

Dear Parents,

## Welcome Back!

What a fantastic beginning to the year we have enjoyed here at Youngtown Primary. All children have arrived in their full school uniform, full of stories from their holidays and feeling enthusiastic about being back at school. Considering just how long it has been since our children were at school (remembering that it seems even longer for them) it has been quite stunning to see them quickly settle into routines and re-engage with formal learning. It has been made that much easier with the stimulating classroom environments created by our teachers and teacher assistants to support learning. Of course we are also very grateful for the manner in which parents have prepared children for their return to school.

As we always do the staff here at school cherished the opportunity to indulge in some professional learning and planning in those two days before children began. Our main focus for this learning was about how best we can implement the Australian Curriculum this year. A key challenge for us as we explored the English component of the Australian Curriculum was to identify the similarities and key differences from our previous curriculum. This is critical work for us as we will be assessing and reporting against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards for English, Mathematics and Science this year instead of the Tasmanian Curriculum. This will look quite different to the reports that parents usually receive and I will ensure that you are well informed of the key changes as the year progresses.

## Welcome to new staff

This year we welcome some new members of the Youngtown Primary team. Mrs Katrina Richards has joined us to teach grade 3/4. Mrs Jos Hewitt has returned to us and will teach kindergarten. Ms Anabel Hudson is our new School Psychologist. We also welcome David Hextall and Hayley MacKirdy who will join our team of Teacher Assistants for the start of the year. Finally we welcome Mrs Belinda Young to our teaching team. Belinda will join us for one day per week to support teachers in their planning and delivery of mathematics for children who require extra challenge.




## Stop Press – Student-Free Day on Wednesday!!

As you will have noticed in your child's communication book yesterday schools have been notified by the Department of Education that next Wednesday (Feb 29) will be a student-free day. This is Launceston Cup day which historically has been a student-free day except for the past few years. Schools were only notified of this change late on Monday afternoon and so I apologise for the inconvenience that I know this will cause some families. As Launceston Cup day is a public holiday Peddar Patter Child Care Centre will also be closed on Wednesday.

## After School Care

Once again Peddar Patter Child Care Centre will operate an After School Care program located in the music room. The long term viability of this service is dependent upon the number of families who make regular use of it. There are currently places available and I invite you to find out more by phoning Peddar Patter on 6344 9993.

## Welcome Back Barbecue



Our School Association will be hosting this important, but very relaxed event next Thursday (March 1) between 5pm and 7pm. I encourage you to come along with your family and enjoy the opportunity to meet teachers, staff and fellow parents. See the attached flyer for more details.

## School Association Meeting Tonight

Our School Association consists of a very vibrant, committed and active group of parents who have a significant impact on many facets of our school. I know that they would warmly welcome any parents who may like to attend to find out more. The first meeting of the year is tonight at 7pm in the staffroom here at school.

## School Sores (Impetigo)

We have been notified of some cases of School Sores in our school community. This is a very contagious skin infection, starting as a red patch and developing into crusty yellow sores. Please see your doctor for treatment. Students must stay at home until treatment from your doctor has commenced. Sores on exposed areas must be covered with a dressing.

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**Breakfast Program Volunteers Required**

We would like to run the highly popular Youngtown Breakfast Program again this year. As they were in 2011, we would like children to have the opportunity to enjoy a complimentary breakfast on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 9:00am in the GP Hall. Mr Will Van Winden has once again offered his generous support by providing the food, however we require a team of volunteers to help Will prepare and serve the toast, Milo and fruit. If you are able to commit to this for one or both days each week please contact our office on 6341 3222 or speak with Mr Bergamin.

*Troy Roberts*  
*Principal*

**Welcome Back to School Message**

Heading back to school can be an exciting but often anxious time for parents and carers particularly for those sending their children to kindergarten or who have children starting high school.

I would particularly like to welcome our newest students who have joined our public education system for the first time. There is no underestimating the importance of education in our children's lives.

To all parents, I encourage you to get involved in your child's learning.

Tasmania's public education system provides a quality education and rich learning experience for all students. We want every student to achieve their potential by providing them with the skills they need for the future.

I want our schools to be safe, supportive environments where learning thrives.

There are so many great achievements, and positive results being delivered every day in every Government school in Tasmania.

I look forward to watching all our students achieve their goals during 2012 and wish all families a happy and successful school year.

