

Dear Parents,

Mr Van Winden wins Prestigious NEiTA Award!

What an absolute thrill it is for me to officially announce that Mr Tim Van Winden has been awarded a 2012 Inspirational Teaching State and Territory award. Previously I announced what a wonderful achievement it was just to be nominated and then shortlisted! Now Mr V is just one of two Tasmanian teachers to be recognised nationally as an outstanding teacher and to be awarded a 2012 NEiTA People's Choice Teaching Award for our State. Mr V will receive his award at our final year assembly scheduled for 12:00pm on December 20. As always parents are welcome to attend this occasion.

These awards honour and applaud dedicated and inspiring teachers, who connect with their students, inspiring them to achieve to the best of their abilities. They recognise those teachers who create innovative teaching environments, and who develop in students a long-lasting love of learning, stimulate creativity and innovative thinking, promote and encourage student empowerment and self-belief, and have a positive influence on colleagues and the community. These qualities are characteristic of our teaching team here at Youngtown Primary and I know that our parents whose children have been taught by Mr V would well recognise these qualities in his work.

On behalf of our school community I would like to congratulate Mr V on this wonderful achievement and I would like to thank the member of our school community, for not only recognising Mr V's outstanding contribution to our school, but for taking the time to make the nomination.

Update on Class Structures for 2013

With some changes to our projected 2013 enrolment we have changed the class structures for next year. Whilst we are confident that these will not change, there is no guarantee as we are not able to predict with enough accuracy what our enrolment numbers will be in February. The class structures are as follows:

2 x kinder	1 x prep
1 x prep/1	1 x grade 1
1 x grade 1/2	1 x grade 2
1 x grade 3	1 x grade 3/4
1 x grade 4	2 x grade 5s
2 x grade 6s	

The Basket Brigade

Once again we are asking families to support this important initiative which has been organised by Carolyn Day. It involves collecting food items which will go into Christmas Baskets to support those families that need a little extra help this time of year. All that is required is one thing from your pantry. The bin will be located in the corridor outside Mrs Brady's classroom. It would be wonderful if we could present to the organisers of this initiative another bin full of goodies when they come to collect in mid December.

LSSSA Team Announced



I am pleased to announce that 2 of our students have been selected in the LSSSA Athletics team to compete in the State competition on Wednesday December 5. Cate Lehner has sprinted her way into the 200 metres, 100 metres competitions and possibly the relay.

Jaiden Zeeman has also been selected to compete in the 100metres. This is an outstanding result for both athletes who will begin their team training at St Leonards tonight after school.

Seeking Your Support

We are very lucky here at school to be able to offer a very reliable school banking program. This is only possible because of the dedication of two parents – Mrs Kerri Camino and Mrs Karina Brooks. Together they spend each Friday morning running this highly successful program which introduces children to the concept of saving money. I know that you will join me in expressing our gratitude to Mrs Brooks and Mrs Camino for their dedication to Youngtown Primary school. At the end of this year Mrs Brooks will finish in this role as her daughter Monique moves onto high school. Naturally we are keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in taking this volunteer role on. If you think you can help out, or you would like to know more please contact our school office on 6341 3222.

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Final School Association Meeting POSTPONED

Tonight's scheduled School Association Meeting has been moved to this Friday morning at 9.00am in the Meeting Room 2. This is due to a number of members being unavailable tonight. Our apologies for any inconvenience this change causes.

Hobart Triathlon

Last Wednesday our school was one of just two Northern Tasmanian schools to have students competing in the Schools Triathlon Challenge held at Bellerive. This opportunity was only made possible because Mr Muir and Ms How teamed up during our grade 5/6 options program to run a short course in triathlon training culminating in this event. The group of grade 5/6 children set off early with Mr Karas, Ms How and Mr Muir and were simply amazed by the magnitude of the competition with over 2500 competitors. The children showed some remarkable endurance and impressed their mentors with their personal courage and commitment. Both staff and children found the overall experience to be fantastic and they came back to school with big plans for next year!

Netiquette

On Thursday last week all grade 4 – 6 children sat through a drama performance which highlighted the inherent dangers of children engaging with strangers via the internet. The performance was delivered with great clarity and I would encourage you to spend some time discussing the important messages conveyed. It is also a timely reminder that we as parents, need to keep well attuned to our children's online activity.

Troy Roberts
Principal

Answers to Some Questions that have arisen with School Uniform!!

- The new polo top can be worn with grey shorts, thus replacing the blue shirt.
- Size 16 will be available in the new navy shorts



2013 Student Assistance Scheme (STAS)

The scheme provides assistance for low-income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled from kindergarten through to senior secondary level.

The scheme provides assistance to:

- Full-time students from kindergarten to senior secondary level in Government and registered non-Government schools whose parents/guardians meet the income test and have care of the student for a minimum of 50% of the time (as assessed by Centrelink)
- Students who are in "Out of Home Care" through the Department of Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Section
- Grandparents raising grandchildren

Income assessment is applied to parents/guardians of dependent students applying for assistance under the scheme. Independent students are required to meet the income test and also provide proof of their independent status. The income test used for the scheme is included on the application form each year.

