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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 28 May

3-4 Classes Excursion  
Marine Discovery Centre

### Monday 2 June

1-2 Classes Excursion  
Marine Discovery Centre

### Thursday 5 June

Sushi Day (pre-orders only)

### Friday 6 June

Student Free Day (Moderation Day)

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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 newsletter.

Blackmans Bay Primary School has now started to meet with prospective families of Kindergarten age children for next year. Although this seems early, we want to ensure we take the time to engage our new families with a school tour, a discussion about the teaching and learning that occurs at our school and begin the partnership that I hope will continue to develop across the many years a child is in primary school. We truly value the opportunity to share our school with prospective families and I would encourage anyone who is considering Blackmans Bay Primary School for Kindergarten in 2026 to please contact our office and arrange for a school tour. We are now accepting enrolments for our 2026 Kindergarten, and we have started to plan for our pre-kinder sessions that will take place later this year.

In the coming weeks we will have several opportunities for families to engage with the school. We will be inviting our families to attend parent-teacher conversations, we will have a wonderful Year 3-4 production and our whole school NAIDOC Week assembly. More information will be shared soon with regards to these events, and I hope you can join us to celebrate this learning and partake in the parent-teacher conversations.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
Principal



## Supervision

We understand it can be tricky to arrange mornings so that your children are at school on time, and you have enough time to get to where you need to be, however, our supervision of children does not begin until 8:30am each morning and we kindly ask that children are not left at school prior to this time. If you require childcare before or after school, Adventure Patch offer both regular and casual bookings. Please contact them for further information:

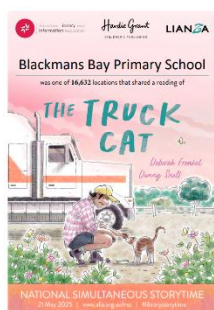
<https://adventurepatch.org.au/>

## Uniform

We have been pleased with the majority of students in full school uniform each day. We would like to thank our families for supporting your children to wear our team colours and uniform. As the colder days approach, we would like to ask that we continue to wear our full school uniform each day. Warm jackets can be worn, but we ask that school jumpers are provided. A reminder that hoodies are not part of our school uniform. If you need uniform assistance, please speak to our office. We want to ensure everyone is warm and wearing full school uniform this winter.

## National Simultaneous Storytime

Blackmans Bay Primary School participated in National Simultaneous Storytime again this year and enjoyed the same story being read at the same time across schools, libraries, pre-schools, Child and Family Learning Centres, homes, and many other spaces. The Truck Cat by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell is a beautiful book about cats and humans, immigration and identity, and homes lost and found. In 2024, over 2.3 million participants got involved in



National Simultaneous Storytime and just like last year, this year our school was proud to be part of the large group of people participating in this event.

## State Athletics Carnival



Congratulations to Mabel, Evie, Felix, Adam, Gus and Jack who travelled to Launceston on Friday 9 May to compete in the State Primary School Athletics Carnival.

Selected as members of the Huon & Channel Sports Association Representative team, all students demonstrated great sportsmanship and came away with some outstanding individual results.

A special mention to Mabel who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 5 girls 1500m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m.



Huon & Channel Sports Association as a team were again very successful on the day, winning the State Country Shield at the event for the second year in a row.





## BBPS Cross Country

At the school Cross Country we award house points for participation and various levels of points for students that place in the top positions of each race. The house points were counted and last week we announced the *Eagles* house as having the overall most points for our 2025 Cross Country. The House Captains and Vice-Captains were given the Cross Country Shield in assembly and all students were acknowledged for their participation and effort. Well done, everyone!



## Huon and Channel Cross Country Carnival

This week a large group of our primary students represented our school at the Huon and Channel Cross Country Carnival. We are pleased with the outstanding effort and the courage our students demonstrated to try and do their best. Our students encouraged each other and motivated the team to be the best we could be, and we are proud of their support to one another.

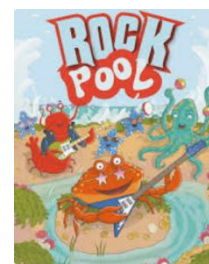


Every child that participated at the event is to be congratulated for their outstanding achievement of representing the school, however we are pleased to share we had two impressive moments at the HCSSA Cross Country Carnival with our Year 3 Boys and Year 6 Boys winning their category for Division A this year. This is a huge achievement and worthy of a big congratulations!



