



Issue 16 2025 – 24 October

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 29 October

Year 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival
Hobart Aquatic Centre

School Association Meeting – 6:30pm
School Library

Thursday 6 November

Whole School Assembly – 1:40pm
School Hall. Families welcome.

Friday 7 November

Marimba Mania
Selected Year 4 – 6 students

Saturday 15 November

BBPSSA Trivia Night

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 and the start of Term 4.

Congratulations to our Prep-Year 2 students who have recently participated in their Water Orientation program this term. With the financial support of our School Association, we can provide Prep-Year 2 water orientation lessons before the formal Year 3-6 Swimming and Water Safety program begins. As an island state surrounded by water, we highly value this program.

This term we have also introduced Authors Club! Authors Club is a weekly invitation for each classroom teacher to select a student that has achieved a personal writing goal to share their work with me. Students are invited to come together and read a part of their writing that they are proud of and to receive a certificate to acknowledge their effort. I look forward to welcoming students each week to Authors Club.

We have a busy calendar of events this term so please check the Schoolzine calendar, alerts, and our newsletter to stay informed about important dates and information.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Ashley McPherson
Principal



Authors Club

This term we have introduced Authors Club to our school. This is a wonderful opportunity each week to come together and share our writing. Teachers are invited to select one student from their class that has achieved their personal writing goal for the week. They are then invited to come and see Mr McPherson and share their writing. Each student selects their favourite part of their writing, the piece that they are most proud of, to share with the group.



Authors Club is an opportunity to acknowledge effort with writing, but it is also another opportunity to practise reading, public speaking and to celebrate learning.

Congratulations to the first children selected to participate in Authors Club this term.



Thank You, Rotary Club Kingston

The Rotary Club of Kingston have been working with the school for several months to plan an upgrade to our Year 6 playground. We have asked our students for their ideas and input and worked closely with the Rotary Club to progress this project. Last weekend the Rotary Club volunteers prepared the ground for the new playground equipment, digging holes, laying concrete, and installing equipment frames. Today, the Rotary Club

volunteers have returned to hang the new swings and install the new tables and chairs that will become a much-loved area of the Year 6 playground.

We can't thank the Rotary Club of Kingston enough for their partnership and support. The playground upgrade is a wonderful addition to our school and a huge benefit to our students.



SRC Fundraiser

We are proud of our SRC for developing their fundraising idea (pyjama day), surveying the students for ideas of what to spend this money on, researching options, placing an order, and then providing our school with new equipment at recess and lunch time to play with. With thanks to the SRC, we have purchased all new playtime equipment for everyone to enjoy. The equipment includes new balls, vortexes, soccer balls, footballs, and sensory balls. Well done to our SRC for undertaking this incredible project for your peers.



Together We Can

Congratulations to the students recognised for reaching their next reading milestone this week with Together We Can. We are proud of our students for their effort and focus on improving their reading skills. Thank you to our families for taking the time to listen to your child and discuss their reading with them on a regular basis. Your support is making a huge difference to your child's learning.



World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is coming up on Friday 31 October. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge our teachers that inspire, support, and empower our children and young people every day. Our teachers care deeply about the children at our school and work hard to ensure the very best outcomes for each child. I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our teachers for the incredible job that they do and for the positive impact each and every teacher has on the lives of our children. Thank you, teachers!



Planning for Next Year

Term 4 can be a tricky time for some students who may feel anxious about the change of class and teacher for next year. Although we

do our best to ensure the transitions from one year to the next are as smooth as possible, we do acknowledge this can be an uncertain time for many children. Whilst we are still sorting out our class structures and teaching team for next year, there are some ways that you can help your child to feel better about next year. Here are some ideas for you to support your child:

1. Validate feelings and promote calm
 - Let your child know it's okay to feel anxious or worried
 - Reassure your child that the school will make sure you are supported
2. Focus on the positive and build independence
 - Talk about the potential fresh start, meeting new friends and all the new learning that happens when you move up a year level
 - Brainstorm things your child can do such as asking an adult for help, or learning how to introduce themselves to new people
3. Continue contact over the break
 - Where possible try to keep peer connection with playdates or activities outside of school with friends
 - Visit the school playground outside of school hours/ during the holiday break to keep this a familiar space for your child

We are working hard to ensure our classes are planned as early as possible to allow children the greatest opportunity for a smooth transition into next year. Your support and understanding with this is greatly appreciated.

Canteen News

New menu item alert!

Curried Chicken Pie (large) - \$4.00.

Now available on our Canteen menu to order via Qkr!



Uniform Shop News

Back to School (and 2026 Kinder) Uniform Orders will be available to order on Qkr from Monday 27 October. Further information about this process can be found on Schoolzine, and a notice has recently been sent home with all Kinder – Year 5 students. Regular ordering via Qkr has now closed for 2025

Below are key dates in relation to changes to uniform shop hours and sales in Term 4, in preparation for 2026:

Friday 24 October 2025, 3:00pm:

Regular QKR Orders for 2025 close

Thursday 27 November 2025, 2:30pm – 3:00pm:

Final Uniform Shop opening of 2025

Friday 28 November 2025:

2026 Back to School Uniform Orders close

Monday 8 Dec – Friday 12 Dec 2025:

Collection of 2026 Back to School QKR Orders

Stop Work Action

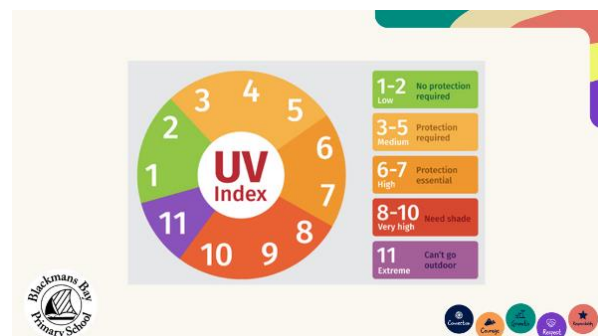
Due to planned stop work action by Tasmanian Unions on **Thursday, 30 October 2025** in the Southern region, it has been determined that our school will be temporarily closed for educational instruction until 11am on this day. This action is necessary as we are unable to guarantee adequate duty of care.

We ask that **students arrive after 11.00am for a 11.30am start**. Also note that bus operators will not be adjusting their timetables in response to the later school starting time.

We recognise these closures due to industrial action will impact families; it is regrettable that school closure action is necessary, however, we must be able to ensure adequate safety and supervision of students. If you are concerned you will be unable to make alternative arrangements for your child, please contact our office via email, blackmans.bay.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au, as soon as possible.

Sun Smart: Hats Required

A reminder that all students should now be wearing their sun safe hats when outside at school. Caps are not suitable. If you need a new school hat for this year, these can be purchased via the Uniform Shop, running out of the office on Tuesdays 8:45am - 9:15am and Thursdays 2:30pm - 3:00pm until Thursday 27 November.



Launching into Learning News

Our Launching into Learning sessions are not held during school holidays. Sessions recommence on Tuesday 14 October.

We offer two Launching into Learning sessions each week for any child to attend with their family from 0-4years.



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 Association News

Please see below information about our upcoming School Association events. More information about these events is available via Schoolzine.

Trivia Night



Colour Run



The Colour Run has been rescheduled for the afternoon of **Thursday 27 November!**

For students who were unable to participate in the event on the original date but would still like to sign up to take part on the new date, please see the School Office for a waiver form, which is to be completed and returned to the office, along with the entry fee of \$5 per student (cash only), as soon as possible (no later than Friday 21 November).

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.