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Dear Parents,

Youngtown Primary – the best of the best!

It was an absolute delight to receive a phone call from Jules at LA-FM on Monday morning announcing that our great school had been voted as the best of the best schools in Northern Tasmania. What is most heartening about this latest recognition of our school is that it reflects the incredible support and advocacy from our very own community. Indeed it was our own parents and community members that took the time to vote for us. Thank you.

There are so many factors that must work in unison to create a rich school culture – from a clear vision and purpose through to the positive daily interactions that contribute to learning. One factor that we know has the greatest impact on children's learning is quality teaching. You will hear a lot about this over the coming weeks as our politicians try to define what they believe will have the greatest impact on improving education in our country. At Youngtown we are very fortunate to have a team of teachers who are highly committed to being the best they can be. To this end they pursue every opportunity to improve their own teaching – often accessing Learning opportunities outside of their work hours. Importantly our teachers are also interested in each other's professional growth, constantly sharing ideas and resources, and will readily lead us all in some areas of new learning. For instance Miss Boxhall last night shared her considerable expertise in positive psychology and in nurturing social and emotional skills.

As well as rigorously pursuing their own professional growth our teachers spend considerable time preparing high quality learning experiences and creating stimulating classroom environments. It is little wonder that school attendance is simply not an issue for the children at Youngtown Primary.

Another reason that our children love to come to school is to interact with our friendly and committed support staff – our Teacher Assistants, Ancillary Staff, our Administration staff and our Specialist Support staff.

They understand the important impact they each have on the lives of our children.

Certainly for many children their daily contact with one of our support staff is an essential part of their educational experience.

Finally the children at Youngtown Primary benefit tremendously from the generous contributions made by so many members of our local community. From the weekly reading tuition from residents at Glenara Lakes, to the army of parent helpers that volunteer their time, and to the local organisations that sponsor our Possibility Shop or help our options program – our capacity to enrich the learning opportunities of our children would be so much less without them!

It really does take a village to raise a child, and the Youngtown Community Village can rest assured that it is doing a fine job!

Father's Day Stall

Next Thursday and Friday (Aug 29 and 30) our Student Leaders will be running a Father's Day stall. The stall will be located in the GP Hall foyer (outside Miss Boxhall's classroom) during break times. Each grade will have a certain time that they can attend and they will only have one opportunity to make their purchases. All items are \$5 or less. The timetable is published further in this newsletter.

Congratulations to our 40 Hour Famine survivors

Yes they succeeded – Sophie Jensen, Brenna Middlecoat and Jacinta Whitehouse succeeded in fasting from food for 40 hours over the weekend. Even more impressive is the amount of funds that they raised for World Vision – nearly \$300! What a great effort!

*Troy Roberts
Principal*

Outdoor Garden Leaders

Leadership is demonstrated in many ways at Youngtown Primary! Samuel and Jared have a passion or 'spark' for gardening. Each week these students during recess and lunch assist Mrs Shegog in the Outdoor Classroom. They empty the chook bucket, weed, assist younger children in the garden and perform general garden duties. Well done to Samuel and Jared for following their 'spark'. In recognition of their leadership role Jared and Samuel will be wearing a badge titled 'Outdoor Garden Leaders' similar to our student leaders.



MONSTER BAKE SALE



Mrs Lloyd's sewing group and Wednesday's cooking group are having a Monster Bake Sale Day on **Wednesday the 28th August** at lunchtime in the shade area.

All items will be 50c each.

There will be Ginger Bread Dinosaurs, Choc Chip cookies, Muffins, Chocolate Crackles, Honey Joys, Smiley Faces, bags of popcorn and lots more.

We are raising money for materials for the sewing group.

Please come along and support.



Bettors Schools Tasmania – fairer funding for all students

The way Tasmanian schools are being funded is changing.

In 2010 the Australian Government commissioned an independent Review of Funding for Schooling, led by Australian businessman David Gonski, known as the Gonski Review.

