



Issue 14 2025 – 12 September

Upcoming Events

Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 September
Parent Teacher Discussions

Tuesday 16 September
Prep – Year 2 Indonesian Performance
1:45pm School Hall

Wednesday 17 September
Year 6 Band Workshop at C3

Tuesday 23 September
KHS Family Interactive Session (Year 6)
BBPS Library: 6:00 – 7:00pm

Friday 26 September
Last Day Term 3

Monday 13 October
Term 4 Commences

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.



We have had many wonderful
events in recent weeks to raise
funds and to have fun. Our recent Pyjama Day
raised \$253 for the SRC and following the
results of our school survey, we have decided
to use this money to purchase new equipment
for the playground. Our SRC are continuing to
research this and consider the best way to
spend their money.

We would like to thank our P&F Group for
hosting the recent Silent Disco. This was a
wonderful event that was well attended by
students. It takes many people to host an
event like this, so we would like to extend our
thanks to all the volunteers involved. Our
students certainly appreciated this.

Within the newsletter this week we have some
important updates for families including our
current SRC Fundraiser, class placement
requests for 2026, Colour Run, and an update
on the Mural Project.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal

Area A Sports Tub

The Area A Sports Tub opened for the first time recently and students have loved the freely available equipment. The box contains sports equipment that students can borrow to use at recess and lunch time. It has been great to see the number of students utilising and enjoying the equipment at break times.



SRC Pyjama Day

Congratulations to the SRC for a highly successful Pyjama Day Fundraising event last week. The school raised \$253 and discussed the survey results that indicated how our students would like to spend the money. The survey responses included a new slide, sports equipment, and a flying fox. The SRC are now going to complete some research and consider how best to spend the money raised. Thank you to all who donated



and for your support. The SRC will keep our community updated once we have made a decision for purchasing something new for our school.



Story Dogs Fundraiser



Story Dogs Tasmania have been working with selected students at Blackmans Bay Primary School this year. This wonderful organisation has the mission to *make reading fun for children, so they become confident, lifelong readers. No child should be left behind in literacy.*

The SRC have been asked to plan an annual fundraiser to raise much needed funds for Story Dogs Tasmania to continue the program. It was important to the SRC that we have a fundraiser that was dog-themed and this has led to the *Raffle Ticket Fundraiser*.

We would like to thank Bunnings Kingston who have donated all our dog-related prizes!

Families have been sent a letter this week with instructions and blank tickets to purchase for the prize draw. Please return the tickets and money to the school office before Tuesday 23 September to be included in the draw.

Classes 2026

During October, teaching staff will place students in class groups for the 2026 school year taking into consideration the educational needs of the child, the social and emotional needs of the child and the balance of student abilities within the group.

If you would like to make a specific class placement request due to an educational reason, please complete this Microsoft Form. <https://forms.office.com/r/RQujUbtkeZ> This link will remain open until the end of Term 3, 2025.

Please note: a class placement request will only be considered on educational grounds, not for individual class teachers or friendship preferences. We will ask every child to provide up to 5 friends they would like to have in their class, and we will do our best to ensure at least one of their friend requests is in the same class as them.

Staff Movements

We will be having some changes to staffing in the coming weeks that we would like to inform our community about:

Peta Bentley (AST) will be on Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of Term 3. During this time Luke Sorrentino will be acting AST at our school. Luke comes to us from Snug Primary School and we look forward to welcoming him to our school community. We also want to wish Peta a wonderful and well-deserved Long Service Leave break.

Miena Robinson (3-4A Teacher) will be on Maternity Leave from the end of Term 3 2025

until Term 3 2026. We will be welcoming Brigitte Shelton to our school as Teacher for 3-4A for the remainder of this year. Brigitte is a highly experienced teacher, and she is looking forward to being part of the team at Blackmans Bay Primary School. We would like to wish Miena all the best for her upcoming leave.

Parent Teacher Conversations

Next week we will be hosting our Parent-Teacher Conversations for Term 3. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their learning and engagement. Our hope is that we can share with you the success that you child has had this term and how we can work together to support your child to achieve their next learning goal. Thank you for making the time to meet with us.

Families Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to the families that have already completed the Families Satisfaction Survey. The survey will remain open until Friday 19 September 2025 and should take about 5 minutes to complete.



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.

Each family has been asked to nominate one person to fill in this survey for their child(ren). You can take the online survey by clicking this [Link](#), 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

