



Bridport Primary School

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IMPORTANT DATES 2021

February

Wed 24 Launceston Cup – No School

Thur 25 Hagley Excursion Gr 3/4 Classes,
Walking School Bus starts

March

Wed 3 Athletic Carnival (P-Gr 6)

Fri 5 Gr 4/5/6 Long Jump, 5/6 High Jump
and Shot Put

Thur 4 Grip Leadership Conference

Mon 8 Public Holiday

Wed 10 Gr 5/6 1500m

School Term Dates

Term 1 Wed 3rd Feb - Wed 31st
Mar

Easter Break Fri 2nd Apr - Tues 6th Apr

Term 2 Wed 21st Apr - Fri 2nd Jul

Term 3 Tues 20th Jul - Fri 24th Sep

Term 4 Mon 11th Oct - Thu 16th
Dec

Reminders

* No cash sales for the canteen. Any frozen items or snacks must be ordered on the Qkr! App before 9:00 a.m. each day.

Dear Community

Positive Partnerships

Creating positive partnerships between home and school is critical to the students' learning and wellbeing. All staff within the school are working at all times to achieve the best outcomes for the children in our care. If you have any concerns about your child/ren it is important to notify the school or contact the class teacher so that it can then be followed up to maximise children's learning and emotional development.

Stop, Drop and Go Zone

A reminder to all parents that it is a Stop, Drop and Go Zone ONLY on South Street the street, outside the school office. Drivers are to drop off their children and go, or remain in their vehicles at all times whilst waiting for children. Parents are also reminded to close any gates that they pass through to help keep the students safe.

Attendance - "Miss School - Miss Out"

I wish to reiterate to parents the importance of your child's attendance at school every day, unless they are unwell. By not being at school, even for one day, a child can miss out on important lessons that might mean they experience difficulty down the track. Please ensure wherever possible that appointments are out of school hours or in holidays and only extraordinary events should result in school non-attendance. When your child is absent it is very important that you phone, email or write a note to the school to report your child's absence.

A verbal message from a sibling will not be sufficient.



BPS CONTACT DETAILS

10 South St Bridport TAS 7262

Phone : 03 63 561 226

Email: bridport.primary@education.tas.gov.au

You can maximise your children's learning by:

- ensuring they attend every day,
- providing them with a healthy breakfast,
- ensuring they receive adequate sleep and
- providing them with healthy snacks/meals and water.

This will help to sustain their thinking and learning throughout the day.

The following procedures will be followed for any child who has an unexplained absence:

- SMS text will be sent.
- If no response then this will be followed with a phone call.
- In the event there are five unexplained absences a letter will be sent out asking parents to explain all of the absences.
- If no response, then the Department of Education may take legal action.

If your child is absent then please refer to the accompanying sheet for the list of authorised reasons for children to be excused from school.

Social Skill Focus - Manners

It's very important that children use their manners when communicating with other people. Some ways in which they can use manners include: **Saying Please** – when you are asking someone for something or to do something. **Saying Thank you** – when you receive something from someone. **Saying Excuse me** - when you are passing someone, or to leave a room, or to get someone's attention in order to ask them something. **Saying Pardon me** - when you didn't hear something someone said and you want them to repeat it.

Launceston Cup– Public Holiday

A reminder to parents that children **do not** attend school on Launceston Cup Day, Wednesday 24th February.

School Association

A reminder that our first School Association meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 6:00 p.m. at the Bunker.

Grade 6 Leaders

Congratulations to the following Grade 6 students who have applied for and been successful in being appointed to the following leadership positions:

ICT: Jackson, Chaice, Xavier, Megan, Alfie & Kobie
Canteen: Grace, Maya, Bianca, Chaice, Xavier, Karlie
Kinder/LiL: Ava, Bianca, Maddy, Ella & Grace
Library: Lochie, Boston, Isaak & Stan
Music: Ella, Karlie & Maddy
Office: Maya, Bianca, Isaak & Boston
Garden: Lochie & Archie
Bus Captains: Bianca, Megan & Boston

Mathletics, Literacy Planet, Reading Eggs & Maths Seeds

These online programs are up and running for those students from Prep to Grade 6 who are wishing to access the programs from home. We highly encourage the students to use these programs at home as the school pays for the licence to enable students to practice outside of school hours.

Kindergarten Students

A warm welcome to our Kindergarten families who have now started school. It has been wonderful to see their excited but nervous faces each day as they enter their new classroom.

Parent Help and Volunteering

It is a Department of Education requirement that anyone volunteering in the school or accompanying an excursion must have a Working with Vulnerable People Card. We encourage all parents and volunteers to apply for their RWVP as we are now able to have parent help as long as all COVID-19 regulations are adhered to. Please contact the school office if you need assistance with this process.

Walking School Bus

Mrs Stella Howell and Mrs Julie Gillespie have kindly offered to "drive" our walking school bus. The walking school bus will meet outside the Bridport Library (on the Village Green grass) each Thursday at 8:30 a.m. starting Thursday 25th February.

Kind regards,
Carol Stingel



Merit Awards

Prep: **Courage:** Georgia for reading to the class. **Aspiration:** Cecilia for working hard to present quality work.

1/2 Hodgetts: **Growth:** Noah W-J for settling into his new class so well. Great job! **Respect:** Imajen for patiently waiting to speak and saying "excuse me" instead of interrupting.

1/2 Beard/Styles: **Respect:** Tegan for showing respect for others by working quietly at her tasks. A great example to others! **Growth:** Kennedy for doing her best to complete all her tasks. Well done Kennedy!

