



Striving together for excellence

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have welcomed Spring with a lovely sunny day in Kingston. Students are well engaged with a myriad of educational activities. We are so lucky to have wonderful Staff so willing to provide great educational opportunities for your children. Congratulations to the Maths Relay team who competed recently at Rosny College and did themselves very proud. Jack B, Rosie S, Mackenzie F and Yumani N were unlucky not to place. Mr McVeigh did a great job preparing them and Mrs Rumley kindly supervised them on the day. There were lots of tough questions, but they still had fun! Congratulations also to the Huon and Channel Sports representatives who competed with a high standard of sportsmanship at the recent Southern Schools Carnival. Particular congratulations to Maddison T and Tahlia S whose Netball Division A team won their division. Well done girls! Students competing in Tournament of Minds in one week's time are working flat out to meet their Maths and Engineering 6 week challenge. Good luck for your last week! Please remember the 'Recycled Animal Art' competition, closes in two weeks.

There are some good prizes up for grabs.

A big thank you to our School Community Association for running another wonderful Fathers' Day Stall today.

Dorothy Raymond

KEY DATES FOR 2017

Monday 4 September

Tuesday 5 September
SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday 6 September
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Organising: School Captains
Sharing Unit: Mrs Lutjens
(Mr Warman's) Prep
Presentations for Young
Archies and Student
Representative Council
members

Ms Schreiber's Kinder A and
Mr Russell's (Dowsett's)
Kinder B on excursion to
Kingston Fire Station
(revised date)

Thursday 7 September
PRIMARY CONCERT IN
GP ROOM AT 6.30 PM

Friday 1 September

TERM DATES FOR 2017

TERM 3

Tuesday 25 July -
Friday 29 September

TERM 4

Monday 16 October -
Thursday 21 December
(Friday 27 October
is a Student Free Day)



*Russell Fenderson working at home
on the Tournament of Minds
Challenge*



Charlie Kelleher's 'Recycled Giraffe'



**POSTPONEMENT OF OUR
PRIMARY CONCERT**
The Primary Concert has been
postponed due to the illness of
Mrs Hunt our Music Teacher.
It will now be held on
Thursday 28 September.

HUON AND CHANNEL VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL

Three teams represented our school on Tuesday at the Huon and Channel Volleyball Carnival at the Kingborough Sports Centre. Teams were competing throughout the day to score the most points. We finished the day with a court win and two running up positions. Congratulations to all students on representing the school in such a terrific manner.

Four students were recognised for their great all rounder team contributions and bullet serves!

**Photos of Huon and Channel Volleyball Carnival are
at the bottom of page 2.**



Attendance Matters: Changes to Student Absences

Why is this change important?

The changes to being authorised not to attend school will help address absenteeism, which has been a longstanding issue in Tasmania.

Did you know!

Attending school every day has a big impact on how well your child goes at school. Attendance has a positive impact on students' learning. Because of this, the new Education Act specifies the reasons a child can be authorised not to attend school. It is important that you discuss why your child is absent from school with the school Principal or a staff member as soon as practicable.

These changes:

- Encourage regular school attendance to help your child to make steady progress with their learning and gain the skills and knowledge needed for success both now and later in life.
- Help your child see themselves as a valuable and enthusiastic member of their classroom with high expectations of their own potential.
- Help you to emphasise to your child the value and importance of their education.
- Ensure there is a consistent statewide approach to authorised absences across all Tasmanian schools.

When can my child be authorised not to attend school?

Reasons your child can be authorised to be absent include:

- sickness/incapacity
- medical, legal or related appointments
- natural disaster or extreme weather preventing your child from safely attending their enrolled school
- terminal illness of an immediate family member
- bereavement of a person your child had a close, significant or family relationship with
- having witnessed or been subjected to family violence
- being a participant or official at a recognised National or International sporting, academic or cultural event
- an application for home education being received by the Education Registrar and provisional registration being granted.

What will happen if my child is absent for a reason that isn't listed?

- The absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Principals receive notifications about the number of unauthorised absences your child has.
- Your child's school may send you a letter notifying you of the number of unauthorised absences your child has.
- They will seek to work with you to increase your child's attendance to maximise their learning if the Principal is concerned about your child's attendance.

What happens if my family go on holiday during school term?

- Schools have always encouraged family holidays to be planned for during the scheduled school holiday breaks.
- If your family decides to take a holiday during school term, you are encouraged to discuss your plans with the Principal or your child's teacher.
- Penalties will not apply if an absence is explained.

Where can I get more information?

- If you want your child to attend school but need help to do this, your child's school would really like to talk to you about what help you need.
- Please contact your child's school for more information.