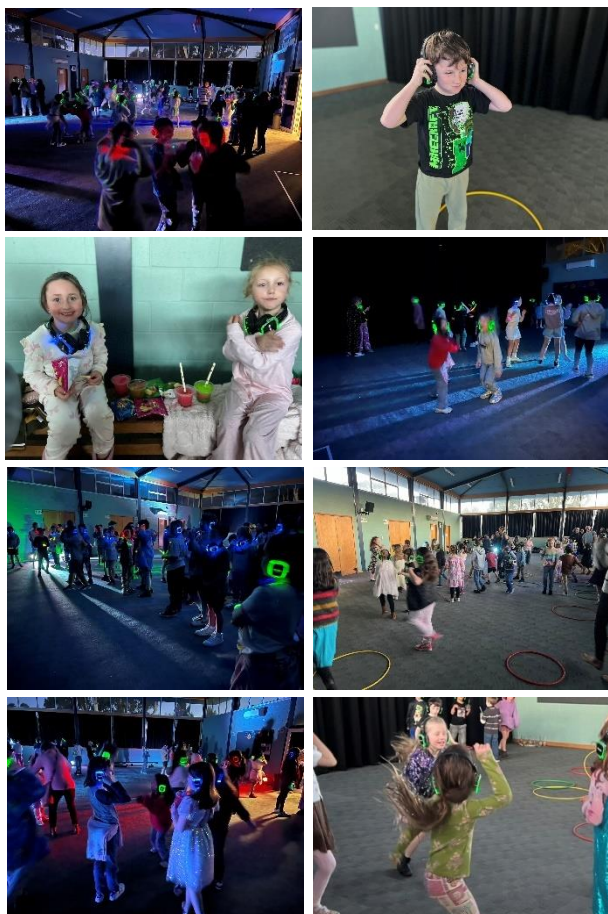
survey results will be provided to schools. Responses from individuals or small groups will NOT be disclosed to any Department for Education, Children and Young People staff.

Thank you for your support and by completing the survey.

School Association News

P&F Group Silent Disco

Our wonderful group of P&F volunteers hosted our first Silent Disco at Blackmans Bay Primary School recently and it was a huge success. We were amazed at the high level of participation from our students, the high number of canteen sales and the classic songs from the past that appear to still be very popular with students today. Thank you to all the P&F volunteers that supported this event and to Ange and Matt Yost for your co-ordination and facilitation of the event.



Mural Update

Works have continued this week with our Mural Project! An undercoat is in the process of being painted on the large wall in the basketball area (Area A) by Elite Painters in readiness for the artist, Emma-Lee Bradbury, to begin work on the wall next week. We are thrilled to have a new artist coming in to complete the Mural Project and to see the funds raised by our community go towards completing this project. Emma-Lee will be working on the mural in the last couple of weeks of this term with some potential work to be completed during the term break. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with the progress of this project.



The Colour Run is back in Term 4

Join us on the afternoon of 22 October (during school hours) for a fun and colourful event right here on school grounds. The Colour Run is hosted by students, parent volunteers, and members of the School Association Committee. More information has been shared with families on Schoolzine Registration is via the TryBooking link:

www.trybooking.com/DFCAZ

Blackmans Bay Primary School

COLOUR RUN!

Save the date - October 22nd
(the Wednesday before Show day)

See FAQ for further details

Register via TryBooking!

- \$5 Entrance fee

Optional add-ons:

- \$4 Sunglasses
- \$4 Headband

www.trybooking.com/DFCAZ

Please save the date and sign up now!

Launching into Learning News

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*

Adventure Patch News

The poster for the Adventure Patch Vacation Care Program features a colorful geometric border. At the top, the 'adventure patch' logo is displayed in a playful, multi-colored font. Below the logo, the title 'VACATION CARE PROGRAM' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. The text describes the program as a 'ticket to adventure' for children, offering activities like bushwalks, kayaking, and trips to the zoo. It mentions that the program is open to primary school-aged children and offers a chance to 'Learn, Play and Grow!'. A note states that CCS percentages vary per family, ranging from 0%-95%. At the bottom, there are two QR codes. The left QR code is labeled 'NEED TO ENROL?' and the right QR code is labeled 'CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR PROGRAMS'. Arrows point from the text to the respective QR codes.

adventure patch

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Adventure Patch's Vacation Care program is your child's ticket to adventure!

With activities ranging from guided bushwalks, kayaking or trips to the zoo, we have exciting options for everyone. Open to primary school aged children, the wide range of experiences offers everyone the chance to Learn, Play and Grow!

Enjoy the benefits of our fun and educational programs. Chat with our enrolments officer about childcare subsidy and get up to **95% off your fees!**

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Diabetes Australia Fundraising

Raise funds for Diabetes Australia and help our school be in the running for 1 of 2 x \$10,000 prizes available in 2025

Blackmans Bay Primary have registered to fundraise in conjunction with the Schools Triathlon Challenge (STC) to support Diabetes Australia in 2025. This year, participating schools have the chance to win \$10 000, and we would love your support.

All students / families are invited to fundraise, not just those Year 3 – 6 students participating in the Schools Triathlon Challenge.

There will be two winning schools – one at the Devonport STC event and one at the Hobart STC event. The prize will go to the school with the highest fundraising average per student enrolled in the school. That means total funds raised will be divided by the number of enrolled students, giving every school, big or small, a fair shot at victory.

Not only will our school benefit, but the fundraising itself allows students / families to raise funds for Diabetes Australia. Funds will be used on several targeted projects within Tasmania and nationally. Fundraising also allows students the opportunity to do a great community service and to learn community values while they are doing something positive for themselves.

Please donate to our fundraising page:

<https://give.diabetesaustralia.com.au/fundraisers/BlackmansBayPrimarySchool15>

If students would like to do their own fundraising, they can create their own fundraising page at <https://give.diabetesaustralia.com.au/event/school-triathlon-challenge>. Make sure they then join our school page when they register, to ensure money raised is counted in our school efforts.