

Dear Parents,

Why Teach Positive Behaviour Skills?

The most important aspect of our school's approach to managing children's behaviour is a focus on positive behaviours. In fact we believe that teaching positive behaviour skills is equally as important as teaching other academic skills. After all to be successful in relationships and with careers we know that adults require a high degree of competence with both their social and emotional skills as well as with their literacy and numeracy skills. In other words you can be very smart academically and still have very little career success because your social and emotional skills are not developed enough. Of course the opposite is also true. The other connection is that highly developed social and emotional skills enable a person to learn academic skills more easily.

Research consistently shows that punishment alone, especially in the absence of positive strategies is ineffective! In our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Staff Handbook there is a whole section devoted to teaching positive social behaviours. Inappropriate behaviours are viewed in the same manner that problems in reading or maths are viewed – as a skills deficit. When a skill deficit exists we must teach the appropriate skill. It is easier to teach positive behaviours first up than it is to 'unlearn' existing negative behaviours. This is captured nicely in the following quote which is in our handbook:

“For a child to learn something new, it needs to be repeated on average 8 times.

For a child to unlearn an old behaviour and replace it with a new behaviour, the new behaviour must be repeated on average 28 times.” Harry Wong



Swimming Success for Tiana

On Saturday Tiana competed in her Swimming Club Championships and walked away with a swag of medals. In fact she competed in five events and came away with five medals – three bronze and two silver! The events included 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly and the

8 x 50m relay. Whilst her favourite event is the 50m freestyle it was in the 50m butterfly that she was just 'pipped' at the finish line for the gold medal. Tiana trains three nights every week at the Aquatic Centre where she practises her turns, streamlines, kicks and the finer details of each of the strokes. Her wonderful performance on Saturday is due recognition of her dedication to a sport that she loves so much. Despite bringing home a medal for each event Tiana's main goal is to achieve a PB (Personal Best) by swimming 50 metres in less than 30 seconds.

Taekwondo Competitions

We have quite a few Youngtown Primary children who participate in this highly skilled and disciplined martial art form. On the weekend they joined 230 competitors in the Flanagan & Chugg Taekwondo Club Championships and Club Challenge. There were some outstanding performances which have been published later in this newsletter. Congratulations to everyone.



Best of luck Bailey!

Bailey will be boxing at the King of the Ring 2 event at the Albert Hall on Saturday night. This will be Bailey's third fight against the same competitor from Latrobe. The first time was a draw, the second Bailey lost by a point and so this weekend he is out to square things up. Best of luck Bailey.

The Bergamins off to Bali!

Mr Bergamin will be spending the last two weeks of term soaking up the sun in Bali with his wife Jane and his sons Thomas and Henri – lucky for some! During Mr Bergamin's absence Mr van Winden will be taking on the AST role. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mr Van Winden to support the whole school implementation of our revised Positive Behaviour Support approach. He has been at the forefront of this development and, whilst he is very reluctant to be leaving his class for two weeks, he will now have a chance to support teachers across all sectors of our school in fine-tuning our behaviour support processes.

*Troy Roberts
Principal*

Taekwondo Competition Results

Aaron Barker	2 nd Place (Forms)
Amy Barker	1 st Place (Forms), 2 nd place (Sparring)
Hannah Crawford	1 st place (Jumping High Kick) 1 st Place (Forms) 1 st place (Flying Side Kick)
Harley Crawford	1 st place (Sparring) 2 nd place (Forms) 3 rd place (Jumping High Kick)
Bailey Mitchell	1 st place (Sparring) 3 rd place (Jumping High Kick) 3 rd place (Traditional Forms)
Lockie Mitchell	3 rd place (Sparring)
Jesse Springer	1 st place (Sparring) 1 st place (Forms)
Will Springer	1 st place (Jumping High Kick) 1 st place (Flying Side Kick) 1 st place (Sparring) 1 st place (Forms)



JOIN US FOR OUR MASS DANCE PRACTICE

This Friday 24th August at **11.30am** on the netball courts we will be having a practice of all the dances.

If the weather is unkind to us we would still like you to come and join us in the Big GP room

11.30am Prep B, 1/2B & 1/2C
12.10pm Prep A, 1/2A & 2V

Parents and Grandparents are invited to come along and have a dance with us, Nutbush, Time Warp etc.

