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## Upcoming Events

### Monday 10 March

Public Holiday – Eight Hours Day

### 12 – 24 March

NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

### Wednesday 26 March

Huon & Channel Athletics Carnival  
(selected Year 3 – 6 students only)

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## School Hours

8.55am – 2.55pm

Recess: 11.10 – 11.40am

Lunch: 1.05 – 1.35pm

### Classrooms open at 8.30am.

For student safety, students are not to be on the school premises before 8.30am.

### School Office Hours 8.30am – 3.30pm

## From the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest school newsletter.



Within the pages of our newsletter, you will see a celebration of the great start we have had to the new school year. We are proud of the students for their focus and engagement with learning, the leadership of our House Captains and Vice-House Captains and the partnerships that are forming between home and school.

I'd like to acknowledge the support of our P&F Team who volunteered to host our BBQ for the Meet the Teacher evening last week. This was a great opportunity for families to meet the teacher, see the classroom and learning spaces and connect with other families. I truly value the many opportunities we have to connect with families and establishing a partnership where we are working together to support your child/children to be the best they can possibly be.

We are pleased to be launching SeeSaw this week and connecting our families to their children's learning. DECYP is now providing a full version of SeeSaw to all schools which will enable us to have more functions and features. Our specialist teachers (ART, Music, Indonesian, Drama, and PE) will now have access to each class SeeSaw account and share your child's Evidence of Learning and moments of learning with families. We thank DECYP for this support.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to sharing our learning journey with you this term!

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
**Principal**

## Sports Carnivals

This week we have hosted our Athletics Carnival (Year 3-6) and Tabloid Sports Day (Kinder- Year 2) and both were an incredible success. We are proud of the way our students demonstrated our school values of *Courage, Connection, Growth, Respect* and *Responsibility*. Our House Captains and Vice-House Captains did an outstanding job of providing leadership and support to all students. They clearly explained each of the activities, showed the students how to participate, motivated their houses and encouraged all students to have a go. Well done to everyone involved.



## House Captains

Blackmans Bay Primary School has a long history of our three houses – Dolphins, Eagles and Devils. Each year we invite our Year 6 students to nominate for the leadership role of House Captain and Vice-house Captain. Last week we were pleased to announce our new Captains for 2025. Congratulations to our new Captains and thank you for volunteering to have this important leadership role of motivating your teams, supporting them, and encouraging them.



## A Great Start

We are proud of our Kindergarten students that have had a wonderful start to their formal education. Our Kindergarten students are spending time getting to know each other, learning new routines, and thinking about themselves as learners. We would like to thank our families for the positive support and communication with us which has enabled a great start to Kindergarten.





## Art Class

We have started the year with a focus on the basics to allow us to progress towards the exciting Art projects we have planned for this year. ART is a wonderful time each week for our students to engage in various tasks that enable creativity and individuality to shine. The students are guided by our wonderful Art teacher and her feedback and support allows them to grow and develop their skills.



## Together We Can

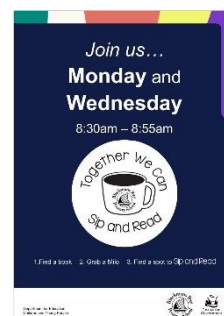
We have announced our first certificate for 20 reading sessions with Together We Can this week. We are pleased to hear from many children that they are *nearly* at 20 reading sessions, and they are excited to see their first certificate for the new year. As you read with your child at home, please remember to ask them some questions to encourage your child to think about what they are reading. *What do you think could happen next? Why do you think that happened? What was your favourite page in the book? Why?* These simple



questions will help your child to develop their comprehension skills which is essential for successful reading.

## Sip and Read

We have been pleased to see so many students coming to *Sip and Read* each Monday and Wednesday morning. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a warm Milo and sit with a book and relax before the school day starts. We are noticing many groups of students coming to Sip and Read to talk about the books they are reading and share the reading time. Families are welcome to join us each Monday and Wednesday morning from 8:30- 8:55 in the Social Space (near the Prep rooms) to *Sip and Read*.



