

Dear Parents,

## Setting up our children for success

Who is the greatest influence on your child? The answer is simple – it's you! Parents are the greatest influence in their children's lives and this of course carries great responsibility. What impacts significantly in shaping each child's character is what they see and hear their parents do. In other words our children are watching and learning from us all of the time.

A key question for us to consider is what qualities do we want our children to develop. Whilst the answer to this will vary according to personal beliefs and values, most parents acknowledge that healthy relationships with others and success in the workplace rate strongly among their aspirations for their children. Therefore it is worth noting that some characteristics are universally accepted as being critical for success in careers and in relationships. In particular the following are considered to be essential:

- The ability to deal with conflict peacefully and restoratively
- The capacity to share our personal views in a manner which is respectful and accommodating of others' views

How are we going with modelling these qualities to our children? Do you speak respectfully of others in front of your children? Do you share your difference of opinion in a way that demonstrates your tolerance and acceptance of others? These qualities are strongly endorsed in the research on emotional intelligence which is itself a strong predictor of success. If you model such qualities as respect for others, self-control, and peaceful conflict resolution, consistently then you increase the probability of your children developing these as well. In turn their chances of a happy and healthy future will be enhanced. These qualities are at the core of our school values and most of what we do here at school is aimed at promoting these.

Of course as parents we are not perfect and we can allow our emotions to take over from time to time. Acknowledging this to our children is also important. They need to know that we make mistakes and that we recognise this and strive to make amends. This still communicates strongly the qualities that we value.

## LSSSA Carnival

Mr Karas and Mrs Colgrave were full of praise for our athletics team who participated in the Division B LSSSA carnival last Wednesday at the St Leonards Athletics centre. There were many wonderful performances by our children, however Cate Lehner winning her two running events was the stand-out achievement for the day. Once again our team represented our school admirably with their encouragement of one another and overall terrific sportsmanship.

## More Sporting Success for Youngtown Students

You may have noticed a very impressive photo in today's Examiner with Harley Crawford receiving his Rising Star award. He was invited to the Examiner IGA Junior Sports Awards which were held last night with over 330 people in attendance. This in itself was a great honour and he certainly didn't expect to walk away with one of the most coveted awards – the Rising Star. This is a very fitting result for a young man who is so dedicated to his favourite sport Taekwondo. We know that Harley is also very talented in many other sports. Congratulations Harley!

Sarah Pennicott has added yet another trophy to her growing collection. This time she won the Launceston Lanes Junior Cup. The tenpin bowling competition was held at the Kings Meadows bowling alley on Sunday November 11. She was one of around 15 competing for the championship and after surviving the heats, elimination rounds and finally having to play against the top four bowlers she came out on top! Congratulations Sarah!



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### Schoolkids Bonus

The Federal Government will be providing eligible families with a cash payment to help with the costs of education such as school uniforms. This new bonus payment will replace the Education Tax Refund (ETR). It means that families who are eligible will receive two instalments of \$205 for each child in primary school. The first instalment will be paid in January and the second in July. To determine whether you are eligible contact Centrelink. You can also obtain more information at [humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus).

### New Uniform Items Update

As you know there will be a new polo top, shorts and a rugby top available from the beginning of next year. The polo top and shorts will be sold as an introductory package for \$35. For kindergarten children the polo top and navy shorts will be worn for each of their three days at school. For all other children the blue shorts are for sports days only. There will also be an option of a rugby top available for \$55. A pre-order form will go home with students tomorrow. A new jacket will also be available early in the year that will be warm enough to go over the polo top in winter. Some options for the jacket will be shared with our school community for feedback before a final selection is made.

### Reinforcing the Personal Safety Message at Home

As you are no doubt aware we have emphasised the importance of walking to and from school safely to our children here at school at various times throughout the year. We believe children should be frequently reminded of this message including:

- Never go off alone – always stick with their friends and avoid lonely areas.
- Never accept a lift from a stranger.
- Always tell a parent or adult they trust if they have been approached or frightened.

Please reinforce these points to your children at home as well.

*Troy Roberts*  
*Principal*

### Whole School Student Free Dress Day THIS Friday 23rd November

We would like our students to wear something starting with the letter S, W, or T. This is to reinforce the whole school message of **Stop, Walk and Talk** when dealing with any problems in the playground.

Youngtown Student Leaders will be on the look out for the most creatively dressed students and a *gold coin donation* will be required on the day which will go back into our Possibility Shop to promote positive behaviour.



### 2013 Student Assistance Scheme (STAS)

The scheme provides assistance for low-income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled from kindergarten through to senior secondary level.

The scheme provides assistance to:

- Full-time students from kindergarten to senior secondary level in Government and registered non-Government schools whose parents/guardians meet the income test and have care of the student for a minimum of 50% of the time (as assessed by Centrelink)
- Students who are in "Out of Home Care" through the Department of Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Section
- Grandparents raising grandchildren

Income assessment is applied to parents/guardians of dependent students applying for assistance under the scheme. Independent students are required to meet the income test and also provide proof of their independent status. The income test used for the scheme is included on the application form each year.