The Gonski Review found that existing school funding arrangements were too complicated and were not meeting the education needs of all Australian children. The Review concluded that many schools, particularly those with larger populations of disadvantaged students, were missing out on much needed resources.

The Tasmanian and Australian Governments reached an agreement on 9 July 2013 to deliver Better Schools Tasmania. Better Schools Tasmania addresses the issues identified by the Gonski Review.

Better Schools Tasmania is designed to reach the level of public funding for schools that will minimise educational disadvantage and facilitate a high quality education for every student in every school in Tasmania.

By 2019 funding for the Tasmanian Education System will increase by \$382 million.

The additional funding will be phased in over a six year transition period from 2014-2019 and full benefits will not be seen immediately.

This means that all Tasmanian schools will see a significant boost to their funding over time.

Better Schools includes a National Plan for School Improvement which outlines five nationally agreed reform directions:

- Quality teaching
- Quality learning
- Empowered school leadership
- Meeting student need
- Transparency and accountability

Every school will need to develop a plan for becoming a better school, reflecting on these five areas.

Tasmania will use its Fairer Funding Model in Tasmanian Government schools to distribute the Better Schools funding. Fairer Funding aims to ensure that young Tasmanians from all backgrounds receive an education that is equitable, of high quality and maximises their potential in life.

This model features a core allocation to all schools that is supplemented where there is disadvantage or need:

- Students from low socio-economic backgrounds
- Students with disabilities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- Students who need help with English
- Schools that are disadvantaged by their size or remoteness.

We are committed to ensuring our young Tasmanians have the opportunity to realise their potential in life and gain the skills and knowledge they need to fully participate in the community.

An equitable and high quality education is the best way of ensuring this.

If you have any questions about Better Schools Tasmania please talk to your principal or visit www.education.tas.gov.au

Colin Pettit

**REMINDER
UNIFORM PRE-ORDER FORMS
TO BE IN BY TOMORROW
9.30am**

Home Reading Success

Congratulations to Abbey & Wil for achieving the goal of 75 reading sessions. They were able to choose a book to add to their collection at home.



Congratulations also to Emily for achieving the goal of 150 reading sessions. She was also able to choose a book to add to her individual collection at home. Keep up the great reading!



Congratulations to Liana, Paige and Joshua for receiving reading certificates at the last assembly for achieving their individual reading goals.

"Students who have recently received 60 Token Certificates"

Congratulations to the following students:

<i>Oscar Alberti</i>	<i>Chloe Austin</i>
<i>Lilly Boon</i>	<i>Samuel Bucknell</i>
<i>Addisen Burton</i>	<i>Jordan Cassidy</i>
<i>Abbey Chapple</i>	<i>Cody Clayton</i>
<i>Anna Day</i>	<i>Connor Dransfield</i>
<i>Charlotte Erekoose</i>	<i>Destiny George</i>
<i>Monique Hawkins</i>	<i>Dylan Jones</i>
<i>Ethan Maxwell</i>	<i>Darion McDermott</i>
<i>Maddilyn Parker</i>	<i>Evan Pearce</i>
<i>Kiara Rigby</i>	<i>Jye Walmsley</i>
<i>Kaleb Dobson</i>	<i>Stella Menzie</i>
<i>Abbigale Midson</i>	<i>Amy Barker</i>
<i>Caleb Smith</i>	<i>Courtney Johnson</i>
<i>Sam Day</i>	<i>Oliver Dobson</i>
<i>Ella Erekoose</i>	<i>Hamish Lehner</i>
<i>Isabella McDermott</i>	<i>Kieren Tatnell</i>
<i>Lilly-Enna Pearce</i>	<i>Amelia Reeve</i>
<i>Amelia Bevan</i>	<i>Grace Keating</i>
<i>Kate McCormack</i>	<i>Ella Grice</i>
<i>Sam McLean</i>	<i>Bailey Boon</i>
<i>Hailey Burns</i>	<i>Jackson Burton</i>
<i>Macey Carver</i>	<i>Jasmine Chapple</i>
<i>Samuel Fitch</i>	<i>Jacob Godman</i>
<i>James Harris</i>	<i>Brayden Hines</i>
<i>Sophie Jensen</i>	<i>Telyshia Jones</i>
<i>Olivia Linnett</i>	<i>Kianie Marshall</i>
<i>James Martin</i>	<i>Brenna Middlecoat</i>
<i>Dominic Newman</i>	<i>Kahlia Monk-Morcom</i>
<i>Hayley Ogden</i>	<i>Sarah Robins</i>
<i>Bella Smith</i>	<i>Jacob Smith</i>
<i>Bailey Wells</i>	<i>Mattieka Vanderheide</i>
<i>Jacinta Whitehouse</i>	<i>Thomas Dawson</i>
<i>Amber Hartland</i>	<i>Lydia Rigby</i>
<i>Leigh Atkinson</i>	<i>Jake Bockholt</i>
<i>Lucas Freestone</i>	<i>Addison Keegan</i>
<i>Caidyn Leeder</i>	<i>Mia Stone</i>



