



Issue 12 2025 – 15 August

Upcoming Events

Monday 18 - Friday 22 August

Swimming and Water Safety Program
Collegiate Pool (Year 5 & invited Year 6)

Tuesday 19 August

Winter Sports Carnival
(selected Year 6 students only)

Monday 25 – Friday 29 August

Swimming and Water Safety Program
Collegiate Pool (Year 3-4)

Tuesday 26 August

H & C Volleyball Carnival
(selected Year 5-6 Students only)

Wednesday 27 August

2026 Kindergarten Information Evening
6:00 – 7:00pm Kindergarten Classroom

Thursday 28 August

Pre-kinder Session 2:00 – 2:45pm
Kindergarten Classroom

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 the latest school newsletter. We have had a wonderful week celebrating Book Week. We would like to acknowledge the effort of our students and families for engaging with the Book Parade on Tuesday and for your strong participation in all our events. The Book Week Parade was certainly a well-attended event with outstanding participation by students. We will include some photos within the pages of our newsletter for everyone to enjoy!

We are about to begin our annual Learn to Swim program for Year 3-5 and selected Year 6 students. We highly value the Swimming and Water Safety program which ensures all students learn to be safe and competent in water environments. As an island state surrounded by coastline, as well as inland waters and other aquatic environments, swimming and water safety are necessary skills for life. This year we have needed to change the program slightly with two lessons each day for one week instead of one lesson a day across two weeks. This ensures our students have the opportunity to complete their Swimming and Water Safety Program whilst also being able to participate in other events that are on offer at this time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

Book Week 2025

Children's Book Week turned 80 this year which means that for 8 decades we have been inspiring children and families to celebrate their favourite books, talk about their favourite stories, and consider who are our favourite characters. Our educators have been busy this week engaging in daily activities to support a celebration of Book Week and to provide rich learning and joyful moments for our students. The theme of Book Week this year was to *Book an Adventure*. This theme encourages us to be playful with reading and our photo competition was designed to inspire us to think about all the different places we could read. We have received many wonderful photos through our competition as well as some wonderful emails of support and thanks for our work this week to celebrate Book Week. Thank you for supporting your child to engage with this! Here are some photos from our various activities.

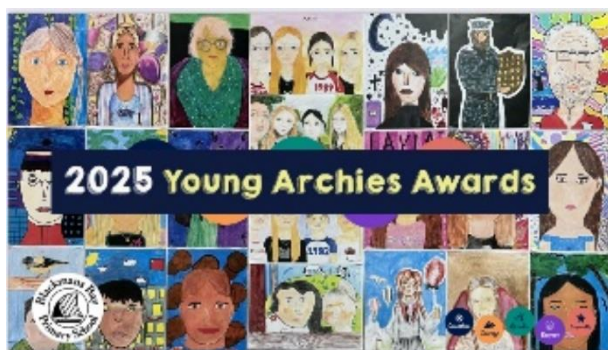


Young Archies

Congratulations to the students that have been selected for the Young Archies competition this year. We have selected our top 8 pieces from Year 3-6 to be submitted to the DECYP Young Archies competition and an additional 4 pieces have been highlighted as the Principal's Choice Award recipients. The students have done an outstanding job with their artwork this year and we thank both the students and our Art Teacher for guiding them through this creative processes.

Based on the famous Archibald Prize, the Young Archies Awards is a portrait competition open to all students in Tasmanian Government schools and colleges. Our School Association have provided a donation to our Art Department to enable us to buy the resources needed for this artwork and we would like to acknowledge and thank our School Association for your support.

We will be sharing information with families soon about where you can view the art works that will be on display at the UTAS Hunter Street Arts School in a few weeks' time.



Kindergarten Lantern Walk

We recently held our annual Kindergarten Lantern Walk. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our Kindergarten families together with our educators for a nice walk around the school and time around the fire at the outdoor classroom. Families had the opportunity to talk to each other, speak to our educators and the children enjoyed playing together in the school playground. Thank you to our educators for making the time for this wonderful event and thank you to our families for participating.



Prep-1B Science Morning with Guildford Young College

Last Thursday, Prep-1B teamed up with students from Guildford Young College for an interactive Science morning. Our young scientists explored hands-on experiments that ignited curiosity and sparked big questions about how the world works. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement.

Some of the experiments we tried included:

- Bottle balloons: watching carbon dioxide inflate a balloon.
- Dancing raisins: discovering buoyancy and gas bubbles.
- Absorbency tests: seeing which materials soak up water best.
- And more surprises that kept us guessing!

Throughout the session, students practised making predictions, recorded their ideas, then watched closely to see what happened. We can't wait for our next science adventure!



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SRC Fundraiser

Our SRC have been asked to consider a fundraiser we could host to raise funds for the Story Dogs who each week visit our school and listen



to children read. The SRC discussed this and decided it would be best to do something that was *dog themed* as the fundraiser. We decided to draft a letter to Bunnings Kingston and requested their support. We were overwhelmed when they responded and provided us with two large boxes of dog treats, toys and a gift card as a donation to our school to use for our fundraiser. We are now planning the fundraiser event, and more information will be shared shortly. Thank you so much to Bunnings Kingston for your support.

Year 6 Waratah Band Tour



Congratulations to our Year 5-6 students, who are members of the Combined Primary Schools Year 6

Waratah Band, that went on tour recently and visited Bruny Island. Joining with other students engaged with the program from across the schools in this area, the combined band put on a show for the students and community of Bruny Island. There will be plenty of opportunities for our band students to perform to audiences in the second half of this year and we can't wait to hear them play!



Canteen News

Our varied Canteen hours and menu continue for another two weeks:

Week 5: CLOSED

Week 6: Open – Thursday only (28 August)

Unfortunately, there will be no canteen available for Kinder students until week 7.

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)

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



Kindergarten 2026

We are excited to welcome families of intended 2026 Kindergarten students to our upcoming Information Evening and Pre-Kinder Sessions. Information has now been emailed to families in relation to these dates.



Enrolments are still currently open for Kinder next year. If your child is turning 5 throughout 2026, please contact the school office to enquire and confirm your intent to enrol.

If you haven't already done so, please return enrolment forms, along with required supporting documentation, to the school office as soon as possible.

Save the Date

P & F Silent Disco – Friday 5 September

Kinder – Year 2: 5:00 – 5:45pm

Year 3 – 6: 6:00 – 7:00pm



BBPS students only. \$5 per child.

More details to come...

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.

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