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Dear Parents,

An Inspiring Visitor

We were delighted to have guest speaker and performer, Lorin Nicholson join us again on Monday. He began by offering a music workshop between recess and lunchtime. Many of our grade 5/6 children made the most of their opportunity to learn from such an amazing musician. Chloe and Sophie from Grade 5/6 Colson were enthusiastic participants finding the session to be of great value, not just for learning guitar, but for learning anything at all. Chloe describes how Lorin emphasised the need to start slow and small rather than long and fast to minimise making mistakes. Sophie shared how it was almost impossible to tell that Lorin is in fact blind just by the incredible way he plays his instrument. Both girls reiterated Lorin's key message that you can achieve anything you want no matter what the obstacles are, and if you really want to achieve something great – never give up. Chloe has been so inspired that she now keeps her guitar beside her bed to practise at any available opportunity.

During the afternoon Lorin presented his inspiring life story and shared some of his music to all children from prep to grade 6. Accompanied by his dad John, who supports Lorin on all his tours, Lorin shared his ideas about people, bullying, persistence, achieving and the challenges of being blind. I strongly encourage you to discuss with your children what they remember from Lorin's talk. In fact it would be worth learning more about his life and his music from his website- <http://lorinnicholson.com/> or type 'blind courage' into Youtube and watch a few of his video clips.

Student Leadership

This year the student leadership program will undergo some changes. We believe that this will expand opportunities and provide greater clarity and learning support for our senior children. There will be separate programs for grade 5 and grade 6 children. For grade 5 only, Mrs Colgrave will run an Aussie Sports Leader program where a group of 12 children will learn skills associated with planning and running sports activities for other children. Our Youngtown Student Leader (YSL) program will be run instead of the previous Youngtown Executive Leader (YTEL). The program will be headed by Mr Colson. This will be available to grade 6 children only. Both programs will offer training to extend children's leadership capacity. However there will be a different leadership focus for the two programs. Many of the roles undertaken by previous leaders will still exist, but there will

be greater emphasis placed on learning about leading and supporting other children with conflict resolution and restorative practice skills.

School Association AGM

Thank you to those parents who came along to our AGM last Wednesday evening. It was a very strong turn-out of parents – new and existing!

I'm pleased to announce that the following office bearers will continue in their respective roles for a further two years:

- Lisa Tatnell (Chairperson)
- Kim Barker (Vice Chairperson)
- Yvonne Fullbrook (Secretary)

Bravehearts Session

Once again we will be hosting the Bravehearts Program for children from prep – grade 3. Children will attend the "Ditto Show" – a live 30 minute interactive experience, designed to empower children with the skills and knowledge about how to keep safe. From the website...

"The program is fun, non-threatening and encourages student participation. Segments include:

- Yes and No feelings
- Your body's warning signs
- Scared and yucky feelings
- Private parts (general discussion, includes our "Private Parts" song)
- It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe
- Good and Bad secrets (includes our "Good and Bad Secrets" song)
- What to do if someone tells you a BAD secret (includes our "Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust" song)."

The sessions will take place on June 26 in the music room. More information can be found at the Bravehearts website: www.bravehearts.org.au.

Bravehearts will also be running a parents session on June 19th at 2:30pm in the GP Hall. Please help promote this date among our parents. Tim van Winden is the contact for further details. I will remind parents of this session closer to the time.

Troy Roberts
Principal



Student Validation Forms

This week, students will be bringing home **Student Validation Forms**. Could you please check these and make any amendments.

It is important to have the correct contact details for parents/guardians.

We ask that you check all information carefully **even if there have been no changes**, and update details where required.

In November 2011, a new computer system was implemented by the Department of Education at Youngtown Primary School, and during this process some of the details may have converted incorrectly.

In addition to this, you will note on the new validation forms that Emergency Contact details are no longer listed. It is a department requirement to ask parents/guardians to provide current emergency contacts **each year**.

These details can be placed on the form under the section 'Other Parent Guardian Relationship Information'. A **phone contact** and **address** must be provided for each person nominated. Thank you for assisting in this matter. Please return your child's form to their class or the office **by Thursday 5th April**.

All forms must be signed and returned to school.

Thank you for your assistance.

Well Done!!

