

Dear Parents,

## Positive Behaviour Support - a key to our success

Youngtown Primary is well renowned throughout our education community as a leader in the area of Positive Behaviour Support (PBS). It was therefore quite fitting that the final workshop conducted by the PBS network was held here in our GP Hall on Monday. Mr Bergamin, Mr Van Winden and Mr Karas, who lead PBS here at Youngtown Primary, presented to the group of educators (from both primary and secondary schools) about the theory behind the approach and also the way in which it has evolved here at our school. Our multifaceted approach to teaching successful social and emotional skills and promoting positive behaviours is critical to achieving great learning outcomes. The ongoing improvement of our PBS approach therefore remains a key priority for us in 2012.

## When will reports go home?

Our end of year reports will go home with children on Friday December 9. Teachers have spent the past few weeks preparing reports that are both informative and comprehensive. They will provide detailed information about your child's progress in literacy and numeracy and will include the learning that has been covered across all other curriculum areas. Information about your child's class placement for 2012 will also be included.

## Grade 1/2s out and about!

For Mrs Lloyd's class it has been a particularly busy time with three excursions in three days! I spoke with Fletcher, Chloe and Thomas to find out all about it. On Friday last week the class met up with their Kings Meadows High buddy class and went to the Punchbowl reserve. It began with a steep walk down from the top car-park and Thomas described it as a 'scorching day'. They broke into small groups and took part in a range of activities and fun games. Fletcher particularly enjoyed a game where they had to keep a balloon in the air by tapping it to each other.

On Monday they went to watch 'Little Red in the Hood' at the Princess Theatre. They were accompanied by Mrs Coombe's class. It was a very funny version of the original fairy-tale that included some dancing. The funniest thing according to Chloe was when the wolf was chasing Little Red Hood around the room and he kept slipping over and he was wearing a tutu.

Yesterday the class walked to Allan's Nursery to discover more about plants, germination and even some things about the nursery. Thomas was especially surprised that a Spanish moss could grow without soil!

## Prep/I visit to Kings Meadows High

On Monday Mrs Abernethy's class walked down to Kings Meadows High to spend time with Mrs Fiona Crocker's grade 9 and 10 Child Studies class. They spent the morning cooking up treats like Christmas biscuits and even a large ginger bread house. The visit was a part of an ongoing liaison between the two classes this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young children to interact and engage with the high school students and obviously provides a great practical experience for Mrs Crocker's class to experience working with young children. Mrs Abernethy is delighted with the caring manner in which the older students have connected with her class and she hopes that this link can continue next year.



## Our very own acting talent!

I've just discovered yet another talent among our student population – an up and coming actress from grade 4 called Brenna. Brenna has been playing the role of the Cheshire cat in the well-known production of Alice in Wonderland. Brenna has been learning about acting and rehearsing for the production as a part of her involvement in Second Storey Youth Theatre (SSYT). The production took place on November 21 and 22 at the Annex Theatre. Brenna performed for four shows to audiences including school children and the general public. Brenna found being on stage was a great feeling after overcoming some initial nerves. She also enjoyed the opportunity to make some new friends. Brenna is resolved to continue on her path of acting with the hope of appearing in performances by the SSYT next year and beyond. She is also hopeful that some of her classmates might join her!

## ABC Giving Tree

The ABC Giving tree has grown into Tasmania's largest Christmas charity with collection points across the state including our school. The gifts that are placed under our tree here at school will be distributed to families in need ensuring that all Tasmanian children this year enjoy the thrill of unwrapping a gift! It would be wonderful if you could share this initiative with your children and involve them in the experience of buying and wrapping a mall gift to donate. Indicate on the gift whether it is for a boy or a girl.

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### **The Basket Brigade**

Another great initiative to support families in need at Christmas is the Basket Brigade. Last year our community managed to fill a wheelie bin full of food items to go into the Christmas baskets. All that is required is just one thing from your pantry. This year the bin is located in the main corridor near Mrs Hudson's classroom – it's a little empty at present. It would be great if we could present to the organisers of this initiative another bin full of goodies when they come to collect on December 8.

### **After School Care for 2012**

I'm pleased to announce that Pedder Patter will again be offering after-school care here at Youngtown Primary School in 2012. However the current numbers are only just enough to sustain the service. If you are considering using this service in 2012 or would simply like to know more about it could you please make contact with Pedder Patter on 6344 9993.

*Troy Roberts*  
*Principal*

### **The ABC Giving Tree**



We have started 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 school to collect gifts on **Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **PBS Free Dress Day**

Two students have activated the Free Dress Day for the whole school for reaching 60 tokens.

Children are able to wear neat casual clothes if they wish. Clothing should include sensible shoes, long sleeve tops or t-shirts (no singlet tops) and no make-up or jewellery. Broad brimmed school hats are required for outside use.

The dates are:

- **Friday 2nd December &**
- **Friday 9th December**

A coin donation (silver or gold) is required for children to participate.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Thursday, 1 December 2011**

Youngtown Yummies Day

### **Friday, 2 December 2011**

Taekwondo using Multi-Purpose room  
4.30-6.00pm

PBS Free Dress Day Coin donation

10:00 AM 5/6 Thow excursion to Queen Victoria Museum

10:30 AM Welcome to Kinder Party,  
10.30am - 12.00pm

### **Monday, 5 December 2011**

10:00 AM 5/6 Colson excursion to Queen Victoria Museum

3:15 PM Volunteers Thankyou Afternoon Tea.