No. of Dependent Children	Income Per Week	Annual Income
1	\$586	\$30,513
2	\$675	\$35,073
3	\$768	\$39,980
4	\$869	\$45,189
5	\$975	\$50,762
6	\$1,095	\$56,940
7	\$1,213	\$63,117
8*	\$1,334	\$69,297

The income test table used for the STAS 2012 is shown below:

*For more than 8 children, add \$123 per week or \$6,204 per annum for each additional dependent.

Families who have been in receipt of STAS 2012 will receive correspondence regarding STAS 2013 directly from the Department this week. Letters to 2012 STAS recipients will advise them if they have been approved or not approved for STAS 2013.

For new parents wishing to apply please go the website below or collect a form from the school office.

<http://www.education.tas.gov.au/school/parents/costs/assistance/stas>



The ABC Giving Tree

Starting next week, we will be collecting wrapped gifts for the ABC Giving Tree. This is a charity we have supported for many years at Youngtown. In fact, we were the first school to be associated with the Giving Tree.

Representatives will visit our school to collect gifts on **Monday December 10th**. A wrapped gift, with a tag stating whether the gift is for a boy or girl and the approximate age it would suit would be deeply appreciated. These can be placed under the tree in the foyer.



To back up his successful National debut earlier this year Dominic competed in the State Weightlifting Championships on Saturday and successfully lifted 20 kg snatch and a PB of 30kg in the clean and jerk and a PB total of 50kg. Dominic won the State Novice Championships medal as well the Best overall Novice award that is given to the best novice lifter throughout the year.
Well done Dominic!

"Students who have recently received 60 Token Certificate"

Congratulations to the following students:

Lilly Boon
Anna Day
Bailey Kerrison
Mitchell Long
Lachlan Shellard
Chloe Austin
Ashton Harris
Dylan Jones
Isabella Keating
Campbell Young
Ella Zacharyga



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 29 November 2012

1:40 PM P - 2 Assembly
PrepA Abernethy to host

Friday, 30 November 2012

9:00 AM Grade 1/2 Excursion to Trevallyn Dam & the Gorge for lunch

9.00 AM School Association Meeting

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

Monday, 3 December 2012

Fire Safety Program commences in GP Room For Preps - Grade 6's

9:30 AM Kinder Hewitt excursion to QV Museum & lunch at City Park

Thursday, 6 December 2012

9:15 AM Prep A & Prep B Excursion to Hagley Farm School Depart school - 9.15am
Leave venue - 2.30pm

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
3/4A & 3/4B Hemelaar & Brady to host

7.00 PM Presentation Evening at Punchbowl Christian Centre

Friday, 7 December 2012

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

Monday, 10 December 2012

9:30 AM Grade 5/6 Thow excursion to QVMAG Royal Park Depart 9.30am Leave venue 11.30pm

10.00 AM ABC Giving Tree here

11:00 AM Grade 5/6 Boxhall excursion to QVMAG Royal Park Leave venue 1.00pm

Tuesday, 11 December 2012

8:30 AM Pre-order Uniforms Due back today

Wednesday, 12 December 2012

9:00 AM Grade 1/2s Excursion to QVMAG, Royal Park Leave venue 2.15pm

Thursday, 13 December 2012

11:00 AM Grade 5/6 Colson excursion to QVMAG Royal Park Leave venue 1.00pm

Friday, 14 December 2012

Reports go home

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

Monday, 17 December 2012

6:00 PM Grade 6 Leavers Dinners at the Abel Tasman

Tuesday, 18 December 2012

3.00 PM Art Inquiry Sharing Sessions
3.00 -4.00pm

Youngtown Primary End of Year BBQ

Wednesday, 19 December 2012

11:30 AM Prep A & B Excursion to Evandale Park
Leave venue 2.00pm

Thursday, 20 December 2012

12.00 PM Whole School Assembly

3.00 PM Last Day of Term for students

Schoolkids Bonus

Starting from 1 January 2013, the Australian Government is introducing the Schoolkids Bonus which will help eligible Australian families and students with kids at school pay for expenses such as uniforms, books, excursions, specialist lessons and fees.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return – and you get the full amount upfront.

You will receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a student in primary or secondary school, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit A
- Youth Allowance (student)
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment*
- Parenting Payment*
- Special Benefit*
- Education allowances under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus.

* Pending the passing of legislation through Parliament

From January 2013, you will be paid the Schoolkids Bonus in January and July.

Each year, eligible families will receive:

- \$410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of \$205) and
- \$820 for each child in high school (paid in two instalments of \$410).
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If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A, you will also receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.

More information

Website: humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus or

Phone: 13 6150

2013 Term Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 5th Feb - Friday 19th April
(Easter Friday 29th March-Tuesday 2nd April)

Term 2

Monday 6th May - Friday 5th July

Term 3

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th Sept

Term 4

Monday 14th Oct - Thursday 19th Dec

Student Free days 2013

Wednesday 27th February (Launceston Cup)

Thursday 28th March

Friday 19th April

Monday 22nd July

Friday 25th October

School Association Meeting **POSTPONED !!**

*This meeting will now be held this Friday,
9.00am in the Meeting Room 2.*

Among other things we will be discussing
chaplaincy for 2013.

I would like to remind all parents that you
are more than welcome to attend any of the
school association meetings where we value
the opportunity to hear your
thoughts and ideas.

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