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Dear Parents,

Cyber bullying

Last week I attended a very interesting presentation by renowned Australian researcher – Professor Donna Cross. She delivered her message to a room of school principals and teachers and followed up in the evening with a message specifically for parents. In essence her message is a somewhat sobering one, highlighting the ever increasing prevalence of cyber bullying and the potential risks this poses for our children. In short the advice is that parents need to be very active in understanding the phenomenon of cyber bullying and to closely monitor their children's online activities. The reality is that cyber bullying occurs primarily outside of school hours even though the consequences can spill over into school time. As I have said many times before the most effective way for us (teachers and parents) to address this issue is to work closely together!

According to Prof Cross cyber bullying has been defined as “an individual or a group using ICT repeatedly and intentionally to harm a person who finds it hard to stop this bullying from continuing”. It can include such things as a harmful text message (including images, video clips), an email, or postings on such social media sites as Facebook, Instagram, My Space etc. Research shows that most children who report being cyber bullied are also likely to be bullied face-to-face. A key difference however is the nature of the bullying – with cyber bullying likely to be more pervasive. In fact children can potentially be cyber bullied at any time (24/7), the number of cyber ‘onlookers’ can be very high, as can the size of the group who are bullying. On the flip-side cyber bullying can be very private for both the bully and the victim. The degree of ‘ nastiness ’ is increased as the bully can remain anonymous, which in turn can lead to heightened levels of paranoia from the victim who isn't aware of who the bully actually is! Another result of this ‘private’ bullying is that the bullying can go undetected by teachers and parents.

Needless to say parents and teachers must take measures to ensure the risk of cyber bullying is reduced for our children. Such measure should include the following:

- Limit the amount of time your children spend online! Gaming is carefully designed to be addictive and, increasingly, this is an area where bullying occurs.
- Monitor your child's online activity closely.
- Ensure your child understands how to navigate their way through the online world as safely as possible. This includes appropriate privacy settings, appropriate images etc.
- Find out how best to report unsafe cyber behaviours.
- Monitor your child's mood to detect any change that could be an early sign of being bullied.

To learn more about Donna Cross' research I suggest you 'google' her.

Postponements due to Rain

We have been forced to postpone our junior cross country carnival and our Exercise-a-Prize-a-Thon due to the rain yesterday. Luckily our kinder children were able to complete their Exercise-a-Prize-a-Thon on Monday afternoon, however those classes scheduled to complete this yesterday will now complete the laps next Tuesday June 3 or Wednesday 4 June. The Early Childhood Cross Country carnival will take place this coming Tuesday June 3. We are hopeful that our primary carnival will take place tomorrow as planned!

Mr Bergamin wins another grant!

I'm pleased to announce that Mr Bergamin has successfully submitted for a grant from Natural Resource Management – North (NRM). The outcome is a grant of \$3000 that will be used for plants and landscaping material to complete the playground area around the new gazebo. This will then become another outdoor learning space.

Walk to School Day

Thank you to the many parents who supported our Walk to School Day event on Friday. We had over 150 children meet with staff and parents at the South Launceston Football ground at 8:15 and enjoy a leisurely walk to school. The event was to promote a healthy lifestyle. At the end of the walk our wonderful School Association provided every participating child with a nice hot Milo!

Car Wash Fundraiser this Saturday

This coming Saturday between 9am and 12noon you will be able to get your car washed here in our school car-park and support a very worthwhile cause. Our school chaplain Mrs Poland has worked alongside the youth from the Branch Christian Community Church to organise this initiative to raise money for the Knox family. Lizzy Knox still requires regular treatment from the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne and money raised through the car wash on Saturday will help the family pay for flights, food and accommodation.

Signing in When Volunteering

A reminder to parents volunteering in our school that we need you to sign in, and sign out at the front office. This enables us to account for everyone should we need to evacuate the building for any reason.

Troy Roberts
Principal

School Association

Meeting tonight in the Staffroom at 7pm
All welcome to attend.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Orders ready for Collection

If you have placed an order for uniform items, could you please check with Erica if yours has arrived.