Father's Day Stall

The Youngtown Student Leaders will be holding a Father's Day stall on **Thursday 29th August** and **Friday 30th August**. Students will be able to purchase items at the following times:

Kinder Stevenson:	- Thursday August 29 at 10:00am
Preps:	- Thursday August 29 at recess
Grade 1 and 2:	- Thursday August 29 at lunchtime
Grade 3 and 4:	- Friday August 30 at recess
Kinder Hewitt:	- Friday August 30 at 12:15pm
Grade 5 and 6:	- Friday August 30 at lunchtime

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

To all our Fathers we hope you have an enjoyable Father's Day.



"Red" Free Dress Day Friday 23rd August

As part of the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) focus we will be having a whole school free dress day to reinforce the "Stop" choice from our "Stop, Walk & Talk" message on Friday 23rd August 2013. Students are able to dress in red casual clothes however, make-up, coloured hair and jewellery are not acceptable. Students participating are asked to make a gold coin donation to further support our Possibility Shop.

Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child's Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes>

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

Have you registered for MS Readathon ???



If not, register for FREE today via

<http://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/MSReadathonTasmania/>

There are great prizes of iPad minis up for grabs as individuals, classrooms or schools! As well as vouchers once you reach an individual fundraising balance of over \$50!

SKILLS & DRILLS

Dear Families,

Due to weather and interest we have decided to postpone "Skills & Drills" until further notice. We would like to thank all the parents / children that took the time out to participate. We hope you all enjoyed what Lynette and Sam had to offer in the preparation leading up to playing netball. We will advise via the school newsletter when we will commence again.



**Thanks again,
Lynette & Sam**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 22 August 2013P

1-2-3 Magic in 3/4A classroom 7.00pm-9.00pm
1:40 PM P - 2 Assembly
PrepA Abernethy to host

Friday, 23 August 2013

Taekwondo using GP Room 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Thursday, 29 August 2013

Youngtown Yummies
2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
4A Sundra to host

Friday, 30 August 2013

Taekwondo using GP Room 4.30pm - 6.00pm
9:10 AM Ftroupe

Thursday, 5 September 2013

1:40 PM P - 2 Assembly
1A Lloyd to host

Friday, 6 September 2013

Taekwondo using GP Room 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Thursday, 12 September 2013

PrepA & Prep1-A Excursion to Hagley Farm School
Youngtown Yummies
2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
6A Brady to host

Friday, 13 September 2013

Taekwondo using GP Room 4.30pm - 6.00pm
9:10 AM Ftroupe

Wednesday, 18 September 2013

LIL group on excursion to Bike Centre

Thursday, 19 September 2013

1:40 PM P - 2 Assembly
P-1A Walch/Chilcott to host

Friday, 20 September 2013

Taekwondo using GP Room 4.30pm - 6.00pm

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