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Dear Families,

### Staff News

I am pleased to share that Mrs Nadja Brearley will continue on the Year 1 and 2 classes until the end of the year. This will provide important continuity for those students.

Mrs Catherine Fairs-Morris will be on long service leave next term. Mrs Carol Cox will replace Mrs Fairs-Morris during her leave. The learning focus will shift from music to drama, another important area of the performing arts. I am confident that the students will enjoy the drama curriculum that Mrs Cox has prepared.

Our groundsman, Aidan Hannay, has resigned to focus on a different career path. I thank Aidan for his valuable contributions over many years. He always had a strong presence at our sport carnivals, providing valuable assistance in preparing the grounds for those events. Andy Douglas, who has been filling in while Aidan has been on leave, will continue in the role.

### Collaborative Learning Inquiry

Earlier this term, I shared with families how teachers were using recent PAT reading data to collaboratively plan learning sequences to improve our students' reading outcomes.

The Early Childhood team focused on improving phonological and phonemic awareness, and our Years 3-6 team focused on improving reading comprehension.

The Preps worked on hearing the first and final sounds in words, Year 1 continued to build on their rhyming skills, Year 3/4 developed strategies to track characters and pronouns throughout a story, and Year 5/6 worked on summarising informative texts. Pre and post-tests were conducted so we could measure growth through the learning sequence.

75% of Year 3-6 students scored 100% or achieved significant growth in their identified comprehension priority areas, and 89% of Prep-Year 1 students scored 100% or achieved significant growth in phonological and phonemic awareness skills. Data sources like PAT Reading contain valuable information that our teachers use to inform teaching practice and ultimately improve student learning outcomes.

Congratulations to our students on their progress this term. On behalf of the staff, I wish our students and families a safe and pleasant term break. School resumes on Monday 29 April.

Kind regards

Darryl Williams - Principal



Department for Education, Children and Young People

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Friday 12 April**

Last day of term 1

### **Monday 29 April**

First day of term 2

### **Tuesday 30 April**

ANZAC Assembly GP Room 10:30am

### **Tuesday 14 May**

Cygnet Primary Cross Country (Grades 3-6) 11:45am

### **Wednesday 22 May**

Huon & Channel Cross Country Event

### **Friday 7 June**

Student free day – Moderation

### **Monday 10 June**

Public Holiday. King's Birthday

### **Tuesday 18 June**

Symmons Plains Cross Country

### **Thursday 20 June**

10 am TSO Concert at Huonville Primary School  
Prep – Yr 6

### **Friday 28 June**

1:45pm Performance Terrapin Puppets "Feathers"

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

NAIDOC Assembly GP Room 1:45pm

### **Friday 5 July**

Last day of term 2

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Have you completed your safeguarding training yet?

If you are a parent and are thinking about volunteering for us, you can also do the training. You will need this to work with children and young people.

Make sure you save the certificate to show you have completed it. The training is compulsory in Tasmania.

It will help you understand what to do if you believe a child or young person is or may be being harmed, and to make sure you are doing all you can to prevent this from happening. The training will also tell you what you must report under the new laws.

To complete your training, visit Safeguarding Training. Thank you for leading the way in caring for our children and young people safe so that they can focus on living bright lives with positive futures.

Alex Gatenby – Safeguarding Lead

# Congratulations!

## PRINCIPAL'S ENGAGED LEARNER AWARD

Lincoln Woolnough and Hermione Treadaway

Congratulations also to the following students who received virtue certificates at our assembly yesterday:

**Bella Johnson** for **respect** by being such a kind, caring and helpful member of our class.

**Mason Ford** for **purpose** by working hard on his reading and writing.

**Ray Ayers** for **purpose** by always trying his best with given tasks and focusing fully on his work.

**Kadira Horan** for **respect** by listening carefully to others, giving her best effort and consistently following expectations.

**Harparona McKendrick** for **purpose** by demonstrating determination and resolve in his learning activities.

**Stanley Penneyston** for **purpose** by making an effort to engage with all learning tasks and do his best work.

**Zach Jarrett** for **self-discipline** by being a respectful listener and resisting distractions to remain focused on learning tasks.

**Thomas Pile** for **helpfulness** by assisting his teachers and classmates in a considered and respectful manner.

**Olivia Maeers** for **joyfulness** by having a joyful and focused approach to learning.

**Nala Cleary** for **purpose** by consistently completing her work to the highest standard.

**Tyson Walker** for **courage** by joining the class at the start of the day for community circle and starting to share his ideas.

**Maeve Gay** for **respect** by always tracking the speaker, listening respectfully, and showing respect for others' ideas.

**Charlie Kimber** for **respect** by using beautiful manners to greet and talk with his teachers and peers.

**Zahlia Walker** for **purpose** by trying really hard at learning time and making good progress learning her sounds.

## Great Student Fundraising Effort!

Congratulations to our beautiful fundraising team Zsofia, Freya, Alana and Pippa for raising over \$300 for "The Thin Green Line" Uganda Rangers.

In recognition of their amazing effort, the girls were given a giraffe that will be cared for in their honour by the Thin Green Line rangers. Araya was also given a Thin Green Line hoodie to say thank you for her fundraising efforts last year.

An awesome effort. Thank you girls!



Alana, Pippa, Zsofia & Freya



Zsofia, Pippa, Alana, Araya, Georgia & Freya



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