No. of Dependent Children	Income Per Week	Annual Income
1	\$586	\$30,513
2	\$675	\$35,073
3	\$768	\$39,980
4	\$869	\$45,189
5	\$975	\$50,762
6	\$1,095	\$56,940
7	\$1,213	\$63,117
8*	\$1,334	\$69,297

The income test table used for the STAS 2012 is shown below:

\*For more than 8 children, add \$123 per week or \$6,204 per annum for each additional dependent.

**Families who have been in receipt of STAS 2012** will receive correspondence regarding STAS 2013 directly from the Department this week. Letters to 2012 STAS recipients will advise them if they have been approved or not approved for STAS 2013.

**For new parents wishing to apply** please go the website below or collect a form from the school office.

<http://www.education.tas.gov.au/school/parents/costs/assistance/stas>

## **2013 Term Dates**

### **Term 1**

Tuesday 5th Feb - Friday 19th April  
(Easter Friday 29th March-Tuesday 2nd April)

### **Term 2**

Monday 6th May - Friday 5th July

### **Term 3**

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th Sept

### **Term 4**

Monday 14th Oct - Thursday 19th Dec

### **Student Free days 2013**

Wednesday 27th February (Launceston Cup)

Thursday 28th March

Friday 19th April

Monday 22nd July

Friday 25th October

## **School Association News**

Our last meeting for the year will be held

**Next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of November  
at 7.00pm**

in the staffroom. As this is our last meeting for the year please bring a small plate to share.

Among other things we will be discussing chaplaincy for 2013.

I would like to remind all parents that you are more than welcome to attend any of the school association meetings where we value the opportunity to hear your thoughts and ideas.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Thursday, 22 November 2012**

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly  
3/4C Rainbow to host

### **Friday, 23 November 2012**

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room  
4.30pm-6.00pm

### **Wednesday, 28 November 2012**

7:00 PM School Association Meeting

### **Thursday, 29 November 2012**

1:40 PM P - 2 Assembly  
PrepA Abernethy to host

### **Friday, 30 November 2012**

9:00 AM Grade 1/2 Excursion to Trevallyn Dam & the Gorge for lunch

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room  
4.30pm-6.00pm

### **Monday, 3 December 2012**

Fire Safety Program commences in GP Room For Preps - Grade 6's

9:30 AM Kinder Hewitt excursion to QV Museum & lunch at City Park

### **Thursday, 6 December 2012**

9:15 AM Prep A & Prep B Excursion to Hagley Farm School Depart school - 9.15am  
Leave venue - 2.30pm

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly  
3/4A & 3/4B Hemelaar & Brady to host

7.00 PM Presentation Evening at Punchbowl Christian Centre

### **Friday, 7 December 2012**

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room  
4.30pm-6.00pm

### **Tuesday, 11 December 2012**

8:30 AM Pre-order Uniforms Due back today

### **Friday, 14 December 2012**

Reports go home

4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room  
4.30pm-6.00pm

### **Monday, 17 December 2012**

6:00 PM Grade 6 Leavers Dinners at the Abel Tasman

### **Tuesday, 18 December 2012**

3.00 PM Art Inquiry Sharing Sessions  
3.00 -4.00pm  
Youngtown Primary End of Year BBQ

### **Thursday, 20 December 2012**

12.00 PM Whole School Assembly

3.00 PM Last Day of Term for students





## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### ***Interested in Learning to Skate?***

Skateboarding Australia and Launceston City Council are running skateboarding workshops. The next one is at Launceston Skate Park on Saturday, 24 November 2012 from 10:00am to 12:00noon. Helmets and skateboards will be provided for those who don't have their own. Come along and take advantage of this FREE fun workshop. If you have any queries or would like more details, please contact Karen Weinreich on 00418 529 663.

### ***Music Lessons 2013***

The Music Tree is now taking enrolments for 2013 Parent/Child Classes for Babies & Pre-Schoolers Guitar, Piano, Keyboard & Ukulele Classes 4 – 8 Yrs Individual Tuition in Piano/Keyboard. To join one of our award winning classes call 0407344107 or apply online at [www.themusicree.com.au](http://www.themusicree.com.au)

### **Home Reading Program**

In order to complete a book audit of literacy resources before the end of the year, the home reading program will finish this Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please return all your home reading books to your classroom ASAP and visit Mrs Nankervis in her classroom on Friday morning to claim any outstanding rewards. Remember Friday will be the last day to claim any rewards, so bring in your record book/s to Mrs Nankervis between 8.30 and 9.00.

### **School Banking CAN YOU HELP???**

*Due to our long serving student banking co-ordinator Karina Brooks leaving us at the end of this year, we require someone that would like to assist in this area each Friday morning. If you can be of assistance, can you please leave your name and number at the office or call in and see us Friday mornings between 9.00 - 11.00am, in the room near the main office.*



### **Book club news!**

Thank you to all the families that have supported Book club this year, we have once again gained many wonderful resources for our school. This will be your last chance to purchase books this year, so why not fill those christmas stockings with the joy of reading.

Issue 8 Book club forms  
are due back

**Tomorrow Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
of November at 3pm.**

If you would like to collect the books  
yourself please write on order,  
“leave at office”.

Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell,  
0418364861



**YPS  
LSSSA TEAM 2012**

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