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IMPORTANT DATES 2022

FEBRUARY

Wed 23 Launceston Cup Holiday – No School

MARCH

Wed 2 School Association Meeting
Wed 9 Athletic Carnival (Gr 3-6)
Mon 14 8 Hours Day Holiday-No School
Fri 18 North East Swimming Carnival

APRIL

Wed 13 Last Day of Term for Students
Thur 14 Student Free Day
Fri 15 Good Friday

MAY

Mon 2 Term 2 Commences

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 9th February – 14th April
Term 2 2nd May – 8th July
Term 3 26th July - 30th September
Term 4 17th October - 22nd December

REMINDERS

**No School tomorrow
Wednesday 23rd February
2022**

**Visitors must
wear a mask at all
times, including
indoors and
outdoors**



Dear Community,

Last week I had the honour to attend Grade 3/4 Brown's class for the launch of their new Reading Corner. One of our foci is to improve the reading outcomes of children, and all teachers are looking for ways to highly engage the students with books and to develop a love of reading, which is one of the most important skills we can develop within children. It is vital that parents also help to support reading at home which will ultimately help improve their achievement levels. See the pictures from the launch at the back of the newsletter.

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.

Swimming Carnival

We had a fantastic start to the year with our swimming carnival. Everyone participated with great enthusiasm, both in the stroke and novelty events and a great day was had by all involved. Thank you to the Scottsdale High students who helped to judge the races throughout the day. Your help was invaluable and you were great ambassadors for your school. Thank you to the children for their enthusiasm, great sportsmanship and participation and to the staff who set up and ran the carnival. In the event we are able to hold a NE Swimming carnival it will be held on Friday 18th March. (We



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are unable to hold any interschool carnivals during the first 5 weeks of this term.) The final point's tally was extremely close: **Caragroo** - 473, **Yathong** - 468.

Vehicles - 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"

Although the current COVID situation may make parents hesitant to send their children to school, it is really important that whilst your child is well that they attend school every day.

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.

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.

Launceston Cup– Public Holiday

A reminder to parents that children **do not** attend school on Launceston Cup Day, Wednesday 23rd February.

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: Fergus, Linc, Beau, Archie

Canteen: Jordan, Adam, Emily & Tarkyn

Kinder/LiL: Fergus, Sophie, Elsie, Owen, Neveah, Zara, James, Jordan

Library: Mia, Lucy, Zane

Music: Jade, Lucy

Office: Amelia, Emily, Neveah

Garden: Cameron, Tahlisia

Social Skill Focus

Throughout the year we will be focusing on the development of specific social skills. To start with the emphasis will be on 'Greetings'.

Using a greeting is a sign of respect and helps to make people feel welcome. When you greet people:

- look at the person,
- smile,
- and use a loud, clear voice.

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. A picture of our 2022 Kinder class is included in the newsletter.

Parent Help and Volunteering:

It is a Department of Education requirement that anyone helping with our children must be double vaccinated and have a Working with Vulnerable People (RWVP) card. We encourage all parents and volunteers to apply for their RWVP Card so that you can help with an excursion or in the classroom. Please

contact the office to find out more about this.

School Association

Our first School Association meeting for the year is scheduled for **Wednesday 2nd March at 6:00 p.m. at the Bunker**. If you have any great ideas or questions, then please either pass these on to a School Association member or come along to the meeting.

Athletic Carnival

Our Athletic Carnival will be held on Wednesday 9th March, all going well with COVID restrictions. At this stage it will be only be for Grades 3-6 due to the first 5 week Department of Education (DOE) COVID-19 operating guidelines

Medical Action Plans

If your child has an allergy or anaphylaxis, or asthma action plan, these need to be updated with your child/ children's doctor and returned to the school office ASAP. If you need an action plan form please see the school office. If your child has a recently diagnosed medical condition, please notify the office.

Kind Regards,

Carol Stingel

Positive Behaviour Draw

Mason J, Mac, Sophie K, Macey L

School Canteen Menu

If you would like a paper copy of the 2022 School Menu these are available at the school office.

New School Nurse

Hi Everyone, It's a new school year and I am excited to be joining the team here. I would like to introduce myself! My name is Jennifer Erb, but everyone calls me **JEN**. So please feel free to do so. I am your School Health Nurse for 2022!



I will be here every Monday for the rest of the year. I look forward to getting to know you all and working with staff, students and families in this role.

I have been working at the Launceston General

Hospital, as a Paediatric Nurse on Children's ward (4K) for 15 years. I also have 2 years working in the community as a Child Health and Parenting Services (CHAPS) Nurse. Due to my background, I believe strongly in health promotion and education, and understand that learning should be fun and meaningful to the students here.

My husband and I have three beautiful children, Jack who is 13, Alex who is 10 and Katie who is 8. They attended Exeter Primary and High School. They have diverse learning needs and so I have a strong interest in supporting neuro-diverse kids. I like to have fun, enjoy being active and cooking. As a family we love to go on adventures, bush walk, mountain bike and winters are normally taken up by soccer.

I feel very honoured to be part of this team at Bridport. Working in the school environment is new to me. I normally look like this at work...



If you think of it, please feel free to invite me to your exercise, mindfulness, cooking or health classes. I am happy to join in or support you guys in these activities so I can get to know all of you better.

As a School Health Nurse, I can offer health promotion, information and education sessions with your classes. Some of the areas I can offer are nutrition, personal hygiene, oral care, hand hygiene, sun safety and bike safety, growth and development, mental health and mindfulness. I am open to ideas and suggestions if your class needs are outside of this scope.

I also complete kindergarten health assessments and offer vision and hearing screens to all primary school students with parental consent.

Come and chat if you see me around, or email me via

jennifer.erb@education.tas.gov.au.

Thank you for making me feel welcome.

Jen Erb

Community News

MyGolf

My Golf has commenced for Term 2 and will be on Monday afternoons at the Bridport Golf Club from 3:15 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Girls and boys are welcome. We provide groups for "Come and try" as well as progressing and developing new skills.

"Get into golf " sessions are held on Sunday mornings @ 10: 00 a.m. for teenagers, adults of all ages. We can develop groups for women or men, girls and boys. All equipment can be provided. The sessions focus on skill development using the course and are suitable for beginners, those wanting to get back into golf after a break, in a fun and relaxed environment.

Bridport Girl Guide Vacancies

If you have a daughter who will turn 7 years by the of June 2022 or is over 7 years and would like to try guiding please text Lyn on 0409 561 642 with your name, your daughters name, their date of birth and postal address, and information will be sent out to you. Girl Guides only has one intake a year.

Kinder 2022

Absent: Raven, Esther, Rose

Free Workshop—Now Open!

The Pathfinder Care Workshop is a free service for children with special needs who can use this facility after school hours or of a weekend. This service includes:

- Arts & Crafts
- An exercise program
- Lego
- Table Tennis
- & many other activities designed to accommodate everyone

The workshop will always be supervised by a qualified support worker & parents are welcome to stay with their children at the workshop

Appointments are required to ensure availability and can be arranged by contacting the Pathfinder Care Team on **1800 569 140**

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3/4 Brown Reading Corner Launch



2022 Swimming Carnival

