



Issue 9 2025 – 20 June

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## Upcoming Events

### **Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 June**

Parent Teacher Appointments

### **Wednesday 25 June**

School Photos

### **Thursday 26 & Friday 27 June**

Rockpool: The Musical 3-4 Performance

1:40pm – School Hall. Families welcome

### **Monday 30 June**

NAIDOC Assembly – 10:00am, School Hall

Families welcome

### **Tuesday 2 July**

Prep-1 Excursion – Marine Discovery Centre

### **Friday 4 July**

Last day of Term 2

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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,



Thank you all so much for the warm Blackmans Bay Primary School welcome. I am very grateful to have met many parents/carers at drop off, pick up, assemblies and School Association. This school has a wonderful sense of community complemented by excellent teaching and learning, and engagement and wellbeing opportunities for students. In the past 2 weeks, I have met with the SRC and supported them in their continued refinement of the Clean Up Club. At Meet and Greet, students were recognised for Together We Can reading initiative. The upcoming Premier's Reading Challenge will support this too as it encourages young people to read more every day. During Meet and Greet, we were also given a sneak peak on the upcoming Year 3/4 Rockpool Musical Performance.

Next week we have Parent Teacher Conversations on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm, and we are looking forward to seeing as many families as possible attend these. Assessment is an important part of the teaching and learning process as it provides ongoing monitoring of learning and provides feedback to students and also helps teachers to adapt teaching to meet student needs. Mid-year reports have been sent home for Year 1 – 6 students today. These provide an important opportunity to discuss what steps can be taken to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes.

Stay safe and keep warm!

Kind regards,

Kumudu Stewart  
**Acting Principal**

## Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country – Symmons Plains

On Tuesday, 17 June, a selected group of our Year 3 – 6 students travelled to Symmons Plains Raceway to take part in the Tasmanian Primary All Schools Cross-Country. This event brings together Tasmania's best junior cross-country runners and with 200 - 300 participants in each age category from across the state competing, the event brings a very high level of competition, with state representative team places available to the top placed runners.

Congratulations to all Blackmans Bay Primary students who were selected and competed in this event. Students represented our school with pride, with each participant putting in an amazing effort in their runs and demonstrating great team spirit through their support and encouragement of their peers.

Placing within Top 100 for their respective age groups this year were Peter, Archie, Jessica, Gabriel, Jack and Adam.

A very special mention to the following students who placed Top 10 in their runs:

Mabel: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 11 Year Girls

Gus: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9 Year Boys

Hamish: 5<sup>th</sup> - 9 Year Boys



## Kinder News

In KinderB we have been enjoying lots of Nursery Rhymes. We have looked at Row, Row, Row Your Boat, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Humpty Dumpty, Head & Shoulders and next week we will start our new nursery rhyme, Hickory Dickory Dock. We have had lots of fun singing the rhymes, creating things like hand sheep, walls for Humpty to sit on, building boats, and playing lots of games about the different nursery rhymes.



## Off and Away All Day

In line with DECYP's 'Off and away all day' policy, from the start of the school day to the end of the school day, students must have their mobile phones switched off and stored. Other mobile devices, such as Smart Watches or similar, need to be set to aeroplane mode. **All communication with students during the school day must go through the school office.**



## Ask Ms Stewart

As a way of introduction to the BBPS community, Ms Stewart asked students if they had any questions to ask about her. Here are the questions and Ms Stewart's responses:

1. **What's your favourite colour?** Summer, Kinder  
*My favourite colour is orange.*
2. **Are you the helper Principal?** Odette, Prep  
*Yes! I will be Acting Principal until Mr McPherson returns.*
3. **Why do you have my mum's glasses?** Sean, Prep  
*Your mum and I have different glasses but the same great taste.*
4. **Do you have any pets?** Toby, Y4  
*We have a Scottish fold cat named Holly Guacamole.*
5. **Do you have any kids?** Pippa, Y4  
*Yes, I have a 12-year-old daughter named Rosalind (Rosie for short).*
6. **Have you ever done any cool or rare sports?** Addison, Y5  
*No, but I would love to go skydiving one day.*
7. **Do you like horses?** Charlotte, Y4  
*Yes, I like all animals except birds... they're a bit scary sometimes.*
8. **How many other schools have you taught in?** Olivia, Y5  
*Heaps! I came here from Montrose Bay High School and I taught at Clarence High School for many years.*
9. **What is your favourite food?** Gus, Y3  
*I love Sri Lankan food which is what I grew up eating but I love food from all different cultures.*
10. **What do you think of this school so far?** Ivy, Y5  
*It's a warm, caring school with excellent teachers and friendly students. I have*

*enjoyed talking to and meeting lots of students and families this week. Everyone has shown the BBPS values of being kind, respectful, fair, and safe learners.*

## Preparing for our Indonesian Performance

Prep-1B are practising how to use their Wayang Kulit puppets. They are beginning to make up mini plays for our September Show.



