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KEY DATES FOR 2016

Monday 29 August
Mrs Tritton's/Mrs Gray's
and Mr Nash's/Mrs Rumley's
Grade 5s to Sustainability
Centre, Hobart College
and Grade 6s to Royal
Hobart Hospital for
'Docs For A Day'

Tuesday 30 August
SCHOOL BANKING
Volleyball Carnival

Wednesday 31 August
Mrs Steele's Kinder/Prep
class to Marine Discovery
Centre

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
Organising Unit:
Mrs Aitken's Grade 3/4
Sharing Units:
Mrs Graney's Grade 3/4
and Mrs Clark's Grade 4/5

Thursday 1 September
Father's Day Stall

Friday 2 September
Mrs Lutjen's Prep class to
Marine Discovery Centre

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few messages about safety this week.

School Car Park

Some Car Park users are not following the clearly marked procedures in this area. This is leading to situations where drivers and pedestrians line of sight of potential hazards is obstructed. Some Car Park users choose to double park obstructing buses and other cars.

- The Car Park is well sign posted and has designated areas for no parking. These are marked with yellow lines.
- Directional arrows show which way vehicles should enter and exit the Car Park.
- Two car spaces are assigned as Disabled Parking spaces.
- Double parking and parking behind a car that is correctly parked is not allowed.
- We have a staff member at the front of school at pick up time to supervise students whilst parents collect their children. This area is supervised until approximately 3:15 pm after which students can wait in the front office to be collected.

I urge all Car Park users to follow the safety procedures and to be respectful of all other users.

Early Morning Arrival at School

Currently staff supervision commences at 8:30 am each day. Students should not be on school grounds until then. I recently became aware that one bus drops children at approximately 8:23 am each morning. The bus contractor is not able to deliver these students any later, so I have decided to have a staff member on outside duty at 8:25 am each morning to keep an eye on those students. Students are not to enter classrooms until 8:30 am. All other students should not arrive at school until 8:30 am.

I am aware that some parents need to drop their children at school earlier than the time that we officially take care of students. This in some cases is to allow these parents time to get to their work places. For such cases parents are advised that they can access child care at the nearby centre (Kingston Outside School Hours Care) to watch your children prior to 8:30 am. We are a school of 420 students and as such we need systems and procedures for the orderly and safe conduct of our school. I hope that you are all able to follow our safety procedures.

Running in Crowded Spaces

It is much safer and respectful if students walk to the front of the school to catch buses and meet parents at the end of the day. This is easier said than done as children have a natural tendency to run in these situations. Over the next few weeks I am hopeful that we can all work together to get the children to slow down and be more aware of others around them.

Dave Kilpatrick
Principal

PRIMARY CONCERT

Thursday 22 September
at 6.30 pm.

Each Primary class, the Choir and Instrumental Groups will perform an item.
Please come along and support our students.

Shona Hunt
Music Teacher

Future Starting Age Update

As you may be aware, the Government has been working on a change to the school starting age through the Education Act review process. The original proposal to make the **compulsory** starting age of Prep 4 years and 6 months has now changed to a **minimum** starting age.

This is in recognition that parents and carers are best placed to decide when their child should start school. The Government has agreed that, although the age at which a child can commence in Prep will be lowered to 4 years and 6 months, the compulsory school starting age will remain at five.

The commencement of this change would take effect in Prep in 2021, which means children who are born in the first half of 2016 will be eligible for Kindergarten in 2020.

These changes result in an optional Kindergarten starting age of 3 years and 6 months in 2020. Parents can decide on what suits their child best.

For further information on this topic please see the link below to an updated fact sheet:

<http://www.education.tas.gov.au/documentcentre/Documents/Early-Years-Education-In-Tasmania-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

If you have any questions about the upcoming changes, please email: comments@education.tas.gov.au

SCHOOL SORES

We have been notified of some cases of **School Sores (Impetigo)**.

Symptoms: A very contagious skin infection. Starts as a red patch and develops into crusty yellow sores. See your doctor for treatment. Your child must stay at home until treatment from your doctor has commenced. Sores on exposed areas must be covered with a dressing.



SPSSA WINTER CARNIVAL (Excerpt from Claire Dolliver)

‘Please find attached a photo of the girls that represented your school at the SPSSA Winter Carnival on Tuesday.
Also of note is that Isabella received the Certificate for Best and Fairest for the Huon/Channel Division 1 team.
Your girls were absolutely fabulous at the Carnival. They showed exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship.’

HUON AND CHANNEL VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL

The Carnival is being hosted by Kingston Primary up at the Kingborough Sports Centre next **Tuesday 30 August**. Students have been practising for several weeks and are looking forward to the competition against other schools in the Huon and Channel area. We are sending three teams to the Carnival.

Later in the term, we will have the Inter Class Volleyball Challenge – teams from each of the upper Primary classes will play in a round robin to determine the Championship Team!



NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER	Congratulations to all of the children for their participation in the Book Week Parade, and thank you to the families for supporting your children with costumes and attending the Parade. Children may buy a Father's Day gift on Wednesday . (\$1 - \$6).
MRS PAINE'S KINDER	The Kinders did an amazing job at the Book Week Parade on Wednesday. Thank you to all parents for supporting the children with this. Please return your excursion notice on Wednesday morning if you have not done so already.
MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP	Everyone looked wonderful for the Book Week Parade. Many thanks for the fantastic effort in getting your child ready for the day, it is much appreciated. For the next two weeks our focus will be 'Sea Creatures' . We will be visiting the Marine Discovery Centre on Wednesday as part of this work. Please return the permission form as soon as possible.
MRS LUTJENS' PREP	The Book Week Parade was a huge success!! Thank you to all parents/carers for your participation and co-operation. The children talked about their book character and why they would like to be that character in 'real life'. We also read many books on Australian animals to tie in with the theme 'Australia' . Now that the children are reading confidently they are excited to participate in a Reader Theatre Play on 'The Three Little Pigs' . We are having so much fun with Literature. Reminder of our excursion next Friday 2 September to the Marine Discovery Centre.
MR WARMAN'S PREP/I	Mary Poppins and lots of super heroes and pirates were amongst the great characters we saw at the Book Week Parade. We had lots of fun!
MR DOWSETT'S (MR RUSSELL'S)/ MRS GRAY'S GRADE 1	This week we really enjoyed our Book Week Parade. We had great fun when we went up on stage dressed up as our favourite character from our books. We spoke proudly and clearly to the audience using the microphone.
MISS BARKER'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 1/2	Working with Mrs Kadziolka on Thursdays, we have been looking at what happens to our bodies when we exercise. Discussion and activities are related to learning about our heart and lungs. We will be starting to look at mass and capacity in our Maths work. The VIP for next week is Isabella .
MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2	Highlights for this week include the wonderful Book Week Parade. Following the Parade we shared characters and costumes with our Kinder/Prep (Steele) Buddy Class. Another highlight was the holding of our Potato Olympics Events. Spud athletes, assisted by their coaches, participated in seven events in all. There was lots of measuring, tallying and timing done to determine medal winners during this fun learning unit.
MS WOOD'S GRADE 2	We have made a great start to our study of 'Australian Animals' with some fabulous artwork taking shape. Our money activities in Maths have also been fun and instructive. Please ask your child to demonstrate their new skills at home. Well done to everybody for the amazing costumes for the Book Week Parade and thank you to all who took the time to come and join in the fun.

NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

MRS AITKEN'S (MR BARR'S) GRADE 3/4	It has been a fantastic four weeks working with Mrs Aitken's Grade 3/4 class. In Science we have been learning about how friction is caused by two objects rubbing together. I wish everyone all the best for the remainder of Term 3.
MR MacDONALD'S GRADE 3/4	In our work on fractions we have begun to look at fractions as part of a group rather than a unit. The children have sorted counters of different colours and determined what fraction of the group was a particular colour. Our speed tables test on Monday will focus on 2x, 4x, 5x and 10x tables. With the Paralympics coming up in September, we will be looking at this and the values it represents.
MRS GRANNEY'S GRADE 3/4	This week in Maths we are learning about capacity using millilitres and litres and Mass using grams and kilograms. The children sorted through a variety of products and sorted them into size from smallest to heaviest. We also measured water using jugs, cups, teaspoons and measuring cups. The children were introduced to lots of different language such as 'the same', 'different', 'heavier', 'lighter'. The children are also learning how to draw Capacity using ml and litres and how to be very precise with their drawings. Please talk to your child about what they have learned.
MRS CLARK'S GRADE 4/5	We have begun our Mancala Tournament with great excitement. Due to so much sickness, we have had a number of alternative activities eg. building a marble track! The two Tournament of Minds teams are working very hard to finish their problem.
MRS TRITTON'S/ MRS GRAY'S GRADE 5/6	It has been a busy week with our Brass students attending a two day workshop, Book Week activities and students involved in Tournament of Minds working hard to be ready for their performance. A reminder of our excursion on Monday. Please be prepared as per the notice sent home.
MR NASH'S/ MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 5/6	This week we completed our fantastic collaborative class artwork with Mr Russell based on a painting by Van Gogh. Please remember to wear full school uniform for our Grade 6 'Docs for a Day' excursion to the hospital and our Grade 5 excursion to the Sustainability Centre on Monday 29 August.
MR McVEIGH'S/ MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 5/6	The students have worked well with adding and subtracting fractions in Mathematics, and were introduced to coding using the Scratch program. Most of the students had a great opportunity developing their dance skills with 'Hip Hopping From Bollywood to Brazil' .



STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Miss Barker's/Mrs Kadziolka's Grade 1/2 went for a bush walk to **Boronia Hill Reserve** as a part of our **Geography Studies** on **Natural, Constructed and Managed Features**. The walk also tied in nicely with **Mapping and Location for Mathematics**. Students carried their own 'packs' with essential gear ~ such as water, food and jackets.



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