## Rockpool: The Musical (Year 3-4)

This term, all students in Years 3 and 4 have been working on the musical production of Rockpool with Miena, Miss Papworth and Mrs Eddleston. The musical ties in well with our Science focus for this term of ocean habitats and species. Our upcoming excursion to the Marine Discovery Centre has also been deliberately chosen to bring all our learning together.



The musical will be performed during Week 9 of Term 2. Families and friends are invited to attend either, or both, performances at 1.40pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Our K-2 students will attend the Thursday

performance and Yr 5-6s will attend on Friday. The performances will be finished by the end of the school day. Both performances will be non-ticketed and free. Due to copyright laws, there will be no recording of any part of the performance.

## Whole School Assembly

This week we came together for a Whole School Assembly, where we celebrated student achievements and shared with the school community happenings and learnings in class. Class 3-4B shared their work from their recent Novel Study: *The Wild Robot*.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Our Annual Book Fair was recently hosted by the Blackmans Bay Primary School Library and it was another wonderful event that sparked joy and interest in new books and reading. We would like to thank all of the families that supported the Book Fair and explored the books and shared stories with their children. During the week we observed many children sharing their new books with friends at recess and lunch time and finding quiet places to sit and read.



A message from Cathie and Heather:

Many thanks for your support of the Scholastic Book Fair which was held in the library earlier this month. It is a fun and exciting event for the children and the rewards earned help to boost

our library collection with new books. We have chosen a lovely selection of non-fiction books, novels for our younger and older readers, graphic novels and picture books. The new books will be available soon for the students to borrow. Special thanks must go to our parent helpers, Year 6 student helpers and office staff!

Happy reading! 😊



## Together We Can

Each week we are announcing more and more certificates for children that are engaging with our *Together We Can* home reading program. We are now starting to see children reach 100 reading sessions! Congratulations to all students for your effort and participation.



## Come and Try Chess!

We recently hosted a *Come and Try Chess* afternoon for students at our school to experience Chess Club; an out of school afternoon activity each week to develop skills and strategies for chess. We had a lot of students come and try Chess Club and the excitement in the room was great to see.



For more information on Chess Club, or If your child is interested in joining, please contact Black Square Chess directly by visiting <https://blacksquarechess.com/>



## Sushi Day

On Thursday 5 June (Week 6), instead of our usual canteen menu, the SRC and Canteen will be holding a Sushi Lunch Special.

All orders for the Sushi Day **must be pre-ordered and made via Qkr**. To place an order, click on the 'Sushi Day 5<sup>th</sup> June' menu and select your options. Don't forget to hit the final 'Submit' button to ensure your order has been placed.

The ordering system closes on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 11:30pm. No orders can be accepted after this date and time.

All Sushi options below are \$5.00 per roll

### Teriyaki Chicken

*Teriyaki chicken, cucumber and carrot*

### Avocado

*Fresh avocado with Japanese Mayo*

### Californian

*Crabstick with avocado, Japanese Mayo and cucumber*

Juice Poppers also available: \$3.00  
*Apple, Apple Blackcurrant or Orange*

**Please Note:** Usual Canteen lunch orders and counter sales **will not** be available during Week 6 due to this Sushi Day and the Student Free day on the Friday (6 June).



## Kindergarten 2026



Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2026. If your child is turning 5 throughout 2026, please contact the school office to enquire and confirm your intent to enrol.

Enrolment packs will soon be distributed to those families who have already enquired about Kinder for next year. Please return enrolment forms, along with required supporting documentation, to the school office as soon as possible.

## Launching into Learning

We offer two Launching into Learning sessions each week for any child to attend with their family from 0-4 years.

We look forward to welcoming you.



### Little Learners with Dr Caroline Miller

Friday 9:00 - 10:15 am in the Kindergarten Room

Little Learners is an informal play and explore session catered to young children's development. At Little Learners, children will learn through play, art and crafts, puzzles, meeting with others, singing, reading stories and much more. We will have outdoor activities including water play, gardening and bikes.



### Little Groovers with Mrs Ann Wolfe

Tuesday 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Music Room

Little Groovers is a music inspired session that will engage children and families in songs, rhymes and rhythms, dance and movement. Children will be using tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments with scarves and parachute songs.

This is a fun and interactive session that encourages creativity, social engagement and motor skills.

For more information please phone: (03) 6229 6637 and  
Facebook Blackmans Bay Primary Launching into Learning

