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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 5 August

Maths Competition

(nominated Year 3 – 6 students only)

Wednesday 6 August

Year 6 Waratah Band Tour

School Association Meeting

6:30pm (School Library)

Tuesday 12 August

Book Week Parade – 9:15am School Hall

Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 August

Year 5 Waratah Band Workshop

C3 Convention Centre

Thursday 14 August

Whole School Assembly – 1:40pm

Monday 18 - Friday 19 August

Swimming and Water Safety Program

Collegiate Pool (Year 5 & invited Year 6)

Monday 25 – Friday 29 August

Swimming and Water Safety Program

Collegiate Pool (Year 3-4)

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 back to the start of another term together. Term 3 is a wonderful term with many extra curricula activities, warmer weather, and rich learning. I look forward to sharing our learning journey with you across this term.

Thank you for the warm welcome back after my long service leave in Term 2. I have felt sincerely welcomed back and I have appreciated many of the families (and children) making sure I felt this way. Your kind words and encouragement are greatly appreciated. I enjoyed visiting in Term 2 to see the Year 3-4 Performance and the Whole School NAIDOC Week Assembly – two incredible events that I was proud to see.

We have a busy term ahead of us with the Swimming and Water Safety Program for the upper primary classes, Book Week, excursions, and events. We will do our best to keep families informed via our school newsletter and Schoolzine.

There are also some changes this term to our Canteen availability. Although we tried hard to replace our Canteen Supervisor, we were unsuccessful with finding a replacement for the beginning of this term. We will have some Canteen options available across this term, with details of these changes available on Schoolzine, our school website and in classrooms.

I hope you have a wonderful term, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

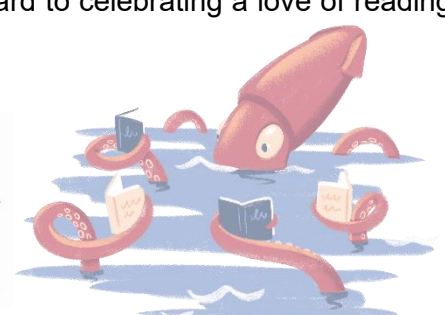
Ashley McPherson
Principal

During this week we will celebrate in the following ways:

We would like to thank our dedicated staff that are looking forward to celebrating a love of reading with your children during Book Week.




in 2025!



Together We Can!

We are starting to see students reach high numbers of reading sessions with *Together We Can*. At the Meet and Greet Gathering on Monday, Mr McPherson reminded students that every reading session counts and it's never too late to start. Even if you have only just found your *Together We Can* booklet or if you are new to our school, let's start reading as often as possible to work towards our shared goal of developing a love for reading and to improve our skills and strategies.



Reading Together with Fluency

For invited students.

Reading Together with Fluency is an important part of how we partner with families to improve reading outcomes within our school. *Reading Together with Fluency* is a home reading program for selected students that runs alongside *Together We Can!* By participating in our *Reading Together with Fluency* home program, students are supported to develop fluency (rate, accuracy, and expression) which leads to comprehension (understanding) and promoting the importance of becoming a successful reader. If your child is part of this program, you will have received a Seesaw notification, information folder and initial reading passage from our Instructional Specialist Jenny Dillon.



Tasmanian Primary All Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to the Top 3 students from the 9-Year-Old Boys Team that were presented with medals from Athletics Tasmania at our first Meet and Greet Gathering for Term 3. These students were part of the team that participated in the 2025 Tasmanian Primary All Schools Cross Country event last term and their efforts were recognised by the organisation with a medal. We are proud of the outstanding efforts our students have displayed in many aspects of both sporting and academic activities and it's a privilege to celebrate these achievements with the whole school when we can. Well done!



Indonesian Performance



Students from Prep- Year 2 are currently working on their items for the upcoming Indonesian Performance. The annual performance is a culmination of the learning that has occurred across the school year and a celebration of the culture and the student's efforts within this subject. We hope the students enjoy their final preparations and rehearsals for the Indonesian Performance and we look forward to sharing this with families later this term.

Trevor Mackenzie Professional Learning

Last weekend Miss Johnson and Mr McPherson spent the day with Trevor Mackenzie at a professional learning called *Question Routines, Curiosity and Cultures of Co-Design*. Trevor is an educator from British Columbia, Canada. His research, consultancy and authorship have reached all corners of the world as he works with educators and system leaders to shape curriculum, teaching practices and system change. We were very excited to be in a room with educators from schools from across southern Tasmania as we developed our skills and felt inspired by the work of Trevor Mackenzie.



Combined Band and Choir

This term there will be several rehearsals and workshops for children that are participating in the Combined Schools Band and Choir programs. These are wonderful opportunities for students to come with other students participating in the programs from across Southern Tasmania. It provides an authentic audience and experience for children to enjoy and we can't wait for the huge culminating event in Term 4 when we get to see all of the students involved perform at MyState Bank Arena.



change to program this year with students participating in 2 x lessons per day instead of just 1 lesson and the time for Learn to Swim has changed from two weeks, to just one week. This is to ensure students within the program can also access other learning opportunities that will be offered during this time (such as the Winter Sports Carnival and Choir Workshop). Information has now been sent home to families, but this is a reminder of the dates:

18-22 August: Year 5 & invited Year 6 students

25-29 August: Year 3 & Year 4 students

Sip and Read

We have enjoyed seeing more and more students join us each Monday and Wednesday morning for *Sip and Read*. This is a wonderful way to start the day with a Milo, and a book to enjoy. This is a reminder that families are very welcome to attend Sip and Read as well and read a book with your child in the Social Space (near the front office).



Swimming and Water Safety

This term our Year 3, 4, 5 and selected Year 6 students will be participating in the Swimming and Water Safety Program. There has been a

Marine Discovery Centre Year 1-2 Excursion

In Term 2, Year 1 and 2 students enjoyed an informative excursion and were thrilled with being able to identify different types of fish. They created marine dioramas, took an underwater camera for a test-drive, watched videos that the underwater jetty camera had captured and created art works where they shone ultraviolet light on to see how they would look in the dark. Our class used the touch pools and examined sea-urchins and hermit crabs. The 1-2 classes had a wonderful day.



Times Table Rock Stars



Blackmans Bay Primary School is currently trialling *Times Tables Rock Stars* for students in Years 3-6 and so far, it has been very popular. The program provides regular opportunities for children to practice their times table skills and the School Association have agreed to help fund the program if we continue past our initial trial period.

Times Tables Rock Stars is an award-winning maths learning platform where children can practise their times tables like a rock star! The Question-based games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere.



Library News

We are very excited to have a wonderful range of new books available in the library for our students to borrow and enjoy!

Thank you to all our families who purchase books through the Scholastic Book Club. The points earned by the school have enabled the library to obtain many of the books seen here.

Happy Reading
Cathie and Heather

notifications received after this time will likely still generate a request via Edsmart to contact the school.

- A reminder also that if your child(ren) are not in class by 8.55am, they must be signed in on the kiosk at the office to ensure their attendance is correctly recorded. Students must also be signed out at the office if they are collected early.
- If there are ever any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact the school office.

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.



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.



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



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