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Upcoming Events

Last Day Term 1 - (Today) Friday 11 April

Term 2 Commences - Monday 28 April

Tuesday 29 April

5-6 Excursion – Marine Discovery Centre

Wednesday 30 April

Cross Country

Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 May

Scholastic Book Fair – School Library

Friday 9 May

State Athletics Carnival – St Leonard's
(selected students only)

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 and to the end of Term 1.



One of the things I enjoy about the
end of each term is the opportunity
to reflect on the learning that has occurred and
to consider the growth and changes that have
happened. In our busy lives we don't often take
the time to pause and reflect, but when we do,
we can often surprise ourselves with how much
has changed.

As a school we are constantly reflecting. We
reflect on our learning, our policies, our
procedures and how we can continue to grow
and change to ensure the best outcomes for our
students.

We are proud of the term we have just had and
the implementation of our 2025 School
Improvement Plan. Our plan guides our
decisions and our professional development
focus which for this term has been on Quality
Tier 1 Instruction for reading in all classrooms.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our
outstanding team of educators and staff that
have worked tirelessly to provide the best
learning environment possible for our students. I
hope you enjoy your well-deserved break.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

Indonesian News

1-2B (Klingberg) created their first models for Wayang Golek puppets. They have been refining ideas and skills. They discovered that we have three distinct groups of characters: Refined, Good-hearted and Evil. Next, they will use more permanent materials to create their finished product.

Students will begin writing a play based around these for the performance at the end of Term 3.



Prep-1A (Johnson) have created their little Bintang Semak-Semak (Stars of the Bushes-Bush Stars!).

They are dressed in cultural fabric designs.

Each one has an Indonesian name.

Students are encouraged to use Indonesian greetings and Indonesian words for vehicles from their developing vocabulary while playing with their little people.



Our shadow puppets are progressing. Here is a selection of Prep-1B (Scott) shadow puppets based on their own ideas and two colourings of 1-2A (Enemy/Burges Watson) of traditional wayang kulit designs for their performance item in September.



Easter Egg Donation Success

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of the Blackmans Bay Primary School community, Easter will be a little brighter for locals in need.

On Wednesday, 2 April, the school held a Uniform Free Day. Students were asked to bring an Easter Egg or gold coin donation to participate.

Principal Ashley McPherson has fully supported the annual drive. The goal was to collect enough Easter Egg donations for each of the women and children needing crisis accommodation at Jireh House at Easter. Jireh House provides support for women and children made homeless due to domestic and family violence and other life crises.

With an outpouring of support from the Blackmans Bay Primary School community again this year, over 250 individuals in need will receive a special gift at Easter. In its biggest year yet, the Easter Egg Drive has reached far beyond the school's original goal.

Enough Easter eggs and Easter themed craft kits were donated to cover the maximum capacity of women and children at Jireh House, as well as five other local charities. These included Hobart City Mission's Mountain View and Safe Space programs; Kingston Neighbourhood House; and Kingborough Family Church's Community Care Food Relief program. In addition, 50 gift bags of eggs were donated to the Palliative Care, Whittle Ward, for patients, their families and staff.

The Easter Egg Drive has been a simple and very tangible way for students to support their community, that has been greatly appreciated by local recipients.



Whole School Assembly

At our recent Whole School Assembly, we were pleased to see a few musical items shared with the school. Our whole school assembly provides an opportunity for students to be proud of their learning and share this with an authentic audience. Thank you to Cynthia, our Music Teacher, for supporting our learners with the confidence and skills to do this.



SRC update

Our Student Representative Council have continued to meet each week and discuss matters that are important to the students. Our current conversations have been about:

Sushi Day: The SRC have been exploring different options for us to have a *Sushi Day*. We are excited by the idea and hoping to have our first one next term.

Music: The SRC have asked for some new music for the school bell. Today we listened to a selection of different songs and selected the ones we think everyone will like for term 2.

ANZAC Day: Some of our SRC will be joining Mr McPherson at the dawn service in Kingston to represent our school at the ANZAC Day service.

Easter Drive: The SRC supported and promoted the Jireh House Easter Drive, and we are pleased with how successful this fundraiser was. Thank you to everyone for your support with this.



Exciting News! Our 2025 Book Fair is set for the 2nd week of Term 2 on

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th May
in the School Library

Families are welcome at our before and after school sessions and students will have the opportunity to purchase throughout their school day. Items for purchase include books, activity packs, novelty stationary items and posters. Cash and EFTPOS payments accepted. The school earns commission on the sale of items, with which more books are purchased for the library. Thank you for your support.

HELP NEEDED: Parents/carers or grandparents who would like to help with the Book Fair during the morning or afternoon sessions (8:30am – 9:00am or 3:00pm – 3:30pm), please contact the school office at blackmans.bay.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au. All volunteers MUST hold a current Working with Vulnerable People card and have completed Safeguarding Training. Thank you.

Canteen News

Please be advised our **School Canteen will be closed in Weeks 2, 3 and 4 of Term 2.**

No lunch orders or counter sales will be available during this time.

Safeguarding



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The AFP shares advice about the crime drama 'Adolescence'

The Australian Federal Police recently shared information about the Netflix crime drama 'Adolescence'. The show deals with some uncomfortable themes, including the dark side of social media, the influence it can have on youth beliefs, behaviours and actions, and how teenagers experience and engage with the internet and the online world. It's an important reminder to regularly talk to your children about their internet use and understand what they are seeing, doing and experiencing online, and how this could be influencing and affecting them.

It's also vital to educate yourself. If you don't know, or understand, what your children are doing online, ask them to show you and seek out more information. There are multiple resources available to educate adults and to help start these important conversations. Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers or www.accce.gov.au.

Together we can prepare, educate and help protect kids and ensure their safety online.

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