3/4 Purdon/ S-Hall: Respect: Eliza for being such a thoughtful class member and always asking if she can assist others. **Aspiration:** Catherine for starting Grade 3 in a positive manner, and settling in routines and following expectations. **Growth:** Jayden L-W for showing maturity and starting Grade 4 in a more settled and focused manner!

3/4 Brown: Courage: Zeke for showing a positive attitude to learning. Fraser for displaying a committed attitude to learning. **Courage:** Mason R for showing a respectful attitude to listen to instructions and peers when working in group situations. **Kindness:** Porscha for showing kindness and respect to help others including Mrs Brown. Madalyn P for showing kindness and patience to help others; particularly helping Mrs Brown.

5/6 Dowde: Aspiration: Cameron for making an excellent start to the year, particularly in writing. **Respect:** Beau for starting the year in a mature and respectful manner.

5/6 Reid/Lynch: Respect: Archie T for being a very respectful and dedicated learner. Champion worker. **Aspiration:** Ella B for aspiring to great outcomes always focussed and contributing in all learning.

Staff Profiles

Name: Miss Laura Hodgetts

Role and qualifications: 1 / 2 teacher, qualified primary school teacher

Interests/hobbies: Visual art and spending time in nature.

Pets: Jesse the cat, Ellie the Border Collie, Pippa the Jack Russell, Harold and Kumar the alpacas.

Favourite food: Garlic bread.

Favourite sport team: The mighty Bombers.



Name: Mrs Chrissie Baxter

Role and Qualifications: I am returning from maternity leave 2 days per week. On Mondays you will find me supporting students from P-2 with Literacy. On Tuesdays I will be providing planning time for teachers which means I get to work with all classes doing a bit of all sorts: Library, Health and ICT for the moment.

Usually the big kids (Gr 3-6s) scare me a little bit but this year I am really excited about working with them and seeing how they have **grown** up from their Gr 1-2 days.



Interests/Hobbies: Spending time with my little boy, Lachie, who is now 10 months old.

Pets: Jack, a 15 year old Border Collie/Kelpie cross.

Favourite food: A very tough call between chicken parmi and chocolate.

Favourite sports team: Collingwood Magpies.

Anything else: I live on a farm at Pipers River.

Name: Mrs Maree Grace

Role & qualifications: Advanced Skills Teacher/Kindergarten Teacher, Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) 1993, Master of Education 2000.



Interests/hobbies: Reading, snow skiing, swimming, walking my dog, doing craft projects & travelling (when there are no restrictions).

Pets: I have a deaf black Labrador called Bella

Favourite food: Any kind of cheesecake

Favourite sports team: I both love and hate watching my children's hockey teams play. Both of my children have played for their school, their club and also Tasmania. I also love watching the Hobart Hurricanes cricket team play.

Interesting fact: I once felt seasick on a boat that was still tied up to a wharf! ☹️

Library Reminder

All students are required to bring along their library bag to school to enable them to borrow from our school library. If you have misplaced your library bag a replacement can be purchased from the school for a price of \$5, OR alternatively students can bring in their own library bag of their choice. The Library timetable is listed below.

Monday	Tuesday
1-2 Hodgetts	3-4 Brown
1-2 Beard	3-4 Purdon
5-6 Reid	Prep
5-6 Dowde	
Kinder	

Breakfast Club Co-Ordinator Wanted

Are you able to assist running the Breakfast Club? Breakfast Club runs once a week, and two parent volunteers assist each week on a rotating roster. The Breakfast Club Co-ordinator is required to ensure we have food supplies each week (fresh milk, bread etc.) and also to send a reminder text to the rostered volunteers each week. Those who assist on the roster are asked to be available from 8:10 – 9:10 a.m. on the day. The Breakfast Club day of the week has not yet been decided this year. If you think you would like to be the co-ordinator and have a current Working With Vulnerable People Card please advise the school office.

Community News

Bridport Golf Club

Fortnightly on Mondays after school at the golf club. Next session starting Monday 22nd February. "Come and Try Sessions for Juniors" as well as coaching and practice sessions.

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

"Come and Try" for women on Sunday mornings. Beginning Feb 7th @ 10:00 a.m. or come and play 9 holes for ladies, juniors & men"

For more information please contact Mandy Hall
0438 552 224.



Drive-In Movie Night

February 20th at Bridport Village Green
9pm - 11pm
Food and Drinks For Sale
\$10 per Car (+Booking Fees)
Tickets Essential
Visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/dorset-movies/>
to book and for more information.

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BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE DORSET COMMUNITY HOUSE**





JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Bridport Football Club are calling on any parents willing to help run and organise Saturday morning junior football (home games only) for ages 6 - 12.

Please contact us by Sunday 21st February via facebook or call:
Cara - 0407 561 572
Kristy - 0407 132 142

We ask that if your child/ren are interested in playing you also notify us on the above

please note lack of interest shown could stop junior football going ahead at our club for 2021



GET INTO HOCKEY

FREE PLAYING KITS FOR KIDS!

TERM 1 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
BURNIE - DEVONPORT
HOBART - LAUNCESTON



SIGN UP FOR GET INTO HOCKEY AND RECEIVE A FREE PLAYING KIT!

- +STICK
- +BALL
- +SHINGUARDS
- +SINGLET
- +BACKPACK

Sign up or see all details on the Junior Zone on the Hockey Tasmania website
www.hockeytasmania.com.au