PHOTOS FROM HUON AND CHANNEL VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL

NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER UNIT D	Please return your 'NEW' Fire Station Excursion Permission form as soon as possible due to the change in date. We are working on Fire Safety and related activities. Our fire engines are amazing!
MR RUSSELL'S (DOWSETT'S) KINDER UNIT C	Kinder B have been working extremely hard over this week with letter 'Qq', number '7' and pattern making. They also have made the most amazing gift for a 'certain person' on Sunday.
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP UNIT BB	This week we have focussed on the letter 'Bb'. We have made beautiful butterflies, brown bears and learned the song 'BINGO'. Our Athletics Carnival is not far away. Run-offs for Prep are on Tuesday so sandshoes are essential for this. The Carnival is all about participating and enjoyment. Congratulations to Aiden Kim for completing his Magic 100 Words.
MRS LUTJENS' (MR WARMAN'S) PREP UNIT B	This week we started working on our entry for the Kingborough Council Salvaged Art exhibition. We have teamed up with Mrs Rumley's Grade 3/4 to create an interesting sculpture about how our ocean animals may look in the future.
MRS PAINE'S PREP UNIT P	It is very important that everybody has a water bottle at school every day. We have a number of unnamed jumpers in our room that have been there for a while, so come in and have a look if you are missing one. Today we did a Science experiment about rain as part of our unit on 'Weather'.
MRS GRAY'S/ MRS NEAL'S GRADE 1 UNIT O	This week students continued their Schoolyard Safari adventures and observed the feeding habits and movement of snails, noting the amount of slime left behind. We focused on the 'ug' sound reading 'Pig the Pug' and a selection of 'Grug' books.
MISS BARKER'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT N	This week in Science we observed snails through magnifying glasses and drew diagrams. They were very fascinating to look at! We could see the different parts of the snail and watched the snails eat and try to escape. In Maths we continued our work on Fractions and Probability. Students were very engaged with our 'MnM' activity! The Super Student next week is Miss Barker .
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2 UNIT A	In Maths we are revising arrays and how they link to multiplication and division. We have also drawn a link to fractions which are smaller parts of wholes. Students have enjoyed making Father's Day cards and letters ready for Sunday. We wish all families a wonderful day on Sunday.
MS WOOD'S GRADE 1/2 UNIT AA	This week we have had some wriggly visitors. Please ask your child to tell you what they have learned about worms through our observation and research. Please also keep the small plastic items for our Artwork coming in.

ECE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

The ECE Athletic Carnival will be held on Wednesday 13 September from 9.00 am – 12.40 pm. This is for all classes Prep-Grade 2. Kinder A and B come along with their toy for a Toy Race and Sprint Race. Full details of the day will be sent home to all families early next week. Students will be doing a sprint run-off next Tuesday afternoon to determine which heat they will be participating in. It would be appreciated if students could wear sandshoes next Tuesday.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

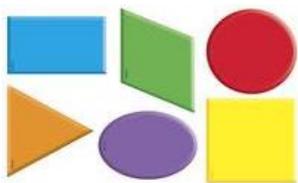
MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F	This week we have started designing 'aquatic creatures of the future' using salvaged materials we collected on our excursion to Kingborough Waste Services last week. Thank you to everyone who has remembered to bring in their plain green, brown or black clothes in preparation for our Music Concert. If you have not brought yours in, please do so as soon as possible!
MR DURNO'S/ MR BEST'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G	We are sending postcards from the Moon! The first good copies are completed and on display in the classroom. Soon, we are going to learn how energy from the Sun can be used.
MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H	In our class we have just started learning about Space, in particular what it is like to be an astronaut and why we have 'night and day'. We completed a group work activity in which we pretended we had crashed on the moon and had to rank fifteen objects by importance of how useful they would be on the Moon.
MRS GRANEY'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I	This week in Maths we are looking at Chance and Data. We have discussed where the children were born and graphed this information. This involved discussion, tallying and totalling the information/data and then graphing the information. We will continue looking at Probability, 'Will it rain tomorrow?' 'Will I ride my bike to school tomorrow?' This would be a great 'round the dinner table conversation'!
MRS ROSS' GRADE 4/5 UNIT S	Yesterday students enjoyed going to the Kingborough Gymnastics Centre and it was fun to see them in that learning environment. We have also had a visit from the School Nurse this week who provided information on Dental hygiene. Next week, we will be continuing our Salvaged Art project with Ms Woods' Grade 1/2 class by making our 'aquatic creatures of the future'. If you have any small salvaged items such as bottle tops, buttons, small containers or small bits of fabric at home, feel free to let your child bring it in.
MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L	We had a terrific time at the Kingborough Gymnastics Centre with students using their gymnastics skills developed during their PE lessons. Congratulations to our seven Volleyball representatives on their fantastic efforts at the Carnival.
MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M	This week students have been learning about volume, capacity and surface area in Mathematics. We will continue this unit next week using liquids in capacity. Students are now observing and recording daily observations of the Moon as part of our Science studies and will be doing this for one month. Next week we will be starting a unit on Australia's neighbours and slavery in Australia's past.
MR LUTJENS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R	This week we have been simplifying fractions and started adding and subtracting fractions. We had a great time on the excursion to the Kingborough Gymnastics Centre. Congratulations to the class for their great work on our social skills theme of showing 'gratitude in your attitude'.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

MATHS PROGRAM - GEOMETRY

MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2

In our Maths, Geometry program, we learned about the features of 2 dimensional shapes.
We made some fun Paper People using circles, ovals, squares, rectangles, triangles and hexagons.



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