Damian from grade 5/6 Boxhall and a few friends were playing at some bike jumps near Bluegum Street when he saw a wallet. He checked for details and after discovering who it belonged to, with the help of his dad Brian, made sure it was passed safely back to its owner. What a wonderful act of honesty and a great example of acting responsibly. Well done Damian!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 30 March 2012

9:10 AM 2 van Winden Class Excursion to Youngtown Regional Park Depart: 9.10am Leave Venue:1.15pm

Thursday, 5 April 2012

1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly
1/2 Nankervis to host

Friday, 6 April 2012

GOOD FRIDAY

Monday, 16 April 2012

STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday, 17 April 2012

8:30 AM School resumes after Easter Break

Thursday, 19 April 2012

9:00 AM Mrs Colgrave taking 5/6s to Alma Street Park for cross-country practice
2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
5/6 Colson to host

Friday, 20 April 2012

9:00 AM Mrs Colgrave taking 3/4s to Alma Street Park for cross-country practice

Thursday, 26 April 2012

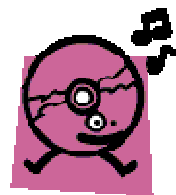
1:40 PM Prep - 2 Assembly
1/2 Lloyd to host

Tuesday, 1 May 2012

11:30 AM Kinder & Grade 6 immunisations

Wednesday, 2 May 2012

7:00 PM School Association Meeting (due to April's meeting falling on Anzac Day)



Did you miss out last year??

We still have some available to purchase.

Whole School Production DVD's for sale \$5.00 each.

Available from the school Office.

**HOME
BAKED
GOODS**

**TRASH
'N'
TREASURE**

**FACE
PAINTING**

**VARIOUS
HAND-MADE
PRODUCT
STALLS**

**BOOK
STALL**

**HOT
COFFEE -
PIZZA
STALL**

**SUGAR
N
SPICE**

MEADOWS MARKET

Saturday 21st April, 2012

8:00am - 2:00pm



- ⇒ A SHOWCASE OF 'KINGS MEADOWS HIGH SCHOOL HAS TALENT'
- ⇒ COMMUNITY STALLS
- ⇒ BARBECUE
- ⇒ FOOD HAMPER RAFFLE

STILL NEEDED - Volunteers (Can you spare an hour or more?)

Weekly meetings on Monday nights in the School Library 6:00pm. **ALL WELCOME!**

Seeking donations of:

- ◆ Non perishable food to add to food hamper
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Bric a Brac (clean and usable!)
- ◆ **PLEASE NO SECOND HAND CLOTHING**

**SPACES AVAILABLE - Starting from
\$25.00**

**To book a table or car space
Contact LAURALEA 0428 605 611
Or KMHS office 6343 1000**

**WHERE: Kings Meadows High School
Guy Street, Kings Meadows**



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Make Me A Cake Tas:

Youngtown school mum making cakes for all occasions - birthday, special occasion and cupcakes.

Any order welcome, big or small..

Free delivery in Launceston area, find us on facebook.

Please contact Lisa on 0417539090 or email at

makemeacaketas@y7mail.com

The Gonski Review

The biggest overhaul of schools funding in a generation. What will it mean for your kids school and our nations future? Facilitated by Polly McGee, Senior Lecturer in Commercialisation & Entrepreneurship, UTAS. Join the discussion with our guest speakers Terry Polglase, Australian Education Union, Stephen Norris, Principal, Launceston Church Grammar School, Anne Rybak, Finance Manager Catholic Education Tasmania.

7.00pm - 9.00pm, Thursday 29th March

Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, UTAS Newnham Campus

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Youngtown Little Athletics Club

This year we are selling the 2012/2013 Entertainment Book. They are \$60.00 with vouchers worth over \$15,000. If you would like to purchase one please contact Nigel or Alicia Freestone on 0419 368 856 or 0419 880 847.



Book club news!

Book Club forms are due back **next Wednesday 04th of April at 9am.**

Book orders will arrive back after the Easter Break.

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

Any queries please contact Lisa Tatnell, 0418364861

Courses offered by Relationships Australia Tasmania in partnership with Department of Education, Launceston LINC

Managing Anger at work and home:

New ways of dealing with emotions

Starting on Saturday 21 April @ 10-12noon

Effective Families:

Becoming a more effective family unit

Starting Thursday 10 May @ 6.30-8.30pm

Bookings through LINC Tasmania

For registration and fee information

6336 2802 (Launceston LINC)

www.learnxpress.linc.gov.au



Launching into Learning at YPS

Come along to our sessions:

1. Chat & Play (0-4 years)

Wednesday mornings 10.00 - 11.30am

\$3.00 per family, just bring along a smock, sun hat, snack and a drink.

2. Let's Move It (3-4 years)

Wednesday afternoons 2.00 - 2.45, come

along and join us this term for some moving and grooving.

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