## Lifting Literacy

The Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) are focused on ensuring all schools have access to high quality professional learning and support materials to improve literacy outcomes for Tasmanian children. Our staff have been attending several days of professional learning (both late last year and early this year) aligned to this focus. We have started to implement two programs at our school. UFLI Foundations (Prep- Year 2), which is an explicit and systematic phonics program that introduces students to the foundational reading skills necessary for proficient reading. The second program is called Word Origins (Year 3-6), and this is an evidence-informed program designed to be the next step in spelling, reading and vocabulary development. We would like to thank the staff

for their commitment to improving outcomes for students and engaging in this new learning.



## Thank you

Thank you to the Kingborough Ladies Daytime Netball Association for their donation of new netball bibs, netballs and a net bag for balls. These will be welcome resources for use during our PE sessions and netball seasons.

## Communicating Learning Progress with Families

We know that sharing learning progress more regularly will support the development of strong partnership and help families to feel connected to their child's learning. There will be opportunities to meet with your child's teacher/s about their learning progress in Terms 2 and 3 (as well as the *Meet the Teacher we have already had*). Following is an intended schedule for our Communicating Learning Progress with Families plan.

\* Please note: Children with an approved learning plan will have a slightly different reporting format.

Term 1	
Communication	Meet the Teacher BBQ Meet the Teacher (Kindergarten interviews)
Sharing evidence of learning	<b>Prep- Year 6</b> English HASS Music (P-2) Indonesian (1-2) <b>Kindergarten</b>
Report	Primary Progress Report

Term 2	
Communication	Opportunity for a conversation with your child's teacher/s focussing on your child's learning progress.
Sharing evidence of learning	<b>Prep- Year 6</b> English Maths Science Music (3-4) Indonesian (P-1) PE (5-6) <b>Kindergarten</b>
Report	Mid-year Report <b>KDC Check 1 (Kindergarten)</b>

Term 3	
Communication	Opportunity for a conversation with your child's teacher/s focussing on your child's learning progress.
Sharing evidence of learning	<b>Prep- Year 6</b> English Maths Music (5-6) PE (P-2) Drama (3-4) <b>Kindergarten</b>
Report	-

Term 4	
Communication	Kindergarten families will be invited to discuss KDC results.
Sharing evidence of learning	<b>Prep- Year 6</b> Science Maths PE (3-4) Drama (5-6) <b>Kindergarten</b>
Report	End of year Report KDC Check 2 <b>(Kindergarten)</b>

## NAPLAN 2025

Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN between 12 and 24 March 2025.

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning at school. On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for, and students are not expected to do so.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance; however, students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.

### Parent information brochures and other resources

This link will take you to the official National Assessment Program (NAP) website.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/resources>

Please contact the school if you have any further queries.

## 2025 Volunteer Requirements

As we kick off the new school year, we want to remind our school community about the important requirements for volunteering at our school.










To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, it is mandatory for all volunteers to have their [RWVP \(Registration for Working with Vulnerable People\)](#) and to have completed the [Our Obligations – Safeguarding Training 15-minute video](#) before engaging with children and young people in a volunteer capacity at our school. Certificates for the training video are valid for 12 months from the date of completion. These steps are essential in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for our children.

To apply for a Registration for Working with Vulnerable people, please visit: [Apply for registration to work with vulnerable people | Service Tasmania](#)

To complete the *Our Obligations – Safeguarding Training* 15-minute video please visit: [Compulsory Safeguarding Training for workers - Department for Education, Children and Young People](#)

Volunteers are a vital part of our school community, and we are excited to collaborate with you in the year ahead!

## Communication at BBPS

Method of Communication:	Purpose:
School phone 	Notification of absence and general contact
School website 	Notification of absence and general information
Email 	Direct communication with a staff member
SeeSaw 	Celebration of learning and classroom information
Schoolzine 	Whole School alerts and information.
	Parent/Teacher discussion bookings.
Blackmans Bay Primary School Facebook and Instagram  	Notification of absence
	The Blackmans Bay Primary School social media pages are for celebrating learning and to share our learning with the community.
P and F Facebook 	To inform families about upcoming fundraising and school wide events.
Blackmans Bay Primary Launching into Learning 	To keep our LiL families informed about our Launching into Learning program.