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Dear Parents,

2014 Student Leaders announced

It is my pleasure to announce to you our Grade 6 Student Leaders for 2014. Overall there were 32 grade 6 children who nominated to become student leaders. Each of these children delivered a speech to the grade 3-6 students. The quality of our candidates was outstanding, in fact I believe they were the very best speeches I have heard so far. It was tough that there were only 12 places. After an election that involved all grade 3-6 children and school staff the following children were voted in as this year's leaders:

Jessica Hawkins, Kate McCormack, Harley Crawford, Amelia Bevan, Chelsie Ferrall, Eloise McKercher, Tayla Ockwell, Oliver Dobson, Lucas Galvin-Ridge, Amy Barker, Hayden Walmsley, Kieran Tatnell.

Our student leaders will be presented with their badges at tomorrow's grade 3-6 assembly at 2pm in the GP Hall. Parents of our student leaders are invited to attend. Throughout the year our student leaders will meet weekly to develop their leadership skills and to plan for the various roles they will play in our school. They will also attend a leadership conference with leaders from other local schools on Thursday April 3.

Parent /Teacher Discussions

This week you will have received early notice of our upcoming Parent/Teacher discussions which will take place during the week commencing March 24. At these meetings parents will also receive a progress report. We believe this is a critical point in every child's learning journey this year. The focus of these conversations will be on strengthening the important link between home and school. After all we know that your child's learning outcomes are enhanced when there is a strong connection between learning at school and at home. The main focus of the conversation will be on a particular learning goal for your child. Your child's teacher will describe the learning goal, how this goal will be supported in the classroom and, importantly, how you can support your child's progress towards this goal at home. The progress statement will also include a rating against various measures of your child's skills in learning, socialising and cooperating.

It is essential that you return the letter with your preferences for times as soon as possible. The timetabling of these discussions is quite a complex task for teachers.

Move Well, Eat Well

On Tuesday February 18 our teaching staff enjoyed a presentation by Katrina Archer about an initiative of the Department of Health and Human Services called 'Eat Well, Move Well'. As the name suggests this is an initiative aimed at promoting healthy eating and physical exercise for all children.

There are 6 key messages promoted through this initiative which we as a school want to spread throughout our school community.

1. **Tap into water every day.** Aim to increase water consumption and reduce the consumption of sweet drinks. Drinking water instead of sweet drinks provides hydration for concentration and learning and also promotes healthy teeth.

2. **Plant fruit and vegetables in the lunchbox.** Fruit and vegetables provide essential nutrients for healthy eyes, skin and hair and protects against many diseases.

3. **Limit "sometimes" occasional' foods.**

The aim is to decrease foods such as soft drinks, chips, chocolates, and lollies and other high-energy foods and drinks. Limiting these foods enables children to fill up on nutritious foods and drinks required for growth and lifelong health,

4. **Move, play and go!**

Increase physical activity as this promotes a longer, healthier life. Other benefits include increased fitness, motor skills and confidence.

5. **Turn off, switch to play.**

Aim to decrease screen time (eg television, electronic games and computers) and increase active play.

6. **Stride and ride.** Walking and riding are great ways to increase physical activity.

To learn more about this initiative visit their website at www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au

Troy Roberts
Principal

'SPARK' PROFILE

Name: Jonte and Hunter

Teacher: 5Boxhall and 2Coombes



Our 'Spark' is: Jiu-Jitsu

Jonte and Hunter have discovered that one of their sparks is a martial art known as jiu-jitsu. According to Wikipedia Jiu-jitsu is a martial art, combat sport, and a self-defense system that focuses on grappling and especially ground fighting

How did I get started? Jonte and Hunter began learning this sport about 6 months ago and have been training once a week under the watchful eye of their coach Cain.

What I Love about it:

Jonte finds it to be a very athletic activity requiring him to do sit-ups, push-ups, wrestle, do forwards and backwards rolls and build up his strength. For Hunter the best part is the wrestling – he loves the competitive side of the sport. For Jonte the best part is having fun and making new friends who like the same sorts of things.

Main Highlights:

On the weekend they competed in their very first competition in Ulverstone where Hunter came second and Jonte third in their respective age groups – an impressive result for their first competition!

What Next?

Both boys have their sights set on achieving the next belt. Both Hunter and Jonte highly recommend giving this sport a try to see if it could be your spark too!