### **Tuesday, 6 December 2011**

10:00 AM 5/6 Boxhall excursion to Queen Victoria Museum

### **Wednesday, 7 December 2011**

Drama/PE/Music final production  
@ Door of Hope

### **Thursday, 8 December 2011**

Final Youngtown Yummies Day for 2011

2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly  
5/6 Colson to host

### **Friday, 9 December 2011**

PBS Free Dress Day Coin donation

Taekwondo using Multi-Purpose room  
4.30-6.00pm

### **Monday, 12 December 2011**

9:15 AM 1/2 Lloyd & Coombes excursion to Low Head Depart: 9.15am

10.00 AM ABC Giving Tree coming today

### **Tuesday, 13 December 2011**

Youngtown Primary End of Year BBQ

### **Wednesday, 14 December 2011**

All day practise - Grade 5's attending & all Grade 6's at Punchbowl Christian Centre.

7.00 PM Grade 6 Leavers Presentation Evening at Punchbowl Christian Centre

### **Monday, 19 December 2011**

6:30 PM Grade 6 Leavers' Dinner

### **Wednesday, 21 December 2011**

End of Term 3 for students

# One Week Until Production

## **Tickets**

Tickets are selling fast, so ensure you don't miss out and purchase your ticket to see "Around the World" for \$5 at the school office.

## **Important Information**

Again, we are fortunate that the Door of Hope has a large Car Park. We have organised Car Park Attendants for the evening to ensure transport can run as smoothly as possible. However, please be patient as there will be lots of traffic on the evening.

**The doors will open at 3.45pm for a prompt start at 4pm.** It is usually theatre etiquette that the doors remain closed once a show has commenced. However, we will allow people who are late into the theatre **ONLY** in between items so that it does not intimidate and distract our young performers or disturb the audience constantly.

**At the end of the 4pm show we will need to ask our audience to leave the venue promptly. This is because as all of our young performers from Prep – Grade 6 as well as staff will need to go to the bathroom before we commence the next show.** We hope you understand that all of our staff and students will have been in the theatre for nearly 2 hours and they will need a bathroom break before we can allow the audience in for our second show. We ask that you please congratulate your children in person when you collect them after the second show at 7pm, this is so that we can avoid congestion, give students the toilet break they will need and keep the second performance running on time. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

## **Collecting your child at 7pm**

Our Youngtown children will stay inside the theatre with their teachers after the second show. For our student's safety, when you collect your child, please ensure you mark their name off their teacher's attendance register. You will then need to go to another room to collect your child's school bag before heading home.

## **Your checklist for the production day:**

please ensure you have:

- packed your child's theatre blacks in a plastic bag in their school bag.
  - packed plenty of food and drink for the long school day.
  - female students please pack a hair brush and a few spare hair elastics.
  - please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled, in the event that they lose something at the venue.
  - some parents indicated that their child will have their asthma medication in their school bag, please ensure it is packed.
- Please do not bring DS/ Game Boys or valuables to be taken to the Door of Hope.*

## **Kinder and Production DVD**

Kindergarten students have been filmed for their sharing for the Whole School Production. The footage will be available on our Whole School Production DVD, which will have the kinder dance as well as footage from the live performances. The DVD will go on sale post production, date to be advised. The DVD will be only \$5 and might be a great christmas present for family and friends who are unable to attend the performance, or simply for a lovely memento of their production experience.

## **THANK YOU's**

A special thank you to Felicity Brown her Grade 9 Costume Class from Scotch Oakburn College who created costumes for our show as a part of a community service project. Thank you to the small group of parents and volunteers who came and helped at our costume Busy Bee last term. Thank You Peta Reitsma, Erica Dobson and Lisa Tatnell for volunteering support on the evening. Thank you to ALL of the staff at Youngtown Primary from the administration team, to our handy maintenance men, who have supported the production in so many ways. .

Finally, we would like to thank all of the parents and carers for organising your child's costume and for supporting the production. You have all made our production possible and we can't wait for you to see the children having fun on the stage.

***Mrs Lynda Colgrave, Mrs Sandra Seen and Miss Bindy Stephens ☺***



## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### **Waverley Primary School Fair**

You are all invited to join the Waverley School community on Saturday 3rd December from 11.00am - 3.00pm. Lots of great food & fun activities for the whole family. We look forward to seeing you there for a great day. All welcome! All enquiries please contact the School Office on 6339 1455.

### **Carols at the Bowl**

Saturday 17th December, 2011. Carols start at 7.30pm, Punchbowl Christian Centre. Includes a performance by the 'Harmonic Minors and The Fellas'.

### **Amy Road School Holiday Program 2012**

For children 5yrs to 12 yrs. Tuesday 3rd January until Monday 13th February 2012. 8.00am - 6.00pm, (Government Benefits available to eligible families). To book please phone 6341 1555. Proudly supported by Northern Children's Network.

### **Bunnings Launceston Christmas Family Night!!**

6.00pm to 8.00pm, Bookings essential, please phone 6345 2400. Free activities for all the family, Jumping castle, Balloon artist, slot car racing ice-cream van, face painting, loads of Christmas craft. Free sausage sizzle.

### **Door of Hope's Christmas Production**

FREE Kids Christmas Party after 10.00am production. Sunday 11th December, 10.00am & 4.00pm.

### **HawksNest Christmas Sale at Aurora Stadium**

Check out the Hawks new change rooms and office facilities. Fun activities for the kids, make your very own Hawks badge. Discounted Christmas shopping. Friday 9th December 10.00am - 6.00pm, Saturday 10th December 10.00am - 5.00pm.

Present this coupon during the Hawks Christmas Sale at Aurora Stadium to receive

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## Home Reading Program

Congratulations to our wonderful Youngtown Readers.



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