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## Upcoming Events

### Friday 5 September

Pyjama Day (Gold coin donation)

P&F Silent Disco – School Hall

### Wednesday 10 September

School Association Meeting

6:30pm - School Library

### Thursday 11 September

Whole School Assembly – 1:40pm

Pre-Kinder Session – 2:00pm

### Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 September

Parent Teacher Discussions

### Tuesday 16 September

Prep – Year 2 Indonesian Performance

### Wednesday 17 September

Year 6 Band Workshop at C3

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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,



Welcome to our latest school newsletter. Congratulations to our students in Years 3-5 (and selected Year 6's) who have completed their annual Swimming and Water Safety program. This highly valued program ensures all students learn to be safe and competent in water environments.

The annual School Satisfaction Survey is currently open, and I would like to encourage all families to participate. The survey provides an annual opportunity for formal feedback to the leadership team about the aspects of our school that are going well, and areas for further improvement. The survey is only short, but your feedback is highly valued. If you haven't yet had a chance to submit your survey, please click here to complete the survey [Families Satisfaction Survey](#). The survey will remain open until Friday 19 September.

This week we have hosted our first Pre-Kinder session for our 2026 Kindergarten students. This is an exciting time for families as their children are preparing for the next stage of entering formal education. We will have several pre-kinder sessions this year to support a smooth transition to Kindergarten in 2026. Thank you to our new families for supporting your children with this important next step.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson  
Principal

## Families Satisfaction Survey

The annual School Satisfaction Survey is now open! We would be grateful if you took part in our online survey about Blackmans Bay Primary School.



Input from families is very important to help us inform our school-planning and decision-making. Every year the Department for Education, Children and Young People conducts a School Satisfaction Survey to find out what your child(ren)'s school does well and where it may improve.

The survey is open from Monday 25 August 2025 until Friday 19 September 2025 and should take about 5 minutes to complete. Each family should nominate one person to fill in this survey for their child(ren). Take the online survey by clicking this [Link](https://nam.dcv.ms/5d4QWcTFdt), or pasting it in your browser:

<https://nam.dcv.ms/5d4QWcTFdt>

The survey is carried out on a secure website and all responses are anonymous and confidential. All families in this school received the same survey link and no identifying information is collected. A summary of the survey results will be provided to schools. Responses from individuals or small groups will NOT be disclosed to any Department for Education, Children and Young People staff.

Thank you for your support and by completing the survey.

## Young Archies

Congratulations to all the incredible artists from across the state that have their portraits on display around the UTAS School of Creative Arts and Media at the Hunter Street Campus. The Young Archies are on display and open to the public from Thursday 21 August until Friday 5 September. You can visit between 11:00- 4:00pm each day. See details below. If you are able to get along to view the

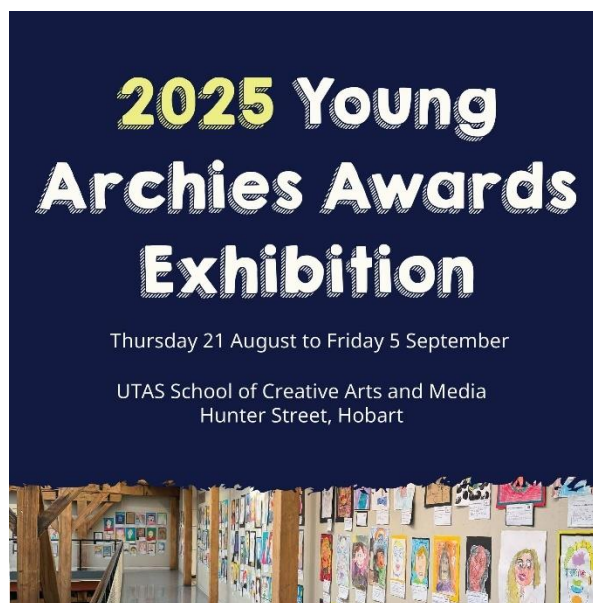
gallery, we strongly encourage you to. The quality of the artwork is outstanding.

Hobart Exhibition:

Address: UTAS School of Creative Arts and Media, Hunter Street

Dates: Thursday 21 August – Friday 5 September

Opening times: 11:00 - 4:00pm



## Winter Sports Carnival

On Tuesday 19 August, Jasmine and Isla participated in the Southern Primary Schools Sports Association Netball



Carnival as members of the Huon Channel Hawks teams. The Huon Channel teams played 5 games throughout the day against teams from all around the greater Hobart region. Our division 1 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, while our division 2 team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. All players did a fantastic job representing our school. They showed great attitudes, excellent sportsmanship, and gave their very best effort in every game. Thank you to those parents who came along to cheer on our teams and help with scoring on the day.



## 100 Days of School Celebrations

1-2B students participated in 100 days at school activities that included:

- programming a Beebot to move to a square that matched Base 10 materials,
- stacking 100 paper cups into towers,
- building chains with 100 links skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s using different coloured links,
- completing puzzles with 100 pieces,
- making necklaces with 100 beads,
- colouring 100 days smarter hats,
- building shape pictures with 100 shapes,
- playing number games using Unifix cubes and Base 10 materials to race to collect 100,
- playing draughts from recycled yoghurt tops as playing pieces, (we collected over 100 from our lunches)
- and completing digital skip counting games to 100.

Everyone had a lot of fun.



## Whole School Assembly

Twice a term we have a whole school assembly. The assembly is an opportunity for us to share the learning that has occurred across the school in recent weeks and to acknowledge two students from each class with a merit certificate. The merit certificate describes a positive learning attribute of the student and celebrates their focus on learning and positive behaviour. We are proud of the students that are recognised each assembly with a merit certificate.



