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## Upcoming Events

### Friday 4 July (today)

Last day of Term 2

### Monday 21 July

Term 3 Commences

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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,



The last couple of weeks have been packed to the brim with learning opportunities and community events. It was fantastic to see families attend Parent Teacher Conversations. Please remember that you can contact your child's teacher any time on SeeSaw. A highlight from last week were the Year 3/4 performances of the Rockpool musical. The students were exuberant as they worked together to put on incredible shows. The singing and costumes are to be commended. Once again, a special thank to you Miena Robinson, Virgina Eddleston, Hannah Papworth and the TAs who supported our students to achieve success. Congratulations and well done to everyone! Another example of the demonstration of the BBPS values was Monday's NAIDOC assembly. Students from Prep to Year 6 shared stories, songs, artwork and more during a celebration of the diversity in our community while acknowledging this year's theme: *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*.

Next term, we welcome back Ashley McPherson from his well-deserved break. I would like to thank the entire BBPS community for the support, kindness and respect you have shown towards me during my time here. It was very special to meet so many wonderful young people and be a part of their learning and growth. The staff at this school are deeply committed to the education and wellbeing of every child. I look forward to seeing you again at some point in future travels. Wishing you a safe, relaxing and restful school holiday!

Kind regards,

Kumudu Stewart  
**Acting Principal**

## NAIDOC Week Assembly



National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. Our assembly supported everyone to learn about Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander stories, culture and traditions. This year's National NAIDOC Week marks 50 years of the week-long celebrations, and the theme, *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*, celebrates achievements of the past and the bright future ahead.

At Blackmans Bay Primary School, we embrace and honour the diversity of our community. We are committed to treating everyone with kindness, fairness, respect, and ensuring a safe environment, recognising that we are all learners. These values link with the Department for Education and Young People's values of Connection, Courage, Respect, Growth, and Responsibility. Well done to all the classes from Prep to Year 6 who presented their work.

## 3-4 Rockpool Performance

Lights, camera, action! Rockpool took us on an adventure to a saltwater world led by Crabby and his desire to be in a band. Along with Octavia the Octopus, fish, muscles, barnacles, starfish, jellyfish and more, we followed Crabby as he learned something new despite the challenges. The Year 3/4s spent weeks rehearsing lines, working on their individual performance as well as with a team, and pulled off the magic not once but twice. A very big thank you to everyone involved and to all the families who attended the performances.





## 2025 Netball Championships



Some of our 5-6 netball players participated in Netball Tasmania's Primary School Championships on Friday 20 June at Sorell, playing against other southern school teams.

All players played well on the day, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool, narrowly missing out on the finals.

## Maths Escape Room



Selected students participated in a 'Maths Escape Room' challenge, which was organised by the Gifted and Talented teacher Mrs Ella Blackburn.



## Prep-1 Visit to Marine Discovery Centre

On Wednesday 2nd July Prep-1 classes visited the Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre. They had a very busy but wonderful day. The highlight was definitely the pools where we could pat a shark and a skate. We made habitat dioramas, created glow in

the dark pictures, learnt and touched the features of a sea star and hermit crab, as well as create a living habitat. Such a great way to wrap up our sea country inquiry unit.



## Club 100 with Together We Can

As students reach 100 reading sessions with Together We Can, we celebrate this achievement by inviting the student 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



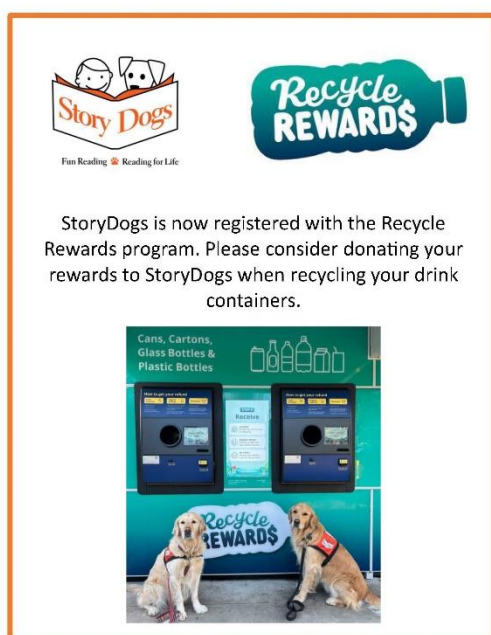
assembly and the student is invited to continue recording their reading sessions towards the next milestone of 120 reading sessions. We are proud of the students for demonstrating our value of *Responsibility* and focusing on regular reading to improve their skills and stamina with reading.



## StoryDogs

StoryDogs continue to support us here at Blackmans Bay Primary, with volunteers attending weekly to read with students.

StoryDogs are registered with the Recycle Rewards Program and would love to share the below details with our families, who may like to support them through this initiative.



## ThinkUKnow Internet Safety



Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation for parents and carers on Tuesday 22 July at 9am.

Age appropriate ThinkUKnow internet safety presentations will be delivered to all classes on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 of July.

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based program delivered nationally to prevent online child sexual exploitation. ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The program is delivered in collaboration with Policing Partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated child abuse material, online grooming, sexual extortion and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.





For more information, you can visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)



## School Carpark Reminder

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

## 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.

**Launching into Learning at BBPS does not run during school holidays. Sessions resume in the week of Monday 21 July.**

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