From our new Chaplain.

Seeing I am new to the school I thought I would briefly introduce myself.

I am really excited to be working at Youngtown Primary School. My role in the school is to serve the staff and families in caring for the students.

Part of that role will be teaching a Values Ed. Program with short lessons on a fortnightly basis for prep- 6 students.

The focus to start with is the topic of RESPECT. Watch out for a visual display of what we have been discussing along the hallway from the music room.... I am calling it a WALL OF RESPECT.

I am also coordinating a mentoring program called Kids Hope. A number of students will have a mentor from a local church that meets with them for an hour once a week. It promises to be a way of fostering positive relationships with some of our students. I am also excited to be able to help out with Breakfast Club on a Thursday.

Friday afternoons I will be taking an OPTIONS program looking at ways of fostering Community Service.

I am at the school every Thursday and Friday, with my office opposite the music room. Please feel free to drop in and say "hi".



Elizabeth Poland
School Chaplain

THANKYOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A special thank-you to all of the volunteers that helped to weed and clean the outdoor classroom. Without the help of these volunteers we would not have been able to start teaching in the garden so early. Thank-you to Cecila Lourens, Lisa Tatnell, Alicia Freestone, Jane Bergamin, Sarah Normington, Rachel Alberti, Claire and Tevita Polutele, Simone Walker and Nicole Woodfield

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014

The grades 3-6 athletics carnival will be held at the South Launceston Football ground on Wednesday March 12th. The carnival will begin at 8.30am. **If there are any parents who are able to help could you please leave your name at the office or email me** (lynda.colgrave@education.tas.gov.au).

The Kinder – grade 2 carnival will be held at Youngtown Primary on Monday 17th March. Tabloid events will be from 9.15am to 11.00am and races will be starting at 11.30am

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Grade 3-6 parents by now you should have received a notice about the primary athletics carnival, asking you if you are able to get your child/ren to the South Launceston Oval by 8.15am on Wednesday 12th March. Please only return the form if you are UNABLE to do so and we will try to organise alternative arrangements. The form needs to be back by tomorrow.

HELP!!

The carnival takes a lot of organisation and there are many jobs to fill. If you are able to help out at the carnival, please leave your name at the office as soon as possible so I can assign jobs.

Sports Leaders 2014

Maddison Woodfield, Jonte Lee, Chloe Vanderheide, Phoebe Withington, Leah Fullbrook, Zoe Walker, Michael Lange, Mia Bockholt-Allardice, Grace Gillow, Jared Galvin-Ridge, Mollie Carver, Alex Austin, Jaiden Zeeman, Bailey Mitchell

Students will be presented with Leadership badges at Assembly on Thursday. Parents are welcome to attend.

YPS NEWSLETTER TERM 2

In Term 2 we hope to stop printing out and distributing our newsletters. We have lots of options. Make sure you are getting your newsletter in the way that works for you.

Options:

Weekly newsletter is available on at <http://education.tas.edu.au/youngtownprimary>

Request a copy via email. If you would like this to happen please contact the office Phone 63 413222 or email: youngtown.primary@education.tas.gov.au

If you would still like to receive a paper copy please contact the office with a request and it will be sent home via the eldest/only child in your family.

School Association News

Book Fair is on the way from 13th to 19th March.

Families and friends are more than welcome to come and have a look.

Every dollar spent helps our school earn great rewards.

Hope to see you all there.

If you think you can help out at all on any of these days contact Lisa Tatnell on 0418364861.

School Association News

Due to the fact that we have so much happening at the moment we have decided not to go ahead with the Welcome back BBQ. We are however planning to have a school wide lunch sausage sizzle on Monday 17th of March to coincide with the Junior athletic carnival.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2014 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2014 are Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child’s results and a comparison of their child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how their child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2014 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2012.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at:

<http://www.nap.edu.au>

Youngtown Primary School Crossing Guard Volunteer

Volunteer Crossing Guard needed on Napier Street for mornings and Afternoons.

A training session will be provided for you at Youngtown Primary School, you will also be required to have a medical and Police Check



----- ROAD SAFETY OPERATIONS BRANCH -----
SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICERS

***Before School Care
Pedder Patter***

If you are interested in Before School Care at Youngtown Primary School please notify the school with your interest.