Uniform Pre-Order forms for 2015

Pre-order forms will be coming home this week with the eldest child in your family.

While we understand that this is very early to be planning for 2015, our suppliers require 'Back to School' orders to be finalised by early August.

Please return your forms to the Office or Erica in the Uniform Shop by no later than Friday 27th June.

If you are unsure of the sizes you require you are welcome to come into the Uniform Shop and try on any items before placing your order.

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Erica on 0439 795 898.

Lost Rugby Jumper size 10
Rugby jumper is named on inside
on logo If you find rugby jumper
please return to the office.

PE CHANGES

In the middle of June all classes will have one Aussie Rules session with Braden McGee from the Western Storm Football Club. In order for that to happen there will need to be some PE changes for 2 weeks. It would be appreciated if students could remember to wear PE clothes to their lessons.

Classes will have PE on the following dates:

Tuesday 10 June

6 Thow
5 Boxhall
5/6 Blundell
4 vanWinden
3/4 Rainbow
3 Sundra
Kinder Stevenson

Thursday 12 June

Prep Foster
Prep Chilcott/Walch

Friday 13 June

Kinder Lohrey
2 Nankervis
2 Coombes
1 Smith
1 Lloyd

Tuesday 17 June

1 Lloyd
Prep Foster
Prep Chilcott/Walch
2 Coombes
2 Nankervis
1 Smith
Kinder Lohrey

Thursday 19 June

6 Thow
5 Boxhall
5/6 Blundell
Kinder Stevenson

Friday 20 June

4 vanWinden
3 Sundra
3/4 Rainbow

Thank You
Lynda Colgrave
PE Teacher

Walk to School Day

Over 200 students, family members and I walked from South Launceston oval to Youngtown Primary School to acknowledge this national event. This is an extraordinary response from our school community! One of the highlights of the event was the true sense of community. The talking, walking with friends and simply having fun while exercising and then enjoying a cup of Milo at the end was a wonderful way to start the day. The other highlight was the sheer sight of seeing a long line of people walking along the street to school! Thank-you to all students, family members and school staff who participated in one of the largest school community gatherings I have been a part of in my time at YPS. Finally, to the Parent Association wonderfully organised by President Kim Barker for supplying and serving the Milos at the completion of the walk a big thank-you!

A few words from Kim

The School Association would like to thank Yvonne Fullbrook, Andrea and George McLachlan, Shehnila Irfan, and Cecilia Lourens for their help preparing Milos for the children who walked from South Launceston oval to the school.



CAR WASH Saturday 31st May



9.00am-12noon, in the school car park.

\$5 small car, \$10 large car, \$5 vacuum

Money raised is to support the Knox family. Car wash is being run by the youth from the Branch Christian Community Church.

Contact Elizabeth Poland 0429 949 389 for more information.

Cross Country Carnivals

Grade 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY

The grades 3-6 cross country carnival will be run at the Alma Street Park tomorrow at 9.00am (weather permitting). Please bring your child/children to the park at 8.45am.

The race order will be:

Grade 3 boys, grade 3 girls, grade 4 boys, grade 4 girls, grade 5 boys, grade 5 girls, grade 6 boys & grade 6 girls.

Kinder—Grade 2 Cross Country

Weather permitting Tuesday 3 June at 12noon

Thank you,
Lynda Colgrave

Launching Into Learning

Playgroup News

This week we welcomed a group of babies and their mums to playgroup. The group met for lunch on Wednesday in the



Kinder room. They will continue to meet on a weekly basis on Wednesdays between 12-1pm. Parents with babies are invited to join them. This is a great opportunity to meet and share parenting experiences. Please extend this invitation to neighbours and families with babies in our local community.

On Wednesday between 1.30-2.45 pm Playgroup is continues to be a busy place. Children from birth to 4 years of age enjoy a range of activities both inside and outside the Kinder room. The children can choose to paint, build, construct, do a puzzle, read, explore and develop friendships. Parents support their children as they learn and play. New families are most welcome.



For more information please contact the school office or Helen Abernethy on 63 413222

Lost at end of Term 1

Two Polar Fleece Jackets size 8 and size 12. Both Jackets are named. If found please return to the office.

