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**Dear Parents,**

## Welcome Back!

It was delightful to see so many enthusiastic children kicking the frost off the ground as they resumed school this week. I know that many families travelled north over the holidays to find warmer weather, however many of us endured the cold fronts and rainy days back here in our beloved state. Regardless of where you spent the holidays I hope you managed some great quality family time and encouraged your children to chill-out!

We have ahead of us another busy term, packed with rich learning opportunities. Teachers spent most of Monday planning some very inspiring inquiry units based around important concepts in the discipline of Geography and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fluencies (however prep children will be covering the science topic – weather). We hope that you and your children enjoy many conversations at home about these inquiries throughout this term!

## Staffing Information

Once again we have some news to share about our staffing as we kick off another term. We are pleased to welcome back Mr Karas and Mr Sexton. We also welcome Mr Douglas James who will be completing a university school experience placement with Mr Colson's class for the first 4 weeks of this term.

Unfortunately two of our teachers – Ms Boxhall and Mrs Lloyd both suffered the loss of a loved one over the holiday period and will be on Bereavement Leave for the beginning of this term. As a result of their absence Mrs Heynes will continue taking Mrs Lloyd's grade 1 class, and Mrs Colgrave will be taking Ms Boxhall's grade 5 class for the first two weeks.

## Welcome to new families

It is my pleasure to welcome three new families to our school community. Curtis Smith (kinder), Alexandra Mulcaster (gr 4) and Breanna Bloomfield (gr 4) all commenced with us this week.

## Exercise-A-Prize-A-Thon

Thank you to the many families who supported our term 2 School Association fundraiser - the Exercise-a-Prize-a-thon. Prizes were given out to children in the last week of last term. Altogether just over \$3000 was raised and will go

towards our longer term plan of covering our shaded quadrangle area with Tiger Turf. Once again I would like to thank Peta Reitsema and Erica Dobson for their hard work in organising this popular fundraising event.

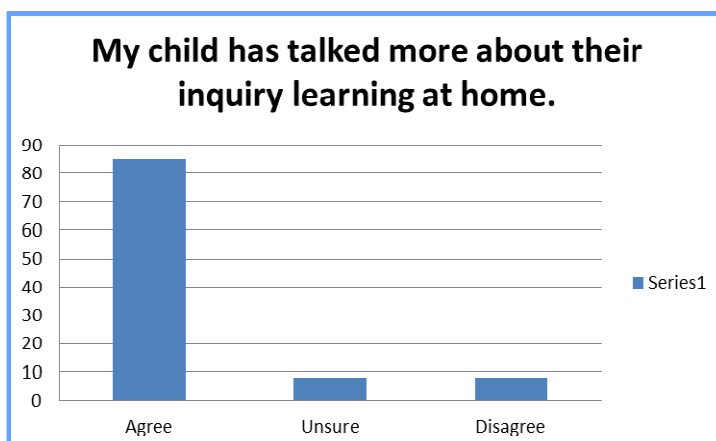
## Making Progress on our School Mission

An important part of our school mission is as follows:

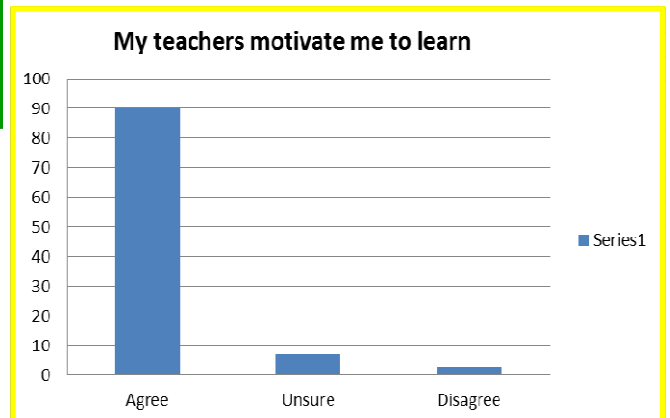
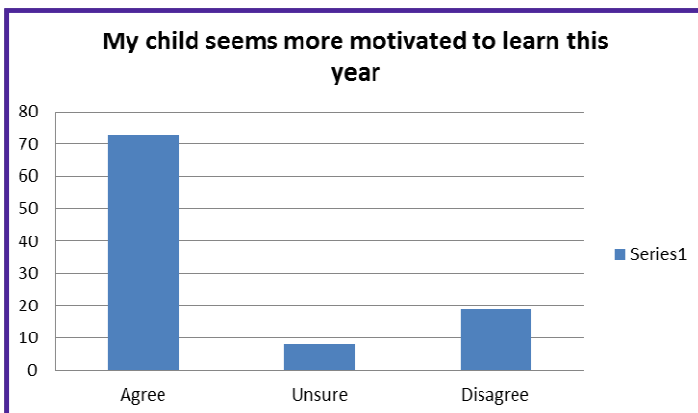
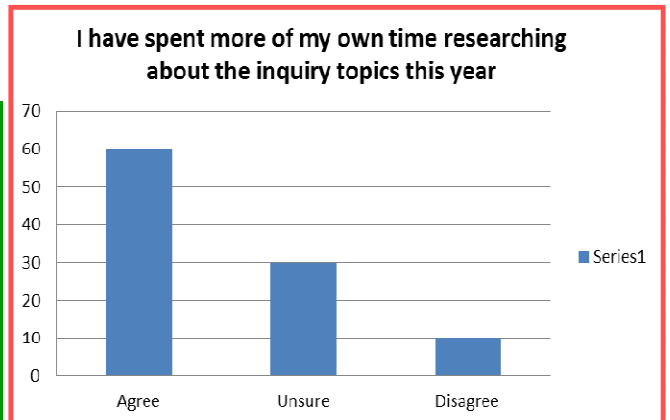
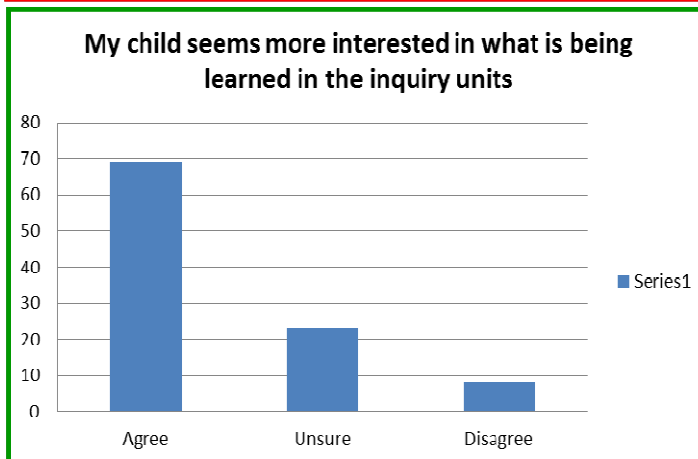
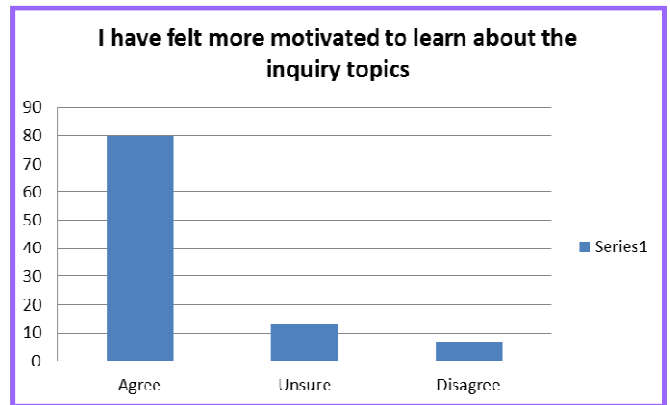
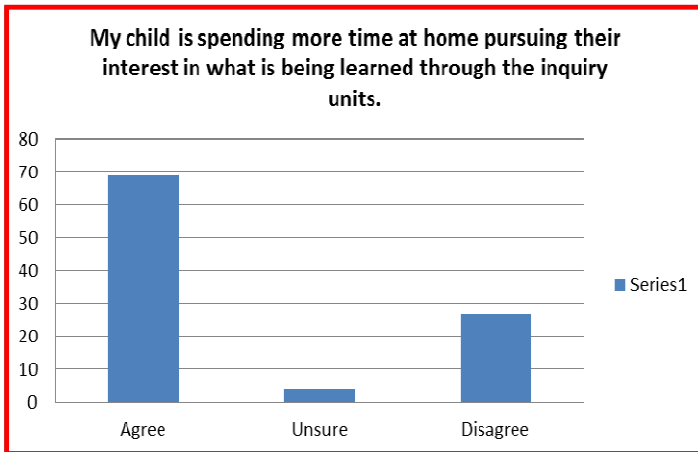
**To inspire our children through expert, passionate teaching that capitalises on their inherent curiosity, interests and motivations.**