For Fees and Charges contact Pedder Patter on 63 449993

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

2014 Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday	8.45am - 9.15am
Tuesday	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Thursday	8.45am - 9.15am
	2.30pm - 3.00pm

2014 Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 12 March	Grade 3-6 Athletic Carnival
Monday 17 March	Kinder-Grade 2 Athletic Carnival
Tuesday 18 March	8.00am MSP Photography here today
Wednesday 19 March	Performance Solid State Circus Prep – 6 from Young Australia
Thursday 20 March	Prep – 2 Assembly 1.40 2A Mrs Nankervis
Tuesday 25 March	Performance “Ananse Stories” Young Australia Workshop Grades 3-6 9.30 & 11.30am
Wednesday 26 March	Grades 3A, 3-4A & 4A Excursion to Hagley Farm School Depart 9.00a.m return to school by 3.00pm
Tuesday 1 April	School Association AGM



Say Cheese

MSP Photography are on the way!

**School Photo Day is :
Tuesday 18th March - Whole
School**

HAVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL MEMORIES
CAPTURED FOREVER.

Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP envelopes and remember these helpful points.

- **Online ordering is now available:**

Logon to www.msp.com.au and click on ORDER ONLINE.

Place your order using the online system
- Family /sibling photos cannot be ordered online

- Family discount cannot be claimed for online orders

- Record your Reference Number on your child's envelope

- **Do not seal envelopes inside each other.**

You can pay for all of your children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.

- Family envelopes and family discount forms are available at the school office upon request.

- Please enclose correct money as change is unable to be issued. Cash, credit cards, cheque and money orders are accepted. Credit cards can only be used for payment when ordering online

- All children should return their envelope on photo day whether they are ordering photos or not.

Envelopes will be coming home this week with you child

Please feel free to contact MSP Photography direct if you have any queries.

**MSP Photography
Ph: 03 6231 5880**

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.

Due to Department policies 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 Friday 21 March 2014**.

All forms must be signed and returned to school.

Thank you for your assistance.

MIND MOVES CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT

WHEN
MARCH 22nd, 2014
9:00am - 1:30 pm (depending on the amount of entrants)
Registrations closes at 9:30am, so please arrive early

WHERE
Windsor Community Centre
Community Hall - Area 3
1 Windsor Drive, RIVERSIDE, Launceston, 7250

TO ENTER - email: dawidaeandshawn@bigpond.com
- Name & Surname - Date of Birth - Contact number
- Or call Dawida on 0417981770

WWW.MINDMOVES.INFO
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MINDMOVESCHESSCLUB

ALL CHILDREN 5-18 YEARS OLD WELCOME TO ENTER
- MAXIMUM 60 ENTRIES

ENTRY FEES:
\$5 per child

ENTRIES CLOSE:
MARCH 8TH

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!
TROPHIES/MEDALS/CERTIFICATES
CASH PRIZE FOR TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH DIVISION
- Primary School Division (U8 and U12)
- Secondary School Division

The National Child Oral Health Survey is here!

Your school has kindly agreed to participate in the National Child Oral Health Survey. Over the next few weeks, your child may bring home an invitation to be a part of this important Study.

The Survey will take a snap shot of the current oral health status of our 5 – 14 year olds and will assist in planning future dental services for the Australian child population.

If your child is selected, they will bring home a survey questionnaire for you to complete and post back in the envelope provided. Our dental professionals will visit your school at a later date and will examine your child's teeth.

The dental examination will not involve any treatment and will take place at your school. However, should our clinicians detect an area of concern, you will be notified so that you can seek treatment through the public dental service or the family dentist.

If your child is selected, we hope you will consent to their inclusion in the study.

We can't do this without you!



MUSIC PARTY/WORKSHOP

Music games, Prizes, Performance (for those who learn an Instrument) and Party food. Learn Theoretical components of Music through games including; Ladders, Pass the Parcel, Musical Bingo, the Memory game and more. Plus come on a Treasure Hunt through the garden! Loads of fun for children aged 4-12years.

WHEN? Sunday 16th March

TIME? 3-5PM

WHERE? Riverside - addressed advised on Application

COST? \$15 for the first Child and just \$5 for each additional Child/Sibling

BE QUICK! LIMITED SPOTS

Email: Robbiewilson75@hotmail.com

Or Phone 0400 070 375

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