Dance Baby Dance Songs

Steph from Palmer's Dance Studio has kindly provided a list of songs that our students are dancing to during their various Dance Baby Dance sessions. These can be found on both YouTube and iTunes for students to practice to at home if they wish.

Kinder – Grade 1

Hip Hop – Blame it on the Boogie by Michael Jackson

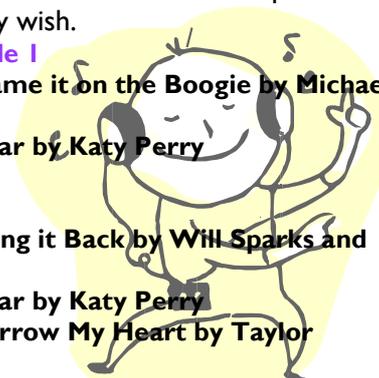
Cha Cha – Roar by Katy Perry

Grade 2 – 6

Hip Hop – Bring it Back by Will Sparks and Joel Fletcher

Cha Cha – Roar by Katy Perry

Cha Cha – Borrow My Heart by Taylor Henderson



REMINDER

As we still have a large number of outstanding invoices, over the coming weeks I will commence contacting parents/guardians in regards to outstanding invoices to seek a payment commitment. As stated in our 2014 Levy Structure booklet and as advertised in the newsletter, **outstanding accounts as at 30 May 2014 will be referred to the Department Of Education to lodge with an independent collection agency.**

Thank you to those parents who have commenced payment plans and are regularly making payments.

Jodi Clark
Jodi Clark | Acting School Business Manager

Exercise-A-Prize-A-Thon Tuesday 3 June & Wednesday 4 June

Dear Students and Families,
Times for the Exercise-A-Prize--Thon are as follows

Tuesday 3 June

9.10am to 9.50am =5A Boxhall & 3/4A Rainbow/Young
10.10am to 10.50am =3A Sundra & 5/6A Colson

Wednesday 4 June

9.10am till 9.50am =PrepA Foster/Abernethy & PrepB Chilcott/Walch
10.10am till 10.50am =1A Lloyd & 1B Smith
11.30am till 12.10pm =2B Coombes & 2A Nankervis
12.20pm till 1.00pm = 6A Thow & 4A vanWinden

The Oval may still be muddy so please bring a spare pair of shoes, socks and maybe even a set of spare clothes.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON THE YOUR LAP DAY.
FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO STUDENTS AFTER THEY HAVE
COMPLETED THEIR LAPS TO BRING HOME AND COLLECT ANY OUTSTAND-
ING MONEY.**

**All outstanding money must be returned to school no later than Friday 6th June to be
eligible for your
reward.**

Delivery of rewards will be before the end of Term 2.

All funds raised from this event will be going directly to our School Association
to help us provide valuable resources for ALL students!!

**Should you require another form they are available from the office. If you have any
questions regarding this day or would like to lend a much appreciated hand please
phone Peta on 0408 585 201 or Erica on 0439 795 898.**

2014 Dates for Your Diary

Monday 26 May –Thursday 29 May	National Child Oral health Survey Examinations.
Wednesday 28 May	School Association Meeting 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m.
Thursday 29 May	Grade 3-6 Cross Country Carnival Alma Street Park
Thursday 29 May	Prep-2 Assembly 1.40 1B Smith
Friday 30 May	Youngtown Primary School Footballers Depart school @ 12.55 for East Tamar Primary School, return at 2.25pm
Monday 2 June	Kings Meadows High School visit to Youngtown Primary School (Grade 6-7 transition event)
Monday 2 June	Dance Baby Dance
Tuesday 3 June	Kinder—Grade 2 Cross Country—12noon at Youngtown Primary School
Tuesday 3 June & Wednesday 4 June	School Association Exercise– A-Prize-A-Thon It may still be muddy on the oval please bring a spare pair of shoes and socks, maybe even a set of spare clothes
Thursday 5 June	3.20 Parent Meeting session (Grade 7 students) following visit from KMHS students on 2 June