

Dear Parents,

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 3 – I trust that you made the most of the opportunity for some great family time during the 2-week break. There has certainly been a wonderful atmosphere of learning in classrooms this week as our children engage back with their learning with refreshed vigour and anticipation.

A reminder has been given to all children that this term it is compulsory to wear a hat during recess and lunchtimes. Please ensure that your child brings along a school hat each day so that they can enjoy access to our whole playground.

## Linking Behaviour to Academic Performance.

Last week Mr Bergamin, Mr Van Winden, Mr Karas and I attended a conference in Brisbane which was all about School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). The conference was titled 'Linking Behaviour to Academic Performance'. There were over 600 participants from all over Australia and New Zealand and, as the name suggests, the key message was that we can only achieve the best learning outcomes for our children if there is a strong emphasis on promoting positive behaviour. As you know this has been a key focus for Youngtown Primary for a number of years. What became evident in Brisbane is that SWPBS is gaining huge momentum across our country as a result of mounting research that confirms how effective this approach is, providing it is implemented with precision. Our experience at the conference affirmed the direction we have taken and we gained many new insights that will ensure we continue to improve. Some key messages to emerge included:

- It is not what we want to stop children doing, but rather focussing our attention on what we want them to do more of in order to get on better with their peers and with their learning.
- Teaching social expectation is just as important as teaching academic skills and the same stages of learning apply.
- Children will be best placed to learn and, consequently, use appropriate behaviours if the skills are taught and reinforced at school and in their homes.
- Any interventions that we apply need to be based on solid evidence.

- Keeping children highly engaged in their academic learning is the most powerful behaviour management tool that we have.
- The SWPBS Framework is a very effective framework for responding appropriately to bullying behaviours.

We also visited Villanova College which is a Catholic School in the heart of Brisbane. Villanova is renowned for its highly successful use of restorative practices. They were able to share that over the past 8 years they have seen a dramatic reduction in antisocial behaviours such as bullying, harassment and assault since restorative approaches have been used in place of the more traditional punitive responses.

## Landcare Awards

Well – we have almost landed from 'cloud 9' after our success at the National Landcare Awards. To go with the amazing trophy itself (which will be on display in our corridor over the next fortnight), we have also received a monetary prize of \$1000. This will go directly into the Outdoor Classroom budget to support the wonderful ongoing work of this program. Once again I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mr Bergamin, Mrs Shegog and the residents of the Glenara Lakes Retirement Village for having the vision, the energy and the skills to establish this wonderful community partnership initiative. I'm sure that the Landcare recognition will spur us onto the next exciting phase of this work.



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### **NAPLAN Results are in!**

As you may have noticed through the media last week the NAPLAN results for those children who sat the tests in May are now available. We have only had an opportunity to quickly scan the overall results at this stage and the signs that we are continuing to make progress are promising – especially in the area of spelling. Over the coming weeks the staff in our school will spend considerable time analysing these results in order to gain further insight into the effectiveness of our literacy and numeracy programs. Parents will also receive a copy of their child's results.

Your child's NAPLAN report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests.

It is also possible to get a sense of your child's achievement over time by looking at previous NAPLAN reports. However caution should be exercised as the results refer to a single point in time only and may not reflect the full range of your child's ability.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9 the writing task in 2012 was in the persuasive genre and your child's result in this assessment is not comparable with their 2010 writing result which was based on the narrative genre.

Teachers will be provided with a complete analysis of their students' results and parents are invited to contact their child's teacher in order to discuss any aspect of the tests.

