



Issue 3 2025 – 14 March

Upcoming Events

12 – 24 March

NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

Wednesday 26 March

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

Wednesday 2 April

Jireh House Easter Egg Donation Drive –
Free Dress Day

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.



It's hard to believe that we are over half-way through this term. The start of the new school year is always a busy time for staff, students, and families. This is the term when we are setting up new routines, fostering new connections and establishing an understanding of where every child is at with their learning so that we can best support them at their point of need.

Last week we sent home our first report to share with families how their child has started the new school year. For students with a learning plan, we will be meeting with families in the coming weeks to collaboratively review the learning plans, establish new learning plan goals and consider what adjustments and supports we will include in the updated plan. Working in partnership is an important aspect of our way of working at Blackmans Bay Primary School and I'd like to thank the families for their time and support to do this with us.

We have several fundraisers coming up this term including the P&F Fundraising Team chocolate box fundraiser and the Jireh House Easter Egg Donation Drive. Thank you for your support with these fundraisers that support both our school and community organisations in need.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

Learner Assets in Action



At Blackmans Bay Primary School we know that for our students to have the skills and dispositions for life, we need to teach more than the curriculum. Based on the work of Kath Murdoch, we have a split-screen learning intention where we teach both the curriculum and focus on a key learner asset at the same time in all our classrooms. The six learner assets are learning as a collaborator, self-manager, contributor, thinker, researcher, and communicator. As educators we are pleased to see our students enact the learner assets on a regular basis. We are seeing positive examples of this across the school. Throughout our lessons, we are talking about and unpacking the skills for each of the learner assets and you can see in the photos below that our students are embracing these.



Writing at BBPS

One of the strategies we use across our school to support our learners is to share. We know that students will be more engaged and excited about their learning if they have regular opportunities to share their thinking and problem solve together. Here are some photos of students in Year 3-4 that had a *pause and share*



during their writing lesson. Each student had an opportunity to share their thinking so far and to receive feedback about their writing. This also provided an opportunity for students to spark new thinking to support their own writing. Learning as a *collaborator* and *communicator* is helping our students to think deeply and engage further with their learning.



School Association

The School Association had our first meeting for the year on Wednesday



26 February. At the meeting we welcomed three new committee members which takes our committee to 12. At the meeting we reviewed our finance report, the principal's report and discussed our general business items. We are pleased to inform our community that Jamin has confirmed that he will return to complete the next part of our mural project during the first term school holidays. We are looking forward to returning to school in Term 2 to see this project near completion. We also discussed the importance of having clear communication to community members about the use of the school oval and playground outside of school hours. To support this, the School Association suggested a large sign be made for the base of the school oval.



We would like to share the draft design for the new sign that we hope to have made in the coming weeks.

The School Association meet twice a term (week 3 and week 8 of each term). Our next meeting will start with an AGM followed by a normal general meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 26 at 6:30pm.

Courts Upgrade!

Blackmans Bay Primary School has been successful with a grant application to upgrade our courts! We are thrilled to be named as one of the schools to receive up to \$100,000 to upgrade our courts in Area A. With many schools receiving this grant, the project will roll out over the next 4 years, but we are hopeful to be at the top of the list. We look forward to sharing more about this upgrade as information becomes available to us.



AFL Clinic

AFL Tasmania joined us last week to provide an AFL clinic to students during our regular PE lessons. We were excited to have facilitators from AFL Tasmania come to our school and provide workshops for students to engage with new activities and develop their football skills. Thank you to AFL Tasmania for providing this rich learning opportunity to our students.



Jireh House – Easter Drive

Free Dress Day - Bring an Easter Egg or Gold Coin to Donate!

We are seeking donations of Easter Eggs for women and children needing to stay at Jireh House, 24-hour crisis accommodation, during Easter.

Jireh House provides support for local women and children made homeless due to domestic and family violence and other life crises. The women and children often arrive at the shelter with nothing but the clothes they are wearing.

Our goal is to provide at least one Easter Egg (or bag of little eggs) for each of the women and each of the children staying at Jireh House to receive on Easter Sunday. Any additional eggs will be donated to other local refuges and charities to spread the cheer further.

In previous years, through the generosity of our students and their families, we have been able to donate to Jireh House, the staff and patients at The Whittle Ward (Palliative Care) and their families, Hobart Women's Shelter and Hobart City Mission.

Help make Easter a little brighter for someone in need in our community by bringing an Easter Egg or gold coin to donate on **Wednesday 2 April**.

The eggs don't need to be expensive. It really is the thought that counts.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



2025 Volunteer Requirements

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!










School Carparks

The safety of all children is paramount, and we need to ensure that all families can use the designated parking areas safely. To allow families to use the Pickup and Drop-off Zone, we would like to remind all families that this area within the Opal Drive carpark is a **No Parking Zone** between 8.30am – 9.05am and again from 2.40pm – 3.10pm.

Our Roslyn Avenue carpark is for **STAFF PARKING ONLY**. Visitor carparks in this area are only to be utilised by families when collecting/dropping off students outside of usual school start and end times (for example, student unwell or attending appointment during school hours).

	The Pickup / Drop-off Zone is a NO parking zone between 8.30am - 9.05am and 2.40pm - 3.10pm
	A "No Parking Zone" means: You can only stop here quickly to pick up or drop off – maximum of 2 minutes (or 5 minutes if you have a valid parking permit)
	You must remain with your car at all times, for no longer than 2 minutes. You must leave as soon as you have completed the pick up or drop off
	Do NOT stop in the middle of the horseshoe and ask your child to run out in between parked cars to get into your car

Communication

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. Notification of absence
Blackmans Bay Primary School Facebook and Instagram  	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.