info@jumpfitandpt.com.au

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Black Ipad lost at IGA on Sunday, please return to Youngtown Primary school office if you find this. Thanks

Exercise-A-Prize-A-Thon 26th/27/28 May

Dear Students and Families,

Allocated class times for the Exercise-A-Prize--Thon are as follows

Monday 26th May

2.00pm to 2.20pm = KinderA Stevenson and KinderB Lohrey

Tuesday 27th May

9.10am to 9.50am =5A Boxhall & 3/4A Rainbow/Young

10.10am to 10.50am =3A Sundra & 5/6A Colson

11.30am to 12.10pm =6A Thow & 4A VanWinden

Wednesday 28th May

9.10am till 9.50am =PrepA Foster/Abernethy & PrepB Chilcott/Walch

10.10am till 10.50am =1A Lloyd & 1B Smith

11.30am till 12.10pm =2B Coombes & 2A Nankervis

Each student will have 40min (Kinders= 20minutes) to complete laps of our 200 metre oval.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON THE YOUR LAP DAY.
FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO STUDENTS AFTER THEY HAVE
COMPLETED THEIR LAPS TO BRING HOME AND COLLECT ANY OUTSTAND-
ING MONEY.**

**All outstanding money must be returned to school no later than Friday 6th June to be
eligible for your
reward.**

Delivery of rewards will be before the end of Term 2.

All funds raised from this event will be going directly to our School Association
to help us provide valuable resources for ALL students!!

**Should you require another form they are available from the office. If you have any
questions regarding this day or would like to lend a much appreciated hand please
phone Peta on 0408 585 201 or Erica on 0439 795 898.**

2014 Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22 May	5/6's to Alma Street for Cross Country Practice
Friday 23 May	3/4's to Alma Street for Country Practice
Monday 26 May	Dance Baby Dance
Monday 26 May	Exercise-A-Prize-A-Thon
Monday 26 May –Thursday 29 May	National Child Oral health Survey Examinations.
Tuesday 27 May	Kinder—Grade 2 Cross Country Carnival Youngtown Primary School
Tuesday 27 May	Exercise-A-Prize-A-Thon
Wednesday 28 May	School Association Meeting 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m.
Wednesday 28 May	Dance Baby Dance
Wednesday 28 May	Exercise-A-Prize-A-Thon
Thursday 29 May	Grade 3-6 Cross Country Carnival Alma Street Park
Thursday 29 May	Prep-2 Assembly 1.40 1B Smith
Monday 2 June	Kings Meadows High School visit to Youngtown Primary School (Grade 6-7 transition event)
Monday 2 June	Dance Baby Dance
Thursday 5 June	3.20 Parent Meeting session (Grade 7 students) following visit from KMHS students on 2 June