1-2B are decorating material for their puppet costumes using a technique similar to batik.



## Premier's Reading Challenge



**The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)** is being offered to our students once again, and we encourage everyone from Kinder to Year 6 to be involved. Participating students aim to read 10 books in 10 weeks. Students may also set their own reading goals to read more than 10. Books may include novels, picture books, eBooks, newspapers, magazines, home readers or anything else you think qualifies. Students may read the books themselves or be read the books by a sibling or adult or listen to an audio book. A student reading a large novel may, with discussion with families or teachers, count a certain number of chapters, as a book. The challenge **begins Monday 16 June and finishes Sunday 24 August**. Please note that the books read can be used for both the *Together We Can* program and the PRC. Perhaps there are family members who would like to challenge themselves also and encourage the participating student!

### Book Reviews in 2025!

Students are encouraged to share what they are reading by writing a book review for the PRC website. They can submit a review at any time during the Challenge using this [online form](#) (open from 16 June). Book Reviews will be updated at the end of each week of the Challenge.

By submitting a book review, students go into the draw to win a \$50 book voucher. There are 12 up for grabs, 4 for each region! The prizes will be drawn once the PRC has finished, and the PRC Team will contact the PRC Coordinator or family of the winning students.

If your students are after inspiration about what to read next, check out the [Book Lists and Book Reviews](#).

## Together We Can

As students reach *100 reading sessions* with *Together We Can*, we celebrate this achievement by inviting the child to come to the Principal's office and selecting a book prize from our wide range of books. The book prize and certificate are then announced at our next assembly and the child is invited to continue recording their reading sessions towards the next milestone of 120 reading sessions. We are proud of the students for demonstrating our value of *Responsibility* and focusing on regular reading to improve their skills and stamina with reading.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to those students who received Certificates of Recognition at our recent Whole School Assembly.



## School photos

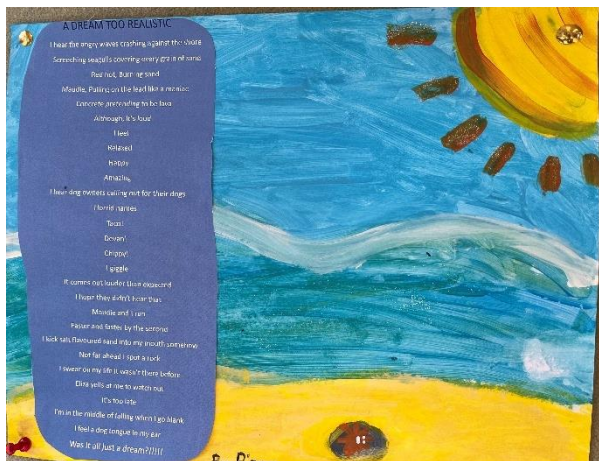
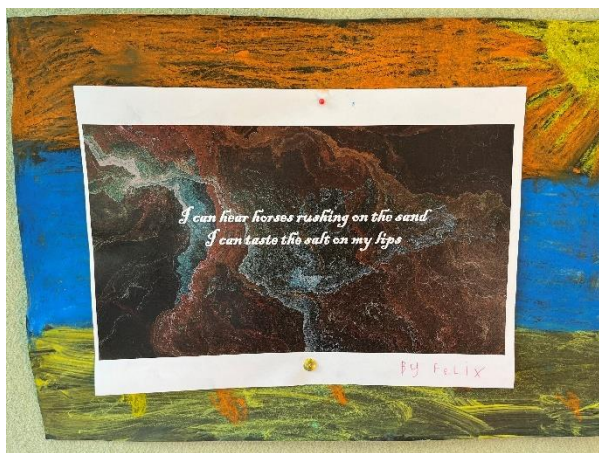
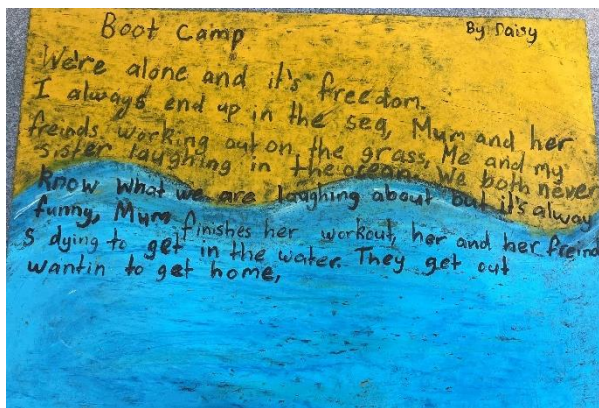
School photo day is Wednesday 25 June!

A reminder to order your photos online, using the unique student Shootkey.

Sibling order forms are available at the school office on request (prior to photo day).



## Coastal Poetry by 3-4C



## 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 have been 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*