**Nick McKim**  
**Minister for Education and Skills**

**WHAT DO WE DO TO SUPPORT POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR?**

<b>Expectations</b>	<b>Learning Environment</b>
<b>Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Being ready for learning</b></li> <li>• <b>Following Instructions &amp; routines</b></li> <li>• <b>Respecting other</b></li> <li>• <b>Valuing others</b></li> </ul>
<b>Responsible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Encouraging others</b></li> <li>• <b>Participating actively</b></li> <li>• <b>'Having a go'</b></li> </ul>
<b>Learner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moving safely around the learning environment</b></li> <li>• <b>Respecting school resources</b></li> <li>• <b>Accepting decisions and outcomes with a peaceful attitude</b></li> <li>• <b>Respecting property of others</b></li> </ul>

Our aim for each and every student this year is for them to be motivated about their learning, connected to school and engaged with the teaching and learning within their classroom. To support this all teachers have spent time explaining to their students how our matrix of expectations can help them achieve success at Youngtown Primary School. In helping students achieve success classroom teachers will continue to hand out possibility tokens that students can use towards prizes in our possibility shop every Thursday. These tokens are recorded on a classroom chart and reinforced with an effective praise statement explaining to the student why they received a token and how their choice helped them at school. Included with this article is a sample of reasons why your child will receive a possibility token within their classroom. Please find time to talk to your child about this part of our matrix and how these points will help them be the best possible learner at Youngtown Primary School. Our matrix was developed by students and teachers together.



## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### **Life Centre Music**

Is offering positions to children who would like to be part of the choir. This is open to children from the age of 6 years. The choir meets fortnightly on a Wednesday from 4 till 5pm. If interested please call Lucy on 0408 443 436 or 6344 3436.

### **Dancing Lessons**

Dancing lessons just for fun, for any level, ages 4 and up. Held Thursdays after school at St Albies. Please phone Jeanene Gillow on 0419344081 for more information.

### **South Launceston Football Club**

Become a junior AFL player by joining the South Launceston Bulldogs for 2012. Registration is \$130 per player and there are discounts for multiple players in the same family. Registration for 2012 - Now Open  
Training dates are as follows:

U9 10 11 - Tuesday 28th February 4-5pm

U12 - Friday 24th February 4-5pm

Please provide a copy of birth certificate or other proof of age for all NEW players. Further information contact Club Development Manager Braden McGee on 0439 388 552.

### **Early Childhood Music, Piano, Keyboard, Ukulele and Guitar, Dance, Craft, and Parties**

The Music Tree is offering **instrumental tuition** in a fun **group** environment perfect for the young beginner (up to 8 years old). Classes include the use of percussion instruments, music games, movement and lots of fun activities - the perfect balance to keep young kids interested and motivated. **Individual tuition** is also available in piano and keyboard for children 6 to 12 years. **Parent/child music** classes for babies and pre-school children. **Dance** for 3 to 6 year olds (enrol with a friend and you'll both receive 50% off your fees for 1st term) and craft classes for 3 to 5 year olds. **Party Box** is a new way to host your child's party without the stress - a box full of ideas, craft, costumes, games and more to make your child's party a memorable one.

For more information contact Tonya Norris on 0407344107, e-mail: [info@themusicree.com.au](mailto:info@themusicree.com.au)  
[www.themusicree.com.au](http://www.themusicree.com.au)

# Youngtown Taekwondo



*Youngtown Primary School*  
4-7 Yrs. Friday 4.30-5.00pm  
7-Adult Friday 5.00-6.00pm

Call Judy  
63444363  
0419382331  
Or visit our class.

Children love Taekwondo because they learn exciting skills, including, jumping, spinning and flying kicks.

Taekwondo teaches children confidence, concentration, respect, self defence and improves leaning skills.

Children & Adults - All Welcome.



## Book club news!

Book club is back for the year. Issue 1 forms will be handed out this week and are due back

**Next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of March at 9am.**

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

Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell,  
0418364861



## **School Banking**

Student Banking will be available every Friday morning at school. Each student will receive a "**School Banking Program 2012**" envelope.

For new application forms for those families without internet access please enquire at the school office.

## **Uniform Shop**

Please note the change to opening times for 2012. The Uniform shop will be open:

**Tuesday mornings from 8.30am - 9.30am.**

For any other enquiries please phone Tracie on 0417 445 455.

## **2012 TERM DATES**

<b>Term 1</b>	WEDNESDAY 15th February - FRIDAY 1st June Easter: Friday 6th April - Sunday 15th April inclusive.
<b>Term 2</b>	MONDAY 18th June - FRIDAY 7th September
<b>Term 3</b>	MONDAY 24th September - Thursday 20th December

## **2012 STUDENT FREE DATES**

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Wednesday 29th February</b> Monday 16th April (Mon after Easter)
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 18th June (first day back)
<b>Term 3</b>	Friday 12th October (day after Show)

**Come one, Come all.....**

# **WELCOME**

**Thursday 1st March - 5pm till 7pm**



# **BACK**



**Youngtown Primary School Oval**

# **BARBECUE**

**Come along and meet the teachers, staff and fellow parents in a casual, relaxed setting!!**

# **2012**

**Sausages \$2**

**Hamburgers \$3**

**Drinks \$2**

**For more information please phone**

**Peta on 0408 585 201 or Erica on 0439 795 898**