



Issue 4 2025 – 28 March

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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 2 April

Jireh House Easter Egg Donation Drive –  
Free Dress Day

### Last Day Term 1

Friday 11 April

### Term 2 Commences

Monday 28 April

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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.



On behalf of the school community,  
I would like to *congratulate* Luke  
Fitzpatrick on his successful appointment to the  
role of acting *Assistant Principal* at Austins Ferry  
Primary School. Luke will be leaving us today  
and starting at Austin's Ferry Primary School on  
Monday 31 March. Luke will continue in this  
position until the end of Term 2. Luke has been  
an outstanding support to the staff, students and  
families of Blackmans Bay Primary School and  
his contribution to our school has been  
outstanding. I know that Luke will do great  
things at Austins Ferry Primary School and his  
leadership will be welcomed and highly  
appreciated.

I'm pleased to introduce Caitlin Rice to the  
leadership team who will be starting on  
Wednesday 2 April as our new acting AST at  
Blackmans Bay Primary School. Caitlin is  
excited to join our team and meet our families  
and children.

We have now started sending home our  
*Evidence of Learning* for Term 1. The Evidence  
of Learning is a work sample that has been  
marked to an aspect of the Australian Curriculum  
or the Early Years Learning Framework and  
provides a future focus for the student to  
consider their next steps in learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
**Principal**

## SRC

Last week we welcomed our Student Representative Council members to their first meeting for 2025. Our SRC consists of two students from each Year 1-2 to 5-6 class in the school.

At the meeting I asked everyone to share what they would like to see the SRC achieve this year. Their ideas included: water fountains, sushi day, a new bike rack, picture books in the Wellbeing Wagon, careers day, end of year talent show, spaghetti in the canteen, new flying fox and more seats in the playground.

We then elected our executive roles:

- Chair – *facilitates meetings*
- Secretary – *takes the minutes*
- Treasurer – *supports fundraising*
- Communications – *preparation of posters / newsletter*
- Spokesperson – *speaks at assemblies / events*

Our aim is to meet each Friday and to progress the ideas of our SRC and to seek their feedback about ideas and initiatives we have as a staff.

## Combined Schools Band Program

We have a large group of students now participating in the Combined Schools Band Program. Last week some of our band students took their instruments outside at recess and lunch time to put on a free show for the rest of the school.

We thoroughly enjoy seeing our students engaging with their learning and showing pure joy with this



## Huon and Channel Athletics

This week a group of our primary students attended the Huon and Channel Athletics Carnival. The students were selected to represent Blackmans Bay Primary School across each of the events. We are proud of our students for displaying great sportsmanship and motivating and supporting each other. Congratulations to everyone that participated.



## Harmony Day

Harmony Day provides us with an opportunity to pause and think about how we are helping to create a sense of belonging at our school. We talk about our Values and how we can create a welcoming, safe, and inclusive learning environment at our school and Harmony Day is an opportunity to consider



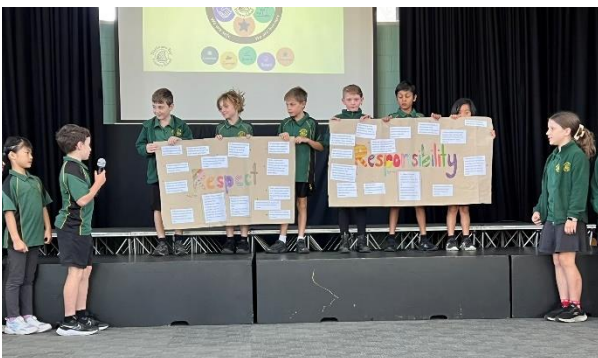
how we are going with this and what else we could do.

Thank you to all the students from Prep- Year 6 that decorated a hand to be included in our collaborative art piece which is now on display in the Year 3-4 and 5-6 corridor.



## School Values

This week our Year 3-4B shared their focus on our values of *Respect* and *Responsibility* at our Meet and Greet gathering. As a class they have been discussing what these words mean, how they can be cultivated and what they look like in our behaviour.



## 5-6B News

In 5-6B we love drawing on tables. Why not turn that into a maths lesson?

We have been working hard on multiplication strategies. This lesson was looking at the Grid Strategy.



## Guided Drawing with a Buddy

Our Year 1-2B students have been getting to know their Kinder buddies this term and last week they participated in a guided drawing activity. Working alongside their buddy, students participated in a guided drawing lesson which required a lot of concentration, effort, and support from each other. Our students created some wonderful pieces of art and thoroughly enjoyed working together.



## Blackmans Bay Primary Canteen

### Expressions of Interest

We are seeking expressions of interest to manage our school canteen from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Thursday and Fridays only from 8.30am to 2pm.

Requirements to fill the role:

- Current profile on DECYP employment register
- A current *Employee* working with vulnerable people registration
- Completion of mandatory reporting training
- Completion of Do Food Safely training
- Food and service experience preferable

Duties include, but not limited to:

- Stock ordering
- Collating food orders
- Preparation of food
- Packing of food orders
- Over the counter food sales at recess and lunch time
- General cleaning
- Cash handling

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the school office via email [blackmans.bay.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:blackmans.bay.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au)  
Expressions of interest close 4 April 2025.

### Canteen Volunteers Needed

We are also in need of volunteers to help in the Canteen on Thursdays and Fridays.

A reminder that all volunteers MUST hold a current Working with Vulnerable People (RWVP) card and complete mandatory Safeguarding and Do Food Safely training (more details provided on enquiry).

Please get in touch with Gabby at [blackmans.bay.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:blackmans.bay.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au) or 6229 6637.

## School Association



This week the School Association met for the second time this term. We had both our AGM and General Meeting this week. At the AGM we confirmed the nominations for our School Association Committee for 2025-2026. Thank you to the many new parents that have nominated to join our School Association.

Our School Association:

Karen Sutherland  
**Chair**

Scott Evans  
**Deputy Chair**

Cat Cash  
**Secretary**

Helen Kruup  
**Treasurer**

Angela Yost/Nikki Kivi  
**Parents and Friends Co-ordinating Secretary**

Jessica Freeman  
**Social Media Liaison**

Renee Jackson, Nikki Kivi, Pat McConville  
**General Committee Member**

## 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