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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

Congratulations to all families for the manner in which children have returned to school – enthusiastic and ready for learning! It is always difficult for families transitioning from the routine of holidays and back into the routine of school.

I would like to thank those families who attended the ANZAC march on April 25. Youngtown Primary certainly enjoyed the best gathering of children for the march of any school and it was a grand opportunity to show off our new uniform. Bailey Wells and Melina Fullbrook carried our banner with pride, and Jasmine Chapple and Sarah Robins stayed for the service and laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.

From our Parent Forum.....

One of the questions posed to parents at the forum was:

What things would you like for your child to gain from their primary school experience?

Naturally there was a wide ranging response to this question – reflecting individual needs of children and differing family values. However there were also some clear threads of commonality – in particular two broad areas emerged as being high in priority.

The first and most prominent desire for parents is for our children to develop their social, emotional and personal capabilities. This includes friendship skills, broad social skills, and the emotional skills to self-manage. This area of learning and development is prominent in the Australian Curriculum and is central to our work here on Positive behaviour Support. By spending time nurturing these important capabilities children will leave primary school as confident, happy and resilient individuals who adopt a 'can do' attitude to all areas of their lives. It is very heartening indeed that this important area of child development is as high on the list of priorities for primary schooling for our parents as it is for the staff here at school.

The second emerging thread from our parent forum relates to those critical academic skills that are also critical to future success as learners and workers. In particular literacy and numeracy are considered by our parents to be essential foundations to be nurtured at primary school. Another key consideration in the development of learning programs here

at school is to provide opportunity for children to experience a wide range of topics and learning areas so that their individual interests and talents can emerge and flourish. Through our curriculum there should also be an emphasis on developing important cognitive skills such as problem solving.

Dance Baby Dance

The 8-week Dance Baby Dance program began on Monday. Andrew Palmer and his dancing colleague Laurel Atkins will lead children through this high energy dancing experience which will culminate in a dancing showcase on the evening of June 27 at the Door of Hope Church main auditorium. Further details of this evening will be provided closer to the date.

Mother's Day Stall

A reminder that the student leaders will be holding a Mother's Day stall here at school on Thursday and Friday this week. The stall will be located in the GP Hall foyer (outside Miss Boxhall's classroom) during break times. Each grade will have a certain time that they can attend and they will only have the one opportunity to make their purchases. All items are \$5 or less. The timetable is published further in this newsletter.

NAPLAN testing next week

On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of next week all grade 3 & 5 children will complete four NAPLAN tests. On Tuesday they will complete two tests - Language Conventions & Writing. On Wednesday they will complete a Reading test and they will finish with a Numeracy test on Thursday. This year classroom teachers will be able to support the administration of the tests. This is the first time that this will be possible because we have primarily straight classes.

Included with this newsletter is a pamphlet that provides parents with more information.

Troy Roberts
Principal

Crazy Hair & Pyjama Day

The Student Leaders would like to thank those who participated in the Crazy Hair & Pyjama Day held last term. We were excited to donate \$403.90 to the Care For Africa appeal.

Wendy Dalton is pictured below receiving the funds from two of our Student Leaders.



Some of our students getting into the spirit of Crazy Hair & Pyjama Day



Cross Country Carnivals

The Kinder-Grade 2 carnival will be held at Youngtown Primary School on Tuesday 21st May starting at 9.15am. All spectators welcome.

The Grades 3-6 carnival will be held at Alma Street Park (near the playground equipment) on Thursday 23rd starting at 9.00am. All spectators welcome. Over the next two weeks all 3-6 classes will walk to Alma Street for a practice.