## 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.



## Combined Primary Schools Band Workshop

Students participating in the Combined Primary Schools Band Workshop have been participating in several rehearsals recently with a few more planned before the *big event* at MyState Bank Arena in November. Our students are enjoying the opportunity to play their instruments with children from schools across the South who are learning the same pieces of music and preparing for the same Concert in November.



## Supporting Every Student's Literacy Journey: Our Approach

At our school, we're committed to making sure every child and young person receives the literacy support they need—when they need it. That's why we use a consistent, evidence-based approach across all Department schools called the **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)**.

Here's how MTSS works:

- **Tier 1** – For all students: Every child is taught to read using proven, evidence-based teaching strategies.
- **Tier 2** – For some students: Those who need extra time and practice with specific literacy skills work in smaller groups. Once they've mastered the skill, they return to Tier 1.

- **Tier 3** – For a few students: These learners receive one-on-one support to help them learn specific literacy skills, alongside the learning in Tiers 1..

This system ensures that every student gets the right amount of help at the right time. Whether it's extra practice or individual support, MTSS is our way of making sure no student is left behind in their literacy journey.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how your child's learning is supported, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher.

## Year 5-6C Maths

Students in Year 5-6 C have been engaging in a hands-on problem-solving session where they had to put their heads together to solve numerical, spatial, chance and data and logic problems. They were fully engaged and very proud of their achievements. It was wonderful to see their motivation and perseverance. Maths is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn as collaborators and thinkers and provides an authentic opportunity to communicate your thinking and ideas. Well done 5-6C.





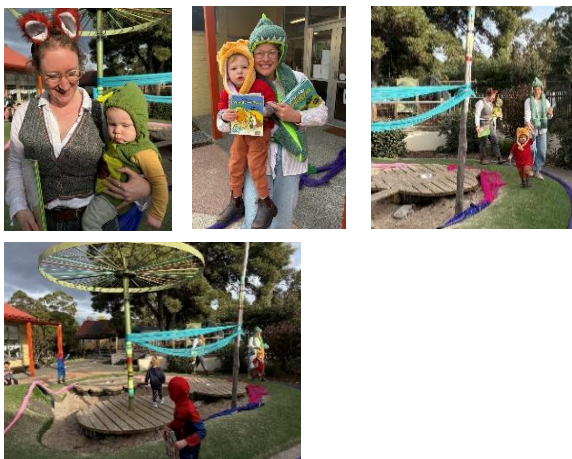
## Canteen News

The canteen will reopen for usual ordering from next week (Week 7) - Thursday 4 September

## Launching into Learning News

### Book Week

Last Friday our Launching into Learning families had their very own Book Week parade. Observed by the Prep-1 classes; our families and children paraded around the Prep-1 courtyard in their book week costumes. Thank you to our families for supporting your children to enjoy Book Week.



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

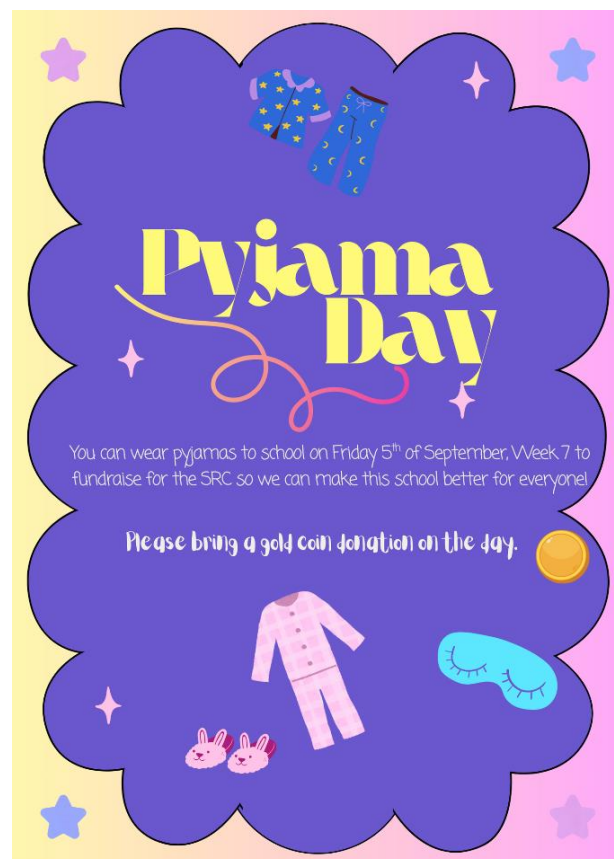
Little Groovers is a music inspired session that will engage children and families in songs, rhymes and rhythms, dance and movement. Children will be using tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments with scarves and parachute songs.

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*



## SRC News – Pyjama Day



## School Association News



**BBPS**  
School Association

**Silent Disco**

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
School Hall



Please come along and support our school

Kinder - Year 2	5:00-5:45pm
Year 3 - Year 6	6:00-7:00pm

### Silent Disco

Only students enrolled at BBPS, along with their parents/carers may attend. If parents/carers are staying for the night they must have a current working with vulnerable people card and show it on the night.

All students will need to be signed in and out of the disco by a parent or carer.

### Snacks:

The P&F will be selling drinks & packets of chips from the canteen on the night.

Drinks	\$2.50
Slushies	\$3.00
Chips	\$1.00
Glowsticks	\$1.00

### Entry Cost:

\$5 per student

Bookings via Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DEZJK>



We look forward to a great night of music and dancing.

## 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