We are devoting a great deal of our professional learning and team planning time in order to achieve this mission through our inquiry-based learning units. With support from our partnership with Lee Crockett from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fluencies Project, and also with the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning Project, we have been mindful of making our inquiry units more inspiring and more challenging. At the end of term 2 we sought some feedback to gauge how we are going with this. We administered a very small survey to a small sample of parents and students. The following graphs show the results of this survey – overall indicating that our children are indeed finding the inquiries to be more motivating. We would like to have more parents and students complete such a survey at the end of the year as a way of tracking our progress with this mission. Thank you to those children and parents who completed and returned the surveys (38 parents and 35 children)

## Parent Survey Responses:



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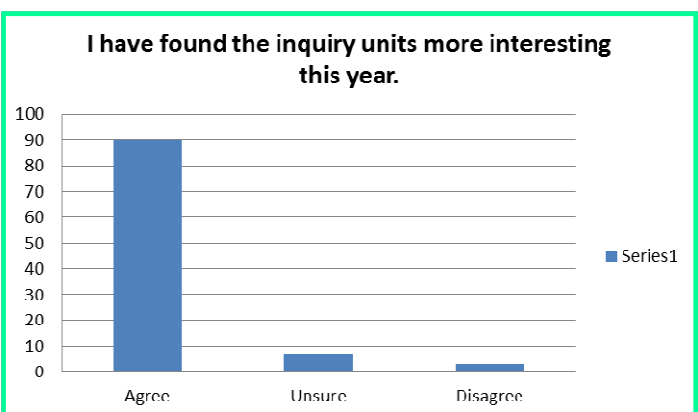


**Use of Napier Street After School**

After school Napier Street is a busy area with many families collecting students at the end of the school day, a number of buses arriving to collect students, and students leaving the grounds themselves. There are a few reminders however, that families need to be aware of.

- The bus stop located on the school side of the road is not a collection point for students. Parents are asked to park either along Napier, Napoleon or Victoria Streets in order to collect students.
- The crossing, although unmanned, needs to be used by all parents when crossing the road. It sets a poor example to our students when parents lead their children across the road within metres of a designated crossing.

**Student Survey Responses:**



*Troy Roberts*  
Principal

Thank you for ensuring that all students at Youngtown Primary School remain safe.

## 'SPARK' PROFILE

Name: Harley

Teacher: 5-6A Colson



My 'Spark' is: Football

Where and when I enjoy my spark:

I enjoy my spark on Wednesday night when I train and on Sunday morning when I play.

Why I Love it so much:

It is a physical sport and it keeps me fit. I also enjoy running around with my mates.

Highlights for me with my spark:

I enjoy my spark because I am vice-captain.

How could others get involved:

Come to the South Launceston football oval on Wednesday night.

Written by:

Eloise McKercher and Jessica Hawkins



**YOUNGTOWN SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION MARKET DAY  
THE DATE HAS BEEN SET  
SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014  
10 a.m. to 2.p.m.**

Tables will be \$25.00 so if you have craft, books, toys, clothing etc to sell please contact Kim Barker (amron8@internode.on.net) to reserve your table.

We have had a lot of interest in this event and to ensure it is successful we will require volunteers. If you are able to help out on a cake stall, BBQ or selling tea and coffee for an hour on the day we would love to hear from you. Please contact Nicole Woodfield on 0417 894 141 or maddyw@iprimus.com.au.



## 2014 TERM DATES

### *Term 3*

Tuesday 22nd July - Friday 26th September

### *Term 4*

Monday 13th October - Thursday 18th December

### *Student Free Days 2014*

Friday 24th October

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### 2014 Uniform Shop Opening Hours

**Monday** 8.45am - 9.15am

**Tuesday** 2.30pm - 3.00pm

**Thursday** 8.45am - 9.15am

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# Winter Social

**When:** 25 July

**Where:** Discovery Centre – Door of Hope

**Time:** 6.30—8.30

**Food:** Bring a plate

**Cost:** Gold coin

**Dress:** smart casual

**crashkids**  
grades three to five

**Crash Kids at Door of Hope is a monthly activity on Friday night for Children in grades 3 to 5  
This Friday we have a winter social at Door of Hope in our Discovery Centre 6.30-8.30pm**

## **2014 Dates for Your Diary**

<b>Tuesday 29 July</b>	<b>Kings Meadows High School Challenge Day for Grade 5-6 students</b>
<b>Thursday 31 July</b>	<b>3-6 Assembly 2.00p.m. 5-6A Colson</b>
<b>Thursday 7 August</b>	<b>School Association Sausage/Chicken burger day</b>