More information about NAPLAN results and reports is available from the National Assessment Program website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

*Troy Roberts*  
*Principal*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Wednesday, 26 September 2012**

9:00 AM Prep screening with Jenna Bayes  
7:00 PM School Association Meeting

#### **Friday, 28 September 2012**

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

#### **Monday, 1 October 2012**

10:00 AM Kinder A excursion to The Music Tree

#### **Friday, 5 October 2012**

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

#### **Tuesday, 9 October 2012**

9:00 AM Choir excursion to Singfest at Albert Hall

#### **Wednesday, 10 October 2012**

8:15 AM Primary Athletics Carnival at Sth Lton oval

#### **Friday, 12 October 2012**

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

#### **Monday, 15 October 2012**

9:15 AM Kinder - Grade 2 Athletic Carnival @ YPS oval

#### **Thursday, 18 October 2012**

9:30 AM Performance K-3 - The Fish Story  
9.30am - Multipurpose Room

#### **Friday, 19 October 2012**

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

#### **Tuesday, 23 October 2012**

9:30 AM Challenge Day for Grade 6 students at KMHS 9.30am -1.00pm

#### **Wednesday, 24 October 2012**

7:00 PM School Association Meeting

### **FOOTY AND SPORTS COLOURS DAY**

SYDNEY SWANS



**THIS FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER,  
YOUNGTOWN STUDENT LEADERS WILL BE  
HOLDING A FOOTY AND  
SPORTS COLOURS DAY.**

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**STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR FOOTY GEAR OR FAVOURITE  
SPORTS TEAM GEAR OVER THEIR UNIFORM FOR**

**A GOLD COIN DONATION.**

**THERE SHOULD BE NO FACE PAINT  
OR COLOURED HAIR.**

"Students who have recently received 60 Token Certificate"

Congratulations to the following students:

*Jakobe McDermott  
John Garforth  
Joshua Harris  
Jacob Barker  
April Stebbings  
Bryce Stone  
Campbell Stebbings  
Ella Fullbrook  
Elise Lohrey  
Emily Watts-Heazlewood  
Ethan Stebbings  
Isabella Colson  
Kiara Pearson  
Livai Drui  
Thomas Hawkins  
Haydon Eady  
Jackson Burton  
Jesse Cameron  
Macey Carver  
Eli Chadd  
Owen Daros  
Sharnie Davey  
Samuel Fitch  
Jacob Godman  
Nicholas Groer  
James Harris  
James Martin  
Madelon Pace  
Taylor Reynolds-Cooper  
Sarah Robins  
Mattieka Vanderheide  
Sophie Fahey  
Christopher Boon  
Jacob Collins  
Matthew Dalton  
Paige Hollingsworth  
Telyshia Jones  
Jake Lionetti  
Domanic Pennington  
Blake Cassidy*



More Photos from Sydney & The Landcare Awards





## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### **Prospect High School Grade 6/7 Parent Information Sessions**

TONIGHT Wednesday 26th September 3.30pm – 5.00pm & 7.00pm - 8.30pm. For more information please phone 6344 4744.

### **Tennis Coaching Term 3**

Carswell Coaching will be continuing tennis lesson at School on Thursday morning 8:30. We also offer private and group tennis coaching as well. Children and Adults, beginners to advanced players. All inquiries please ph Mat on 63261020 or 0417390261 or e [matcarswell@yahoo.com.au](mailto:matcarswell@yahoo.com.au).

### **Child Health & Parenting Service**

A Nurse from the Child Health and Parenting Service will be at Youngtown Primary again on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> October to complete the vision and hearing screening program for Prep children.

All children in Prep received a consent form to be filled in and signed by parents/guardians prior to the school holidays. **Please return this form to school as soon as possible** to ensure that your child is tested as the nurse will not be able to return to the school once the screening period is finished.

Results will be sent home to parents on the day of screening.

## NTJSA SOCCER ACADEMY

**Term 3  
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The NTJSA Soccer Academy has now commenced for term 3 and we invite you all to attend. These Academy sessions teach our young players skills and techniques such as footwork and passing drills to improve on their game.

**U10 Boys & Girls - Monday evenings 4-5pm  
U11 & U12 Boys & Girls - Monday evenings 5-6.30pm  
U12-U14 Boys & Girls - Tuesday evenings 4-5.30pm**

All sessions are run concurrently with school terms and are held at the Churchill Park Sporting Complex Invermay.  
Term 3 prices are as follows

**U10 Boys & Girls - \$80.00  
U13 & U14 Boys & Girls - \$120.00  
U11 & U12 Boys & Girls - \$120.00**

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