If there are any parents who would like to come to our practices or help out at the carnival on one of the check points, could you please let Mrs Colgrave know as soon as possible, either in person or by email: lynda.colgrave@education.tas.gov.au

"Students who have recently received 60 Token Certificates"

Congratulations to the following students:

Chloe Austin	Riley Boon
Lilly Boon	Alexia Crowe
Abbey Chapple	Kathryn East
Thomas Dawson	Billy Gilmore
Anna Day	Ava Hay
Jaslyn Freestone	Felicity Johns
Georgia Gillow	Harrison Rice
Monique Hawkins	Addison Keegan
Dylan Jones	Caidyn Leeder
Ethan Maxwell	Stella Menzie
Maddilyn Parker	Abbigale Midson
Evan Pearce	Lochlan Harris
Kiara Rigby	Millie Colson
Grace Powers	Henri Bergamin
Toby Harrop	Leannika Simmons
Brandon Smith	Sienna Cassidy
Allora Bishop	Ethan Rose Nel
Juda Toth	Bailey Kerrison
Lachlan Shellard	Colby McKercher
Amber Philipson	Brianna Murfet
Mackenzie Connell	Shaurya Sharda
Sara Hazelwood	Ella Zacharyga
Bailey Lowe	Tahlia Vanderheide
Isabella Keating	Mitchell Long
Kaidyn Hooper-Robertson	

Home Reading Success



Congratulations to Zaide and Alex for achieving their goal of 75 reading sessions. They were able to choose a picture/story book to add to their own personal reading library to take home. A big thank you to all the families that support the Scholastic Book Club which supports the rewards provided to students in our Home Reading Program.



Mother's Day Stall

The Youngtown Student Leaders will be holding a Mother's Day stall on Thursday 9th May and Friday 10th May. Students will be able to purchase items at the following times:

Kinder Stevenson: - Thursday May 9 at 10:00am
Preps: - Thursday May 9 at recess
Grade 1 and 2: - Thursday May 9 at lunchtime
Grade 3 and 4: - Friday May 10 at recess
Kinder Hewitt: - Friday May 10 at 12:15pm
Grade 5 and 6: - Friday May 10 at lunchtime

All items will be under \$5 with many to choose from.

To all our Mothers we hope you have an enjoyable Mother's Day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 9 May 2013

9:00 AM Grade 5s walking to Alma Street for a Cross Country practice
No assembly

Friday, 10 May 2013

9:00 AM Grade 3, grade 3/4 & grade 4 to Alma Street park for Cross Country practice

Monday, 13 May 2013

Dance Baby Dance

Wednesday, 15 May 2013

9:30 AM Aboriginal Education Group Excursion to the Gorge
Dance Baby Dance

Thursday, 16 May 2013

No assembly

Friday, 17 May 2013

Grade 6s walking to Alma Street Park for Cross Country practice

Monday, 20 May 2013

Dance Baby Dance
Parent Association Book Fair this week

Tuesday, 21 May 2013

9:00 AM Kinder - grade 2 Cross Country carnival at Youngtown Primary

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

Dance Baby Dance

Thursday, 23 May 2013

9:00 AM Grades 3-6 x country carnival at Alma Street Park
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2:20 PM 3 - 6 Assembly
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Uniform Shop

Just a reminder to our school community that if you have any concerns with your rugby top please return to me in the Uniform Shop next Tuesday with your name on it.

Items will be returned to the supplier so that any issues can be rectified.

Tracie Pearce



Youngtown Primary School is excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

Last year we were able to buy some excellent equipment including light sensors and robotics equipment (Bee Bots) currently being used in our grade 1-2 classrooms. We were also able to buy lots of equipment for the outdoor and indoor programs in Prep, Kindergarten and Outdoor Classroom. Each classroom also received access to digital microscopes, cameras and Lego for wet weather activities.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to successful participation in the program this year. A collection box has been set up at the school office and it would be great if you could please let your friends and family know about our participation. If you have any questions, please ask at school office.



Launching into Learning at

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Our sessions will begin again on **Wednesday the 15th May** (week 2 of Term 2).

**Many thanks,
Angela.**

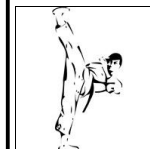


Library Request

A reminder to parents to please ensure your child brings a bag to school on the day that they will be borrowing books from the Library.

This helps to keep our books in good condition, protecting them from lunch box & drink leakages etc.

Shopping bags are suitable for this purpose.



Taekwondo available

Taekwondo is held in the schools GP room on Fridays.

Tiny Taekwondo 4.30 - 5.00pm (4-7 year olds)

Junior & Seniors 5.00 - 6.00pm

Please contact Judy on 0419 382 331 for further enquiries.

Taekwondo teaches children confidence, concentration, respect, self defence and improves learning skills.

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