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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,

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Ashley McPherson

Principal

Book Week 2025

Book Week 2025 will be celebrated at Blackmans Bay Primary from 11th – 15th August.

During this week we will celebrate in the following ways:



SIP AND READ:

Sip and Read will be on EVERY DAY of Book Week.

Join us from 8:30-8:55 every day during Book Week to Sip and Read in the Social Space.

You can read one of our books or bring your own!



BOOK SWAP:

- 1. Donate a book to the Book Swap.
- 2. Bring a coin donation during Book Week
- 3. Purchase a book of your choice

All money raised will go towards funding our Sip and Read initiative.



PHOTO SHARING: Book An Adventure - Book Bingo!

- 1. Go on a reading adventure and read in lots of different places (map to be provided).
- 2. Take a photo of your child reading.
- 3. Send a copy of the photo to us via email: bla.submissions@decyp.tas.gov.au
- 4. All the photos will be printed and displayed in the Social Space for children to see themselves all enjoying books in different places.



BOOK PARADE:

When: Tuesday 12 August at 9:15

Where: Blackmans Bay Primary School Hall

Come wearing a costume of your favourite book character and bring the book along with you to show everyone.

More information will be shared about these events and more over the coming weeks.

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

Thank you for supporting your child to enjoy Book Week 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.





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

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).









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



Canteen News

Our School Canteen will have varied opening availability throughout Weeks 2 – 6 during Term 3.

Week 2: Open - Thursday only (31 July)

Week 3: CLOSED

Week 4: Open – Thursday only (14 August)

Week 5: CLOSED

Week 6: Open – Thursday only (28 August)

Unfortunately, there will be <u>no canteen</u> available for Kinder students for Weeks 2 – 6 this term.

Dates and items available for ordering during the above weeks have been updated in Qkr to reflect the changes. Please be aware that we will only have limited items available and many of our regular menu items will not be able to be ordered during the above period. If items are not showing on Qkr, they are not available.

While counter sales will be on offer when the canteen is open, options for these will also be limited. A reminder that counter sales are for snack food only, not lunch foods. Lunch provisions are only available via Qkr!

The canteen will reopen for usual ordering in Week 7 (Thursday 4 September)

Student Absences

In Tasmania, students can only miss a day of school where there is a medical reason, or a set of special circumstances.

If your child is absent for a reason that isn't authorised, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Please visit the DECYP website (link below) for a list of authorised reasons your child may be absent, or further information. Policies and Procedures regarding attendance can also be found on our school website.

https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/learning/attending-school/attendance/

Absences for Illness

It may be requested that a medical certificate or further evidence (such as a statutory declaration) are provided to explain an absence for illness if any student has been away for more than 5 days in a school year (not necessarily consecutively). Please be aware absences beyond 5 days will be recorded as unauthorised until such documentation has been provided, or at Principal's discretion following further discussions with individual families.

A letter to inform you of your child's attendance will be generated when your child reaches 5, 10 and 15 unauthorised absences within a school year and we may request that you attend a meeting to make a personalised plan to support your child's attendance.

- A reminder to families that all absences must be reported directly to the school office.
- The preferred method for advising absences at our school is via Schoolzine, however notification can also be provided in person, email or by phoning the school office on 6229 6637.
- Please notify the office prior to 9:00am on the day of a student's absence. Any

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