Thank you
Lynda Colgrave

This promotion has finished so could everyone please have all vouchers to school by **Thursday 22nd August.**

Thankyou again for all your support!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 22 August 2012 POSTPONED

7:00 PM School Association Meeting, postponed until next week

Thursday, 23 August 2012

2:20 PM Grade 3 - 6 Assembly
Hosted by 3/4B Brady

Friday, 24 August 2012

11:30 AM Mass Dance Practice on netball courts
Parents are invited to come and watch and join in

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

Monday, 27 August 2012

3:15 PM Parent Transition meeting with Kings Meadows High GP Room 3.15pm.

Dance Baby Dance Performance at Door of Hope.

Wednesday, 29 August 2012

7:00 PM School Association Meeting

Friday, 31 August 2012

Mass Dance Event at Silverdome Prep - 2
4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room

Monday, 3 September 2012

9:00 AM Prep screening with Jenna Bayes

Tuesday, 4 September 2012

9:00 AM Prep screening with Jenna Bayes

Thursday, 6 September 2012

1:40 PM Whole School Assembly
Hosted by 5/6A Colson

Friday, 7 September 2012

3.00 PM LAST DAY TERM 2
4:30 PM Taekwondo using Multi-purpose room
4.30pm-6.00pm

Monday, 24 September 2012

8.30 AM FIRST DAY TERM 3



Youngtown Primary Winter Raffle

Hi Students, Families and Friends.

Ok...soooooo the time is up.....If you havent already done so, please return your raffle books (sold or unsold) to the school office no later than this Friday 24th August by 3pm!!!

DON'T FORGET OUR.....Bonus Bonus Bonus

1 - The class that sells the most tickets will win a free movie and pizza afternoon on behalf of the School Association. (which is why each student and not each family has received a book to sell)

2 - The student that sells the most tickets will win a Sunbeam Popcorn maker valued at \$49.95

On behalf of the School Association we would like to thank EVERYONE who supported us in this our midterm fundraiser. All profits will go directly to the benefit of Youngtown students and therefore your child/ren so all your help is very appreciated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 0408 585 201 or Erica on 0439 795 898.

Kind Regards
Peta Reitsema & Erica Dobson



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

September School Holiday Care

At 59D Amy Road, Newstead. "Join us and have great fun" The program is from Monday 10th September until Friday 21st September. 8.00am - 6.00pm. Book now by phoning 6341 1555.

"Are you a girl aged 5-17? Do you love adventure, making friends and having fun?"

Launceston Girl Guide units (aged 5-10, 10-14 and 14-17). Nights vary depending on units, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Girl Guides is about achieving goals, improving communities, and growing in confidence. For more information contact District Leader Julie Miller on 0408 130 850.

St Giles - Walk with ME

1st September 11.30am, Civic Square to City Park, registration opens 9.30am, good health activities and food.

On Tour "Wash your face in Orange Juice"

With legendary kids performer Peter Combe at Princess Theatre, Launceston on Saturday 01st September at 1.00pm. Tickets \$10.00. Supporting St Giles, for more information please phone Peter Darrow at St Giles on 6345 7333.

Kidz R Us

Have planned a holiday full of exciting things to do in the September holidays. Children will have a wonderful time whether they come every day or parents select a special treat here and there. Our staff is friendly, trained and enthusiastic. Our child care has reasonable rates and qualifies for Government assistance to eligible families. Bookings essential. Call Michelle for more info on: 6343 4614 or 044 7448 455

YMCA of Launceston

Looking for children's activities for 3rd Term? We may have something you can do...
Phone the "Y" today 6344 3844.



Book club news!

Book Club orders are due back **tomorrow Thursday 23rd of August .**

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

Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell,
0418364861

**SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING
HAS BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL NEXT**

**WEDNESDAY 29TH August
7.00pm.**

Need to Relax? Try Tai Chi

New Tai Chi Classes for Beginners
(starting Wed 8th Aug) 10:00am – 11:00
and 11:00am -12:00pm on Wednesdays
10:00am – 11:00am every 2nd Saturday
(11th and 25th August)

All classes at Kings Meadows
Community Health Centre (McHugh St.
Kings Meadows)

Just come along or contact Grant on

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